SUBJECT: Interscholastic Athletic Program

References: (a) DoDEA Regulation 2740.1, "Interscholastic Athletic Program," July 6, 2006 (hereby canceled)
            (b) DoDEA Regulation 7100.3, “Use of Appropriated Funds,” August 23, 2006
            (c) National Association for Sport and Physical Education, Position Statement, Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs, 2008

1. PURPOSE. This Regulation:

   a. Reissues Reference (a), to update policy and assign responsibilities for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Interscholastic Athletic Program (IAP).

   b. Ensures appropriate management of IAPs at the Area, district, and school level.

   c. Authorizes the publication of a DoDEA Procedural Guide.

2. APPLICABILITY. This Regulation applies to the Office of the Director, DoDEA; the Director, Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Cuba (DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba); the Director, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Europe (DoDDS-E); the Director, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Pacific, and Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, Guam (DoDDS-P/DDESS-Guam), (hereafter collectively referred to as “DoDEA Area Directors”); and all DoDEA District Superintendents, School Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff.

3. DEFINITIONS. See Glossary.

4. POLICY. It is DoDEA policy that the IAP provide all students enrolled in a DoD school who meet grade, age, and physical requirements of a sport the opportunity to participate without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, or disability.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. See enclosure.
8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Regulation is effective immediately.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

1. DIRECTOR, DODEA. The Director, DoDEA, or designee shall:
   
a. Issue this Regulation to establish subordinate guidance for how Area Directors implement the IAPs in their respective Areas.

b. Exercise responsibility for the operation of the IAP.

c. Identify and prescribe funding guidelines in accordance with Reference (b).

d. Fund authorized IAPs.

e. Collect information on the implementation of the IAP.

f. Oversee the IAP’s compliance with this Regulation.

g. Authorize DoDEA Area Directors to establish IAPs in accordance with this Regulation and References (b) and (c).

2. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION. The Associate Director for Education shall review and monitor the IAP to ensure compliance with all regulations and guidelines for the program.

3. DoDEA AREA DIRECTORS. The DoDEA Area Directors, or designees, shall:

   a. Establish and fund IAP(s) consistent with the requirements of this Regulation that include the following:

      (1) Identify authorized IAP activities that are appropriate to the Area.

      (2) Develop and issue Area-wide interscholastic athletic program policy as necessary which:

         (a) Identify, where appropriate, the governing athletic association(s) and its rules regulating participation or common rules of the sport and obtain, if necessary and practicable, modifications of those rules to accommodate DoDEA Area athletic activities if and when DoDEA Areas participate as members of said association(s).

         (b) Modify, if necessary, DoDEA-wide rules governing the common rules for each sporting activity.
(c) Specify Area-unique requirements and provisions for obtaining student physical examinations.

(d) Prescribe and supervise district implementation, in conjunction with the host military command(s), an IAP emergency medical response program and procedure for obtaining student physical examinations.

(e) Require routine safety and injury prevention training and conditioning for student athletes and coaching staff.

(f) Prescribe limitations regarding event scheduling, practice, and travel.

(g) Prescribe actions to take for weather, heat and other emergencies.

b. Ensure that district or competitive Area IAP procedures and practices regulations are consistent with this Regulation and Area IAP policy.

c. Review Area interscholastic athletic-related accident and injury reports as they are received and follow-up with the appropriate corrective action as needed.

d. Ensure that DDESS schools adhere to the policy and procedures of the state or the interscholastic athletic association in which the school resides and participates.

e. Maintain the IAP appropriated funding and direction are consistent with the requirements of this Regulation and that the IAP does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, ethnicity, race, color, disability, or religion.

f. Establish Area-unique requirements for obtaining qualified coaches and establishing their compensation.

g. Provide to the Associate Director for Education an annual report that identifies:

(1) The expenditures in support of the IAP;

(2) Each sport or event that is an authorized IAP;

(3) The number of students participating in each sport or sport event (not as an observer);

(4) The costs for officials’ salaries, travel costs to and from each location, identification of each location, and expenses incurred on behalf of each of the following:

(a) Student-athletes;

(b) Student managers;
(c) Coaches;

(d) Officials;

(e) Other DoDEA personnel funded by the budget;

(5) Lodging costs for each of the above categories of personnel associated with each event.

(6) The cost of:

(a) Safety training,

(b) Emergency response,

(c) Athletic equipment costs by sport,

(d) Membership costs to belong to athletic associations or unions,

(e) Costs associated with compliance with state athletic requirements,

(f) Tournament fees, and

(g) Coaching certification training.
GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DDESS  Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools
DoDDS-E  Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Europe
DoDDS-P  Department of Defense Dependents Schools, Pacific
DoDEA  Department of Defense Education Activity
IAP  Interscholastic Athletic Program

PART II. DEFINITIONS

competitive Area. The state, district, or county in which a school resides that provides the athletic program guidelines. Competitive Areas vary. Overseas, they consist of the Europe Area and Pacific Area. In each of the overseas Areas, schools may compete among DoDEA schools and within host nation, international and private school regional leagues. Competitive Areas for the DDESS schools are determined by the state in which the school resides.

IAP. The IAP is an extracurricular high school competitive sports program that is an extension of a quality high school physical education curriculum. Interscholastic athletics are part of a High School Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program and are those sports activities conducted between or among schools in accordance with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, Position Statement, Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs (Reference (e)).