

**WEST ALLIS CENTRAL/NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE AGREEMENT**

We have read and understand the provisions of the West Allis-West Milwaukee Athletic/Activity Code. We agree that should our son/daughter choose to participate in an athletic or extracurricular activity at Central High School or Nathan Hale High School, *he/she will be bound by the conditions of the code*. We also understand that our son/daughter will need to meet the provisions of the WIAA Eligibility Bulletin that is attached in order to participate in any athletic activity at Central or Nathan Hale High School. We agree that should our son/daughter participate in any athletic or extracurricular activity at Central High School or Nathan Hale High School, *we will be financially responsible for any equipment, uniforms, etc., issued to him/her*. Any questions about the West Allis-West Milwaukee Athletic/Activity Code should be directed to the Athletic Director or an Assistant Principal.

Disclaimer

I am aware the West Allis – West Milwaukee School District may revise the athletic/activity code for 2010. By signing now I acknowledge that any revisions to the athletic/activity code will apply for my son/daughter for the 2010-2011 school year.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Sport/Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**WIAA PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY**  
**SIGN-OFF FORM**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the WIAA information contained in the WIAA bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

West Allis Nathan Hale High School

School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student-Athlete's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This signature forms page must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete. Students participating in non-athletic activities only have to sign the Code of Conduct section.**



## **WEST ALLIS - WEST MILWAUKEE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE**

### **WIAA GENERAL POLICY**

#### **AGE**

A student may not reach her/his 19th birthday before August 1 prior to the school year of eligibility.

#### **YEARS OF PARTICIPATION**

A student is eligible only during the first eight semesters of high school (9, 10, 11, 12 grades) on an uninterrupted basis.

#### **GRADES/ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

A student is ineligible if he/she did not do satisfactory work in at least 20 hours of studies (4 credits) the previous grade-reporting period and/or has a GPA of less than 1.5.

Eligibility is determined at the end of each quarter, at the time the report cards are printed. The quarter grades and quarter GPA are used at quarter or semester time. Semester grades, semester GPA and Cumulative GPA are ignored, UNLESS SEMESTER GRADE IS AN "F." Ineligible students must sit out:

FALL: The lesser of 21 consecutive days from the earliest allowed competition or 1/3 of the maximum games allowed.

WINTER OR SPRING: 15 school days.

SUMMER: 21 consecutive days.

Ineligible students may practice but may not participate in activities/contests until the period of ineligibility is over and her/his teachers certify that passing work is being done with a minimum 1.5 GPA and has no more than 1 "F" or incomplete (Fall, Winter, Spring).

#### **RESIDENCE/CUSTODY**

Unless written permission (WIAA-District) to the contrary has been issued, the legal residence of the parent with legal custody determines eligibility. Therefore, a student's parents or the parent with legal custody must live in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District for the student to be eligible for participation.

#### **TRANSFER OR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

Transfer students, other than those who transfer under Wisconsin open enrollment provisions, should be treated as ineligible athletes until the athletic administrator at the receiving school has had the opportunity to completely check all aspects of athletic eligibility (WIAA-District).

#### **PHYSICAL EXAM**

Students must have a completed Athletic Participation Form on file at school prior to any practice/tryout/competition. This certification of physical fitness must be administered and signed by a medical physician. A physical exam taken on or after April 1st is good for the next two school years provided an alternate year card is signed by a parent and returned to cover the second year. A physical exam taken prior to April 1st is good until the end of that school year, and the following year if an alternate year card is signed by a parent and returned to cover the second year. NO PHYSICAL FORM ON FILE, NO PARTICIPATION. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## **INSURANCE**

Parents must sign the Athletic Participation Form (blue or pink) to certify that athletes are covered by adequate health insurance in case of injury. If parents do not have insurance they must purchase insurance.

## **AMATEUR STATUS**

- A. A student/athlete may not receive reimbursement in any form – cash, merchandise, jackets, watches, billfolds, gift certificates, sweatshirts, etc. – for achievement related to athletics (school awards are acceptable).
- B. A student/athlete may not allow the use of her/his name, picture, personal appearance, etc., as an athlete to promote a commercial or other profit-making endeavor.
- C. A student/athlete may not participate in athletics under a name other than her/his own name.

## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

A student/athlete in a given sport may not participate in that same sport in activities 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.

A student/athlete may not be instructed in any sport except during the school season of a sport by the person who will be her/his coach in that sport in the following season with the exception of the five (5) day WIAA contact rule (exception: four (4) days for football ).

THE RULES ABOVE ARE GENERAL STATEMENTS OF WIAA POLICY. FOR ADDITIONAL RULES, DETAILS, OR EXCEPTIONS, SEE THE ATTACHED WIAA RULES OF ELIGIBILITY BULLETIN.

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## **WEST ALLIS - WEST MILWAUKEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of conduct is a year-round standard. It must be followed in season/out of season including vacation times.

Students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to comply with the rules established by the WIAA, the District, the school and the coach/advisor.

## **ALCOHOL/DRUGS/TOBACCO**

- 1. The use of alcohol/drugs/tobacco is expressly prohibited by the WIAA.
- 2. Further, it is a violation of this Code for individuals to be in attendance where alcohol or drugs are being illegally consumed.
- 3. The penalty for alcohol/drugs tobacco use will be 30 percent of the total season(s) for each offense.
- 4. The penalty for being in attendance where alcohol or drugs are present will be 20 percent of the total season(s) for each offense.
- 5. The penalties for hosting a party or assembly where alcohol and/or drugs are present will be 60 percent or greater of the total season(s).
- 6. 30/20 percent penalties will compound with each infraction of the total season(s).

NOTE: Penalty percentage that cannot be completed in one sport season will be rolled over into the next sport season. Athletes who quit a sport or are injured will not be considered as having served their penalty.

## **OTHER RULE INFRACTIONS**

1. Participants will abide by the District's Pupil Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, School Board policies, and individual school rules.
2. Criminal conduct will subject a participant to penalties.
3. General conduct in and out of school shall be such as to bring no discredit to the school, the student, her/his parents or guardians, or the activity.
4. A student suspended from school (in-school or out-of-school suspension) for a violation of the general school rules will also be automatically suspended from practices and contests/activities scheduled during the suspension from school. If no contest/activity is scheduled during the suspension, depending on the severity of the infraction, the student may not be able to participate in the next contest/activity following the suspension.
5. If a student is injured or in an out-of-school suspension, the penalty will begin when the student is reinstated.
6. The penalty for school behavior infractions/out-of-school suspensions will be up to 25% of the total season(s) for each offense.
7. 25 percent penalties of the season(s) will compound with each infraction.

NOTE: Penalty percentage that cannot be completed in one sport season will be rolled over into the next sport season. Athletes who quit a sport or are injured will not be considered as having served their penalty.

## **RULES OF COACHES/ADVISORS**

The coach or supervisor of any extracurricular or co-curricular activity may establish and enforce reasonable team/group rules, which may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Except for an excused absence or prior arrangement with the advisor/coach, participants must attend all sessions of their activity. A student must be in attendance at school at least the last four hours of the day of an event to participate in the activity. Exceptions may only be granted by the school administrator or the athletic administrator for school-related reasons.
2. **CURFEW:** The coach/advisor has the right to impose a reasonable curfew prior to an activity.
3. **DRESS/GROOMING:** The coach/advisor may require certain dress and grooming standards for participants in an activity that do not apply to the general student population.
4. **TRAVEL:** Students must travel to and from all extracurricular events with the team WHEN the transportation is provided by the school/school district unless a parent directly transports his/her individual child by making arrangements with the coach/advisor in response to a parental request.
5. **INDIVIDUAL SPORT RULES:** Coaches may establish individual sport rules in addition to the Athletic Code which are reviewed and approved by the athletic administrator.

All team/activity rules established by the coach/advisor shall be reviewed and approved by the administration before distribution to participants and parents. Distribution of rules to participants and parents shall occur at the parent meeting at the beginning of each individual sport season.

Each advisor/coach shall inform participants of the District Athletic/Activity Code Agreement as well as their team rules at the beginning of the season/activity.

