

2010 ELIGIBILITY COMPARISON

State Association Rules to Recommended Minimum Eligibility Standards for Athletics

1. AGE: A student who becomes 19 before September 1 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition. (NOTE: A student who becomes 19 on or after September 1 shall remain eligible for the entire school year.)

Association	less restrictive	same	more restrictive	Comments
Alabama	X			1-Aug
Alaska			X	19 by August 1
Arizona		X		
Arkansas		X		Ineligible on or before September 1
California		X		CIF Bylaw 201 establishes June 15 as the cutoff date. Also have the authority to establish criteria by which 19 year old rule can be waived (e. g. hardship)
Colorado			X	August 1, except for handicapped
Connecticut		X		19 after July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Delaware	X			June 15 <sup>th</sup>
District of Columbia	X			Ineligible on or before July 1
Florida	X			A student may participate in interscholastic athletics until reaching the age of 19 years 9 months, so far as age is concerned. For junior high school age limit substitute 16 years 9 months. For middle school age limit substitute 15 years 9 months. If, however, a student shall become ineligible because of age during a sports season, the student shall not be eligible to compete in that sports season. Any student reaching 19 years and 9 months during the state championship series of any given sport shall be permitted to compete until the conclusion of that state championship series.
Georgia	X			1-May
Hawaii		X		
Idaho	X			Ineligible on 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Illinois	X			Ineligible on 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday or at the start of the season in which 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday occurs.

Indiana	X			Must not have reached 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday prior to or on scheduled date of state finals in sport.
Iowa	X			Ineligible on 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Kansas	X			Continuing eligibility permitted if hardship conditions met. (hearing required)
Kentucky	X			8/1/2008, legislative exception passed in 2007 to allow for waiver for kid diagnosed for exceptional children services in P-3
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			Ineligible on 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan		X		
Minnesota	X			20
Mississippi		X		19 years old by August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Missouri	X			1-Jul
Montana		X		(August 31 date) Hardship waivers possible
Nebraska			X	1-Aug
Nevada		X		Hardship waivers possible.
New Hampshire	X			Hardship waivers possible.
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico		X		
New York	X			1-Jul
North Carolina	X			Turn 19 on or before August 31
North Dakota	X			20
Ohio			X	August 1-exception possible for disabled student.

Oklahoma		X		Any student who reaches his/her 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for athletic competition. Any student who reaches his/her 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1 will not be eligible if enrolled in a regular three-year junior high school. Any student who reaches his/her 14 <sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1 will not be eligible for seventh grade or below. Non-athletics: Any student who reaches his/her 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday before September 1 will not be eligible. A school would be required to file a "hardship waiver" for eligibility.
Oregon			X	15-Aug
Pennsylvania	X			July 1; limited waiver available.
Rhode Island		X		
South Carolina	X			Ineligible if 19 before July 1
South Dakota	X			Until age 20
Tennessee	X			Ineligible if 19 on or before August 1.
Texas	X			If approved by ADA 504, may be eligible until 20
Utah		X		
Vermont	X			19, August 1
Virginia	X			August 1; waivers available.
Washington	X			20
West Virginia	X			1-Aug
Wisconsin	X			August 1; waivers available.
Wyoming	X			20 by August 1 - fall sports, November 1 - winter sports, March 1 - spring sports

2. ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE: A. Enrollment: To be eligible for participation in interscholastic activities a student shall be enrolled by the fifteenth calendar

Association	its rules is less restrictive	same	more restrictive	Comments
Alabama	X			20th day.
Alaska	X			No 15-day requirement.
Arizona			X	14th school day; wait as many as missed.

Arkansas	X			Local policy on entry. State law requires 178 days attendance. Semester rule requires continuous attendance.
California	X			Requires no waiting period; 15 day attendance requirement applies only to a charged semester of attendance.
Colorado	X			No 15-day requirement. Enrolled and academically eligible at time of participation.
Connecticut			X	12-week membership.
Delaware	X			A. Eligible upon enrollment unless transfer rule applies. Then a 90 school day period of ineligibility. B. the same
District of Columbia	X			20th day
Florida			X	The student must enroll within ten school days of the beginning of the semester during which he/she wishes to represent his/her school in any branch of athletics.
Georgia	X			No 15-day requirement.
Hawaii	X			18 <sup>th</sup> calendar day.
Idaho			X	11 <sup>th</sup> day; no wait
Illinois			X	11 <sup>th</sup> school day of semester; no wait
Indiana		X		
Iowa			X	After 10 days of attendance.
Kansas	X			Enrolled and attending by Monday of the 4 <sup>th</sup> week.
Kentucky	X			Ineligible to play high school level (freshman, JV, varsity) at any time while repeating grade. Must be enrolled in school within 1st 20 days. Four year limit starts when promoted from grade eight.
Louisiana			X	11 <sup>th</sup> day; wait 30 days
Maine			X	No wait. However, students may not be added to varsity roster after opening date of competition for that sports season.
Maryland	X			Local schools decide.
Massachusetts	X			No 15 day requirement
Michigan	X			4 <sup>th</sup> Friday after Labor Day (1 <sup>st</sup> semester or trimester), 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of February (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester or 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester)

Minnesota		X		11 <sup>th</sup> school day of semester.
Mississippi			X	
Missouri				X
Montana		X		
Nebraska				X
Nevada	X			
New Hampshire			X	
New Jersey				X
New Mexico	X			
New York	X			
North Carolina				X
North Dakota			X	
Ohio	X			
Oklahoma				X
Oregon	X			
Pennsylvania			X	
Rhode Island	X			

				If an athlete severs connection with any school for a period of two weeks or more, the athlete cannot become eligible for varsity athletics until the athlete has completed the waiting period of 50% of the League schedule in each sport of which he/she participated on a 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, junior varsity or varsity level from the date of the athlete's return to school and then only if other eligibility requirements are met. This section shall not be interpreted to apply to students absent from school because of illness.
South Carolina		X		8 <sup>th</sup> calendar day
South Dakota			X	10 consecutive absences ends eligibility for semester anytime during semester. Illness-injuries accepted.
Tennessee	X			20 <sup>th</sup> day; no wait
Texas			X	6 <sup>th</sup> school day of present school year or has been in regular attendance 15 or more calendar days before post district contest begin.
Utah	X			Eligible upon enrollment.
Vermont	X			
Virginia		X		
Washington		X		Enrollment within the first 3 weeks of school term.
West Virginia			X	11 <sup>th</sup> day at the beginning of the school year.
Wisconsin	X			17 <sup>th</sup> day of any semester.
Wyoming	X			No 15-day requirement. Enrolled and academically

3. MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION: A student may have the privilege to participate in the interscholastic program for four consecutive years (eight consecutive

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Alabama		X		
Alaska	X			Limited to 4 seasons, not necessarily consecutive.
Arizona	X			7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters must be consecutive.
Arkansas			X	8 consecutive semesters beginning with the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade.

