

# **WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE BY-LAWS, RULES and REGULATIONS 2011-12**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Interscholastic athletics is a significant and worthwhile undertaking and each year Whitefish Bay High School students are provided with the opportunity to become involved in athletics.

A copy of this handbook will be made available to each student-athlete participating in interscholastic sport activity and such copy is to be read by the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the athlete.

Signing and returning a Parent and Athlete Consent Form to the Activities Office shall indicate acknowledgment of reading and understanding the Athletic Code. Once a Consent Form is signed and returned to the Activities Office, the student-athlete will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Code of Conduct for the remainder of their time in high school. The most current Code of Conduct will be in effect and will be the one used in all situations.

Whitefish Bay High School reserves the right to implement a revised Athletic Code on an annual basis at the start of practice for the fall sports season. It is the responsibility of the student to make themselves aware of any changes. Copies of the revised Athletic Code will be available in the Activities Office and on the high school website.

The policies and procedures governing the athletic program, including this handbook, shall be administered and enforced with the full authority vested in the Activities Director.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The Whitefish Bay High School athletic program is built around the philosophy that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational, social and emotional development of the student. We believe that the athletic program should provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life. In this regard, the athletic program should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. It should offer opportunities to serve the school community, to assist in the development of fellowship and good will, to promote self-realization and all around growth, and to encourage the qualities of good citizenship.

Athletics also play an important part in the life of Whitefish Bay High School as the young people involved learn lessons in sportsmanship, responsibility, teamwork, cooperation, and winning or losing with grace. Through participation in athletics, a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body can be developed. Athletics add to Whitefish Bay school spirit and help all students; spectators as well as participants develop pride in their school community.

The athletic program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Board of Education policies, rules and regulations. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the student body, to the community, and to the student-athletes themselves.

## **TEAM RULES**

Each Head Coach may establish a set of team rules and violation consequences that the coach feels to be in the best interest of all athletes. Such rules shall become effective after approval by the Activities Director, and shall not be inconsistent with the Athletic Code.

If an athlete violates a team rule that is also a violation of the Athletic Code, the Head Coach shall report such violation to the Activities Director and such violation shall be administered as required hereunder.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT

The fundamental concept of the academic requirement is threefold: (1) It is a guide to help students meet the minimum academic requirements for athletic participation. The requirement includes steps that will be taken to help student-athletes who do not meet the minimum requirement to raise their academic performance, (2) To reinforce the belief that all students can be successful in their studies. The Activities Department will employ a zero tolerance for academic failure, (3) There is a minimum level of academic competence. All student-athletes must achieve and maintain a minimum GPA (grade point average) of 1.67 with no failures.

### GRADES USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

First quarter grades will determine eligibility status for second quarter.

First semester grades will determine eligibility status for third quarter.

Third quarter grades will determine eligibility status for fourth quarter.

Second semester grades will determine eligibility status for both summer and first quarter.

### LEVELS OF ACADEMIC PROBATION AND INELIGIBILITY

#### Level 0

Athlete has full participation and competition status for the entire quarter.

#### Level 1

Athlete has full participation status, including competition, but is on academic probation. Grades will be checked on the 15<sup>th</sup> school day following Level 1 placement. If on the grade check, the student has no failures, and a grade point average of at least 1.67, the athlete is no longer on probation and may participate fully for the remainder of the quarter. If on the grade check, the student has at least one failure or a grade point average of less than 1.67, the student will be placed at Level 2 status.

#### Level 2

Athlete may practice but is not allowed to compete and is on academic probation. Grades will be checked on the 15<sup>th</sup> school day following Level 2 placement. If on the grade check, the student has no failures, and a grade point average of at least 1.67, the athlete is no longer on probation and may participate fully for the remainder of the quarter. If on the grade check, the student has at least one failure or a grade point average of less than 1.67, the student will be placed at Level 3 status.

#### Level 3

Athlete is ineligible to practice or compete for the remainder of the quarter. There is no opportunity to regain eligibility.

