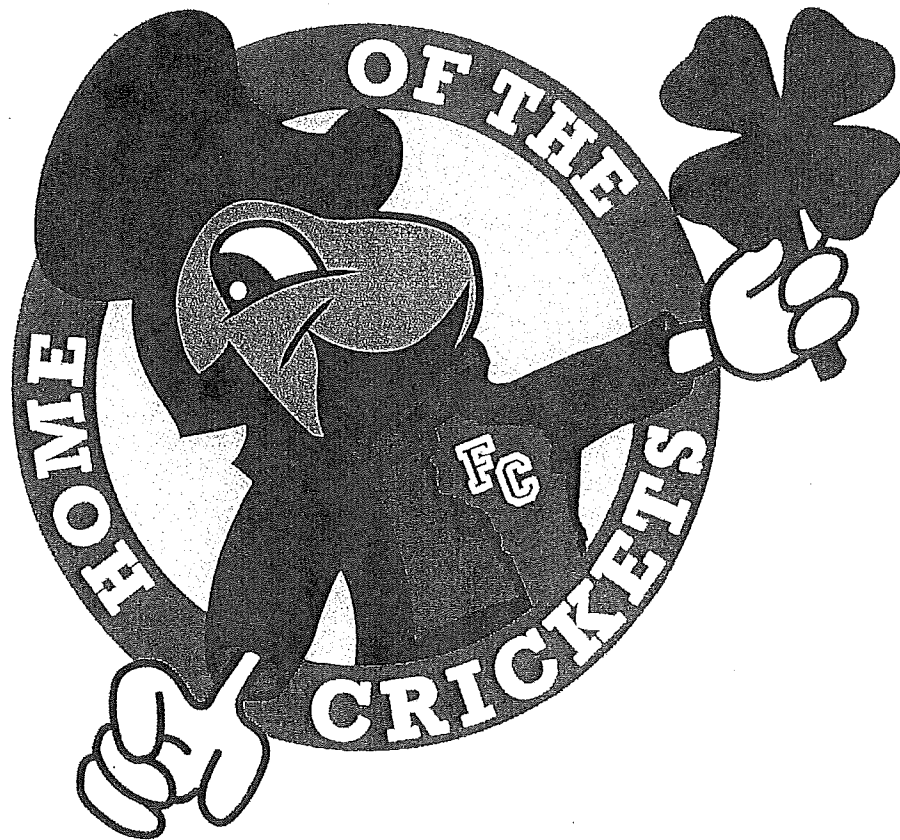


# FALL CREEK CRICKETS



EXTRA CURRICULAR CODE HANDBOOK

GRADES 6-12

Fall Creek Public Schools  
336 East Hoover Avenue  
Fall Creek, WI 54742

## Athletic Code

375 Rule

### Philosophy/ Preface

The Fall Creek School District recognizes the importance of athletic activities as an integral part of the total educational process of our student/athletes. We believe participation in school-sponsored activities provides a forum for developing traits necessary for teamwork including sportsmanship, accountability, commitment, trust, goal setting, perseverance, dedication to team needs and decisions and achieving common objectives shared by teammates and coaches.

Participation in athletics is entirely voluntary, depending upon adherence to both the Fall Creek Athletic Code and WIAA eligibility requirement. In order to receive the aforementioned benefits, each student/athlete must meet certain expectations for the privilege of participating in athletics sponsored by the Fall Creek School District. This athletic code, along with other rules set forth by the WIAA, the school and/or the coaches, establishes the expectations for student/athlete conduct while representing the Fall Creek School District.

The code shall apply to the following interscholastic athletics for grades 6-12 sponsored by the Fall Creek School District:

- Fall—dance team, cross country (boys and girls), football, volleyball
- Winter—basketball (girls and boys), dance team, hockey, wrestling
- Spring—baseball, golf, softball, tennis, track and field (boys and girls)
- Additional WIAA sponsored sports added after last revision

Every student/athlete and a parent/guardian must sign a pledge card each year agreeing to the terms of this code and return the signed pledge card to the athletic office prior to any participation in athletics. There will be a mandatory code meeting for all participants. This includes fall, winter and spring sports. Every student/athlete and a parent/guardian must attend. If unable to attend said meeting the student/athlete and a parent/guardian must view a webcast of said meeting and sign a pledge card prior to any participation.

