

## **Community Relations**

### **Volunteers in the Athletic Program**

The Ledyard Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make valuable contributions to the athletic programs in Ledyard Public Schools. The Board endorses a program encouraging parents/guardians and community residents to take an active role in supporting intramural and interscholastic athletics by volunteering with the sport(s) of their interest and thereby improving the quality of the experience for the students.

All persons wishing to volunteer in the athletic program must apply in the same manner as prescribed for other volunteers in Ledyard Public Schools and are subject to the same requirements and limitations as set forth in Policy 1212, *School Volunteers*, and its attendant regulations and procedures.

Volunteers may serve in a variety of support roles as determined by the head coach for the sport. Those volunteers desiring to assist with "coaching" must meet the requirements set forth in Policy 4115.1/4215.1, *Athletic Coaches*, and apply to be an "athletic coach" in accordance with the procedures contained therein. Only those volunteers who have been authorized to serve as an "athletic coach" pursuant to Policy 4115.1/4215.1 may provide skill instruction to the students.

#### **Related Policies:**

1212 – School Volunteers

4115.1/4215.1 – Athletic Coaches

#### **Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-149.

Qualifications for coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics.

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