## **GENERAL CODE GUIDELINES**

The Athletic Administrator determines the initial athletic/activity code violation, identifies the consequences, and notifies the student and parent in writing.

An Athletic Hearing Board shall be convened when:

1. A student or parent requests a hearing to appeal the athletic/activity code violation or its determination.
2. An administrator initiates the process.
3. A student does not admit to guilt and a school administrator feels sufficient evidence indicates that a violation of the Code of Conduct has taken place.
4. A student or parent does not agree with the penalty instituted by the school administrator.

## **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CODE**

Participants in athletics or activities who violate the code of conduct subject themselves to one or more of the following possible punishments/consequences depending upon the severity:

1. Warning.
2. School/community service.
3. Suspension from competition for a number of games or time period specified by the athletic administrator or Activity Hearing Board or school administrator.
4. Dismissal from the team/activity.
5. Denial or forfeiture/return of any awards given to the student athlete by the school or School District.
6. Restitution and/or proper apology during period of suspension or removal prior to any reinstatement.
7. Other penalties that are deemed appropriate by the Activity Hearing Board or Administration.
8. Penalties will compound in accordance with multiple or repeat infractions.
9. When suspended if a student chooses to quit the sport/activity or the sport does not allow for the full penalty, the student's penalty will be enforced with his/her next sport/activity.
10. Out-of-season penalties shall be enforced during the next sport/activity season(s) participation of the student.

NOTE: Penalty percentage that cannot be completed in one sport season will be rolled over into the next sport season. Athletes who quit a sport or are injured will not be considered as having served their penalty.

**SPECIAL NOTE: ANY STUDENT/ATHLETE SUSPENDED FROM WIAA SPORTS DURING THE WIAA TOURNAMENT SERIES (REGIONAL/SECTIONAL/STATE) FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MUST MISS THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT SERIES.**

## **PENALTY GUIDELINES:**

1. Use/possession of alcohol, non-prescribed drugs: Minimum suspension = 30 percent of season(s).
2. Attendance where alcohol or drugs are being illegally consumed: Minimum suspension = 20 percent of season(s).
3. Use/possession of tobacco products: Minimum suspension = 30 percent of season(s).
4. Missed practices, missed events, team curfew violations, team dress code violations, violations of published team rules, or minor misbehavior: Team Punishment as prescribed by published team rules.
5. Penalty for other infractions will be decided by the Activity Hearing Board or Administration.
6. 30/20 percent season(s) penalties will compound with each infraction.
7. No coach shall be forced to take on an athlete with a penalty or suspension yet to be served. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis in discussion with the coach and athletic administrator.

NOTE: Penalty percentage that cannot be completed in one sport season will be rolled over into the next sport season. Athletes who quit a sport or are injured will not be considered as having served their penalty.

## **DUE PROCESS**

When a violation of this code is observed by a staff member, coach/advisor, or reported to school staff, the school administration or athletic administrator shall be informed as soon as practical.

The participant who is alleged to have violated this Code shall be notified by the athletic administrator of the infraction and an investigation shall take place. The investigation shall be conducted by an administrator or designee other than the school principal. Interviews with students accused of violation of the Code do not have to include the student's parents/guardians.

If during the investigation, the participant admits to the violation, the administration has the right to determine and initiate a penalty immediately. The penalty could include suspension from the next scheduled contest/activity.

## **FIRST LEVEL APPEAL PROCEDURE**

Students may appeal the penalty or request the review of violations and penalties to the Activity Hearing Board. Parents will be notified in writing and may appeal on behalf of their child to the Athletic Hearing Board. A student is considered ineligible during the appeal process.

The Activity Hearing Board shall consist of at least three members, but cannot include the principal. Other decisions regarding the membership and organization of the Activity Hearing Board are to be determined at the individual school.

The Activity Hearing Board shall be convened to hear the appeal and the evidence in the case, determine whether a violation has occurred and, if the participant is determined to be guilty of a violation, determine the appropriate penalty. Athletes will be held out of all competition until a decision by the Activity Hearing Board is reached.

