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PORT WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL



ACTIVITIES
CODE



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Port Washington-Saukville Mission Statement
We educate all children to reach their greatest potential.

Port Washington High School Activities Mission Statement
We offer students the opportunity for experiences beyond the classroom to assist them in reaching their fullest potential.

Activities Philosophy and Goals of Port Washington High School

Our goals are simple - to provide a positive experience for our students, coaches advisors and fans! It is our hope that, now and always, our students are proud to be a Port Washington Pirate. The goals of the Port Washington High School Activities department are set on developing a high level of competition through the development of a program that is comprehensive and supports the educational values such as sportsmanship, health, scholastic attainment, leadership and a strong sense of respect for self and others.

I. Participation is a Privilege

The opportunity for participation in various extra-curricular activities is a vital part of a student's total educational experience. This participation is a privilege that does carry with it responsibilities for each of the students who choose to take part in one or more of the activities.

II. Forward

A committee consisting of coaches/advisors, faculty, administration, students, and parents developed the activities code. The purpose of the activities code is to provide uniform and consistent written guidelines for all of our extra-curricular activities and their participants. This code is revised annually.

All participants in Port Washington High School extra-curricular activities will adhere to the following rules and regulations.

III. References

1. Board Policy 2340 (copy available in district and high school offices)
2. State Statute 120.12(23) PL 98-377
3. WIAA Guidelines as found at <http://www.wiaawi.org>

IV. Contact Information

If you should need to contact a coach/advisor please use the following contact avenues:

1. Main Office Number – 262-268-5500
2. Activities Department / Dan Solorzano – 268-5506
3. Athletics Department / Thad Gabrielse – 268-5511 or thad.gabrielse@pwssd.k12.wi.us
4. Web Site: pwssd.k12.wi.us (activities)
5. Web Site: <http://portwashingtonathletics.org/> (athletics)

V. Definitions

1. Season – the time period during which a student is participating in an activity (athletic or otherwise).
2. Competition – for athletics this would be considered a game or contest. For other activities this would include events like performances and culminating events.
3. Hazing – Subjecting someone to abusive and/or humiliating mental or physical harm with or without the victim’s consent

VI. Enforcement Period

1. The rules and regulations stated herein will be observed on a twelve-month basis (for interscholastic athletics this is per WIAA policy). The period begins when a student participates in an extra-curricular activity for the first time and remains in effect until the student graduates. This includes students at the 8th grade level who try out and make a high school team (ie. Dance and Cheerleading). The Activities Handbook covers seniors playing summer baseball until the season is finished. There will be no difference between an “in-season” violation and an “out-of-season” violation.

VII. Categories of Activities Offered At Port Washington High School

GROUP	DEFINITION OF ACTIVITY
I	Interscholastic Competition including: Cheerleading, Pom Poms, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Baseball, Hockey, and Forensics
II	Activities with a culminating event(s) or performance(s) that are not offered as a class. This includes but is not limited to the One-Act Play, Mock Trial, Musical, Pit Band, Homecoming Court, Model UN, Destination Imagination, Prom Court, Rube Goldberg, Science Olympiad, Three-Act Play, and Turnabout Court.
III	Elected/Membership requirement must be fulfilled. This group includes the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Class Officers.
IV	Activities not meeting the above classifications including most clubs, the Pirate, Yearbook, DECA, Math Team and Political Forum.

VIII. Academic Requirement / Eligibility

1. Students must carry a class load of at least three (3) credits per semester of course work at all times. A student receiving one or more failing grades for the latest grade reporting period shall be ineligible for competition/performance for a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive school days and nights and the weekends during said period. To regain eligibility after fifteen (15) school days and nights, the student must be passing all courses.
2. **The ineligibility status described above will be adjusted for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest competition is before the first day students are allowed in class and for students in summer baseball:**
 - a. **Fall Sports- the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) 1/3 of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport.**

- b. Summer Baseball- The ineligibility period shall be a minimum of three weeks (21 days) as of the end of second semester. Students must be passing a summer school class to regain eligibility.**
3. Students with exceptional education needs may be exempted from the six-credit requirement if they are enrolled in a school-approved program and meet a minimum WIAA academic requirement for academic eligibility as indicated by the Individualized Education Plan.
4. Other students may be exempted from the three-credit requirement on an individual basis with the High School Principal's approval. However, no student may carry less than two (2) credits per semester and participate in the extra-curricular program.
5. All students participating in extra-curricular activities must have 100% of his/her school day programming planned by the high school per WIAA rules.
6. **A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grading period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
*The students successfully completes not less than the same number of courses, which caused ineligibility.**