California	X			Enrollment/attendance for 15 days or more or participation in one or more interscholastic contests shall count as one of the eight semesters. CIF sections may establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitations on semesters.
Colorado		X		
Connecticut	X			Years of participation need not be consecutive.
Delaware			X	Four consecutive years after first entering the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade regardless of attendance.
District of Columbia		X		
Florida			X	A student shall be eligible for no more than four (4) consecutive academic years from the date he or she first enrolls in the ninth (9 <sup>th</sup> ) grade. Students who attend schools designated as 6-12 or K-12 are eligible to participate one year as a 6th grader, one year as a 7th grader, and one year as an 8th grader.
Georgia		X		
Hawaii		X		
Idaho			X	After enrollment in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, allowed 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility.
Illinois	X			8 semesters but only last 2 semesters consecutive; 10 days attendance is semester.
Indiana		X		
Iowa		X		Eight consecutive semesters upon entering the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade for the first time.
Kansas	X	X		Students who, because of illness or other justifiable emergencies, are not able to successfully complete a semester after 15 days of attendance may be considered for a semester hardship waiver
Kentucky			X	Must be at proper grade level with maximum of 8 semesters (four years) after being promoted from grade eight.
Louisiana			X	Eight consecutive after entering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, regardless of attendance.
Maine		X		

Maryland	X			Consecutive not necessary
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan	X			Only 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters must be consecutive. Attendance past the 4th Friday after Labor Day for 1st semester /trimester or 4th Friday of February counts as a semester of enrollment. (Fourth Friday of a 2nd or 3rd trimester)
Minnesota		X		
Mississippi		X		Four years eligibility from time they enter to the time they graduate.
Missouri	X			20 <sup>th</sup> day of semester attended constitutes semester of attendance.
Montana	X			20 days attendance is semester.
Nebraska	X			Consecutive not necessary; if out one semester will wait another. 30 day count as semester.
Nevada		X		
New Hampshire			X	
New Jersey			X	Eight consecutive semesters from 9 <sup>th</sup> grade entrance

New Mexico			X	8 consecutive semesters beginning with the 9th grade unless an 8th grader plays at the high school level. If an 8th grader plays at the high school level then 10 consecutive semesters.
New York	X			5 <sup>th</sup> consecutive season for student under selection classification clause.
North Carolina		X		
North Dakota	X			30 days attendance or participation in an event is semester; only 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters must be consecutive.
Ohio		X		Exception possible for disabled students.
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon		X		
Pennsylvania			X	Four consecutive years (eight consecutive semesters) beyond 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, without regard to attendance.
Rhode Island		X		



South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		Four 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> semesters, All semesters must be consecutive unless caused by an illness or injury.
Tennessee	X			Eight semesters after enrolling in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade. Only last two are consecutive.
Texas	X			May be waived if fifth year student due to hardship.
Utah		X		Six consecutive semesters beginning in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Vermont	X			30 days attendance is a semester.
Virginia		X		
Washington			X	After enrolled in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade eligible for 4 consecutive years.
West Virginia		X		After enrollment in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, 8 consecutive semesters.
Wisconsin	X			40 days attendance is semester (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> semester consecutive - waivers available).
Wyoming	X			20 <sup>th</sup> day of semester attended constitutes semester of attendance.

4. AMATEUR/AWARDS: A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur is one who engages in athletic

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Alabama		X		
Alaska		X		\$250 limit, higher only with approval of principal.
Arizona		X		\$200 limit.
Arkansas		X		Adhere to USGA & USTA rules for golf and tennis; \$100 limit on other.
California	X			Adhere to NGB rules for non-CIF competition.
Colorado		X		Award limit to \$50 max, outside of sports season, amateur rule of each sports national governing body apply.
Connecticut		X		Awards symbolic in nature.
Delaware	X			\$150 limit for complimentary items; \$150 limit for non-symbolic competition awards; no limit for school-sponsored recognition awards.

District of Columbia		X		\$100 award limit
Florida		X		Awards may have decorative value only (may not have utilitarian value)
Georgia		X		Symbolic awards (i.e., non-cash) presented for winning or placing in GHSA competitions are limited to \$250 per year, per student in the aggregate, paid by the local schools. These are the only GHSA-approved awards for interscholastic competition.
Hawaii		X		
Idaho		X		\$200 award limit.
Illinois	X			\$75 limit merchandise, no cash, checks, etc. Does not prohibit #3 or #4.
Indiana		X		
Iowa		X		\$25 limit; during summer, amateur NGB rules for each sport.
Kansas		X		\$25 limit on awards from school, a student may receive pay for teaching athletic activities by not for coaching them competitively.
Kentucky	X			Adopted rules similar to NCAA guidelines. Total value of any award presented for high school competition by other than school shall not exceed \$300. For non-school competition, the limit shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur athletic organization with the event. If no limit exists, the limit shall be \$300. Outstanding performances may be recognized by organizations, not to exceed a value of \$50. No cash or items of cash value can be accepted.
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			No rule.
Maryland		X		No rule.
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan		X		Money for meals must go to coaches, not students; award limit is \$25 for merchandise and trophies; no cash or gift certificates. Gifts or loans to family members based on athletics violates amateur status.
Minnesota	X			\$100 award limit

Mississippi			X	No reinstatement.
Missouri	X			\$100 limit merchandise award at manufacturer's suggested ret. value, other is same.
Montana		X		\$20 – award limit.
Nebraska	X			Adhere to NGB rules during summer.
Nevada		X		\$200 award limit
New Hampshire	X			No hard fast rule
New Jersey			X	May not give lessons
New Mexico		X		
New York		X		\$100 limit
North Carolina		X		\$20 maximum per sport season; We also do not allow students to receive equipment by virtue of being on a free or loan list.
North Dakota		X		\$75 limit
Ohio		X		Limit set by Board of Control - currently \$200 value limitation.
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon		X		\$300 award limit
Pennsylvania	X			Where the official rules for a sport (bowling, golf, and tennis) establish requirements for amateur status, such requirements shall govern (USBC, USGA, and USTA). Loss of amateur status may be reinstated upon return to the provider of the item or items which caused such loss of amateur status.

