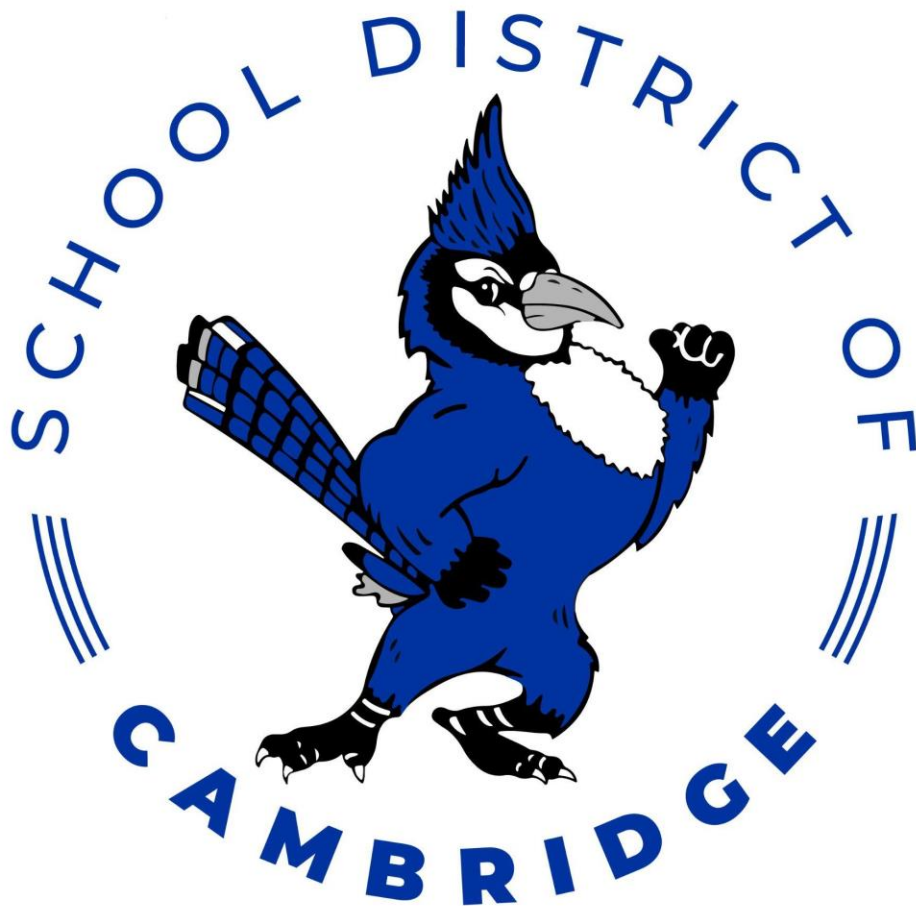


Student Activity Code



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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CAMBRIDGE

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE

I. PHILOSOPHY

The School District of Cambridge sponsors a variety of extra-curricular sports and activities to provide students with additional opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, skill development, cooperation with others, creativity, and fun. Although it is understood that the main purpose for attending school is to obtain an education, co-curricular programs are also supported as a valuable part of the total educational experience.

Student activities include any school-related, organized activity which is offered outside of academic course requirements.

Participation in student activities is a privilege, which carries additional responsibilities. The standards outlined in this code will help to ensure that the involved students serve as a credit to themselves, their parents, their school, and the community.

It is recognized that personal problems can act as a deterrent to the health and well being of students and their ability to participate in student activities. This code therefore includes provisions for support, in order to help students achieve their full potential.

II. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

This code is designed to:

- A. Promote the health and well-being of all student participants.
- B. Establish appropriate standards of conduct for all student participants.
- C. Provide fair and equitable consequences for code violations.
- D. Offer appropriate counseling for students who are found in violation of the code.

This code applies to all students participating in interscholastic athletics, school plays or musicals, forensics, academic decathlon, knowledge bowl, cheerleading, pom poms, Homecoming and/or Prom court, clubs, or any other activity where students represent the school to the public. Individuals involved in activities with post high school affiliations will be expected to follow the state and national affiliation guidelines for that activity.

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and other pertinent state and/or national governing regulations will apply according to their respective activity. The most stringent standard shall be the one that applies. Each activity can draft rules that are more stringent or that apply to specific situations not covered under this code. Copies of such regulations shall be made available to the student participants by their coach/advisor.

III. ELIGIBILITY

Students must be enrolled as a full time student (7 credits) within the School District of Cambridge, and must have a copy of the student activity-code, signed by the student and parent/guardian on file in the school office, in order to be considered eligible for participation in school activities covered under this policy. Per WIAA rule, the guidelines and expectations of this code are to be in effect 365 days of the year. Students will re-sign this every year as a reminder of their responsibility as a student leader. Students having completed their 8th grade year will be considered high school students on the first day of practice of their freshman season, or the first day of school of their freshman year (whichever comes

first).