IX. Determining Academic/Other Eligibility

1. The first and third nine weeks are used at the quarters and the final first and second semester grades are used at the end of each semester. Students taking summer school will have his/her summer school grades used.
2. The date for determining academic eligibility will be the date when grade reports are provided to the advisors/coaches by the Activities/Athletic Director or with Activities/Athletic Director approval when the coach starts the suspension, whichever is sooner.
3. Incompletes must be made up within two weeks or they will be considered failing grades. By WIAA rules, any incomplete is treated as a failing grade until it is officially changed.
4. Students are allowed to regain academic eligibility for classes failed at the end of second semester by successfully completing summer school classes or correspondence courses either of which are the equivalent of the classes failed. All credits earned at summer school or by taking correspondence must be pre-approved by the Guidance Department to meet graduation requirements and be accepted by Port Washington High School.

X. General Conduct

1. General Conduct in and out of school shall bring no discredit to the student, the school, the parents, or the community.
2. Insubordination or disrespect to any teacher or coach will not be tolerated. If a student is placed on detention for disciplinary reasons, he/she must serve that time at the discretion of the teacher or administrator.

3. Respect for fellow students, teammates, and competitors will be expected at all times.
4. A student shall be suspended from interscholastic athletics for acts at any time involving any immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and the WIAA.
5. Grooming: All student participants will be expected to abide by grooming standards as set by the coach/advisor of the individual activities and the WIAA where applicable.
6. Abide by additional expectations set forth by the Activities/Athletic Director.

XI. Attendance

1. Students participating in extra-curricular activities are expected to attend class. Any student who is marked *unexcused* or *truant* for any period(s) of the school day (in-season) will have two (2) school days, following the date in question, to clear the attendance. *This is only if he/she feels a mistake has been made in the attendance procedure.*
2. Students having an *unexcused* or *truant* mark still on his/her attendance will be suspended from the next day of activity similar to the date affected. (For example, a student marked as truant on a day when practice was held would need to sit out the next practice. A student marked truant on a day of a competition would sit out the next scheduled competition for his/her activity.)
3. Students with an *out-of-school suspension* will be ineligible to compete or practice during the period of the suspension.
4. **To be eligible to participate in a competition or practice a student must be in attendance the entire school day unless pre-approved by the administration.**
5. A student must be in school for the entire day following any performance/competition played on a day or night that is followed by a school day unless excused. An unexcused absence on one of these days will result in the student not being able to participate in the next regularly scheduled like activity (ie. practice, competition, performance) after having two (2) days to get the absence cleared.

XII. Practices/Meetings/Competitions

1. All student participants must attend all practices/meetings/competitions unless excused by his/her coach/advisor. Unexcused absences from practices/meetings/competitions will be handled by the coach/advisor of that activity.

XIII. Change of Sports

1. Athletes may not quit one sport and begin another during the same sport season except by consent of both coaches affected and the activities director. A student should submit to the Athletic Director a written request to change sports. The Athletic Director will confer with the coaches regarding the request and return a response to the student's request.

2. An athlete cut from one sport may try out for another sport during the same season provided that the student was not cut from the first sport for disciplinary reasons.

XIV. Participation In Two (2) Sports During One Season

1. A student may participate in two sports during one season provided the student puts his/her request in writing to the Athletic Director. The letter should include the reason for the request, the declaration of a “primary” sport and the student’s proposal for handling conflicts that arise with participation in two sports (for example: if there is a schedule conflict with practice). The Athletic Director will confer with the coaches regarding the request and return a response to the student’s request. Only with approval from both coaches and the Athletic Director can a student participate in two sports during the same season.

XV. Equipment

1. Athletic and other equipment is not to be taken from school – nor is it to be used or worn anywhere except on the school premises unless permission to do so is given by the student’s advisor/coach.
2. Any student who is wearing or has in his/her possession athletic or other equipment from Port Washington High School or any other school which has not been issued to them by a coach/advisor or other responsible party shall be suspended for a period of time determined by the Athletic Director and/or coach/advisor.

XVI. Transportation

1. Transportation provided by Port Washington High School must be used by students for travel to and from extra-curricular contests/competitions/activities. Any deviation from this rule must be made by prior agreement with the coach/advisor, and the Activities/Athletic Director or Principal.
2. Students will be expected to conduct themselves within the expectations of the coach/advisor when riding the bus. In addition, students will observe all rules posted by the bus company and expressed by the company’s driver. Failure to do so could result in issuance of demerit points and/or disciplinary administrative action.

XVII. Sportsmanship Expectations

1. All students “in-season” should conduct themselves with the ideal that the competitor’s representatives deserve respect and to be treated as equals.
2. All spectators represent the school the same as a participant and should behave accordingly.
3. Be courteous to the officials, accepting and being respectful of their decisions.
4. Consider that the good name of the school is more valuable than any game won by unfair play.
5. Advocate that any spectator or participant who continually demonstrates poor sportsmanship be excused from the program or event.

