

Downey Unified School District

STUDENTS

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School personnel, including coaches, shall not sell, distribute, or promote to students performance-enhancing dietary supplements that promote muscle-building. School personnel and coaches may provide only nonmuscle-building nutritional supplements to student athletes for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nonmuscle-building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, and vitamins and minerals.

School personnel, including coaches, shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations when discussing the use of any drug or food supplement with a student athlete. In order to minimize the health and safety risks to student athletes, school personnel shall not supply or recommend any drug, medication, or food supplement solely to enhance an athlete's performance.

The principal or designee shall ensure that the following warning, reproduced in 10-point bold type, is posted in every locker room of schools with classes in Grades 7-12 and contained in any contracts for the lease or rental of the school's athletic facilities: (Civil Code 1812.97)

Warning: Use of steroids to increase strength or growth can cause serious health problems. Steroids can keep teenagers from growing to their full height; they can also cause heart disease, stroke, and damaged liver function. Men and women using steroids may develop fertility problems, personality changes, and acne. Men can also experience premature balding and development of breast tissue. These health hazards are in addition to the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized sale, use, or exchange of anabolic steroids.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT ATHLETE AND PARENT/GUARDIAN
REGARDING USE OF STEROIDS

(Name of Student Athlete)

Directions: As a condition of membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the Governing Board of the Downey Unified School District has adopted Board Policy 2365, prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. CIF Bylaw 524 requires that all participating students and their parents/guardians sign this agreement.

By signing below, we agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition.

We recognize that under CIF Bylaw 200.D the student may be subject to penalties, including ineligibility for any CIF competition, if the student or his/her parent/guardian provides false or fraudulent information to the CIF.

We understand that the student's violation of the District's policy regarding steroids may result in discipline against him/her, including, but not limited to, restriction from athletics, suspension, or expulsion.

Signature of Student Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date