**TABLE OF LEVELS OF ACADEMIC PROBATION AND INELIGIBILITY**

	NO FAILURES	1 FAILURE	2+ FAILURES
GPA < 1.00	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
1.00 ≤ GPA < 1.67	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
GPA ≥ 1.67	Level 0	Level 1	Level 3

- Grades will be evaluated by the Activities Office as soon as they are available following the close of the grading period.
- Only students having Level 0 status based on fourth quarter and second semester grades will be allowed to play summer baseball. Athletes will not have the opportunity to use probation to improve their academic standing. Probation, in this case, is the same as ineligibility. A student having Level 1 or 2 status, however, may complete an administratively approved summer academic improvement plan to elevate their status to Level 0 so the athlete may participate in baseball, provided that such a plan can be formulated.
- Students having Level 2 status based on fourth quarter and second semester grades will miss a significant number of competitions in the first quarter due to the early start date of fall sports and not having the opportunity to change their status until the 15<sup>th</sup> school day of the school year. A student having Level 2 status, however, may complete an administratively approved summer academic improvement plan to elevate their status to Level 1 before the start of the fall sports seasons, provided that such a plan can be formulated.

## **ABSENCES and DETENTIONS**

Absences and detentions may affect student participation in athletic activities. A student missing class because of participation in an athletic activity has the same obligations for making up homework, taking tests, etc. as he/she would if he/she were on a field trip.

Students absent for school related reasons, such as a field trip, music or theater performance are considered to be participating in school activities and are eligible to compete.

An athlete will not be permitted to practice or participate in a contest if he/she is suspended from school.

An athlete will not be permitted to practice or participate in a contest if he/she has a medical excuse from Physical Education. If an athlete is excused from Physical Education due to illness or injury, he/she will not be permitted to participate in a contest on that same day unless he/she attends the physical education class and participates in appropriate alternate activities.

An athlete must attend school for his/her entire schedule on the day of a contest to maintain participation eligibility unless the Activities Director gives approval. If a student violates this rule, he/she will not be allowed to compete in the next scheduled competition. For Saturday contests, an athlete's Friday attendance will be used to determine participation eligibility.

If an athlete receives a detention for any reason, the detention should be served as soon as possible. An accumulation of three (3) or more unserved detentions will result in the athlete being deemed ineligible for practice and/or contests until all of the detentions are served.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The primary purpose of Whitefish Bay High School's Athletic Code is to promote self-discipline in the best interest of the athlete. A student who complies with these rules overtly demonstrates a desire for self-improvement and enhances the best interests of teammates and school. An athlete's best performance results only after both mind and body have been conditioned through regular training routines. By following training and team rules, an athlete demonstrates his/her desire to be at his/her best at all times.

The WIAA states (A): A school shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code (a) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and (b) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body.

1) A student-athlete is required to follow the school's Code of Conduct on a year-round (12-month) basis.

(a). In-season violations of the following will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one (1) day of competition (but not less than one (1) complete game or meet) for acts: (a) involving use of alcohol; (b) use, including chewing, of tobacco; and/or (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 all out-of-season offenses; and

(c) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.

## **CONDUCT RULES APPLICABLE TO WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES**

1. The student-athlete shall not possess, use, buy or sell unauthorized drugs, including street drugs, non-prescribed prescription and performance enhancing substances (PES).

2. The student-athlete shall not possess, smoke or use tobacco of any kind.

3. The student-athlete shall not possess, supply or drink alcoholic beverages.

4. The student-athlete shall not act in a manner on or off the school grounds that reflects discredit on the student or the school. An out of school suspension may be considered as a violation.

5. The athlete shall not commit repeated acts of unsportsmanlike conduct in sporting events during the sport season in which the athlete is participating. A student athlete disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) per WIAA rule.

### **APPLICABILITY OF ATHLETIC RULES**

1. The rules and code of conduct described above shall be in effect at all times on a 12-month basis for Whitefish Bay athletes, whether school is in session or not. Accordingly, an athlete who violates a rule while school is not in session shall be treated on an identical basis as an athlete who violates a rule while school is in session. Notwithstanding, Whitefish Bay High School shall not be required to wait to begin the discipline process until school is in session.

2. Any violation of the Athletic Rules will be presumed to apply to the sport(s) in which the athlete has had previous participation. (Freshman athletes who have new sport seasons available excluded.)

### **DISCIPLINE**

In the event of a violation of the Athletic Code Rules by a Whitefish Bay student athlete, the following discipline(s) set out below shall apply. However, the Activities Director may modify the application of this discipline process of a student on a case-by-case basis. All percentage calculations of events missed will include only regular season events. The number of events will always be "rounded up". That is, if the calculated events to be missed is 3.2, the athlete will miss 4 events. Suspensions occurring in WIAA tournament contests will result in disqualification for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.

In addition, if the offense includes use of alcoholic beverages or drugs, a mandatory referral to the Whitefish Bay Student ATOD Coordinator will be made.

#### **First Offense**

The athlete will be suspended from competition for a period of twenty percent (20%) of events for the current sport season (excluding scrimmages). If the athlete is not then participating in a sport, the discipline will be served in the athlete's next sport season. If there are not sufficient events remaining, the remaining percentage of the suspension will be served in the sport in which the athlete next competes. The athlete must complete the full season in good standing for the code violation to be considered served.

#### **Second Offense**

An athlete who commits a second violation of any training rule shall be suspended from competition for a period of fifty percent (50%) of events (excluding scrimmages) for the current sport season. If the athlete is not then participating in a sport, the discipline will be served in the athlete's next regular sport season. If there are not sufficient events remaining, the remaining percentage of the suspension will be served in the sport in which the athlete next competes. The athlete must complete the full season in good standing for the code violation to be considered served.

#### **Third/Subsequent Offense**

An athlete who commits a third/subsequent violation shall be suspended from competition for a period of twelve (12) months from the discipline date. During such period, the athlete shall not be permitted to participate in any Whitefish Bay High School sport program.

### **PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO ATHLETIC RULE VIOLATIONS**

If a student is reported for a violation on any eligibility rules, the following process will be used:

1. Information obtained by the school that indicates a student is in violation of the Code of Conduct will be referred to the Activities Director. (The Activities Director may reject violations based on his/her investigation of reported facts).

2. The Activities Director shall inform the athlete of the violation within a reasonable period of time after the offense has been reported.

3. If there is a code violation, the athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be informed by phone call and/or in writing.

### **APPEAL PROCEDURE**

1. Any appeal of the decision will be directed to the Activities Director and the Athletic Board of Control consisting of the Activities Director and three head coaches (excluding coaches of the sports in which the athlete is involved). Aside from the Activities Director, each member of the Athletic Board of Control will have one vote. The decision of the Board of Control will be binding.
2. If an appeal is undertaken, the Activities Director shall schedule a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control no later than five (5) school days after the date of the appeal. At the hearing, the athlete or parent(s) or guardian(s) of the athlete may appear and present evidence on his/her behalf, including testimony
3. A written report by the Board of Control containing its factual determination and discipline, if any, shall be given/mailed to the athlete and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). A copy of the report shall be kept on file in the Activities Office.
4. No further appeal will be available at the high school level.

### **ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT**

1. Each student-athlete is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of the equipment issued to him/her.
2. All Athletic Equipment used is school property and may be used during its particular sports season only. It is the responsibility of each student-athlete who is issued any type of uniform and/or equipment to return this equipment to the head coach or his/her designee at the completion of each sport season. Each student-athlete must turn in his/her own equipment and will be held financially responsible for any lost equipment issued to him/her.
3. School purchased equipment shall only be worn during practice or contests unless authorized by the coach.
4. Lost items must be paid for by the student-athlete in the Activities Office. Charges will be based on replacement costs.
5. A student-athlete may not be issued equipment for a new sports season until his/her fines are paid or the equipment is returned from the previous sport season.

### **TRAVEL, TRIP CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE**

1. Athletic team members will use the mode of transportation provided by the school unless special prearrangements are made in writing and approved by the Activities Director or his designee.
2. Buses/vans will leave at pre-designated times. Student-athletes who miss the bus/van will not be allowed to participate in that particular event (unless covered by #1 above).
3. All student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Whitefish Bay High School at all times – the student-athletes are in the public eye both off the field or court as well as on it.
4. Every athlete is expected to return on the team bus/van. However, if the athlete has another commitment, he/she may request to leave early by picking up, filling out, and returning a signed parent release form provided by the coach.
5. The locker room is a place for coaches and players only. Friends and relatives are not allowed in the locker room before, during or after games or practices. Every student-athlete is responsible for keeping the locker room clean.
6. Appropriate attire, as dictated by the coach, will be worn when traveling to events.

### **INJURIES AND INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Whitefish Bay High School does not provide insurance coverage for athletic injuries. In any sport, particularly the contact sports, there is a risk of injury. Injuries to organs, paralysis and even death may occur. It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to report his/her injuries to the responsible parties (coach, trainer, etc.). Student-athletes using weight room equipment against coaches' and/or trainers' advice/instruction will assume the responsibility of their direct or indirect injuries. For catastrophic injuries, the WIAA does provide insurance with a deductible of \$25,000. Additionally, forms to purchase optional insurance provided by an outside agency are available in the Activities Office.

### **SELECTING A TEAM / CHANGING SPORTS**

Some teams may have cuts due to the number of athletes trying out for the team. Coaches of those teams will make the athletes aware of the selection process to be used as soon as it is clear that cuts will need to be made. The teams needing to make cuts may change from year to year as the number of athletes trying out changes. (Most cut sports will not be able to allow "late tryouts.")

An athlete may not be involved in two sports during the same season, except by consent of each sport coach and the Activities Director.

A student cut from one sport or, a student quitting a sport within the first three weeks of a season, may try out for another sport provided he/she was not cut from the first sport for a disciplinary reason and provided the other sport can accommodate the addition. A student quitting one sport after three or more weeks may try out for another sport provided the coach of the sport he/she quits approves and provided the new sport can accommodate the addition.

### **AWARDS**

Whitefish Bay High School emblems are awarded to designate excellence in achievement and progress within the specialty area of interscholastic sports. Awards will be given upon the recommendation of the head coach and approval of the Activities Director. No student-athlete can be recommended for an award by the coach unless the following criteria are fulfilled:

- The student-athlete must finish the season in his/her sport in good standing.
- The student-athlete must turn in all athletic equipment or have paid for missing items.
- The student-athlete must attend the sports banquet to receive his/her award unless the coach of that sport accepts a valid excuse in advance.

The Head Coach will determine the method of selecting team awards such as MVP or captain. It is expected that all earned awards will be worn or displayed at school or in the home with honor, pride and dignity.

### **GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING CONCERNS**

A parent or an athlete with a concern pertaining to a specific athletic program and/or team should follow the chain of contact below:

- a) player - coach
- b) parents - coach
- c) player/parents - Varsity coach
- d) player/parents - Activities Director
- e) player/ parents – Principal

Concerns regarding general policies or procedures of the Athletic Program should be addressed to the Activities Director.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Athletic Code is in effect beginning August 3, 2011.

Whitefish Bay High School reserves the right to implement a revised Athletic Code on an annual basis at the start of practice for the fall sports season. It is the responsibility of the student to make themselves aware of any changes. Copies of the revised Athletic Code are available on the high school website.

## 2011-2012 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

**Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2011-2012 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. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- E. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS□Handbook under Waivers.

#### TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete for one calendar year.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete for one calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

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

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

**TRAINING and CONDUCT**

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

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

**AMATEUR STATUS**

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as

being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.

- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

#### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

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

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
  - (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
  - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a schools team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- F. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

#### **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.***