The College’s athletics program is operated by the District and governed by the Athletic Code of the Community College League of California (C.C.L.C.) and by the constitution of the California Community College Athletic Association (C.C.C.A.A.), South Coast Conference (S.C.C.), and the Mission Football Conference (M.C.). The Dean of HPED/Athletics has been delegated authority to determine individual eligibility according to C.C.L.C., C.C.C.A.A., S.C.C., M.C., and District regulations. The enforcement of rulings is the responsibility of assigned members of Athletics Department staff, the Dean of HPED/Athletics, and the team coaches involved. General direction and administration of the program, within the established policies and procedures, is the responsibility of the Dean of HPED/Athletics.

Individual team coaches are directly responsible to the Dean of HPED/Athletics for governance of their teams and enforcement of established policies and eligibility rulings. The Athletics Department staff functions as the Athletics Department within the Health, Physical Education, Dance/Athletics Division. The Athletics Director reports directly to the Dean of HPED/Athletics.

**Rules Governing Athletic Eligibility**

All rules of the Community College League of California, California Community College Athletic Association, South Coast Conference, and the Mission Football Conference are applicable to the College’s athletes, and in addition:

- Each athlete must have completed both the District and conference eligibility procedures before becoming eligible for any contest, game, meet, match, or scrimmage, including completion of and signature on the Cerritos College declaration form regarding California Education Code 67362 which prohibits participation in intercollegiate athletics by a student athlete who has been convicted as an adult of specified crimes;
• the College’s Athletics Department fully complies with California Community College Athletic Association bylaw articles 1.5.4 F & G regarding adherence to the Title IX Education Amendments of 1972;

• when the Athletics Director and team coach are notified that an athlete is ineligible, said athlete may not participate until the Dean of HPED/Athletics or their designee certifies that the athlete has become eligible; and,

• each athlete must complete the District physical, or equivalent, and be approved for competition by a Cerritos College Athletic Trainer before participation in a College practice or official competition.

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