Rhode Island		X	<p>A. A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasurable benefits derived there from. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted.)</li> <li>2) receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League.</li> <li>3) capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).</li> <li>4. signing a professional playing contract in that sport.</li> </ol> <p>B. Accepting a nominal standard fee or salary for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground or camp activities shall not jeopardize amateur status. “Organized youth sports program” includes both school and non-school programs. Compensation for giving private lessons is permissible if approved by the state association. A high school student who loses amateur status may apply to the League for reinstatement in the interscholastic program after waiting a period of one (1) year.</p> <p>C. Only awards of no intrinsic value and approved by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League may be accepted by a high school student-athlete as a result of participation in school or non-school competition in a sport recognized by the League.</p> <p>D. Individual interscholastic athletic awards and similar mementos for athletes shall be limited to those approved and administered by the institutions, approved League sponsors, or the Rhode Island Interscholastic League in keeping with traditional school requirements as to what constitutes an acceptable award.</p>
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				E. Participation under an assumed name in any athletic contest shall make the student ineligible for one (1) year.
South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		\$75 limit; adhere to USGA awards in golf.
Tennessee		X		Golf and tennis rules according to USGA and USTA. Bowling-YABA.
Texas		X		UIL participant cannot accept valuable consideration or money for teaching a UIL sponsored sport except beginning swimming.
Utah			X	No reinstatement provision.
Vermont		X		NCAA guidelines.
Virginia		X		Acceptance of merchandise if permitted by National Governing Body rules. Value up to \$500 if National Governing Body has no limit.
Washington		X		\$100 limit.
West Virginia		X		Can accept only medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, letter, chevron.
Wisconsin			X	May be paid for instructing or officiating; may not give private lessons; individual named or pictured in advertisement loses eligibility.
Wyoming		X		\$250 limit, golf same as USGA.

5. TRANSFER/RESIDENCY: A student-athlete who transfers enrollment with a corresponding change of residence of parents (or other persons with whom the

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Alabama		X		Rule is waived if student transfers back to home school at beginning of new school year.
Alaska	X			18-week wait, one time summer transfer rule, CSIET adopted for foreign students
Arizona		X		No change in domicile, student may apply for hardship appeal, through receiving school if circumstances are unforeseen, unavoidable and/or uncorrectable.
Arkansas		X		Interscholar transfer by school boards prior to September 1, acceptable for waiver.

California	X			12 months wait for varsity level competition in sports in which the student has competed during year preceding transfer. Intra & inter-district transfers ... under “open enrollment” board policies carry immediate residence eligibility subject to certain limitations.
Colorado	X			If a student transfers schools over the summer without a bona fide family move, the student will be restricted to the sub-varsity level for the first 50% of the season in sports in which they participated during the 12 months preceding the school transfer. If a student transfers schools after the start of the school year (after 15 days) without a bona fide family move, that new school must file a mid-year hardship waiver on the student. That student may then have sub-varsity eligibility in any sport the student participated in the last 12 months. If the student transfers schools mid-year and went out for a sport the student did not play in the past 12 months, that student would have varsity eligibility. All participation is subject to academic eligibility. All international students who come to Colorado without a family move have varsity eligibility for 3 consecutive sports seasons only.
Connecticut	X			One year wait in those sports played at previous school attended.
Delaware	X			90-school day wait; no wait if transfer is executed after the
District of Columbia	X			Residency defined by statute and Board of Education.
Florida	X			A student is eligible at the first school he/she enrolls in each year or makes himself/herself a candidate for a sport by engaging in a practice prior to enrolling in any member school. If a student moves during the school year with those he/she has lived with for the past 365 days, the student is eligible at the school he/she transfers to on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day following enrollment into the new school, if the new school has received all records, and the student meets all other eligibility requirements.
Georgia			X	
Hawaii			X	League determination
Idaho			X	One year wait; waiver possible.

Illinois			X	Ineligible one month if transfer after classes start for school year, even if parents move; ineligible for year in every sport out for that year prior to transfer, a period not to exceed 1 year for transfer without parents moving from one district to another or to different attendance area within a multiple high school district.
Indiana		X		Student does not move with parents is eligible for junior varsity competition provided the transfer was not for athletic reasons.
Iowa	X			90 school days wait at the varsity level unless there is a contemporaneous move of the entire family; immediately eligible at sub-varsity level if all local district requirements are met.
Kansas	X			18-week wait; hardship waiver is possible
Kentucky		X		One year wait from the date of enrollment-waiver possible in one of nine documented exceptions. Exception can be overruled by athletic advantage.
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			Student who transfers without a corresponding change of residency is ineligible for one year unless the student, parents, and both principals (sending and receiving) sign a transfer waiver form certifying that the transfer is not primarily for athletic purposes.
Maryland	X			Local superintendent decisions.
Massachusetts	X			Eligible immediately if student did not part. at the varsity level at previous school; otherwise, ineligible in that sport only.
Michigan	X			One semester wait with 15 possible exceptions to the base rule; Two-semester wait if found to be an athletic-motivated transfer. JV eligibility granted by request for 9th or 10th grade transfer students who never played sports in high school.
Minnesota	X			A student who transfers from one school to another but who does not meet any of the transfer criteria shall be ineligible for varsity competition at his/her new school for one calendar year, beginning with the first day of attendance at the new school.

Mississippi		X		
Missouri	X			May be eligible below varsity level; eligible for varsity level in sports in which student's name has not been on sport roster preceding 12 months of the transfer.
Montana	X			90 pupil instruction days for varsity.
Nebraska	X			If transfer is approved by March 15, student is immediately eligible in the fall.
Nevada		X		
New Hampshire			X	365 days – wavier possible.
New Jersey	X			Ineligible for 30 days from first game/event in varsity sport lettered in at previous school if parents have not changed residency from one public school district to another.
New Mexico	X			Shifted from 90 to 180 days of varsity ineligibility for students transferring without a bona fide change in residence. Foreign Exchange Students eligible for Sub-Varsity competition only. Foreign students in this country without parents or legal guardians subject to 180 days of varsity ineligibility.
New York	X			One year ineligibility in those sports participated in one year from date of transfer.
North Carolina	X			Transfers within a school unit are governed by the local Board of Education. A student may transfer from one school to another in a different school system and be immediately eligible when one school board releases and the other accepts (Note: not in the same sports season, however). In lieu of those two situations, a student must have been in attendance the previous two semesters (without the corresponding move).
North Dakota	X			1800 school day wait to be eligible for varsity competition- All transfers are immediately eligible for sub-varsity competition. The transfer rule is waived for CSIET Students; International students are treated as any other transfer student.
Ohio			X	Cannot waive one year period of ineligibility



Oklahoma			X	An ineligible student becomes eligible with the first hour of class after attending two semesters or one full year. Students whose attendance starts after the school year begins will become eligible by rule on the exact date of the following year.
Oregon	X			A student does not lose eligibility when they transfer between school years to or from a private school or between two public schools under the terms of a reciprocal agreement.
Pennsylvania	X			If the student transfers because of athletics, the student is ineligible for one year from date of transfer, in each sport in which the student participated within the year preceding the date of transfer.
Rhode Island	X			If a student transfers from one secondary school to another without a corresponding change of address, the student shall be ineligible for 50% of the <b>total League schedule</b> in each sport that he/she participated in at the varsity level during the previous school year. In all transfers without a corresponding change of address, a Transfer Rule Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League prior to the student-athlete's participation in the sport.
South Carolina		X		Within the same district, or entering 9 <sup>th</sup> eligible immediately.
South Dakota	X			Open enrollment transfers are permitted which entitles students to transfer athletic eligibility without corresponding by parents. The privilege of open enrollment is to one time during high school career.
Tennessee	X			12 months from last participation.
Texas		X		Students may apply for a waiver of parent residence rule.
Utah	X			
Vermont	X			365 days for undue influence (recruiting).
Virginia	X			One year if changes school without move by parents

Washington	X			All enrolled students may be eligible below the varsity level; transfer without corresponding move ineligible for one year at varsity level only.
West Virginia	X			If a student is released and accepted by formal actions of county boards of education or similar governing bodies of a non-public school which have verified that such transfer is not for athletic purposes, said student will be granted immediate eligibility provided all other rules are met. The transfer must occur at the beginning of the 9th grade school year with the student enrolled on or before the eleventh instructional day of the beginning of the school year and provided that said student is residing with the parents. Once a student has been a member of a team that has participated in a scrimmage or contest, the student has established eligibility at that school.
Wisconsin		X		Foreign students other than those on full CSIET listing may participate under certain limitations and with special approval.
Wyoming		X		With a non-parent move the student is eligible for sub-varsity competition.

6. ACADEMIC: A student-athlete is required to do passing work in the equivalent of at least 20 periods (four subjects with full credit toward graduation) per week.

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Alabama			X	Composite numerical grade of 70 or higher for 6 subjects or units of credit which must include 4 core courses English, math, history and science. A student, to be eligible during any school year, must have passed during the preceding year in attendance at least six new full carnegie units with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units. Academic eligibility will be determined before the start of each school year. NOTE: A new unit is one that has not been previously passed. The four core curriculum courses (math, English, science, social studies) must be included in those passed. Any student who accumulates more than four core courses per year may earn less than the four core courses during the next school year and be eligible as long as that student remains on track for graduation with his/her class. NOTE: 1) Only one unit in Physical Education per year may be counted. 2) No more than two Carnegie units earned in an approved summer school program may be counted. 3) To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, students (ninth through the eleventh grade) must be carrying at least six
Alaska		X		Student must have passed at least four semester units of credit toward graduation, for the immediately preceding semester. Academic deficiencies may be made up through successful completion of correspondence. A student must be enrolled in at least four semester units of credit to be eligible.
Arizona			X	Must be enrolled in five courses the first six semesters.
Arkansas			X	Plus GPA 2.0 (94-95) by State Board of Education rules.
California			X	Four subjects + must maintain 2.0 grade point average local Board of Trustees.
Colorado			X	Minimum of five subjects/can fail only 1; or pass minimum five subjects. Can regain academic eligibility after a period of six weeks if all eligibility factors meet minimum requirements.
Connecticut		X		

Delaware			X	Pass 5 credits to be eligible. Two of 5 credits must be in academic areas of science, math, English or social studies; seniors must pass all courses that satisfy an unmet graduation requirement.
District of Columbia			X	2.0 grade point average
Florida			X	Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken since entering the 9th grade.
Georgia			X	70% is passing in all courses at all schools. Must take courses totaling at least 2.5 Carnegie Units during semester of participation. Must have passed courses totaling at least Carnegie Units the previous semester. Must accumulate enough Carnegie units each year to be on-track for graduation. No requirements for seat-time or days in class.
Hawaii			X	2.0 grade point average, plus passing courses required for graduation.
Idaho			X	To be academically eligible for athletics, a student must be enrolled full-time in his/her school, on target to graduate based on State Board of Education graduation requirements, and have received passing grades and earned credits in the required number of courses during the previous reporting period. Equivalency is determined by the following criteria: 4 classes available must pass at least 3 5 classes available must pass at least 4 6 classes available must pass at least 5 7 classes available must pass at least 5 8 classes available must pass at least 6
Illinois		X		
Indiana		X		Must be passing at least 70% of the maximum number of classes a student can take.

Iowa		X		A student must receive credit in at least 4 subjects at all times. If not passing all at the end of a final grading period, student is ineligible for first period of 30 consecutive calendar days in the interscholastic athletic event in which the student is a contestant. There is no requirement that the student competed in the sport previously.
Kansas			X	Five credits of unit weight required each semester. No makeup is permitted.
Kentucky			X	Proper grade level first day of school. From there, passing four hours each week continuously through year to be eligible the following week.
Louisiana			X	A student must pass a minimum of 6 Carnegie Units and maintain a "C" average as determined by the local educational authority.
Maine	X			Ineligible for a time period addressed in local district policy.
Maryland	X			Determined locally.
Massachusetts		X		To be eligible for the fall marking period, students are required to have passed and received full credit for the previous academic year.
Michigan	X			Deficiencies may be made up. Student must have passed in the previous term and be passing during the current term 66% of a full class load for a full-time student.
Minnesota	X			Determined locally.