The Activity Hearing Board and/or Administration will determine the penalty based on the severity of the violation, the student's past record, and other pertinent information. The Activity Hearing Board and/or Administration, in addition to the facts presented, may consider the date when the incident occurred in determining an appropriate penalty. The action of the Activity Hearing Board and/or Administration may include, but is not limited to:

1. Dismissal of all charges and allegations.
2. Issuance of a warning.
3. Lifting of the penalty.
4. Staying the penalty.
5. Increasing the penalty.
6. Decreasing the penalty.
7. Directing school/community services.
8. Suspending the participant for the remainder of the season.
9. Suspending the participant for the remainder of the school year.
10. Determining such other penalties that are deemed appropriate by the hearing.

## **SECOND AND THIRD LEVEL APPEAL PROCEDURES**

The only penalties associated with a violation of the rules established by the athletic administrator/coach/advisor that may be appealed to the Activity Hearing Board are those which involve suspension from a contest/activity or removal from the team/group.

*Second Level:* A student and/or his/her parents or guardians may formally appeal the decision of the Activity Hearing Board to the school principal or designee. The decision of the Activity Hearing Board shall continue in effect unless overturned or modified during the appeal procedure.

Such appeal must be received within two days following receipt of the decision of the Activity Hearing Board. As soon as possible, but no later than three school/work days following the receipt of the appeal, the principal shall schedule a meeting with the student/parents to hear the appeal and render a decision. The principal may choose to include other persons knowledgeable about the case at the appeal.

*Third Level:* If the student and his/her parents or guardians are not satisfied with the finding of the first level appeal, a second level appeal may be requested with the Superintendent of Schools or designee within two days following receipt of the decision of the first level appeal. As soon as possible, but not later than three days following the receipt of the appeal, the Superintendent/designee shall schedule a meeting with the student and his/her parents or guardians to hear the appeal and render a decision.

The Superintendent's/designee's decision shall be final.

If time constraints create an emergency situation, the appeal of the Activity Hearing Board's decision may proceed directly to the Superintendent.

## **GPA APPEAL**

For students receiving a GPA of less than the District's standard of 1.5 and at the request of the parents, the Activity Hearing Board may review the student's academic progress to determine if there are circumstances that should be considered in modifying the standard for determining the student's scholastic eligibility.

Under no circumstances can a student be eligible for participation if they do not meet the scholastic standard established by the WIAA or the School District. This determination is not appealable.

## **DISTRICT TRANSFER POLICY**

District transfer requests between district high schools will be accepted in writing from March 1 through May 1 each year.

District transfers between high schools are designed to accommodate the educational needs of individual students. Decisions regarding school of attendance should be based on the educational growth of the child.

*Any student transfer must abide by the WIAA transfer guidelines: "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 practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residency by parent(s) or a waiver has been provided. The calendar year of suspension will be determined from the latest date among the following: a student's last day of attendance at school, last day of attendance at athletic practice, or last day of competition."*

Any student transfer must also abide by the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Athletic/Activity Code Guidelines: Any transfer to Hale from Central or from Central to Hale after the completion of their 9th grade year will include a one-year ineligibility period from all athletics from date of transfer, regardless of past athletic participation. Ninth (9th) graders who apply for transfer must sit out the next season of the sport(s) in which they participated in the previous year.

The only way to maintain athletic eligibility outside of this process would be due to:

1. A change of primary residence of parent/guardian, or
2. A school district initiated educational transfer.

A modified WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) guideline will be followed regarding student participation in activity programs. A student who has participated in a WIAA activity or Athletic Department sponsored activity in one high school will be ineligible for one season of the activity from his/her transfer to another building. For non-Athletic Department activities, the student may participate beginning on the effective date of their enrollment in another high school.

Effective: June 25, 2007



## 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](http://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:

### 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. 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.
- E. 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 practice and competition for one calendar year, 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 practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity 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 may be provided 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. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- 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 practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- 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 practice and compete for one calendar year.
- 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 and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician 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 of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. 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.

#### **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 shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffelbags, 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 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.

- 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 in any nonschool games, 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, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
  - (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
  - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a schools team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. 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, 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.
- F. 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.