



# Eligibility Overview for Athletes

## You Are Not Eligible:

If you are not enrolled as a full time student at your school.

If you reach nineteen (19) years of age prior to August 1.

If you failed more than one class in the most recent grade-reporting period (or failed to meet your school's academic standard if that standard is stricter than the WIAA's).

If eight (8) semesters have passed since entering Grade 9.

If you have participated in school sports for all, or part of, four (4) school years.

If you attend a public high school outside the district where your parent(s) reside full time in their primary residence. Exception: Students who are entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year. **Refer to Senior High Handbook, Rules of Eligibility.**

If you attend a private school (except boarding schools) and do not reside full time with parent(s) in their primary residence. **Refer to Senior High Handbook, Rules of Eligibility.**

**\*\*Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. Refer to Senior High Handbook, Rules of Eligibility.**

**Note 1** – You may be limited to nonvarsity competition if you have transferred from any school into a member school after the beginning of your 9th grade year, and you have not received a waiver from the WIAA.

**Note 2** – 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 change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at their new school.

You are not eligible to practice or compete at any level if you do not have on file in your school: (a) evidence of having passed a physical examination signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber, (b) signature of parent(s) giving permission to participate in sports, (c) parent signature affirming receipt of WIAA Rules of Eligibility, and (d) emergency locator form on file.

If you do not sign and follow the code of conduct established by your school.

If you have violated your status as an amateur athlete by (a) accepting any amount of money or any kind of merchandise valued above \$100 retail, (b) signing a contract for your services as an athlete, (c) receiving any benefit for the use of your name, picture, and/or personal appearance as an athlete, (d) receiving free or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical or any and all interested students, (e) providing any endorsement, as an athlete, in promoting a profit-making event, (f) playing under another name or (g) appearing as an athlete (with or without permission) in a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.

If you participate in more than two contests or events other than for your official interscholastic school team while you are a member of that school team and during the entire school season (start of practice to end of season) of that sport. You must have prior school approval.

If as an underclassman you have played in an all-star contest.

If you let anyone besides your parents pay a fee for specialized training, like a summer camp, or if you are instructed by your school coach outside the season of a sport (unless the contact is in the summertime and takes place during an approved contact period).

Your school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the rules and regulations as established by the member schools of the WIAA govern your participation in high school athletics, and impact/affect your sports activity outside of school.

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**The rules above are general statements only; see your principal, athletic director, or coach for further details and exceptions.**

Your school may have stricter rules than those listed here; again contact your principal, athletic director, or coach if you have a question on any eligibility rule relating to either your school or the WIAA.