Students must receive passing grades in all courses, for the following marking periods: All midterm grades, first, second, third and fourth quarter grades, and/or first and second semester grades. Fall eligibility is determined by the semester grades from the previous year.

- A. If a student is failing one subject area at the time grades are issued, he/she will continue to be eligible under probationary status* until the next date grades are issued (midterm or quarter/semester). After the probationary period if the student is not passing all subjects, then he/she will be declared ineligible to participate for 15 school days, at which time the student must be passing all classes to regain eligibility. On the 15th school day, the student is to pick up a sheet from the activities director in the morning. He/she will then take that grade sheet to all of their teachers to verify they are passing. If they are passing their classes, they will be eligible for the remainder of the grading period, beginning on the 16th school day after their ineligibility determination. If they are still failing any class, they will be ineligible for the remainder of the grading period. For the Fall season, “the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport; or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).

B.

*Probationary Status allows a student to participate fully in activities, while working to bring all grades up to passing.

- C. Students failing in two or more subject areas will be considered ineligible for participation for 15 school days, or for the Fall season, “the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport; or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
- D. For the purpose of determining eligibility, an incomplete will be considered a failure until the incomplete is made up and a grade issued.
- E. Students earning no more than two failing grades for the fourth quarter or second semester may satisfy the eligibility requirements for the next school year by successfully completing the respective number of pre-approved summer school credits.
- F. Students enrolled in the special education program, or who are At-Risk, or who have other unique learning needs (504), and are determined to have difficulty in meeting the grade requirements established in this policy because of their special needs, can maintain eligibility if consensus of the involved teachers and the co-curricular board both agree that the student is meeting the goals outlined in his/her Individual Education Plan (IEP), At-Risk plan, or other plan of remediation. WIAA Policies only allow eligibility to be maintained with one failing grade. If a student-athlete has two or more failing grades, they cannot maintain their eligibility. One of the two failing grades could not be removed allowing a student athlete to be on academic probation.

- G. Koshkonong Trails Charter School students who are identified as not making adequate progress or failing in a subject area by their teacher are also subject to the academic eligibility rules listed above.
- H. Middle school students will follow the same guidelines above, except their ineligibility period will be five school days.

IV. DUAL SPORT PARTICIPATION

Athletes cannot participate in club sports of the same nature while participating in a WIAA sponsored sport. Athletes dropped from one sport for disciplinary reasons shall not be able to participate in another sport for that particular season, or the length of the suspension, whichever is longer. A person who changes sports will be ineligible to compete for a period not to exceed the minimum number of practice days for that sport, per the WIAA season regulations.

The following guidelines shall govern dual sport participation:

1. The athlete and parent(s) will make their request for dual sport participation known to both head coaches at the beginning of the season.
2. The coaches will contact the administration and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the request. The meeting will include the athlete, Parent, Athletic Director, Administrator and both coaches.
3. Expectations for attending practices and games will be discussed, and the primary sport will be determined and agreed upon by all parties. An agreement will be drawn to clarify practice times, game schedules, lettering requirements, academic expectations, and any other operating guidelines for the student.
4. The agreement must include that the student must be maintaining a minimum grade of C in all classes in order to maintain dual sport academic eligibility.
5. In case of a conflict of interest or academic difficulty, the designated primary sport shall prevail.

V. ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL PRACTICES/GAMES/CONTESTS OR PERFORMANCES

Students are expected to participate fully in all classes throughout the day in order to participate in practice/contests. Failure/refusal to participate will result in the student being unable to participate in activities that day. A student cannot participate in an activity if he/she is absent from school for any reason* including illness during any part of the day of the activity/performance/contest. An unexcused absence will be defined as missing more than 15 minutes of class.

*Exceptions: **verifiable medical appointments**, family emergencies, funerals and other instances that have prior administrative approval. Students with medical appointments are to bring a note from the doctor to verify the appointment upon return to school. It is expected that all student participants be in school the day following a contest/event.

VI. TRANSPORTATION

For liability reasons, all student participants are required to ride the bus to and from the event. A parent/guardian, prior to, or after an athletic event, can notify the coach/advisor that they will make alternative transportation arrangements for after the athletic contest by completing the waiver of liability form.

Students that have practice sessions (due to co-op programs, golf, etc.) off of school property, will be allowed to provide their own transportation, provided that there is a written permission form on file in the office. Students are not allowed to drive themselves to athletic events with the exception of golf matches at Lake Ripley Country Club, or competitions with co-op programs.

VII. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Participation in student activities is a privilege which carries with it additional responsibilities. Students involved in co-curricular activities will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner that brings honor to themselves, their school, and the community.