Mississippi		X		<p>To be eligible for participation a student must meet the following minimum scholastic requirements at the end of a semester and at the end of the year if the pupil is to be eligible for the next year. To be eligible a student shall, at the end of each semester, be able to demonstrate normal progress toward the earning of 20 Carnegie units of credit required for graduation. The student must have a 75 overall average in each course that amounts to 5 credits toward graduation each year. Beginning with the freshman class, a student must earn 5 credits toward graduation each year, which will be 20 Carnegie units required for graduation. A pupil who is not eligible at the beginning of the school year may become eligible the second semester only once during the student's high school career by passing the first semester with a 75 average, subjects that when successfully completed would produce 5 credits toward graduation for the year. The rule applies to the school to where the failure took place. If a student moves and becomes academically eligible at another school, a hardship must be requested. Any pupil on the block</p>
Missouri			X	<p>A student in Grades 9-12 must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, and shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater, or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though ungraded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age, and that student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester. A beginning 9<sup>th</sup> grade student shall have been promoted from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for first semester eligibility.</p>

Montana		X		
Nebraska		X		
Nevada			X	A pupil must meet the following criteria to be considered academically eligible for high school athletic competition sanctioned by the NIAA. These are minimum standards. Member schools may wish to have more stringent guidelines. 1. A first semester ninth grade pupil must pass four classes during the last semester of his/her eighth grade year. 2. A pupil must be enrolled in two units of credit and be in regular attendance at a member school. 3. After entering the ninth grade, a pupil must pass a minimum of two units of credit the previous semester. Students failing to do this will be ineligible for one semester unless they are passing two units at the nine week grading period, at which time they will be placed on weekly probation. If at any time during the probationary period of the student receives a failing grade, he/she will become ineligible for the remainder of the semester without further recourse. 4. A school district must adopt one of the following options for academic eligibility and then must continually monitor the academic process of their student athletes. A) A pupil must maintain a passing academic grade and satisfactory
New Hampshire		X		Four units of work in the previous ranking period.
New Jersey			X	All, 27.5 credits previous year; 13.75 credits previous semester for 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester eligibility.
New Mexico			X	2.0 GPA; cannot fail more than 1 subject and must pass a minimum of four subjects. Our association's rule (4.18.1) regarding scholastic eligibility has changed. By legislative enactment, an incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> grader has a "clean slate" with regard to grades until the end of the first grading period.
New York	X			Specifies "taking" not "passing".
North Carolina			X	Five subjects plus meet local promotion standards (or three subjects in 90 minute block format) per semester.
North Dakota		X		Four subjects or 20 hours/week.
Ohio			X	Five units of credit.

Oklahoma			X	A student must pass all classes weekly and five each semester. One unit of summer school is allowed.																		
Oregon			X	<p>For purposes of this rule, a full-time student is one who is enrolled in school, attending regularly and passing in subjects equivalent to at least the quantity listed on the appropriate line of the cart below, and who during the immediate preceding semester was enrolled in school, attended regularly, and passed subjects equivalent to at least the quantity listed on the appropriate line of the chart below. NOTE: In a traditional setting, 2 semester units equals 1 credit of work, and one-half credit is granted each semester.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Classes Offered</th> <th>Minimum Number Passed</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If the school enters grades/credits on the official transcript each semester/trimester/quarter, that is the time period of eligibility of students attending that school. In addition to the specific credit requirement identified in Rule 8-1, to be scholastically eligible, a student must be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements as determined by the local school administration.</p>	Number of Classes Offered	Minimum Number Passed			4	3		5	4		6	5		7	5		8	5
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Pennsylvania	X			Must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent.																		
Rhode Island			X	The athlete must be taking at least four subjects, not including Physical Education, each involving at least four periods of work or an aggregate of fifteen periods of work per week.																		



A. At all times the athlete should have secured for the period from the beginning of the quarter or trimester up to the end of the regular making period which shall not exceed a maximum of 12 weeks and a passing grade of 60% in the students program (credits) not including Physical Education. 1) At the end of the course which meets for multiple marking periods, a school may utilize the grade earned during the last marking period or the final mark earned in determining academic eligibility. However, the school must be consistent in its application of this provision for all athletes in all sports.

B. To be eligible at the beginning of a school year, the student must have done passing work at the end of the previous school year in June of 60% of the student's program (credits), not including Physical Education. 1) In the case of a student who devotes a considerable part of the summer to make up subjects failed during the school year and receives credit towards graduation for this make-up work, that student shall be entitled to count such credit toward eligibility provided this credit is made an official part of his school record during the first week of the fall term. In case a student fails to complete the minimum scholastic requirements for athletic eligibility at the end of a quarter due to unavoidable absence, the student shall be ineligible for the next quarter until these requirements of the preceding quarter are made-up. 2. Failures or incomplete work caused by unavoidable absence may be made up at the beginning of the quarter provided it is made a matter of final record within three weeks of the first day of that quarter.

C. The athlete shall receive no special privilege such as extra examinations, delayed marks, make-up opportunities, or other favors which are not granted on equal terms to every student in the school; with the further provision that grades for failures or incomplete work in which a make-up opportunity is granted at the end of a quarterly marking period must be made a matter of final record within two calendar weeks of the first day of the succeeding marking period.

D. If the athlete repeats work for which credit has once been received, the athlete cannot count that subject a second time for eligibility.

E. The athlete cannot count for eligibility points obtained in a subject taken during the summer vacation had not previously been regularly pursued in the classroom.

F. Admission to or exclusion from participation in a sport because of these eligibility rules, shall take place at the close of the school day in which report cards are issued for the end of the regular marking period.

G. If a game is postponed or results in a tie; the eligibility of the participants does not hold over until the game is played off.