Student participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, and the continued participation of any student/athlete in school-sponsored athletic programs is ultimately reserved to the discretion of the school administration.

### Responsibilities

- Student: participation in athletics is a privilege at Fall Creek. In order to keep this privilege, students must accept certain responsibilities. The greatest responsibility each student has is to be a credit to herself/himself, his/her parents, the school and community. Students are the most visible representatives of our school, so they are expected to be examples of the high quality of Fall Creek School District students. They are expected to display the highest standards of social behavior and respect for those in authority. This includes teachers, coaches, administrators, officials and other school personnel, as well as fellow participants and competitors.
- Coach: these are some of the most influential people in the Fall Creek School District. Their methods and results are a matter of public record and discussion each time their team performs. In most cases, the attire, desire and spirit possessed by the group is a reflection of these same qualities in the coach. Coaching demands that the proper attitude and perspective be maintained.
- Parent/Guardian: are the greatest role models for a young person. The Fall Creek School District seeks parental assistance to help develop outstanding young men and women who possess the self-discipline and motivation to make a difference in the world. The administration, faculty, staff and coaches ask that parents/guardians be supportive of the programs and personnel at the Fall Creek Schools and demonstrate

that support by respecting the decisions and efforts of the coaches who work with our young people. Parental assistance is also required in enforcing this athletic code so that a fair and healthy environment will exist for all students.

While spectators, at any athletic event, whether at Fall Creek or any other site, parents/guardians are expected to display good sportsmanship. An individual or group who willfully interferes with or interrupts the proper order or management of a school-sponsored athletic event by any act of violence, boisterous conduct, inappropriate gestures, threatening language, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward coaches, player or officials, or disobeys school board policies or administrative rules may be removed from the event and may be prohibited from further attendance.

### **Scholastic Eligibility**

1. Every student/athlete will be enrolled in a full time, school board approved, program. A full time student is defined as having 2.5 credits or 5 classes each day, or the equivalent as approved by the building principal.
2. Any student/athlete enrolled in a school board approved program, which receives no usual grading, will be eligible if she/he is making satisfactory progress as decided by the instructor in charge of said program.
3. If, at the end of any nine-week grading period or Trimester at the middle school, a student/athlete is failing one course, said student/athlete shall be ineligible for at least 10% of the current season's regularly scheduled contests. The student/athlete may regain eligibility following the ineligibility period by presenting written documentation from instructors that he/she is passing all courses. This sheet must be filled out on a weekly basis until mid-quarter grades are made available. The necessary form is obtained in the principal's office. This form must be presented to the coach prior to regaining eligibility. The student will then be allowed to participate on a probationary status until mid-quarter grades are made available. Once the mid-quarter grades are available, if the student/athlete is passing all of his/her classes, he/she will be removed from probationary status, but if the student is found to still be failing any course, he/she will be ineligible until the end of the quarter.
4. If, at the posted quarter progress (midqtr) report, a student/athlete is failing one or more courses, he/she is ineligible until he/she is again doing passing work in all their classes.
5. If, at the end of any nine-week grading period, a student/athlete is failing two or more courses, she/he is ineligible until the following progress (midqtr) report. The ineligibility period for student/athletes participating in fall sports will be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allow in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
6. Incompletes will be treated as failures. The student/athlete will be ineligible until such time as he/she can document that the incomplete has been changed to a passing grade.
7. The above rules apply to each of the four, nine-week, grading periods. Any student/athlete who fails one fourth quarter course shall be ineligible for 10% of the current season's regularly scheduled contests, or the next season in which he/she is participating, including the WIAA tournament series, if applicable.
8. Academic Integrity (cheating). If a student/athlete has been found to be cheating in any class, they will serve an additional 10% of the current season's regularly scheduled contests, or the next season in which he/she is participating, including the WIAA tournament series, if applicable.