A. Major violations of the standards of conduct include, but may not necessarily be limited to the following.

1. Drug/alcohol/tobacco violations. Students involved in co-curricular activities will not possess, use, sell, transfer, be under the influence of, or transmit in any form, tobacco products (including electronic vaping products, e-cigarettes, etc.), alcoholic beverages, drug paraphernalia, chemical substances that are inhalants, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, narcotics, volatile substances, other drugs, cannabis derivatives or look a likes of any kind. This includes performance enhancing drugs and/or substances. The use of medication as prescribed is exempted.
2. Being arrested for a misdemeanor, felony, or juvenile violation, not including minor traffic violations.
3. Permanent removal from class for disciplinary reasons.
4. Lying to or misleading those investigating an activity code violation.
5. Bullying/Harassment/Hazing of other students as outlined in Anti-Bullying/Hazing policies.
6. Vandalism, destruction of property or being party to vandalism.

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.).

B. Minor violation of the standards of conduct include, but may not necessarily be limited to, the following.

1. Use of inappropriate/profane/gestures toward staff or other adults placed in supervisory capacity while in school or at school functions either on or off school property. Also blatant insubordination, lack of respect, or removal from class.
2. Suspension (in or out of school).

3. Plagiarism/cheating as outlined in the academic integrity policy.
4. Failure to follow general school and classroom rules.
5. Conduct resulting in ejection/disqualification from a contest/activity.
6. Attendance concerns.
7. Temporary removal from a class, IMC or study hall for disciplinary reasons.
8. Inappropriate Use of Social Media
9. Using profane, vulgar, or disrespectful language and/or being demeaning to others.
10. Conduct unbecoming a student athlete/activity participant.

VIII. DISCIPLINARY ACTION CATEGORIES PERTAINING TO VIOLATION OF THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- A student who is participating in both athletic and non-athletic school sponsored events will be penalized for both/all activities according to the level of their offense.
- If a student is academically ineligible or injured, their activity code suspension will begin after they have regained eligibility. If a student cannot participate in classes due to injury or sickness, they are ineligible to practice/compete or participate in clubs/activities that day.
- Nikolay Middle School students, upon beginning their freshman year of high school, will have any previous activity code violations that have been served removed from their high school record and will begin at step zero. If a student-athlete still has an outstanding activity code violation they will need to complete any disciplinary steps before their eligibility standing will be set to step zero. If there is an offense of a grievous nature that occurs during middle school, the administration reserves the right to uphold their suspension level into high school.

SELF-REFERRAL—Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

If students refer themselves, or parents refer their son/daughter without having been discovered through the violation process, and the individual goes through the assessment process and follows through with its recommendations, they shall have their suspension reduced by 50%. Failure to follow through with the assessment and recommendations will result in first violations penalties. This self-referral clause may be used once, and only prior to first offense. An athlete must also “self-refer” themselves prior to any competition after they violate the activity code. If a competition occurs after the date of the self-referral it is counted as a major or minor offense.

AMNESTY

Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated will not be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that they report does not exist.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS (INCLUDING CHEERLEADING) & NON-ATHLETIC SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

This includes all co-curricular activities that have advisors listed in the master contract as salary schedule B, this includes all clubs, Academic Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, individual performances in Solo-Ensemble Contest, Prom Court, Homecoming Court, class officers, student

representatives to the School Board or any other activity where students represent the school to the public. Any activity that is part of a grade in a class is exempt. Examples would be Show Choir, and Jazz band, and group performances required of those programs. The designated school official (Section III, Part B) will be the advisor and the principal.

A. PENALTIES FOR MAJOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

*Scrimmages are not viewed as “events/contests/or games” and will not count toward eligibility calculations.

FIRST OFFENSE: Suspension for 40% of the season’s games/matches/meets/performances for athletic participation. In the case of activities, administration will determine an appropriate consequence.. The students will be expected to participate in all practices, and attend all games/events just as if he/she were an active member of the team, but will not suit up for games, and will assist the coach as needed. If less than 40%, of the season remains, the remaining percentage of the suspension will carry over in to the next sport that student participates in. The student will meet with the school Student Assistance Program Coordinator or School Counselor (whichever is appropriate) for an initial meeting, and follows through with whatever additional counseling is appropriate to the violation. In the case of alcohol or drugs, the student must undergo an assessment with an appropriate state licensed AODA counselor or School Counselor, and follow through with the recommended counseling, including a drug test if recommended. All out of school assessments and tests are at the student’s expense. Copies of the assessment and drug test must be sent to the school counselor for verification purposes. The student shall comply with any recommendations of the assessment before the suspension can be reduced. In addition, the student will forfeit any potential MVP, MIP, Captain, All Conference or other honors for that season.

