

**STURGEON BAY HIGH SCHOOLSTURGEON BAY,  
WISCONSIN**

**CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT ELIGIBILITY  
CRITERIA AND STANDARDS**

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

It is the policy of the School District of Sturgeon Bay that no student may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's age, sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by

s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

All vocational education programs follow the district's policies of non-discrimination on the basis of the above-mentioned reasons. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation.

For a copy of the complaint procedure or any questions or complaints concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of the above-mentioned reasons, contact:

Mr. Daniel Tjernagel  
Superintendent  
School District of Sturgeon Bay  
1230 Michigan Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
920.746.2800

Inquires related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to:

Mrs. Lindsay Ferry  
Director of Pupil Services  
School District of Sturgeon Bay  
1230 Michigan Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235  
920.746.2804

**Statement of Philosophy**

The School District of Sturgeon Bay sponsors and encourages student participation in co-curricular activities as a means of providing opportunities for personal growth, skill development, socialization, creativity, and mental, physical, and competitive experience. The school district recognizes these activities as an important part of the education of our students.

The School District of Sturgeon Bay considers involvement in co-curricular activities a privilege. Student participation carries with it certain responsibilities and expectations. It is the purpose of the policies in this Co-Curricular Code of Conduct to establish standards for participation in co-curricular activities.

### **Goals of Co-Curricular Activity Participation**

The co-curricular activity program is an integral part of the educational curriculum. It provides opportunities for learning experiences difficult to duplicate in regular school activities. Some of the major objectives of the co-curricular programs are to help students develop positive character development and learn:

- responsibility
- personal and organizational/team pride
- cooperation
- respect for others
- to place the organization/team above personal goals and desires
- skill development
- self-control and discipline
- good sportsmanship
- good habits in health and fitness
- to serve as role models
- honesty and integrity

### **Responsibilities**

The opportunities to participate in the co-curricular activity program are privileges extended to all students who are willing to assume certain responsibilities. These responsibilities include all students associated with any activity. We expect these students to be a credit to themselves, their family, school, and community. A student is expected to display high standards of behavior, practice good sportsmanship, show respect for others, be neat and well groomed at all times, have good attendance, and to abstain from the use and/or possession and/or buying and/or selling of illegal drugs or look-alike drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco products.

### **Categories of Participation**

For purposes of establishing equitable standards to apply to the many co-curricular activities offered to students in the School District of Sturgeon Bay, three categories of participation are defined:

#### ***Category I – Interscholastic Athletics***

\*\*All Category I sport has a participation fee of \$25 for each sport per athlete to a maximum of \$50 per student per year for a multisport athlete. In addition, the maximum any family will pay per year is \$75. Meaning a student who plays three sports who has a sibling play two sports, would pay \$75 per year to participate in SBHS athletics.

Athletic Trainers	Dance	Swimming and Diving
Baseball	Football	Track and Field
Basketball	Golf	Volleyball
Cheerleading	Soccer	Wrestling
Cross-Country	Softball	

**Category II – School Organizations and Activities (Clubs / Competitive / Performance-Based)**

Academic Competition Teams	Forensics	Mock Trial
AODA Peer Leaders	History Club	Musical
Audio/Visual Club	HOSA	Service Club
Chess Club	Humanities Club	Student Council
City Rhythm	Intramurals	Tech Challenge
Destination Imagination	Jazz Band	World Language Club
FBLA	Literacy Club	
FTA	Math Team	

**Category III – Honorary Positions (One-Time or Special Events)**

Badger Boys / Girls State	National Honor Society	Rotary Youth Leadership
Homecoming Court	Prom Court	Sadie Hawkins Court

**School Eligibility Rules**

Eligibility criteria are established for the best interest of the students, the co-curricular group, and the school. The student who complies with these rules demonstrates a desire to dedicate himself/herself to self-improvement as well as to enhance the best interest of teammates, coaches, advisors, and the school. From the date of initial signing, these eligibility rules will be enforced on a year-round basis. Violations of the co-curricular code are cumulative through four years of high school. Unless otherwise noted, all co-curricular participants must observe these eligibility criteria at all times.

**Academics**

1. A student must pass ALL courses in which he/she is enrolled in order to maintain full eligibility. Full eligibility shall be determined by a student's grades earned on the 4½-week progress report and the 9-week report card according to the following provisions.
  - A student receiving a failing grade on the 4½-week progress report will be given one calendar week from the date that the report is mailed in order to raise his/her grade(s). If the student does not document passing grades in all classes during this week, he/she will be considered ineligible until passing grades are documented on the 9-week report card.
  - A student receiving a failing grade on the 9-week report card will be considered ineligible until passing grades are documented in all classes on the next term's 4½-week progress report.
  - This process of grade evaluation will continue through the four terms of the school year. A student receiving a failing grade at the end of the fourth term may regain eligibility at the start of the fall co-curricular season through successful completion of a summer school course or correspondence course. The summer school or correspondence course must be approved by the high school guidance counselor or principal and must be comparable to the course in which the student received the failing grade. Students exercising this option must be registered in the summer school or correspondence course no later than July 15. Students will not regain full eligibility until the course is completed and grade is on record in the High School Office.

- Incomplete grades (I) shall count as failures until made up. (Exceptions may be made by the principal in cases of illness or injury.) All incomplete grades must be made up two weeks after grades become public.
- The minimum academic eligibility requirements for special education students may be waived by the principal upon consultation with and agreement by the student's special education teacher, parents, pupil services director, and the regular education teacher of the failed course (if applicable).

### **School Attendance**

2. A student must be in class for the full day on the day of a practice or contest to be eligible to compete or participate. Exceptions may be made for absences resulting from medical or legal appointments or with prior administrative approval in the case of special circumstances.

### **Team/Organization / Activity Expectations**

3. No student may participate in any co-curricular activities until both the student and his/her parent/guardian has signed and submitted a copy of the Student/Parent Co-Curricular Responsibility Agreement, acknowledging that the student and his/her parent/guardian agree to abide by the rules and provisions of the Co-Curricular Code.
4. Students who are dropped from one activity for disciplinary reasons or who quit are not eligible to compete in another activity for that particular season without mutual agreement of coaches and/or advisors. However, any student who does not make the final roster of a team may compete in another activity during that season.
5. Students shall be clean and well groomed (to be determined by the coach or advisor) throughout the season. Unusual clothing or uncleanliness during the season shall cause the student to be subject to restrictions as the coach or advisor and/or administration shall impose after reasonable counseling has been attempted.
6. A student who travels to an out-of-town activity with a school group must return with the group. The only exception to this rule is that if a parent is present at the out-of-town site, he/she may request that the student return with the parent. This request must be made in writing. Bus waiver forms may be obtained from the coach or High School Office.
7. Any student who is injured during an activity or contest shall report the injury to the coach/advisor at once. If a student is treated at a hospital or medical facility, a release from a physician is required before the student resumes practice or competition.
8. Each student is responsible for the school equipment issued to him/her. Lost equipment must be paid for by the student to whom it was issued prior to any involvement in another school activity. Any student possessing school equipment not issued to that student faces disciplinary action which may prevent his/her further involvement.
9. A student, when he/she joins an activity, is expected to dedicate the time specified for practice by the coach/advisor. Regular attendance in classes, practice, and games or meets is required.

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10. If the number of students trying out for an activity is more than the facilities and/or equipment can accommodate, selection will be made by the coach on the basis of ability shown.
11. (Category I participants only) Students participating in interscholastic athletics must also abide by specific rules of eligibility as stipulated by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (W.I.A.A.). Those specific rules are summarized in a separate document and will be handed out at the Parent-Athlete Co-Curricular meeting and at any time upon request. Copies of the W.I.A.A. rules are available from the athletic director or in the High School Office.
12. (Category I participants only) Athletes may participate in organized non-school activities as long as they are not participating in the same sport (W.I.A.A. Rule) and this activity does not interfere with the practice or game schedule of the school team. A student athlete will become ineligible for the remainder of the sports season for breaking this policy.
13. (Category I participants only) At least one parent or guardian must attend a Parent-Athlete Co-Curricular rules meeting prior to the start of the student's first season of participation each school year. No student may begin practice until this requirement has been met.

Parents unable to attend the general meeting due to extenuating circumstances must arrange an appointment with the head coach, athletic director, and/or principal to discuss the co-curricular standards and sign a copy of the rules.

14. (Category I participants only) In addition to the signed Student/Parent Co-Curricular Responsibility Agreement, the following documents must be completed and submitted before an athlete may start practice or receive any equipment:
  - Athletic Permit Card or Alternative Year Permit Card (An athlete must have a physical by a licensed physician every other year. In alternate years, the Alternate Year Athletic Permit Card must be completed. Exception: managers and statisticians.)
  - Insurance Waiver Form or Proof of Insurance
  - Emergency Information Card

### **General Conduct**

15. No student may use, possess, buy, sell, or transmit any tobacco products (including look-alike tobacco products and electronic smoking devices), alcohol, illegal drugs, or look-alike drugs.
16. If a student-athlete hosts a get-together and if alcohol and/or drugs or look-alike drugs are present and being consumed, the student-athlete host is in violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct to the same degree as if the student-athlete host used and/or possessed and/or bought and/or sold drugs or look-alike drugs, and/or alcohol, and/or tobacco products.

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17. General conduct (citizenship) by student-athletes in and out of school must be positive and exemplary. Students must display and practice good school and community citizenship at alltimes; their behavior should not bring discredit to themselves, their parents/guardians, the school, or the team. Examples of behaviors that would be considered to be violations of this clause include, but are not limited to, the following:

- vandalism or property destruction
- theft
- physical assault
- disorderly conduct
- serious or persistent violations of school rules that results in out-of-school suspension
- behavior that results in the issuance of a municipal citation or a misdemeanor charge by the Police and/or Sheriff's Department for any activity other than minor driving offenses.

WIAA Felony Rule: Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

A suspension from co-curricular activities shall take place during an appeal for the violation, citation, or criminal charge within the school or legal system.

18. A student becomes eligible when his/her suspension is completed.

### **Determination of Violation**

The building administrator and/or the athletic director will investigate reported violations of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. Students alleged to have violated the code will be given the opportunity to present information on their behalf before any penalties or consequences are imposed.

If the investigation leads to an initial determination that a violation has occurred, the building administrator and/or athletic director will so inform the student. The student may request a meeting with his/her parent and the building administrator and athletic director or designee to further discuss the violation before a final decision is made. Parental participation is strongly encouraged. This meeting must take place at least one day prior to the next scheduled activity or within three school/business days (whichever comes first) unless the building administrator and/or athletic director agree to modify this deadline. If the student and/or parent choose not to request a meeting, the initial determination will stand, and the student will be declared ineligible.

### **Appeal Process**

The following appeal process shall be used (student is ineligible to compete pending appeal):

1. The initial appeal of the penalty must be directed to the building principal in writing within fiveschool/business days. The building principal will refer the appeal to the superintendent.
2. The superintendent will meet with the student and his/her parent(s) in a timely manner to hear testimony and receive other information on behalf of the student. The high school administration may also present testimony and other information at the appeal meeting. The superintendent may also direct questions to the student, parent(s), administration, or any other

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individuals presenting information related to the appeal. After each side has had an opportunity to be heard, the superintendent will render a decision within three school or business days.

3. The superintendent has the authority to uphold or overturn the penalty imposed by the highschool administration.
4. Decisions of the superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Education. This appeal should be made in writing and directed to the superintendent within five school/business days after receipt of the superintendent's decision. The superintendent will forward the appeal to the Board of Education president.

### **Penalties for Violation of Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility Rules**

If a student violates the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, he/she will be held accountable for the violation in each co-curricular activity in which the student is participating. If a student is not involved in a co-curricular activity at the time of the violation, he/she will be held accountable during the next season of participation. If a penalty cannot be satisfied during a current season of participation, the penalty will be prorated over the course of the next season of participation. Penalties will be imposed in each category of participation according to the following guidelines:

#### ***Category I***

##### *First Offenses: 25 percent of the scheduled contests*

In addition, if the violation is a drug-, alcohol-, or tobacco-related offense, it is recommended that the student have a chemical assessment offered by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense.

##### *Second Offenses: 50 percent of the scheduled contests*

Any student subjected to a penalty because of a second offense related to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student participates in the suspended activity.

##### *Third Offenses: 100 percent of the scheduled contests*

Any student subjected to a penalty because of a third offense related to drugs or look-alike drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student is eligible to participate in the suspended activity and successfully complete a prescribed program as deemed appropriate by the building administrator in conjunction with a community agency prior to further participation.

##### *Fourth and Subsequent Offenses: Calendar-year suspension from all areas of co-curricular participation (twelve [12] months from date of penalty)*

Any student subjected to a penalty because of four or more offenses related to drugs or look-alike

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drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student is eligible to participate in the suspended activity and successfully complete a prescribed program as deemed appropriate by the building administrator in conjunction with a community agency prior to further participation.

The following chart summarizes the number of Category I contests that would be missed due to a first and second offense of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct:

Percent of Violation	No. of Contests	No. of Contests Penalized
25 percent	1 – 6	1
	7 – 11	2
	12 – 15	3
	16 – 19	4
	20 or more	5
50 percent	1 – 3	1
	4	2
	5 – 7	3
	8 – 9	4
	10 – 11	5
	12 – 13	6
	14 – 15	7
	16 – 17	8
	18 – 19	9
	20 or more	10

If a student does not successfully complete the season of a Category I activity in which he/she is serving a suspension, any penalties served during that season will not be counted, and the student's entire consequence will be carried over into the next season of participation.

### ***Category II***

#### ***First Offenses: Ineligible for 15 calendar days***

In addition, if the violation is a drug-, alcohol-, or tobacco- related offense, it is recommended that the student have a chemical assessment offered by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense.

#### ***Second Offenses: Ineligible for 30 calendar days***

Any student subjected to a penalty because of a second offense related to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student participates in the suspended activity.

#### ***Third Offenses: Ineligible for 60 calendar days***

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Any student subjected to a penalty because of a third offense related to drugs or look-alike drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student is eligible to participate in the suspended activity and successfully complete a prescribed program as deemed appropriate by the building administrator in conjunction with a community agency prior to further participation.

*Fourth and Subsequent Offenses: Ineligible for one calendar year*

Any student subjected to a penalty because of four or more offenses related to drugs or look-alike drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is required to have a chemical assessment by a state-certified mental health and/or AODA agency at student and/or parent/guardian expense during the suspension and before the student is eligible to participate in the suspended activity and successfully complete a prescribed program as deemed appropriate by the building administrator in conjunction with a community agency prior to further participation.

**Category III**

Due to the honorary nature of election to any Category III activity, students who violate the Code of Conduct for infractions involving the use, possession or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco, or for conduct that results in charges for a misdemeanor or felony shall be removed from consideration of the position/honor. If selection has already been made, the student shall be removed from the elected position and forfeit his/her right to participate in the activity for one calendar year.

**Parent Expectations Accountability Agreement**

As the parent/guardian of a student athlete, I hereby understand and agree to my role regarding the following expectations:

1. Create a positive atmosphere for my student athlete both at home and throughout the community.
2. To personally hold my student athlete and myself accountable for our commitment to success. This specifically includes helping with Booster Club and additional program fundraisers in which my student athlete is participating.
3. I will at all times be a positive influence and role model for my student athlete at home and throughout the community.
4. I will maintain the highest level of sportsmanship at all times during all competitive sports functions to help instill in my student athlete the importance of good sportsmanship.
5. I will trust and support the administration, the coaches, and their staff members who are making decisions based on the best interest of my student athlete, the program, the school district, and our community.

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## 2023-2024 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and \_\_\_\_\_

(School)

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

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

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

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

**Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2023-2024 school year**:

### AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if they reach their 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 school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

### ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if they are 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, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if they have graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.
- D. A student is ineligible if they have 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 their 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 their 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, they 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, they become eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if their 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 they transfer to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

#### **DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth 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 will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- B. 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. Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- 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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- 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.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at their new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

- I. 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. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- 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 and complete 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 their new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education. Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.
- 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 they 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 their school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates their 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. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid their debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates their 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.
- E. 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.
- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

#### **AMATEUR STATUS**

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

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash (including gift cards) or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.
- D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than their own name.

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
- (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
  - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or their parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be their coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

## USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

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

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

5/2023

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**Detach and Return to Athletic Director**  
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## PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY SIGN-OFF FORM – 2023-2024

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement. In signing below, I further acknowledge and understand that no contractual relationship, direct or indirect, is created between the student-athlete or their parents and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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School Name

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature

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Please Print Name

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Date

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Student-Athlete’s Signature

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Please Print Name

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Date

**This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.**