			<p>Academic eligibility requirements for students who are enrolled in Accelerated Programs: 1) An accelerated program is one in which a student earns more than the minimum credits necessary for promotion to the senior year. This may be achieved by independent study, taking more than the required number of courses in a given semester or year, taking additional courses at an approved college, or a concurrent enrollment program at an approved college. 2) Conditions for academic eligibility of seniors in an Accelerated Program: a) The student must be enrolled in a minimum equivalent of three full courses per semester in his/her school or an approved off-campus program for a total of three credits for the year, excluding physical education. b) If off campus courses are involved, the high school must approve the courses and the grades must be recorded at the high school on the student's permanent record card and are included in the computation for the student's graduation credits.</p>
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South Carolina			X	To be eligible in the first semester a student must pass a minimum of five carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous year. At least two units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school. To be eligible during the second semester the student must meet one of the following conditions: 1. If the student met first semester eligibility requirements then he or she must pass the equivalent of four, ½ units during the first semester. 2. If the student did not meet first semester eligibility requirements then he or she must pass the equivalent of five, ½ units during the first semester. NOTE: In most cases on a traditional or AB block schedule, the following example would apply: If eligible first semester, must pass four subjects. If not eligible first semester, must pass five subjects. In a 4x4 block schedule where <u>units</u> or <u>½ units</u> are granted at the end of the first semester the following will apply: If eligible first semester, must earn 2 units. If not eligible first semester, must earn 2 ½ units.
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee			X	The student must earn five credits the preceding school year if less than 24 units are required for graduation or six credits the preceding school year if 24 or more credits are required for graduation. All credits must be earned by the first day of the beginning of the school year. Academic eligibility for a student is based on the requirements of the school the student was attending at the conclusion of the previous school year. Students who are ineligible first semester may gain eligibility second semester by passing five subjects (1/2 credit) or three blocks (one credit per block) or the equivalent.
Texas			X	Must pass all subjects the preceding 6, 9 or 12 week grading period with a 70% or cannot play for three weeks, grade check students passing all courses reinstated (state law). Cumulative credit requirement at beginning of each academic year.

Utah		X		Make up work only in summer session-Must not fail more than 1 class. 2.0 GPA now a requirement.
Vermont	X			Determined locally.
Virginia			X	Five subjects, offered for graduation credit.
Washington		X		In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current semester/trimester, the student shall maintain passing grades in a minimum of: 3 classes in a 4 period class schedule; 3 classes in a 5 period class schedule; 4 classes in a 6 period class schedule; 5 classes in a 7 period class schedule; 5 classes in a 8 period class schedule; Running start courses: 2-5 credit quarter courses are equivalent to 2 high school credits and 2-3 credit semester courses are equivalent to 2 high school credits. Academic probationary period – A school student who has been in regular attendance at least fifteen (15) weeks of the previous semester (10 weeks of the previous trimester), but who failed to make the grade requirements of 18.6.0, shall be placed on probation. The student shall be ineligible during the probationary period. If, at the end of the probation period, the student is passing in the minimum number of classes required above, the student may then be reinstated for interscholastic competition.
West Virginia			X	Must pass 4 credits previous semester to be eligible. Also, each student athlete must have attained a 2.0 GPA the previous semester.
Wisconsin	X			A student must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time students and have received no more than one failing grade in the most recent grade-reporting period. A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility by meeting the academic standard following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
Wyoming			X	Must also have met requirement the immediate preceding semester.

7. MEDICAL EXAMINATION: Prior to the first year of participation in interscholastic athletics, a student shall undergo a medical examination and be approved for

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Alabama			X	Annual exam.
Alaska			X	Must have a physical exam each year.
Arizona			X	Annual exam by licensed physician (MD or DO), certified physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner.
Arkansas		X		
California			X	Annual exam + Education Code; exception parents refusal to consent.
Colorado		X		
Connecticut	X			Clearance for state tournament only.
Delaware			X	Annual exam by licensed physician (MD or DO), certified physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner. Must be administered on or after June 1.
District of Columbia			X	Annual exam.
Florida			X	Annual exam.
Georgia			X	Using the latest edition of the PPE form published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
Hawaii			X	Annual exam.
Idaho			X	Alternate year exams – complete physicals required for all 9 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> graders.
Illinois			X	Annual exam.
Indiana			X	Annual exam signed by a licensed physician (MD or DO).
Iowa			X	Annual exam.
Kansas			X	Annual physical exam required. 2011 state law requires student and parent to sign an informed consent release on concussion and head injury.
Kentucky			X	Annual exam by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioners, Doctor of Osteopathy, Chiropractor under certain conditions.
Louisiana	X			Annual exam
Maine	X			Recommend but left as a local policy decision
Maryland			X	Annual exam.

Massachusetts	X			All students must pass a physical examination within 13 months of athletic participation. A sports physical terminates 395 days subsequent to administering and must be renewed before the beginning of next season of participation. If expires after season begins, it is good to end of that season only. Physical examinations must be performed by a duly registered Physician, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. The Sports Medicine Committee recommended physical examinations form is in the MIAA White Book of Forms.
Michigan			X	Annual exam. Consent required for information otherwise protected by HIPAA and FERPA.
Minnesota	X			Exam once every 3 years; questionnaire yearly; no change anticipated supported by MN Medical Association.
Mississippi		X		Annual exam
Missouri			X	Annual exam.
Montana			X	Annual exam.
Nebraska		X		Annual exam.
Nevada		X		Exam before entering training and a health questionnaire yearly.
New Hampshire			X	Exam before participation and a yearly medical update.
New Jersey			X	Annual exam, re-exam or certification for the sport in that year.
New Mexico		X		Annual exam by licensed medical physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner after April 1st.
New York			X	Annual exam.
North Carolina			X	Annual exam by licensed physician.
North Dakota			X	Annual exam by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse practitioners, or Doctor of Osteopathy.
Ohio			X	Annual exam.
Oklahoma			X	Annual exam. No student shall be eligible to represent his/her school in athletics until there is on file with the principal a physical examination and parental consent certificate.

Oregon	X			State Department of Education requires an exam once every 2 years on a prescribed form.
Pennsylvania			X	Annual comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation (CIPPE) required no earlier than June 1st and is effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until May 31st. Principal, or principal's designee, determines whether a student should be re-evaluated and re-certified for for each subsequent sport.
Rhode Island	X			No formal requirements exist and member schools have their own exam requirements. The RIIL strongly recommends that each school require athletes to have a doctor complete a pre-participation medical exam form that provides clearance for continued athletic participation. This form is to be signed by both the athlete and his/her parents.
South Carolina			X	Annual exam. Includes annual history report.
South Dakota	X			Each local school board has the option choosing annual or biennial or triennial exam. Annual history report is required each year.
Tennessee			X	Annual exam by doctor of medicine, osteopath, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant.
Texas		X		Exam required prior to first year in junior high, and first and third years in high school.
Utah		X		
Vermont	X			Only a recommendation.
Virginia			X	Exam required each 13 months (after May 1 <sup>st</sup> ).
Washington	X			Exam required every 24 months.
West Virginia			X	Annual exam.