XVIII. Expectations of Coaches/Advisors

1. At the beginning of a season of participation the coach/advisor will provide parents and participant with a letter/packet outlining the following:
 - a. Lettering Requirements (if applicable)
 - b. Practice Schedule
 - c. Contact Information
 - d. An Open Practice/Organization Day or Evening for Parent's to attend
 - e. Any additional rules/guidelines/expectations
 - f. His/Her Goals and Philosophy

XIX. Expectations of Parents/Guardians

1. Parents/Guardians are expected to represent Port Washington High School with dignity and respect at both home and away contests. Parents/Guardians failing to do so can be removed from that contest/practice/performance. Repeated offenses could result in parents/guardians not being allowed to attend events for an extended period.
2. Support of Activities – provide support for the activities your son/daughter is participating in. Be present at meetings when asked. Help the booster club of that activity if you can.
3. Support of Your Student - Attend as many events he/she is in as possible. Let your student know that you are supporting his/her efforts, not participation time.
4. If you have a concern bring it forward. Give the school a chance to address a situation.

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III	Elected/Membership requirement must be fulfilled. This group includes the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Class Officers.
IV	Activities not meeting the above classifications including most clubs, the Pirate, Yearbook, DECA, Math Team and Political Forum.

XX. Penalties for Violations of the Activities Code

VIOLATION / POINTS

Violation	Points
Academic (any F's on quarter or semester grading reports)	0 points (refer to section VIII and IX regarding academic requirements and eligibility)
General Conduct – Grooming, Equip, Sportsmanship, etc.	1 for each offense
Knowingly (defined as a reasonably prudent person would know) in the presence of the illegal use, possession, buying or selling of Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco	2 points for each offense
Any act of hazing done with or without the victim's consent not rising to the level of police involvement	2 points for each offense
Any act of hazing that rises to the level of police involvement	5 points for each offense
Use of and/or possession, buying or selling of Drugs, Alcohol, and/or Tobacco illegally or for illegal purposes.	3 for self-referral (one-time only honesty clause) 5 for all other offenses each time (Any time a student has either the 3 or 5 point offense they will need to enroll and complete a SAIL or QUIT or equivalent pre-approved program in addition to other consequences)
Serious misconduct or other criminal behavior determined by the Activities Director not to be covered by the above categories such as causing bodily injury, committing a felony and/or misdemeanor.	7 points each offense

POINTS / CONSEQUENCES

Points	Consequence (see Regarding Consequence Enforcement)	
3 rd	Group I	Ineligible for 10% of all contests in current or upcoming sport (calculation based upon the total number of regular season contests)
	Group II	Ineligible for culminating event
	Group III	Ineligible for ½ of the school year
	Group IV	Ineligible for ¼ of the school year
5 th	Group I	Ineligible for 33% of the contests in current or upcoming sport (calculation based upon the total number of regular season contests)
	Group II	Ineligible for culminating event
	Group III	Ineligible for entire school year
	Group IV	Ineligible for ½ of school year
9 th	All Groups – Ineligible for 1 calendar year	
11 th	All Groups – Ineligible for remainder of HS career	
Other	A student who knowingly participates when ineligible academically or otherwise under the WIAA guidelines shall be required to sit out of Group I activities for one-calendar year.	

XXI. Regarding Consequence Enforcement

1. Students would be ineligible for participation in any new activity covered by the handbook unless the penalty was completely served or the penalty was imposed before the end of the student's freshman year.
2. Students will serve out any penalty in the activity currently involved in first. If involved in multiple activities at one time, the penalty will be served in the following order – Group I, Group II, Group III. If involved in more than one activity from a given group, the penalty would be served concurrently in both activities of that level – a soccer player who also plays football would sit out 33% of both contests if earning his/her 5th point during the season.
3. If the student is between activities, the student will serve the penalty in the next activity for which they've had prior participation experience at the High School – he/she must complete the entire season/activity for Group I or II activities in order for the penalty to have been completely served. Students in violation without the penalty completely served may not participate in a new activity including Group IV. Freshman may participate in "new" activities but will need to serve the penalty in the new activity joined if the penalty is not already completely served.
4. A student's record will remain with them throughout their career at the high school. Points will be cumulative. A student is considered accountable to this handbook upon starting his/her first activity at the high school.

