



Athletic Code of Conduct

2023-2024

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The Rice Lake School District believes that its primary purpose is to provide opportunities for excellence in education. With this in mind, the school board, administration, and faculty agree that athletics can be an integral part of a student's education. Competitive athletics offers valuable learning experiences that are physically, ethically, and emotionally demanding. These experiences provide lessons that often cannot be taught in the normal classroom setting. Athletics is considered to be a privilege. Therefore, anyone wishing to participate must be willing to accept this code of conduct and consequences for code violations.

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. A senior high student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
- B. Each school year, all participating students must complete the following documents prior to receiving any equipment or participating in any practice sessions:
 - 1. Proof of insurance or a signature accepting responsibility of payment in case of injury.
 - 2. WIAA physical examination card or WIAA alternate year card completed.
 - 3. A statement signed by both student and parents indicating an understanding of the athletic code.
 - 4. Concussion Agreement Form.
- C. A student may only be on one eligibility list per season.

II. ACADEMICS

A student must be passing all classes or be identified as a special needs student and enrolled in a prescribed program. Academic eligibility will be based on a regular progress check of student's cumulative grades. Should a check reveal a student to not be meeting eligibility criteria, a period of probation will be instituted. Should the student not meet eligibility criteria during the next progress check, the student becomes academically ineligible for one week. The period of ineligibility will run from Monday to Sunday. At the end of a term, the term grade will be used to determine eligibility. At the end of a term, any student who does not pass all classes, will be ineligible for the period including at least the next fifteen regularly scheduled school days and nights (A/B day class grades will be used after second and fourth term). The official date used for determining academic eligibility at the end of a grading period will be the date when grades are made available to the athletic director. Academically ineligible students may practice at the discretion of the coach.

The following additional rules also relate to academic eligibility:

- A. Any incompletes must be made up in accordance with District policy.
- B. A student's academic eligibility for fall sports is determined by the grades earned during the final term of the previous school year. An ineligible student may regain eligibility by attending and passing the summer school course(s) that would be equivalent to the number of course(s) failed. Failing of a core course would require passing of a core course to regain eligibility.
- C. Students are responsible for any school work missed due to co-curricular activities. Students are expected to make every effort to contact the instructor prior to the absence.

III. ATTENDANCE

- A. Students are required to be in attendance for all periods on the day of a contest or practice to be eligible for participation on that day. All school-approved pre-arranged absences are excluded. Extraordinary situations may be appealed to the principal or athletic director.
- B. An unexcused absence of one or more entire class periods during a sports season makes a student ineligible for the next upcoming contest for which he/she is eligible (i.e. football season, basketball season, etc.), unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the principal.
- C. Some students miss or come in late, particularly the school day after an athletic contest. The primary reason for existence of a school is academic education, not athletics. Therefore, student athletes who are late to school in the morning, miss school entirely, or are tardy for classes repeatedly, will be required to have their parents contact the athletic director to show why he/she should be allowed to continue taking part in athletic competition.

IV. TRIPS

- A. Athletes must use the mode of transportation approved by the school. An athlete who travels to a site with a school team must return with the team. The only exception to this rule is that if the athlete's parent/guardian is present at the site, he or she may request that the athlete return with the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must present the coach with a written note indicating that he or she will be taking their son or daughter home. Parents are asked to make these arrangements in advance with the coaching staff whenever possible.

V. ATHLETIC POLICIES

- A. **Enforcement** - The Rice Lake High School Athletic Code will be enforced from the date of signing, for a period of 12 consecutive months. For students who participate in at least one sport each school year, the code applies during their entire high school experience.
- B. **Suspension** - A student athlete who is suspended out of school during their sport season will not be allowed to practice or compete during the suspension.
- C. **Academic or Code Violation Sanctions** - Any student athlete who is under academic or suspension from a code violation will not be allowed to miss school time to travel with the team to away games until the suspension has been served. Any student athlete who is under academic or code violation suspension will not be allowed to wear the uniform for games during their suspension period but may be with the team at a game dressed in proper attire. During the suspension period, the coach will decide the status of the student-athlete regarding practice.
- D. **Appearance** - Student athletes will be responsible for being clean and well-groomed on and off the field.
- E. **Communicating the Code to Parents and athletes** - Will be done entirely online. Parents and athletes will be responsible for reading and reviewing and signing the code each year.
- F. **Equipment** - Any school equipment that is issued must be returned or paid for before a student may participate in his/her next sport or receive awards in the current sport. Anyone possessing equipment that has not been issued to him/her will face athletic department action and may be referred to small claims court.
- G. **Injury** - All injuries incurred during an athletic practice or contest must be reported to the coach or athletic trainer immediately.
- H. **Insurance** - The school is aware that many families have adequate health and accident insurance. However, there are some families whose coverage is not adequate or who have no insurance. A group insurance plan link is available online on the RLHS Athletic webpage.
- I. **Discipline** - Recognition is given that discipline is an essential part of the learning process; therefore, each coach may establish rules in addition to those stated to ensure an atmosphere conducive to the sport. Any additional rules may not preclude any code of conduct or WIAA rules. These rules must be submitted to the athletic director in writing and then approved prior to their introduction to the team at large.
- J. **Review** - The athletic code will be subject to review annually.

