

Stelly's Secondary
1627 Stelly's Crossroad
Saanichton, B.C.

Re: Stelly's Secondary Athletics Participation

Dear Parents/Guardians

Your son or daughter may wish to participate in school sponsored athletic programs this school year (2004-2005) at Stelly's Secondary. It is important for students and their parents to be aware of the rules that govern student participation in athletics in order to avoid possible disappointment. Please take the time to review the following information regarding student eligibility. Should you need more information please contact your son or daughter's coach or the school's athletic director (Kevin Smyth).

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

School Standards: Students can only play for the member school for which they are registered and must live up to accepted school and district standards as judged by the School Administration

Full Time Student Status: A student must be full time as judged by the school Administrator.

Parental Approval: Prior to participation, the student must have submitted evidence of parental or legal guardian approval of participation, to be kept on file at the school. PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH SPORT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER ENTERS.

Age / Grade Restrictions: Students have five (5) consecutive school calendar years of athletic eligibility starting on entry into grade 8.

Senior Competition: The student must be under 19 on December 31 of the current school year and be in no more than their fifth year of eligibility. The student must not have completed graduation requirements in the proceeding school year or accepted a Senior Secondary Certificate of Standing in the current school year.

Junior Competition (Grade 10): The student must be under 17 years of age as of December 31st of the current school year and be in no more than their third year of eligibility.

Juvenile Competition (Grade 9): The student must be under 16 years of age as of December 31st of the current school year and be in no more than their second year of eligibility.

Student Transfers and Eligibility Appeals: If a student in their 3rd 4th or 5th year of eligibility transfers to a school other than that which is a natural advancement according to catchment boundaries, without a corresponding move by the parents, he/she must sit out one year of "restricted competition" (league games/events leading to a provincial qualification).

A school may apply to have a student made eligible. Complete Appeal information must be supplied by parents and schools. DEADLINES FOR EACH SEASON OF PLAY APPLY. A Provincial Eligibility Committee will make the rulings on all appeals. The student will not be eligible to participate until ruled eligible by the Committee.

EXPECTATIONS:

School Athletics are an extension of the classroom, and carry the same moral and legislative obligations for coaches, athletes and spectators.

Players are expected to:

- Treat opponents with respect
- Play hard, but within the rules of the sport
- Exercise self control at all times
- Respect the decision of the officials without gesture or argument
- Win with humility, lose with dignity
- Show that it is a privilege to represent their school and community
- Recognize and applaud honesty and wholeheartedly the efforts of teammates or opponents regardless of colour, creed or race.

Spectators will be expected to behave in a positive, courteous manner as guests of the host school.

Coaches too, are expected to maintain high standards of conduct. Please be aware that any form of recruitment of students to attend a particular school for athletics violates the Associations' philosophy and regulations.

A Discipline Committee exists to rule on violations of the Rules or Association Regulations including conduct. Following due process, they will determine a course of action that may include suspension of a student, coach, a team or a school from Athletic leagues/Events.

Complete eligibility details are available from your school Athletic Director (Kevin Smyth) or from the BC School Sports Website: www.bcschoolsports.ca . All schools are members of local School Athletic Associations which are operated by school volunteers within the regulations established by BC SCHOOL SPORTS and the Lower Vancouver Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association (L.V.I.S.S.A.A.).

Please ask for a copy of these rules if you have any questions, as well as become aware of any exceptions that are permitted. It is our hope that all students can enjoy the privilege of participating in inter-school sport competition without possible disappointment.

Lower Vancouver Island Secondary Schools Athletic Association
COMPETITIVE SPORTS PARTICIPATION FORM

This is to certify that _____ (name) proposes to participate in competitive inter-school athletics at STELLY'S SECONDARY.

The sport concerned is _____ Coach's name _____

Please sign below to indicate:

1. Your child participates with your full knowledge,
2. You and the student named above have reviewed association rules governing participation, and
3. You know of no medical reason(s) that would prohibit such participation.

Date: _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian