Guidelines for Student Participation in Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities at District Schools

The purpose of these guidelines is to set forth in writing the policy of Poudre School District R-1 (the “District”) for implementation of C.R.S. § 22-32-116.5 regarding student participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities at District schools.

1. Student participation in competitive activities at District schools may be based on tryouts or other merit-based selection criteria as determined by the coach or sponsor.

2. Students who reside within the District and who attend a school that does not offer an activity for which they are eligible and in which they wish to participate shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at their neighborhood school (if the activity is offered at their neighborhood school). If the activity is not offered at their neighborhood school, they shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at the closest District school to their residence that offers it or at the closest District school to their school of attendance that offers it (except that if the closest District school is a charter school, they may choose to participate in the activity at the charter school or at the closest District non-charter school that offers it).

3. Students who reside within the District and who participate in a nonpublic home-based educational program, on-line program or on-line school that does not offer an activity for which they are eligible and in which they wish to participate shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at their neighborhood school (if the activity is offered at their neighborhood school). If the activity is not offered at their neighborhood school, they shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at the closest District school to their residence that offers it (except that if the closest District school is a charter school, they may choose to participate in the activity at the charter school or at the closest District non-charter school that offers it).

4. Students who do not reside within the District and who attend a school within the District that does not offer an activity for which they are eligible and in which they wish to participate, or who participate in a District nonpublic home-based educational program, on-line program or on-line school that does not offer an activity for which they are eligible and in which they wish to participate, shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at the closest District school to their residence that offers it or at the closest District school to their school of attendance that offers it (except that if the closest District school is a charter school, they may choose to participate in the activity at the charter school or at the closest District non-charter school that offers it).

5. Students who do not reside within the District and who do not attend a school within the District or participate in a District nonpublic home-based educational program, on-line program or on-line school but who are eligible under C.R.S. § 22-32-116.5 to participate in an activity at a District school shall only be eligible to participate in that activity at the
closest District school to their residence that offers it (except that if the closest District school is a charter school, they may choose to participate in the activity at the charter school or at the closest District non-charter school that offers it).

6. Student eligibility for and participation in activities at District schools shall be subject to governing law (including but not limited to C.R.S. §§ 22-32-116.5 & 22-36-101), CHSAA’s Constitution and Bylaws, District policies and regulations, and the decisions of the coach/sponsor responsible for the activity.

7. Decisions made under these guidelines at the school level may be appealed to the District’s athletic director (for athletic activities) or assistant superintendent responsible for the school at issue (for other activities). Decisions made under these guidelines by the District athletic director may be appealed to the assistant superintendent of secondary schools. Decisions made under these guidelines by an assistant superintendent may be appealed to the superintendent of schools.

Note: The purpose of these guidelines is to help prevent recruiting by schools and school activity shopping by students and their parents, both of which the District has determined are unfair to the other schools, students and parents involved in the activities.