### Attendance

1. Students must be in school and participate in class the entire day to be eligible for the day's performance/competition/practice/meeting.
2. A student who is ill or absent for part or all of the day will be ineligible for the day's performance/competition/practice/meeting. Students are not allowed to miss any classes because they arrived home late in the evening from an activity the night before.
3. Students with medical appointments or family emergencies may participate in the day's activities if their absence is excused by the principal or the athletic director. Written verification from a physician or dentist may be required.
4. If a student/athlete is suspended the suspension will include any contest, practice or meeting that occurs for the duration of said suspension.
5. Student/athletes with office-assigned detention(s) must serve said detention(s) prior to participating in any practice, meeting, or contest.
6. Attendance at practice is mandatory unless the school or coach has excused the student/athlete prior to practice. The consequence for missing practice is left to the discretion of the coach.

### Athletic Injuries

Any student/athlete who is injured during an athletic practice or contest must report the injury to the coach at once.

1. If the injury is serious enough to require medical assistance, the coach must report the accident to the athletic director's office as soon as the student/athlete is able to return to school and before returning to practice.
2. Should an injury be discovered after the student/athlete has returned home, the coach should be notified at once.
3. The coach or team trainer, under the supervision of the coach, will handle minor first-aid treatments.
4. In the event of a serious injury, the nearest emergency medical service will be obtained.

### Code Violations

1. Any student/athlete involved in the use, possession or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping equipment, anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing substances or other controlled substances, (including look-alikes) in any quantity, shall be suspended from athletic competition. Attendance at any gathering where alcohol or other illegal substances are present, regardless of use, without leaving said premises within a reasonable time, is a violation of this code.
2. Any student athlete who is convicted of a criminal act or non-criminal civil ordinance violation (including any actions with weapons), other than minor traffic offenses, shall be suspended from athletic competition.
3. Please also see the miscellaneous section for further expectations.

## Substance Violations

### Consequences:

Note: Discipline action steps may be skipped or repeated depending on the severity of the offense.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> violation: the student athlete will be suspended from competition for 20% of the current season's regularly scheduled contests, or the next season in which he/she is participating, including the WIAA tournament series, if applicable. Fractions will be rounded to the next full contest. If the current season ends before the penalty, said penalty carries over into the next season with a pro-rated number of contests. If the violation is for drugs, alcohol, etc. the school recommends that the student/athlete undergo AODA assessment and fulfill any follow-up recommended by the assessor.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> violation: the student/athlete will be suspended from competition for 50% of the current season's regularly scheduled contests, or the next season in which she/he is participating, including the WIAA tournament series, if applicable. Fractions will be rounded to the next full contest. If the next season ends before the penalty, said penalty carries over into the next season with a pro-rated number of contests. If the violation is for drugs, alcohol, etc. the student/athlete will undergo AODA assessment and counseling, at their expense and be subjected to random drug testing, at their expense, for the remainder of their athletic career at Fall Creek Schools.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> violation: the student/athlete will be suspended from competition for one calendar year from the date of the violation. The above requirements detailed in violation #2 with regard to drugs, alcohol, etc. apply here as well.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> violation: the student/athlete is suspended from competition for the remainder of their time at Fall Creek Schools.
  - a. As regards the number of contests for suspension: the highest level of team competition (9<sup>th</sup> grade, JV or varsity) for which any student/athlete has competed during the current season will determine the "team" they play for and the number of contests they will be suspended from.

