Athletic Uniforms

Definitions—

1. “Athletic activity” means physical education instruction or a sports event that is sponsored

or regulated by the District or a District school or school sports team.

2. “School sports team” means a team on which the student represents the student’s school

in competition against another school or in competition against other students within the same school.

3. “Athletic uniform” means clothing, headwear, shoes, or other items worn for participation in

an athletic activity that are required to be

a. A specified style, length, material, or color, or

b. Worn in a specified manner, or

c. Worn with or without other items or clothing or headwear.

Utah Code § 53G-7-801(2), (3), (8) (2023)

Required Accommodation of Religious Beliefs—

A student participating in an athletic activity may not be prohibited from wearing religious clothing with an athletic uniform. A student also may not be prohibited from wearing clothing under or with an athletic uniform to cover or conceal parts of the student’s body (consistent with the student’s religious beliefs) which are not covered or concealed by an athletic uniform. However, the additional clothing may not substantially cover an athletic uniform. Whether or not the student is wearing an athletic uniform, a student participating in an athletic activity has the right to wear religious clothing or clothing to cover the student’s body consistent with the student’s religious beliefs. If the student is wearing an athletic uniform, additional clothing may not substantially cover the athletic uniform. With regard to a student’s participation in an athletic activity, a school may not impose requirements relating to religious clothing or additional clothing worn for religious reasons that violate the student’s religious or moral beliefs.

Utah Code § 53G-7-804 (2023)

Source Traceability

Source	Use in this policy
USBA Model Policy FL, created 24 February 2023	Model retained as the controlling athletic-uniform accommodation policy.
MSD Policy 6310, approved 2024	Inserted as FL-1 to preserve local activity uniform use and ineligible-student competition-day uniform coordination.
MSD Policy 6410, approved 2024	Reviewed and cited for dress and nondiscrimination coordination with athletic uniform administration.

Disposition Note

USBA FL remains controlling. A limited local coordination provision was added because old Millard activity standards include uniform restrictions for ineligible students, but the local language is expressly subject to the USBA religious-clothing and accommodation protections.