The minimum amount of games/matches/meets/performances that a student would be suspended for is one. All partial contests involved in the events calculation is rounded up to the next whole game.

SECOND OFFENSE: Suspension for 100% of the season’s games/matches/meets/performances. The student will meet with the Student Assistance Program Coordinator or School Counselor (whichever is appropriate) for an initial meeting, and follows through with whatever additional counseling is appropriate to the violation. In the case of alcohol or drugs, the student must undergo an assessment with an appropriate state licensed AODA counselor or School Counselor, and follow through with the recommended counseling, including a drug test if recommended, and submits to a monthly drug test for six months. All out of school assessments and tests are at the student’s expense. Copies of the assessment and drug tests must be sent to the school counselor for verification purposes. The student shall comply with any recommendations of the assessment before the suspension can be reduced. The student will not be eligible for any MVP, MIP, Captain, All Conference or other honors for that season, and will no longer be eligible for the five-letter senior award plaque.

The minimum amount of games/matches/meets/performances that a student would be suspended for is one. All partial contests involved in the events calculation is rounded up to the next whole game.

THIRD OFFENSE:- Suspension for one calendar year with no opportunity for reduction. The student will not be eligible for any MVP, MIP, Captain, All Conference or other honors for that season, and will no longer be eligible for the five-letter senior award plaque. The student must meet with the Student Assistance Program Coordinator or School Counselor (whichever is appropriate) for a mandatory meeting, and follows through with whatever additional counseling is appropriate to the violation. All out of school assessments and tests are at the student's expense. Copies of the assessment and drug tests must be sent to the school counselor for verification purposes. The student shall comply with any recommendations of the assessment before eligibility will be reinstated.

FOURTH OFFENSE: Permanent ineligibility.

GRIEVOUS VIOLATIONS: In an extreme and/or grievous situation the administration reserves the right to treat the violation as a higher level offense. If there is an offense of a grievous nature that occurs during middle school the administration reserves the right to uphold their suspension level upon their entrance to high school.

UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES: The Athletic Director and/or Principal reserve the right to have the activity code board hear an activity code violation incident, and ask for clarifications and/or recommendations regarding student the conduct and appropriate discipline.

B. PENALTIES FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS

The Building Administrator and Athletic Director/advisor or designee will agree on the appropriate action to take, up to and including recommending that the matter be brought before the Activity Committee for consideration as a major violation.

IX. APPEAL PROCESS

If a student or parent wishes to appeal the actions taken within this policy, the following procedure must be followed.

- A. The participant and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal the decision within five (5) working days to the Student Activities board, asking for an opportunity to present new evidence.
- B. The Student Activities Board will meet to hear the new evidence, and render a decision.
- C. When hearing appeals, the Student Activities Board cannot reduce a suspension. It can only overturn a suspension based upon new evidence.
- D. Minutes of the hearing including the decision will be mailed to the participant, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), members attending the meeting, the district administrator, and other appropriate persons.
- E. The Student Activities Board will include four members of the teaching faculty (at least one will be, or has been, an athletic coach and one will be, or has been, a co-curricular activity advisor) who will serve as voting members. The principal and/or the athletic director shall be present to facilitate the

meeting. The coach/advisor of the student will also be present.

- F. The participant and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a hearing before the District Administrator within five (5) working days of receipt of the decision of the Student Activities Board. The District Administrator has the authority to modify student discipline. The decision of the District Administrator will be final.
- G. The participant will remain ineligible throughout the appeal process.

X. ASSOCIATION

Students who knowingly attend or are present at an event at which any major code violation occurs will also be found to be in violation of the activity code. An exception will be made for students who arrive at an event and leave immediately upon learning of a standard of conduct violation.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The School District of Cambridge does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabled in its education programs or activities. The School District of Cambridge will consider requests for reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to all examinations and other academic requirements. The School District of Cambridge does not discriminate in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, creed, marital status, ancestry, arrest record or conviction record, or sexual orientation. Inquiries concerning the laws and regulations and how they apply to the District may be referred to: the Director of Pupil Services, Krista Jones, 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge, WI 53523.



WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2023-2024 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and _____
(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. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2023-2024 school year:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if they reach their 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 they are 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, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if they have graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.
- D. A student is ineligible if they have 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 their 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 their 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, they 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, they become eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if their 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 they transfer 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 will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, 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 and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- D. 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.
- E. 10th, 11th or 12th 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).
- F. 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.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.
- H. 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 their new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. 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. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- J. 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.
- K. 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 their 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. Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.
- L. 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 they 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 only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

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

- A. A student-athlete who violates their 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 their debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates their 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 (including gift cards) 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 their 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 their 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 their 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.

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