

Two Rivers High School

Co-Curricular Code of Conduct

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Participation in Two Rivers High School co-curricular activities is an integral part of the Two Rivers High School curriculum, which is a privilege and should elicit great pride in both the student and his/her family. While our number one goal as a school district is to provide a sound academic experience for all of our students, co-curricular activities provide unique opportunities for students to promote their mental, physical, social and emotional development. By providing a strong co-curricular program, Two Rivers High School extends the privilege of enriching the mind and body to any student meeting district, Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), and any applicable governing body's requirements. Like anything of value, it comes with a price tag. That price tag is a commitment from you to follow established rules. Co-curricular participants who comply with this code of conduct demonstrate a desire to dedicate themselves to self-improvement as well as to enhance the best interests of fellow teammates, advisors/coaches and school. If accepted, this privilege carries certain responsibilities, and this co-curricular code presents these responsibilities.

GOALS

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of our educational curriculum. It provides opportunities for learning experiences difficult to duplicate in other school activities. Two Rivers High School co-curricular activities have the following goals:

1. To develop leadership skills and responsibility
2. To show team spirit, encourage others and contribute to good morale.
3. To be fair and treat others as one wishes to be treated.
4. To keep commitments to team.
5. To experience a variety of activities, to offer an outlet for a wide variety of students' abilities and interests
6. To treat all persons respectfully regardless of individual differences; to show respect for legitimate authority (e.g. Coaches, Officials, Captains).
7. To accept responsibility to set a good example for teammates, peers, younger students, fans and school community.
8. To understand the necessity of abstaining from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in order to achieve the positive benefits of interscholastic athletics.
9. To help student athletes realize that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege with accompanying responsibilities.
10. To generate a sense of pride and unity in co-curricular programs for students, staff and community..

ELIGIBILITY

These Rules of Eligibility are established by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and are supplemented with Two Rivers Public School District rules.

1. Enrollment in the Two Rivers Public School District as a full-time student or local student who is home schooled.
2. A current physical exam form or alternate year card to participate in physical co-curricular activities as determined by a licensed physician. The physical exam form must be completed every other year, with April 1st as the earliest day of the examination. The alternate year card with parent or guardian signature is used in the second year.
3. An emergency medical form must be completed each year.
4. Parental/Guardian and athlete attendance at co-curricular code meeting.
5. A signed Student and Parent Athletic Contract acknowledging understanding and agreement to all school and WIAA rules.
6. A signed parent and athlete concussion education agreement.
7. Payment of any applicable fees.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is important to understand that participating in co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. You are also expected to share in the responsibility for such an opportunity that is provided, that shall include:

Responsibilities to You: The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden and develop strength of character. You owe it to yourself to derive the greatest benefit from your high school experiences. To live a healthy lifestyle and to respect your health both physically and mentally at all times.

Responsibility to your Academic Studies: Your academic studies and your participation in other co-curricular activities prepare you for your life as an adult. Co-curricular activities while very important to young people, is only a small part of life.

Responsibilities to Your School: Another responsibility you assume as a team member is to your school. Two Rivers Public Schools cannot maintain its position as having outstanding schools unless you do your best in the activity in which you are engaged and are a good role model. Other students and faculty are watching you. They know who you are and what you do. Make them proud. Be an example. Do not do anything to let them down.

Responsibility to your Community: The community and school tax monies make this co-curricular activity experience possible. For that reason, we must remember that we hold a clear and paramount responsibility to our community. You assume a leadership role when you are involved with a co-curricular activity. The student body and citizens of the community know you. You are very visible with the spotlight on you. The student body, the community and other communities judge our schools by your conduct and attitude, both on and off the field. Because of this leadership role, you can contribute significantly to school spirit and community pride. Our desire is that our students are a class act, not for the fact that we win rather that we are known as a program of character and excellence. Make Two Rivers High School proud of you, and your community proud of your school, by your consistent demonstration of these ideals.

Responsibility to Others: As a team member you also bear a heavy responsibility to your home. If you never give your parents anything to be ashamed of, you will have measured up to that ideal. When you know in your heart that you have lived up to all of the training rules, that you have practiced to the best of your ability everyday and that you have participated in the activity "all out", you can keep your self-respect and your family can be justly proud of you, win or lose.