Wisconsin			X	A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (a) parental permission each school year and (b) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician no less than every other school with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply. It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested to by a licensed dentist.
Wyoming			X	Annual exam.

8. NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION: Participation in organized nonschool sports competition while a student is a member of a school team in that sport shall cause

Association	its rules is less restrictive	same	more restrictive	Comments
Alabama		X		
Alaska	X			Students who are members of a high school hockey team are prohibited from competing as a member of a non-school comp or junior hockey team beginning with the first day of high school practice until a team has completed its season. The prohibition on competing on a non-school team will be lifted during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations. Although this rule does not restrict practice on a non-school team during the high school season, no student may participate in a high school game on a day in which he/she has participated in a "comp" practice.
Arizona		X		
Arkansas		X		
California		X		

Colorado	X			Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport team may compete on any other team, in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season with the express written permission of the principal, which permission shall be granted if: (a) the student's class attendance is not compromised; and (b) the student is in good academic standing under the school's activities policy applicable to all students.
Connecticut		X		Unattached as an individual.
Delaware	X			With written consent of parent or guardian athlete may participate on nonschool team. Practice attendance requirements left to discretion of school.
District of Columbia	X			The following sports are exempted: golf, swimming, tennis, gymnastics, volleyball, softball, track & field, cross country, crew and cheerleading.
Florida	X			No restrictions.
Georgia	X			No restrictions.
Hawaii		X		League determination.
Idaho		X		
Illinois	X			Exception may be granted for events sponsored and conducted by National Governing Body for the sport.
Indiana			X	Provision was made for outstanding student-athlete to participate without loss of eligibility if 6 criteria are met and only during authorized sport season.
Iowa	X			Local district determination
Kansas		X		Outside competition on non-school teams is prohibited. A competition exception is made for Olympic Development Programs. 2011 state law creates an exception for athletes in swimming and diving to practice with their club team or coach after, " fulfilling the reasonable and ordinary school established requirements for participation in the student athlete's swimming and diving program."

Kentucky			X	Non-school participation permitted during the season for all sports except Football and Basketball. Restrictions end in Football and Basketball at the end of the playing season.
Louisiana	X			Non-school participation permitted for 7 sports; bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, wheelchair track & field.
Maine	X			Individual schools determine.
Maryland	X			All okay if no interference with school practice or games.
Massachusetts	X			Bona fide members of school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in a non-school athletic activity/event in any sport recognized by the MIAA.
Michigan	X			Individual sport participants may compete in nonschool event, not to exceed 2x's during the sport season. Allow students to miss state association sponsored athletic events without loss of interscholastic eligibility if the cause is <u>the</u> national team in that sport for that student's age. Missing a state association sponsored athletic event for an Olympic Development Program is not permitted.
Minnesota	X			
Mississippi		X		Penalized and fined
Missouri		X		There is a less restrictive exception for swimming/diving only.
Montana	X			No rule
Nebraska		X		
Nevada			X	Must count competition in each event as one of allowable contests specified in the athletic bylaws of that particular sport.
New Hampshire			X	Don't have (a) and (b).
New Jersey	X			Local determination.
New Mexico	X			Local determination thru dual participation. Cannot participate without prior approval from principal. Cannot exceed game limitation.
New York	X			No rule.
North Carolina	X			No rule.

North Dakota		X		
Ohio			X	
Oklahoma			X	Restricted only after season ends until end of school year, for football and basketball.
Oregon	X			No rule.
Pennsylvania	X			No Rule.
Rhode Island			X	Student-athletes may be a member of and compete for “out-of-school” teams if the conditions set forth in the following are met: 1) A member of a school team is defined as a student-athlete who is listed on a freshman, junior varsity, or varsity Eligibility List who is regularly present for and/or actively participates in all team practices and competitions. 2) Bona fide members of a school team are prevented from missing a practice or competition to compete with an “out-of-school” team. 3) If a conflict arises between the high school team practice/competition and an “out-of-school” practice/competition on the same day, the high school team practice/competition must be honored by the student athlete. Priority/loyalty must be given at all times to the high school team practices and contests unless a waiver has been granted by the Principal and Athletic Director on a case-by-case basis.
South Carolina		X		Through legislative statue, students can participate on the school team and an outside team at the same time.
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee		X		
Texas	X			May participate without school coach during calendar year.
Utah		X		
Vermont		X		
Virginia	X			May participate on nonschool team if it doesn’t conflict with school participation.
Washington	X			Okay if it does not conflict with school participation.
West Virginia	X			Some exceptions in the following sports: cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and wrestling.

Wisconsin		X		Participating in-season in international type competition available only to individuals who were 1-2-3-4-5 in previous state meet or (in team sports) in Olympic-type programs with international.
Wyoming	X			Individuals in individual sports may enter outside competitions by permission at the member school they attend.

9. RECRUITING/UNDUE INFLUENCE: Transfer from one school to another for athletic purposes because of undue influence by anyone connected directly or

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Alabama		X		A student is permanently at the school where the violation occurs.
Alaska		X		Undue influence - attempting to influence a student to transfer for athletic purposes - no student penalty - penalty on coach and/or school. May not live with a coach unless a relative.
Arizona			X	The school found to be recruiting is also subject to penalty. Penalties include advisement, warning, probation or removed from association. AIA Executive Board determines if and type of penalty to be imposed on a case by case basis.
Arkansas			X	School and/or employee also penalized.
California		X		
Colorado		X		
Connecticut			X	School may be penalized.
Delaware		X		Coach and school may also be penalized.
District of Columbia			X	School and other personnel may be penalized.
Florida			X	School may be penalized.
Georgia			X	School and coaches may be penalized.
Hawaii			X	School may also be penalized.
Idaho			X	School also penalized.
Illinois			X	Coach and school may also be penalized, permanent ineligibility for student.