### Process

1. Step one: any allegation of a code violation will be brought to the athletic director and/or principal. The student/athlete and a parent/guardian will be notified of the allegation and investigation in writing. The athletic director and/or principal will investigate the allegation, affording the student/athlete due process and the opportunity to be heard and/or present any relevant evidence on their behalf. If there is adequate proof that a violation occurred the student/athlete and their parent/guardian will be notified, in writing, of the penalty. Step one will be completed within three school days.
2. Step two: if the student/athlete or parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the results of step one, they may appeal the decision, in writing, to the District Administrator within 14 calendar days. The District Administrator will provide a decision within five school days of said appeal.
3. Step three: if the student/athlete or parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the results of step two they may appeal the decision to the school board, in writing, to the board clerk within 14 calendar days. The school board will hear the appeal and provide a decision within 30 calendar days.

If during step one, the student/athlete is found in violation of this code she/he is ineligible during the appeal process.

## Conduct Violations

All student/athletes are expected to positively represent the school in all interactions within the community at all times. Any conduct by a student/athlete that brings negative attention to the individual, school or community may be deemed a violation of the athletic code.

1. All student/athletes are expected to follow all school and district policies and rules including those not specifically listed in this code. Chronic violations of rules and policies not specifically listed herein may be deemed a violation of the athletic code. The athletic director and/or principal will make determination of whether this code will be applied and consequences assigned.
  - A. Student/athletes will lose their eligibility to participate in practice and competition if they are suspended or expelled.
  - B. Any student/athlete with outstanding detentions will not be allowed to participate in practice or competition.
2. All student/athletes involved in school-sponsored activities are expected to exhibit conduct which reflects the ideals, principles and standards of the Fall Creek School District. Behavior deemed inappropriate by administration may be considered a violation of the athletic code. This includes, but is not limited to, displays of poor sportsmanship, abusive language during activities, violations of school policy as listed in the student handbook, and willful disobedience of rules established by the coaches. Failure to comply with the aforementioned expectations may be deemed a violation of the athletic code.
3. Student/athletes may lose their eligibility to participate in practice, competition or be removed from the team for conduct unbecoming of an athlete or conduct the coach deems inappropriate even if not deemed a code violation. This may include, but is not limited to, poor sportsmanship, use of abusive language during athletic activities, acts in violation of school policies, or the athlete's willful disobedience and/or disregard of rules established by the coach of a particular sport.
4. Hazing in any form will not be tolerated. *The National Federation of State High School Associations defines hazing as "any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a group, regardless of their willingness to participate."* Individuals committing acts of hazing will be subjected to disciplinary action with the subsequent discipline based on the severity of the circumstances surrounding the hazing incident(s). It is not a defense of one's actions that the person against whom the hazing is directed has consented or acquiesced.
5. If convicted of criminal behavior as defined by state or federal statutes, or community ordinances such as but not limited to: theft, burglary, assault, battery, vandalism, possession or use of a weapon as defined in the student handbook, sex offenses, bomb threats, graffiti, use and/or possession of explosive devices including illegal fireworks or criminal disorderly conduct.

### Consequences:

Note: Discipline action steps may be skipped or repeated depending on the severity of the offense.

First Offense: The student will be suspended for 10% or at least one competition of the season's contests that he/she was to have performed. Students will be required to participate in all practices during the suspension.

Second Offense: The student will be suspended for 20% of the season's contests. Students will be required to participate in all practices during the suspension.

Third Offense: The student will be suspended for 50% of the season's contests that he/she was to have performed. The student will also meet with the school counselor and his/her parents. Students will be required to participate in all practices during the suspension.

Fourth Offense: The student will be suspended for an entire calendar year and will meet with the guidance counselor and his/her parents.

Fifth Offense: The penalty will be left to the discretion of the principal and the activities director with the minimum penalty being, suspension for an entire calendar year and the maximum being, suspension for the remainder of the student's career.

All suspensions in performance activities will carry over to the next season in which the student participates.