Responsibility to Younger Students: The younger students in Two Rivers are watching you. They know who you are and what you do. The older upper-classmen, co-curricular participants are role models for the young students that will come after you. Make them proud. Be an example. They will copy you in many ways. Set good examples for them.

CODE OF CONDUCT RULES, MISDEMEANORS AND VIOLATIONS

As a co-curricular participant it must be understood that this code of conduct program is not designed to be a punishment but a deterrent to you becoming involved in risky and dangerous behaviors. It is also to insure that you have the best possibilities to succeed in your activity and to learn the valuable lessons that co-curricular activities can teach. Because you're mental and physical well-being is essential to your success we want you to reach your full potential. Therefore, we are asking you to become an active part of the solution, not to become part of the problem.

CODE OF CONDUCT RULES

The following rules will apply to each co-curricular participant and will be in effect on a year-round (12 month) basis. Each activity advisor/coach also has the prerogative to establish and implement additional rules specific to his/her particular program.

Academic:

A student must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent (school issued) grade reporting period. Semester grades take precedence over quarter grades. Students who receive more than one failing grade will be restricted from co-curricular activities as follows:

Two (2) or more F's. Student is ineligible to compete in contests or performances for the next quarter (Ex. 1st quarter grades determine eligibility for 2nd quarter). Semester 2 grades will determine eligibility for fall sports. Students who are ineligible may practice with the team but are not allowed to travel to away contests on school nights and will not be dismissed from any school time on any day.

Administration reserves the right to limit or deny participation in any event if in the view of the administration the student is not or has not demonstrated adequate academic performance.

IF YOU ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL AND PASS A COURSE IN YOUR AREA OF DEFICIENCY, YOUR "F" WILL BE DELETED. IF A COURSE IS NOT OFFERED IN YOUR AREA OF DEFICIENCY, YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER COURSE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR PRINCIPAL.

Attendance: A co-curricular participant must be in attendance the full day in order to be eligible to participate in that day's activities. Exceptions to this rule would include: School-sponsored activity, family emergencies, doctor/dentist appointments and/or others at administration's discretion. Unexcused absences **WILL NOT** be tolerated.

When a student joins a co-curricular activity, he/she may be expected to dedicate the time specified for practice by the advisor/coach. If practice is required, regular attendance at practice is required to remain as part of the team. It is the athlete's responsibility to notify the coach, in advance, of any circumstances which would prohibit attendance at practice(s) or contest(s) other than absence from school. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action ranging from a verbal warning to dismissal from the team dependent upon the nature and/or frequency of the offense.

Dress: Every co-curricular participant is expected to maintain appropriate standards of dress and grooming while representing their school or team. **All T-shirt sayings must be approved by the athletic director.**

Cell Phone Privacy: It is the practice of Two Rivers Public School District to ensure the privacy of all individuals during the time they occupy locker room facilities at school and during school sponsored events. All cell phone use is prohibited in any school locker room. If a cell phone is found the advisor/coach has the right to confiscate the phone. If compromising photos are found to be taken with the phone, it may result in immediate removal from the co-curricular activity.

Transportation: All students participating in co-curricular activities are expected to ride the bus to and from competitions. Students may ride home with a parent/guardian if the parent/guardian gives the advisor/coach a signed alternate transportation consent and release form provided by the district. Students are NOT permitted to ride home with anyone other than their own parent/guardian

Equipment: Co-curricular participants are responsible for any uniforms and/or equipment issued to them. Each co-curricular participant is financially responsible for all lost, damaged (through negligence), or unreturned items issued by school officials in that student's name. Students will not be allowed to participate, practice, or compete in another sport until he/she has returned or paid for all uniforms and equipment that was issued to them in a previous season.

Quitting: A student who quits or is dropped from a team/activity for disciplinary reasons is not eligible to compete in another activity for the same season without the mutual agreement by both advisors/coaches and the athletic director. A student who quits does not receive credit for serving a suspension. Any student who is cut from an activity may compete/participate in another activity during that season.

Honesty Clause:

1. The co-curricular participant shall be truthful.
2. The co-curricular participant shall be forthcoming with information.
3. The co-curricular participant shall not be deceptive or untruthful.
4. The co-curricular participant shall be cooperative.