Indiana			X	School may also be penalized.
Iowa	X			The use of undue influence by any person or entity directly or indirectly associated with any member school to secure or encourage the enrollment of a student, or the residency of a student's parent(s) or guardian(s) within district of a member school, shall result in imposition of sanction by this Association upon said member school. The determination of said shall be made by the Board of Control, but shall in no event be more severe than the denial of member school's participation in Iowa High School Athletic Association sponsored tournament competition for a period of one year.
Kansas		X		
Kentucky			X	Coach and school may be penalized.
Louisiana			X	Coach and school also penalized.
Maine		X		
Maryland	X			Local determination.
Massachusetts			X	Coach and school may be penalized
Michigan	X			Minimum of 1 semester; maximum of 1 year. School and person may also be penalized.
Minnesota		X		
Mississippi		X		
Missouri			X	School shall be penalized as well as student is ineligible at that school their entire high school career.
Montana			X	School also penalized, although ineligibility may be less than year.
Nebraska		X		
Nevada			X	Coach and school also penalized.
New Hampshire			X	School also penalized, no tourney competition
New Jersey	X			School placed on probation and not eligible for state tournament competition.
New Mexico		X		
New York		X		
North Carolina			X	Coach and school may also be penalized.
North Dakota			X	School may also be penalized.
Ohio			X	School may also be penalized.

Oklahoma		X		
Oregon			X	Permanent ineligibility for student. School also penalized.
Pennsylvania			X	If the student transfers because of athletics, the student is ineligible for one year from date of transfer, in each sport in which the student participated within the year preceding the date of transfer. Any person determined to have engaged in recruiting shall be disqualified from coaching any athletic teams of member schools for a period of at least one year.
Rhode Island			X	School may be penalized.
South Carolina			X	School also penalized.
South Dakota			X	School also penalized.
Tennessee			X	School also penalized student ineligible for career at school that has violated.
Texas			X	Coach and school also penalized.
Utah			X	Coach and school also penalized.
Vermont		X		
Virginia	X			School only penalized.
Washington			X	School may be penalized.
West Virginia			X	School usually penalized; may be less than 1-year ineligibility.
Wisconsin			X	No eligibility at that school.
Wyoming			X	Penalty determined by WHSAA. School may be penalized.

10. PARENTAL PERMISSION: Prior to each year of interscholastic athletic participation, a student shall furnish a statement, signed by the student's parents (or other

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Alabama	X			No state rule.
Alaska		X		
Arizona		X		
Arkansas	X			No state rule.
California	X			No state rule.
Colorado		X		
Connecticut	X			No state rule.

Delaware		X		
District of Columbia		X		
Florida		X		
Georgia	X			Local school or system issue.
Hawaii	X			No rule.
Idaho		X		
Illinois	X			No state rule.
Indiana		X		An annual signature by a parent giving permission for a student to participate in IHSAA sponsored sports is required.
Iowa	X			No state rule.
Kansas		X		Parent signature required on annual physical exam and concussion & head injury release form.
Kentucky		X		An annual signature by a parent acknowledging receipt of rules and giving permission for a student to participate in KHSAA sponsored sports is required.
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			No rule. Most local districts require.
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts	X			Recommended not required
Michigan	X			No state rule. Requires consent to information otherwise protected by HIPAA and FERPA.
Minnesota		X		
Mississippi		X		
Missouri			X	A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he or she has basic athletic insurance coverage and parental permission.
Montana	X			No state rule.
Nebraska		X		List all eligibility rules.
Nevada	X			No state rule
New Hampshire	X			No state rule.
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico				No state rule
New York	X			No state rule.



North Carolina			X	Parent or custodian must attend a mandatory preseason meeting prior to each sports season, sign any school generated pre-participation forms and also sign the NCHSAA sportsmanship pledge.
North Dakota	X			No state rule
Ohio			X	Signature required on physical exam, Ohio also requires HIPAA waiver.
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon	X			No state rule.
Pennsylvania			X	Annual parental consent for each sport required.
Rhode Island	X			No state rule for each year but the League does require an Assumption of Risk form for each athlete. Any athlete who does have on file in the RIIL Office a valid Assumption of Risk form will be ineligible for competition in the RIIL. If a student transfers from one school to another, she/he must file a new Assumption of Risk form with the RIIL office. 1) Athletes in any sport, requiring helmets, that compete with helmets not equipped with the RIIL's warning label will be ejected from the game, will have the appropriate penalties assessed and will be ineligible for the next RIIL game
South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee		X		
Texas		X		
Utah	X			One time only, not each year.
Vermont	X			No state rule.
Virginia		X		
Washington	X			No state rule.
West Virginia		X		Annual consent.
Wisconsin		X		
Wyoming		X		

11. ASSUMED NAME: Participating under an assumed name in any interscholastic contest shall make the student-athlete ineligible for a period of time to be

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Alabama		X		
Alaska	X			No rule.
Arizona		X		
Arkansas		X		
California		X		
Colorado		X		
Connecticut		X		
Delaware		X		
District of Columbia	X			No rule.
Florida		X		One year.
Georgia		X		
Hawaii	X			No rule.
Idaho		X		
Illinois			X	Participation under an assumed name in any athletic contest shall make the student ineligible for one (1) year.
Indiana		X		
Iowa	X			No state rule
Kansas		X		
Kentucky			X	School also penalized. Student can be permanently ineligible.
Louisiana		X		
Maine		X		
Maryland		X		
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan		X		Implied in other regulations.
Minnesota		X		
Mississippi		X		
Missouri		X		
Montana		X		
Nebraska		X		
Nevada		X		
New Hampshire			X	365 day suspension.
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico			X	One year suspension for falsifying information

New York		X		One-year suspension for competing under an assumed name.
North Carolina		X		
North Dakota		X		
Ohio			X	School also penalized.
Oklahoma		X		
Oregon		X		
Pennsylvania		X		Student is ineligible for one (1) year.
Rhode Island		X		Student-athlete is ineligible for one (1) year.
South Carolina			X	School also penalized.
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee		X		
Texas	X			We can penalize coach, student and school for falsifying records.
Utah		X		
Vermont		X		
Virginia		X		
Washington		X		Student ineligible for one year for providing false information.
West Virginia	X			No rule.
Wisconsin			X	Applies to school and non-school competition.
Wyoming		X		

\*Unable to obtain new information; therefore, this is the same information that was received in 2004.