

Team Eligibility and Verification

All COA member colleges are required to verify eligibility of all members of your travel party prior to participation in the championship Festival. COA Constitution Bylaw 1.4.2 requires that college verify weekly that all student athletes participating in COA-sanctioned sports (such as the COA Festival) are in compliance with the Bylaw. COA Constitution Bylaw 1.3.1 on academic eligibility states that in order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and postconference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.

Decorum

Decorum at the COA Festival is the responsibility of all participants representing each participating college. The COA and Festival venue directors shall monitor the behavior of players, coaches, team members, team attendants, officials, and/or college staff members in attendance at Festival competitions. The Commission on Athletics decorum policy is in effect for all games, meets, and matches in the Festival. Please be respectful and courteous to each other.

The COA strongly encourages all participants and fans to avoid using profane language, taunting opponents and fans, or making inappropriate gestures or non-verbal 'signs' to opposing teams and/or fans. In addition, any non-credentialed person that comes onto the playing surface will immediately be escorted out of the venue by venue security staff. Those violating the COA decorum policy will be warned and continued or additional violation(s) of the COA decorum policy will result in ejection from the host venue.

From COA Executive Director Carlyle Carter

The COA festival is an unprecedented opportunity for participating student athletes and their college employees to embrace the values and vision of our unique system of athletic opportunity. I encourage all teams, coaches, and fans to take full advantage of events and be positive contributors at Festival activities.

The COA staff and the Festival Advisory Committee have worked tirelessly to create an environment that enhances the experience of student athletes competing in the Festival, and is sure to remind us of the value of community college athletics, on and off the playing field. Please take advantage of the opportunity, embrace the spirit of the Festival, and ensure your team is actively involved and contributing to the Festival experience. Thank you and best wishes for a successful college experience at the inaugural COA Festival.

Carlyle Carter