If a member of school administration has a reasonable suspicion that a specific co-curricular participant may have violated the district's code of conduct, he/she may question that student about a possible violation. In responding to any such questioning about his/her personal actions, **it is expected that the student shall answer truthfully.** Also during the questioning process, a student may not attempt to mislead or misrepresent himself/herself, which may impede the investigation. If a student's answer is subsequently found to be untrue, disciplinary action/penalty will be doubled. (Example: a half season suspension will become a full season.)

CODE OF CONDUCT MISDEMEANORS

The following misdemeanors will apply to each co-curricular participant and will be in effect at all times during the co-curricular season. These violations accumulate only during each school year. The following misdemeanors are unacceptable and will result in the loss of one competition (with the exception of OSS). Each activity advisor/coach also has the prerogative to establish and implement additional misdemeanors specific to his/her particular program.

Behavior and Conduct: Respect, courtesy, manners and good sportsmanship are basic to good citizenship and shall form the basis for all behavior. Since co-curricular participants represent the school in public, their behavior frequently determines the opinion outsiders have of the school and community. It is expected that the conduct of co-curricular participants will be exemplary at all times.

Below is a list of examples that are considered behavior unbecoming of a co-curricular participant, but is not an exhausted list:

- Unexcused absences
- Academic dishonesty
- Bullying/Cyber bullying/Harassment
- Vandalism or Property Destruction
- Poor sportsmanship including name calling, obscene gestures, and/or fighting.
- Being assigned an in-school suspension (ISS)
- Hazing/Initiation Ceremony: Two Rivers High School will not permit, nor will any co-curricular participant stage, any type of "initiation ceremony" or hazing for co-curricular participants at any time and on any level. This prohibition includes locker/shower pranks, etc.
- Engaging in or being an accomplice to any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the philosophy of the Co-Curricular Code, the regulations within WIAA, or the ideals, principles and standards of the Two Rivers Public School District.
- *****Out of School Suspension***:** (OSS) Being suspended from school. Penalty will be determined by administration.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Code of Conduct Violations will apply to each student athlete on a year-round (12 month) basis in all locations, including non-school activities. Violation of the Code will result in penalties, which are consistent with those identified within the code, administered by the athletic director. All Code of Conduct Violations will be cumulative beginning with a student's initial participation on a freshman, junior varsity, or varsity team. Each activity advisor/coach also has the prerogative to establish and implement additional misdemeanors specific to his/her particular program.

Criminal Behavior: An athlete who participates in activities resulting in his/her arrest or formal charges being filed in a court of law. If the school district has adequate and competent evidence that the student participated in the offense for which he or she is charged, a penalty may be imposed pursuant to this Code prior to completion of the criminal proceeding. **If the school district does not have such evidence and the student is convicted of a crime, the penalty pursuant to this code will be imposed upon conviction.** In the latter case, the athlete may continue to participate in his/her sport until resolution of the matter by the judicial system.

3 Code of Conduct Misdemeanors in a school year: An athlete who receives three code of conduct misdemeanors in the same school year will be given a code of conduct violation.

Chemical Health Violation: A chemical health violation includes Possession, Use, Buying, Selling and/or Being Under the Influence of Any Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia: (Note drugs are defined as tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, performance enhancing drugs, or medications without a prescription or use not in accordance to prescription directions.) Parental permission does not override the provision of this code.

Presence in a bar or tavern: Being present or loitering in a bar or tavern without a student's parents/guardian.

Presence at party or gathering where alcohol or drugs are being illegally consumed: If a co-curricular participant attends a party where alcohol or drugs are being illegally dispensed, the student must **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY**. To remain in the presence of this illegal activity shall constitute a violation of the code of conduct. *

Note: Co-curricular participants should encourage as many classmates as possible to leave with them.

*The intent of the "presence at a party" is not to deny participation with adult family members in gatherings such as weddings, anniversaries or other family gatherings.

Hosts of Parties Lose the Most: There may be a **greater consequence** for a co-curricular participant, if it is determined, who is involved in the organization, facilitation, promotion, or hosting of any gathering or social event where alcohol or drugs were known to be available or used.

