

# Fall Sports – Academic Ineligibility

A reminder: When the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet takes place before the first day of classes at a member school, “the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport; or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).”

In those instances where a member school has begun fall classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet in a sport, ineligible students in these situations are subject to the standard rule applied when school is in session (15 scheduled school days and nights). In this situation, eligibility is regained on the school day following the period of ineligibility (16th school day). **Note 1:** An interschool scrimmage does NOT count as a game or meet for purposes of this rule. **Note 2:** If a multi-school meet is counted on your schedule as one meet, it also counts as one meet as it applies to the number of meets an ineligible student must sit out. **Note 3:** Games/meets at different levels of competition (varsity, JV, freshmen) may NOT be combined to reach the number of meets an athlete must sit out.

When your school year begins after the earliest allowed game/meet you may use this chart to determine the period of ineligibility:

## Fall 2026 Dates

Sport	Boys Soccer	Girls Volleyball	Boys Volleyball	Football	Cross Country	Girls Golf	Girls Tennis	Girls Swimming
Minimum Ineligibility Period: 21 Days or	8 games	5 meets	5 meets	3 games	4 meets	5 meets	5 meets	5 meets
Earliest Allowed Game/Meet – Fall 2065	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	Aug. 20 (11-player & 8-player)	Aug. 25	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 19
Student Regains Eligibility on this Date or After Sitting Out the Required Number of Meets	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	Sept.10 (11-player & 8-player)	Sept. 15	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 9

\*Do not use this chart if you begin classes on or before the date of the earliest allowed game/meet.