HIGH SCHOOL VIOLATIONS CONTESTS DISCIPLINE SCHEDULE			
Based on scheduled events at the start of the season, whether played or not.			
SPORT	10%	20%	50%
Baseball	3	5	11
Basketball	3	5	11
Cross Country	1	2	5
Dance	1	2	5
Football	1	2	4
Golf	2	3	7
Softball	3	5	11
Track	1	2	5
Volleyball	Based on number of matches		
All Other Sports	Number of contests no less than the percentage of those scheduled		

MIDDLE SCHOOL VIOLATIONS CONTESTS DISCIPLINE SCHEDULE			
Based on scheduled events at the start of the season, whether played or not.			
SPORT	10%	20%	50%
Basketball (14)	2	3	7
Cross Country (7)	1	2	4
Dance	1	2	5
Football (7)	1	2	4
Track (7)	1	2	4
Volleyball (14 games)	Based on number of matches		
All Other Sports	Number of contests no less than the percentage of those scheduled		

Electronic Transmissions

Student-Athletes are responsible for information contained in written or electronic transmission (e-mail, Text message, etc.) and any information posted on social media. Student athletes are not precluded from participation in such online social network sites, however, any student-athlete that is identified on a social networking site which depicts illegal or inappropriate behavior may be considered in violation of the athletic code.

Since there is no way to establish a timeframe for when, or location of where, the image was taken, it shall be a responsibility that the student-athlete must assume. It must be noted that there may be persons who would attempt to implicate a student-athlete by taking such images to place them in a situation where they might be in violation of this code standards. This is our rationale for requiring that our student-athletes not place themselves in such environments.

#### Miscellaneous

1. All student/athletes, with their parent/guardian signature, must have on file at the athletic director's office the following:
  - a signed Extra-Curricular Registration, Permission, Waiver and Code Agreement Form
  - a WIAA approved physical card or alternate year physical card, signed by the student/athlete's physician and a parent/guardian
  - a school emergency card
  - HIPPA Authorization Form
  - Parent & Athlete Concussion Agreement
2. Any student who misses a game in the WIAA tournament series due to a code violation is ineligible for the entire tournament series thereafter.
3. Any student/athlete who transfers to the Fall Creek School District with an athletic suspension pending or in progress at their former school is required to fulfill that suspension at Fall Creek prior to any competition.
4. Student/athletes must assume full responsibility for all equipment/apparel issued to him/her. The student/athlete will be held financially responsible for any and all equipment and apparel that he/she loses, misplaces damages purposely, or misuses. Replacement costs will be used to determine the amount owed. Student/athletes will not be allowed to begin another athletic activity until all equipment/apparel is returned or paid for following the previously completed season.
5. Any student/athlete who is suspended from competition due to a code violation must complete the season including all practices. Failure to do so will result in the penalty being carried over to the next athletic season in which the student/athlete participates.
6. All student/athletes are required to travel to and from contests with the school provided transportation. The only exception permits a student/athlete to ride home from a competition with a parent/guardian. The student/athlete's parent/guardian must provide written permission to the coach for this to happen.
7. Locker rooms may only be used by those individuals participating in after school events or practices. All other individuals must obtain permission from a coach prior to entering the locker room. Everyone is entitled to a reasonable amount of privacy therefore no recording devices, including cell phones, may be used in the locker room unless directed to by the coaching staff. Unauthorized use of a recording device to capture, record, or transfer a representation of a nude or partially nude person is a violation of Wisconsin Act 118 which carries criminal penalties.
8. There is no clean slate in this code when a student/athlete moves from one grade to the next 6-12. All penalties carry forward.
9. There is a redemption clause in this code. If a student/athlete has no violations for a two calendar year period, from the end of the last suspension, he/she will be moved to the next lowest level of violation.



10. The Fall Creek Athletic Code is a twelve-month code. There is no differentiation between the school year and summer as relates to the expectation contained herein.

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## 2017-2018 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents  
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and School District of Fall Creek

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, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2017-2018 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. 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 grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- J. If within the first 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

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

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid 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 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.
- 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 salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- 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

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with 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).

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

## USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

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

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