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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:**                      Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:**                  Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Policy and Communication

**DATE:**                  September 8-9, 2016

**ACTION:**                R277-605 *Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics* (Amendment and  
Continuation)

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### **Background:**

R277-605 is amended to eliminate provisions that require public schools and coaches to comply with certain interscholastic association bylaws, rules and policies, to provide technical and conforming changes consistent with the administrative rulemaking styles manual, and to eliminate unnecessary language. R277-605 is also continued consistent with Board policy and administrative rulemaking procedures.

### **Board Strategic Plan:**

This item supports the following imperative and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:  
Oversight - Monitor, review, and provide general supervision to all public education institutions and other entities for which the State Board has responsibility.

### **Anticipated Action:**

It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-605, as amended and continued, on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-605, as amended and continued, on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-605. Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics.**

3 ~~[R277-605-1. Definitions.~~

4 ~~—— A. “Board” means the Utah State Board of Education.~~

5 ~~—— B. “Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA)” is an organization~~  
6 ~~whose purpose is to administer and supervise interscholastic activities among its~~  
7 ~~member schools according to the Association constitution and by-laws.]~~

8 **R277-605-[2]1. Authority and Purpose.**

9 [A.](1) This rule is authorized by:

10 (a) Utah Constitution[;] Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and  
11 supervision [of]over public education in the Board[;];

12 (b) Section 53A-1-401[(3)], which allows the Board to [adopt rules in  
13 accordance with its responsibilities]make rules to execute the Board's duties and  
14 responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law[;]; and

15 (c) Subsection 53A-1-402(1)(b), which directs the Board to adopt rules  
16 regarding access to programs.

17 [B.](2) The purpose of this rule is to specify standards for school athletic and  
18 activity coaches and standards for athletic clinics and workshops.

19 **R277-605-[3]2. Athletics and the Core Curriculum.**

20 [A. Schools and coaches shall strictly adhere to both the letter and the spirit  
21 of the UHSAA by-laws, policies, regulations, and interpretations for high school  
22 sports programs:

23 ~~—— B. Schools are prohibited from scheduling full-year physical education or~~  
24 ~~athletic fitness and movement classes for specific school teams. In schools where~~  
25 ~~in-season fitness and movement classes are scheduled, the classes shall not be~~  
26 ~~used to violate the starting and stopping dates for practice and competitive play as~~  
27 ~~prescribed by the UHSAA.]~~

28 [C.]High school competitive sports programs shall be supplementary to the  
29 high school curriculum.

30 **R277-605-[4]3. Coaches and School Activity Leaders as Supervisors and Role**  
31 **Models.**

32 [A-](1) Coaches and other designated school leaders shall diligently  
33 supervise ~~[their players]~~ student athletes at all times while on school-sponsored  
34 activities~~[- This]~~, includ~~[es]~~ ing supervisi[on]ing students:

35 (a) on the field, court, or other competition or performance sites~~[-];~~;

36 (b) in locker rooms, in seating areas, in eating establishments, and in lodging  
37 facilities~~[-];~~ and

38 (c) while traveling.

39 [B-](2) A coach or other designated school leader shall be an exemplary role  
40 model and ~~[shall]~~ may not use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substances,  
41 or participate in promiscuous sexual relationships while on school-sponsored  
42 activities.

43 [C-](3) Coaches, assistants and advisors shall act in a manner consistent with  
44 Section 53A-11-908 and ~~[shall]~~ may not:

45 (a) use foul, abusive, or profane language while engaged in school related  
46 activities; ~~[n]~~ or

47 (b) permit hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or  
48 not, including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or  
49 inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced  
50 ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a  
51 person or public order under Utah law.

52 ~~[D- All coaches shall be appropriately certified as provided in R277-517.]~~

53 **R277-605-[5]4. Athletic and Activity Clinics.**

54 [A-](1) School personnel, activity leaders, coaches, advisors, and other  
55 personnel ~~[shall]~~ may not require students to attend out-of-school camps, clinics, or  
56 workshops for which the personnel, activity leaders, coaches, or advisors receive  
57 remuneration from a source other than the school or district in which they are  
58 employed.

59 [B-](2) Required or voluntary participation in summer or other off-season  
60 clinics, workshops, and leagues ~~[shall]~~ may not be used as eligibility criteria for team

61 membership, participation in extracurricular activities, or for the opportunity to try out  
62 for school-sponsored programs.

63 ~~[C. A summer workshop or clinic conducted by a school for any sport or~~  
64 ~~activity shall be scheduled and held consistent with UHSAA bylaws and policies.~~  
65 ~~These bylaws are available in every secondary school principal's office, at school~~  
66 ~~district offices, at the Utah State Office of Education, and from the UHSAA for a~~  
67 ~~minimal cost.]~~

68 **KEY: extracurricular activities**

69 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: ~~[March 5, 2002]~~2016**

70 **Notice of Continuation: ~~[March 12, 2013]~~2016**

71 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53A-1-401~~[(3)]~~;**  
72 **53A-1-402(1)(b)**