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TRANSFER

Colorado School Choice: The CHSAA supports school choice in academic pursuits and encourages its student participants to enhance their academic achievement. In concert with this approach, the Association's philosophy addresses the establishment of a fair playing field for all student athletes. A student entering high school for the first time shall be eligible for all interscholastic athletic competition.

1800.1 A student who establishes his/her high school eligibility at a member school and subsequently transfers, will be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of their transfer, in the sports they participated in during the last 365 days.

1800.2 The transfer rule addresses athletic eligibility only as it relates to transfer between schools. Rules related to age, semesters, academic requirements and other CHSAA Bylaws may result in an eligible transfer being declared ineligible.

1800.21 Private school attendance boundaries will be defined, for admission purposes, by the public school district in which the private school is physically located.

BONA FIDE MOVE

1800.4 Each transfer student must provide the receiving school with an official declaration certifying that:

1. The student is transferring voluntarily;
2. The student was not contacted and induced to transfer by the receiving school or any school representative (as defined in Bylaw 1900.2).
3. A statement from the receiving school coach(es) that the student was not induced to attend the receiving school by that coach or any member of the coach's staff.

The declaration must be signed by the student and student's parents. The receiving school athletic director must also sign the form. This form must accompany the certificate of eligibility or any transfer waiver sent to the CHSAA office. Any time a potential violation has occurred the form must immediately be sent to CHSAA.

Q2: What is the transfer eligibility for a student who makes a family move from School District A to School District B, then enrolls in a different school in School District A?

A2: This would not meet the definition of a bona fide family move since the student selected a different school back in the former school district and not a school in the attendance area in which he resides or in the new school district. The student would be sub-varsity eligible for 365 days from the date of the transfer.

ATHLETIC TRANSFER

1800.5 Any transfer substantially motivated by athletic considerations will cause the student to be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of the transfer in any sports(s) they participated in during the last 365 days.

EXCEPTION 1: A student transferring, moving or for any reason changing to a new school where the student's non-school coach is also a coach of the school team, is considered to be attending for athletic purposes. The student, as a result of this transfer, will be ineligible for varsity competition for one calendar year from the date of the transfer in any sport(s) they participated in during the twelve months prior to the transfer. As used in this Rule, the term "coach" includes any person who coaches, volunteers (regardless of compensation) or assists in any capacity with the coaching or training of the school or non-school team.

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw and its exceptions, no personal relationship or one-on-one/group coaching or individual contact is required for application of this rule. If a coach has any standing with the outside team/organization/business, that coach is considered a coach of that non-school sports team.

1800.51 SUB-VARSITY ELIGIBILITY - A student will be granted sub-varsity eligibility by the Commissioner upon submittal of a restricted waiver request signed by the principals of the sending and receiving schools. Waivers may be considered based on a student's lack of opportunity to participate at a sub-varsity level.

1800.52 NON-PARTICIPATION - A student who has not participated in an interscholastic contest, scrimmage, or foundation game in a specific sport at any level (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman) during the 365 days preceding the date of transfer shall have varsity eligibility at the receiving school in that specific sport at all levels of competition.

1800.53 RETURN TO ORIGINAL SCHOOL - A student who has not participated in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage for any team at any level while a student in the previous high school shall be varsity eligible at all levels in all sports provided he/she returns to the high school he/she attended prior to the period of non-participation.

1800.54 TRANSFER FROM A NON-MEMBER SCHOOL - A student who resides in Colorado and who has never previously participated in a member school and who transfers to a member school from a non-member school shall have varsity eligibility at the receiving school.

1800.55 BROKEN HOME - A student of a broken home will be exempt from the transfer rule for the first move in high school from one parent to the other. Note: The exception will exist only if it is determined by either school that the move is not athletically motivated. A waiver must be filed and approved prior to competition.

1800.56 BOARDING SCHOOL - A student who transfers to become a full-time resident of a 24-hour boarding school (a duly licensed school providing lodging and meals) in a community, district or state other than where he/she has resided with his/her parent(s) or guardians, has varsity eligibility on the first such transfer, but all transfer rule requirements shall apply on any subsequent transfer.

1800.57 TRANSFER PURSUANT TO IEP - A student who has been identified as a student with a disability who transfers to a member school to comply with a specific requirement in his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP) has varsity eligibility at the receiving school. A waiver must be filed and approved prior to competition.

Q1: A student attends School A as a freshman and competes in three sports. She begins her sophomore year at School A but in December transfers to School B. At School B she competes in no interscholastic scrimmages or contests in any sport. In March she returns to School A. What is her eligibility status?

A1: Full eligibility in all sports. A student transferring from School A to B to A without interscholastic competition at B will always retain varsity eligibility regardless of when the student re-enters School A.

Q2: A student competes in volleyball and track at School A as a 9th grader. As a 10th grader the student transfers from School A to B in January without a family move. What is the student's status in track and volleyball?

A2: The student will be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of the transfer in the sports they participated in during the last 365 days.

Q3: What is the definition of a "broken home"?

A3: A broken home for the purposes of Bylaw 1800.65, is defined as a permanent and finalized dissolution of a marriage by court order.

Q4: For the purposes of Bylaw 1800.655, to which school may a student transfer if this is the first transfer while in high school in a broken home?

A4: The student may transfer to the school in the attendance area in which the parent resides.

Q5: A student begins 9th grade attending her home public high school, a CHSAA member school. In 10th grade, she transfers to an out-of-state boarding school where she competes in basketball. In 11th grade, she leaves the boarding school at a time other than the beginning of the school year and (a) returns to her home public school; or (b) enrolls at a boarding school which is a CHSAA member. Is she eligible for varsity basketball competition?

A5: No in both (a) and (b). Although she transferred from a non-member school, the student began her eligibility at a member school.

Q6: A student plays football, basketball and baseball his freshmen year at School A. After football his sophomore year at School A, he transfers to School B without a family move. What is his eligibility at School B?

A6: He will have sub-varsity eligibility for 365 days from the date of transfer in basketball, baseball, and football.

HARDSHIP

1800.7 When the definition of a hardship has been met, the Commissioner may grant varsity eligibility pursuant to the provisions of Article 25 of these Bylaws.

1800.74 A. The CHSAA requires that all information provided in regard to any aspect of the eligibility of a student must be true, correct, accurate, complete and/or not false or fraudulent.

B. Penalty for providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete of false or fraudulent information.

1. If it is discovered that any parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver or student has provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in regards to any aspect of eligibility status on behalf of a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for CHSAA competition at any level in any sport for a period of up to **2** calendar years from the date the determination was made that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided.