

## AP 5700 Intercollegiate Athletics

### Reference:

*Education Code Sections 66271.6, 66271.8, 67360 et seq.*  
*Title IX Education Amendments of 1972;*  
*ACCJC Accreditation Standard .II.C.4*

The College shall maintain an organized program for men and women in intercollegiate athletics and shall not discriminate on the basis of gender in the availability of athletic opportunities. The college will provide services for student athletes that are provided to all students.

The College shall comply with the California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws, and Sport Championship Handbooks, which govern the administration of California community college intercollegiate athletics.

The College is a member of the Central Valley Conference. As a member, Taft College will comply with the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Central Valley Conference.

The Director of Athletics has been delegated authority to determine individual eligibility in accordance with the CCCAA, the CVC and the District rules. This determination is done in conjunction with the Eligibility Clerk, the Academic Advisor for Athletes and the Vice President of Student Services.

The Director of Athletics and the Vice President of Students Services will assume the responsibility for enforcement of the Board and Administrative Policies. General direction and administration of the athletic program, within the established policies and procedures, is the responsibility of the Director of Athletics. Individual team coaches are directly responsible to the Director of Athletics for governance of their teams and enforcement of established policies.

All rules governing athletic eligibility of the CCCAA, CVC and the District are applicable and in addition:

1. The College does not discriminate on the basis of gender in the availability of athletic opportunities and complies with state and federal Title IX laws pertaining to equitable opportunities for men and women.
2. Each student athlete must have completed both the College and the conference eligibility procedures before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match or scrimmage.

3. Each student athlete must complete the College physical by a medical doctor before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match or scrimmage.

The Director of Athletics, with the consent of the Vice President of Student Services and/or the Superintendent/President shall establish certain special training rules applicable to all members of the College athletic teams. Among these rules is a ban on all alcohol and drugs. This ban includes the passing of random drug screenings. Failure to do so may lead to suspension or expulsion from the team for any team member not in compliance.

In addition to the eligibility requirements as set forth by the CCCAA, student athletes at the College must adhere to the Taft College Student Athlete Code of Conduct (AP 5501). Failure to do so may lead to suspension or expulsion from the team for any team member not in compliance.