XXII. Community Service / Self-Improvement Option

1. Students can also earn back a maximum of three points per school year through community service work or fulfillment of a self-improvement plan. Students will present written proposals to the Activities/Athletic Director and will require the student's parent/guardian's signed approval. Demerit points cannot be earned back once the student has 11 Demerit Points.
2. At the time of approval, determination of the number of points to be earned will be assigned. Students will need to provide proof of completion of work done to be eligible to earn points. Copies of the approved proposal will be provided to appropriate coaches/advisors.
3. Community service done for credit with another organization, class, or group, may not be used. Also, students must get prior approval before starting the community service work. **Students can earn 1 point back for every ten hours of community service work that has been pre-approved.**

XXIII. Suspensions/Appeals

1. Upon receiving a report of a violation, the coach/advisor will meet with the student involved to determine the validity of the report. The coach/advisor will conduct a review of the situation and make a recommendation in writing to the Activities/Athletic Director regarding the activity suspension. The Activities/Athletic Director will file a written report with the student, the parents or guardian, the administration, and the coach/advisor.
2. Upon receiving a letter of suspension the student and/or parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the Activities/Athletic Director with a copy going to the High School Principal. Such an appeal is to be made within four school days of the receipt of the suspension notice. Within two school days the Activities/Athletic Director will set a date and time no more than the (10) school days later for the appeal hearing. The hearing committee will be comprised of five (5) people - a coach/advisor, an administrator, a staff member, and community members. At this time the student and/or parents will be given an opportunity to speak on the student's behalf regarding the suspension and present other evidence or facts pertaining to the suspension.
3. The proceedings of the hearing, including the decision by a supermajority (4 of 5) to uphold, reverse or revise the decision of the Activities/Athletic Director, will be put in writing, and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and parent/guardian. Decisions made by the committee will be final and binding.
4. A student involved in an appeal can return to competition if the penalty is shorter than the date the appeal hearing is to be held. In such a case, the appeal would be to reduce/eliminate points associated with the infraction.

XXIV. Grievance Procedure

1. It is recommended that students try to be the first to make contact with the coach/advisor regarding the issue before parents step forward.
2. Parental contact should not be made with a coach/advisor directly before, during or after a competition/performance/meet. Rather, parents should call and make an appointment to discuss the issue with the coach/advisor.
3. Participants in Group I activities - Students/Parents that have concerns should bring those first to the student's
 - a. Immediate Advisor/Coach
 - b. Level Head Coach
 - c. Varsity Head Coach
 - d. Athletic Director
4. Participants in Group II through IV activities – Students/Parents that have concerns should bring those first to the student's
 - a. Immediate Advisor/Coach
 - b. Activities Director
5. Any issues not following these steps will be referred back to the highest step not yet taken.

XXV. Fees

• High School Extra-Curricular Activity Fees

A fee will be charged for all after-school athletic and other co-curricular activities that have a paid coach/advisor and require out-of-district travel. The fee must be paid prior to the activity's first practice or meeting. The student will not be allowed to participate in the activity until the fee is paid. The following fees will be assessed after July 1:

Each activity	\$85.00
Student maximum	170.00
Family maximum	340.00

• High School Co-Curricular Non-Athletic, Non-Philanthropic Activity Fees

A fee will be charged for all after school co-curricular activities including music activities (e.g. Women's Show Choir, Men's Chorus, Pit Band, All School Musical), theater activities (e.g. One Act Play, Three Act Play), Art Club and yearbook activities. The fee will allow unlimited participation in any or all of these activities.

Unlimited activities \$ 20.00

XXVI. Lettering Awards

Class of 2006 and Beyond – Group I WIAA Sanctioned Activities

Achievement	Award-Girls	Award-Boys
1 st Time Participant	Numerals (gold border)	Numerals (green border)
JV Participant	JV Patch	
1 st Career Letter at the high school	Letter (gold border) & Chevron with Sport emblem	Letter (white border) & Chevron with Sport emblem
2nd Letter	Chevron	
3 rd Letter in a Specific Sport	Chevron	
4 th Letter in a Specific Sport	Pirate Patch – 4 yr. letter winner & Chevron	

XXVII. Update and Responsibility

Students are expected to abide by the revised handbook each school year even if they have only signed the one previous to it. For example, a student involved only in softball would be expected to follow the revised handbook at the start of the school year not the previous handbook until her season arrives. New handbooks are available at the start of a school year and it is the student's responsibility to obtain the most recent revision at the start of the year.

Nondiscrimination and Harassment Policies

The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074- Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us



High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and **PORT WASHINGTON 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, 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 2016-2017 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 schools 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 fourth 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 fourth 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 fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total 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. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying 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. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- 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 non varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non varsity 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. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth 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.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying 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.
- I. If within the first four 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 fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- 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 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 his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- 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 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 only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

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. 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.
- 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.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and 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.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. 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 cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value 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 awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- 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. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. 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.
- E. 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

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- 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 any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (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) 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 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. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling 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.