Cyber Image Policy: Any identifiable image, photo or video which implicates a co-curricular participant to have been in possession or presence of alcohol and/or drugs or portrays actual use, or out of character behavior or crime, shall be confirmation of a violation of the code. Since there is no way to establish a timeframe for when or location of where the image was taken, it shall be a responsibility that the co-curricular participant must assume. It must also be noted that there may be persons, who would attempt to implicate a co-curricular participant, by taking such images, to place them in a situation where they might be in violation of this code standard. This is our rationale for demanding that our co-curricular participant not place themselves in such environments.

PENALTIES FOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

- The penalty for that season will be imposed immediately following the violation.
- When calculating the number of contests to be forfeited, any amount that results in a decimal remainder of .5 or greater will round to the next whole number.
- The student will be ineligible for all activities during the period of suspension and prior to a reinstatement request.
- During the period of the suspension, the student is required to attend team meetings and practices and must participate in every team/group activity, but may not compete.

For sporting activities in which the number of contests forfeited is greater than the number that remains in the season, the remainder will be carried over to the next sporting season in which the athlete participates. Number of performances may vary yearly. The actual penalty will be determined using the actual schedule for the current school year. The number of contests forfeited will be recalculated when the forfeiture involves two different sports, allowing a prorated penalty to take effect.

First Violation: Automatic suspension from the competitive team for **25%** of that competitive season's scheduled contests. .

Second Violation: Automatic suspension from the competitive team for **50%** of that competitive season's scheduled contests. If a co-curricular participant receives a violation due to alcohol or drug related issues, the co-curricular participant will be required to have an assessment done by an Aurora Behavioral Health Center Representative and attend 3 one hour sessions at the Center at his/her own expense. The co-curricular participant may be subject to random drug testing at his/her own expense. Arrangements for the drug testing will be made or approved by the High School Principal.

Third Violation: Automatic suspension from all co-curricular activities for the rest of high school career.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS REINSTATEMENT

All students must seek reinstatement after any code of conduct violation to regain eligibility. The student must attend all practices/meetings and be present at all competitions while under suspension.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS REPORTING PROCEDURE

Athletic training rule violations shall be reported to the Athletic Director. The report should indicate the nature, date and time (if appropriate) of the violation.

The Athletic Director shall investigate any reported violation. Any violation investigation shall include an opportunity for the accused student to respond to the Athletic Director concerning the charges prior to any disciplinary action. The Athletic Director will determine whether or not the violation report warrants disciplinary action and will inform the student of any penalty to be assessed. The Athletic Director shall inform the parents of the violation before the penalty is assessed. They will be notified of the time and date that the penalty will be assessed.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS APPEAL PROCESS

Students who do not concur with the Athletic Director's decision may ask for a review by the Appeals Committee. The members of the Appeals Committee for an athletic violation shall be the Principal and four non-coaching faculty members. The Appeals request must be filed within 5 days of the disciplinary ruling. Parents of the student are allowed to attend the Appeals Review if they wish. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

AWARDS

Freshmen student-athletes who end the season in good standing receive numerals. The only time an athlete can get numerals is when he/she is a Freshmen.

Sophomore student-athletes who end the season in good standing receive a Sophomore Award. This award is not considered a JV award.

The only time an athlete can get a Sophomore patch is when he/she is a Sophomore.

A Freshmen on a Sophomore team does not get a Sophomore patch.

Freshmen on a Sophomore team get numerals only.

Varsity student-athletes who meet the coaches criteria and end the season in good standing receive a varsity letter and a sport metal insert. Managers are eligible for a varsity letter upon the completion of one varsity season.

Senior Athletic Award

1. The athlete must finish the season in good standing in a minimum of two athletic activities, lettering in at least one, during his/her senior year.
2. The athlete must have finished at least six seasons in good standing.
3. There can be no athletic code violations during the four years.

12 Season Award

1. Athlete participates in a different sport in each of the three seasons (fall, winter, spring/summer) for all four years.
2. There can be no athletic code violations during the four years.

All-Academic Team

1. Senior athlete in good standing.
2. 3.75 or better cumulative grade point average.
3. Senior athlete has to participate in one sport their senior year.

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2020-2021 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Two Rivers High School

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2020-2021 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Students entering 11th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.

- .D. Students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- J. If within the first six consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid for that school year and the following school year.

- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- E. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.
- D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.

- E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.