



Policy: PROG-324

DIVISION: Programs

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NAME: School Athletics

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (the “District”) believes students should have access to a wide variety of athletic experiences. The District designs programs to achieve maximum participation for all students in a safe and inclusive learning community. The District also believes that student who participate in athletic opportunities, along with their academic studies, are better positioned to achieve personal, mental and physical wellness.

BACKGROUND

The District recognizes the importance of having a diverse educational program that provides opportunities for all students to reach their maximum potential. In partnership with sport governing bodies, schools can effectively enhance student learning by encouraging participation in school-based and co-curricular activities. Through participation in age-appropriate athletic activities, students can further develop strong personal and interpersonal skills that will lead them into the 21st century.

Athletic activities directly link to the ongoing physical education curriculum and the provincial Safe and Caring Schools Initiative.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and schools within the District and includes all sports under the jurisdiction of School Sports Newfoundland & Labrador (SSNL) and all school-sponsored sports under the jurisdiction of individual sport governing bodies in the province - e.g.,

Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association (NLVA), Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association (NLBA), and others.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. All aspects of supervision during school athletic programs must be carried out in accordance with the Student Supervision Policy (PROG-308), Volunteers in Schools Policy (PROG-300) and the Student Travel Policy (PROG-320).
2. All schools will establish guidelines regarding eligibility for student participation on athletic teams while adhering to District policy and corresponding regulations.
3. All student athletes are expected to adhere to the NLESD Athletic Contract as developed by the District in a partnership with School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador.
4. School administrators will ensure that instructional time is protected when planning co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as per the Use of Instructional Time Policy (PROG-318) and associated regulations.
5. Schools will ensure that student safety is the top priority for all students participating in athletic events.
6. The District recognizes that there will be fees associated with athletic teams and events. All schools will adhere to finance and administration policies as outlined in the School Administrators Handbook: Managing School Generated Funds.
7. The District supports corporate sponsorship and fundraising as a beneficial relationship between schools, students, school councils, and the school community. However, in accepting sponsorship, schools must ensure that sponsors do not market:
 - a) Products related to tobacco, vaping, drugs, or alcohol.
 - b) Products deemed inappropriate for students, in accordance with school, District, and Provincial Government policy.