VI. CODE VIOLATIONS

The following are violations of the athletic code:

- A. Purchase, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
- B. Purchase, possession, or use of look-alike drugs on school property or at school sponsored events.
- C. Purchase, possession, or use of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or other vapor devices.
- D. Insubordination, illegal acts, inappropriate use of social media or conduct contrary to the principles and standards of Rice Lake Area Schools (Conduct not becoming of an athlete).
- E. Violation of Wisconsin Statutes, County and Municipal Ordinances.
DNR, motor vehicle, and traffic violations which are not criminal offenses and not alcohol or drug related may be considered code violations (Example: poaching).
- F. THE RICE LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT STRONGLY DISCOURAGES THE USE OF ANY DRUG, MEDICATION OR FOOD SUPPLEMENT SOLELY FOR PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING PURPOSES.

VII. REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS

- A. Athletic code violations may be observed or reported by administration, faculty, parents, students, or community members. When appropriate, as determined by the athletic director, the anonymity of the informant will be maintained.
- B. The athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified of the alleged violation within two school days of receipt of the report by the athletic director. The athletic director (with a second school official present when reasonable) shall interview the athlete and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) not later than two school days after the preceding notice.
- C. Upon conclusion of the interview and after such other and further investigation and inquiry as the athletic director deems appropriate, the athletic director shall issue his/her decision whether the athlete violated a code provision. The athletic director shall determine and impose the appropriate consequence if a violation is found to have occurred. The athletic director shall be the sole finder of fact.

VIII. CONSEQUENCES

Participation in interscholastic athletics is considered extra-curricular. Failure to abide by the established rules will result in withdrawal of the privilege to participate. Violations of the code of conduct will be dealt with in the procedures that follow:

HONESTY OPTION REDUCTION

Student-athletes who self-report their athletic code violations to the coach or athletic director and/or who do not attempt to deceive or mislead school officials, shall have their first offense suspension reduced by 50%. This honesty reduction is available on the first offense only. The honesty reduction may not apply if school officials have been made aware of the violation through another source.

First Offense

1. Suspension from **1/3** of the interscholastic season.
2. A student athlete who uses the honesty option will have the suspension reduced by 50%.

Second Offense

1. Suspension from **1/2** of the interscholastic season.
2. If the violation is for a second drug or alcohol offense, it is required that the student-athlete have a chemical assessment by an approved non-school AODA counseling agency. The student-athlete must cooperatively participate and complete the treatment program that the agency recommends.

Third Offense

1. Suspension from interscholastic athletics for **12 consecutive months** from the date of the offense.
2. The student athlete will meet with the administration and AODA coordinator to determine appropriate procedures for re-admittance to the athletic program.

Fourth Offense

1. Suspension from interscholastic athletics for **12 consecutive months** from the date of the offense.
2. The student athlete will meet with the administration and AODA coordinator to determine appropriate procedures for re-admittance to the athletic program.

Increased consequences hosting/supplying

1. A student who hosts a 'party' where code violations occur or supplies alcohol/drugs may receive a consequence enhancement of one level. (if it's the student's first violation, the consequence may be enhanced to a 2nd violation resulting in a 1/2 of a season suspension).

Increased consequences for serious violations

1. If a student commits an act in violation of the athletic code which would be classified under Wisconsin state law or federal law as a felony or Class A misdemeanor, or which in the sole discretion of the athletic director is so serious that additional (increased) consequences are

warranted, the athletic director may impose additional (increased) consequences including, but not limited to additional and increased suspension periods. These consequences are solely within the discretion of the athletic director.

2. The consequences imposed pursuant to this section shall supersede all other consequences and shall not be subject to the "Honesty Option Reduction" and "Two Year Forgiveness"
3. The consequences imposed pursuant to this section are subject to the appeal procedure set forth in Appendix A (except for felony charges per WIAA rules).

Suspensions - Suspensions will be rounded to the nearest whole number of contests. Any suspension not completed in one sport will carry over to the next sport. A student athlete must complete a sport in good standing in order to satisfy the requirement of a suspension.

Any suspension resulting from a code violation of Section VI carrying into a state tournament series will result in the athlete being ineligible for the entire tournament.

Consequences for violations that occur while an athlete is serving a suspension will result in the additional suspension being imposed after the current suspension is completed.

Team Captains - Any athlete who has a recorded code violation within the past 12 months under Section VI cannot be a captain of a team.

Two Year Forgiveness - Athletic code offenses are cumulative. However, if a two-year time period has elapsed since the calendar date of the first offense, the student athlete will then have a clean slate. This does NOT apply to any athlete receiving their second violation.

APPENDIX A

APPEAL PROCEDURE

If the athlete and/or the athlete's parents or guardian are not in agreement with the disciplinary action taken, the following procedure may be commenced:

Written notice of an appeal must be submitted to the athletic director within 72 hours of the athletic director's decision.

Written notice of an appeal to any subsequent level must also be submitted to the athletic director within 72 hours of the decision at any level of appeal.

The hearing for each level of appeal will be held within seven days of the athletic director's receipt of the written notice of appeal. The student and/or parent should present a legitimate basis for appeal, not simply to appeal for appeal's sake.

ORDER OF APPEAL

1. Athletic Council
2. District Administrator
3. Rice Lake School Board

APPENDIX B

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Decisions regarding disciplinary action taken against any student-athlete for violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct may be appealed by a parent/guardian using the following procedure:

A request for a hearing with the Appeals Council to appeal a suspension from athletics, as a result of a code violation, must be made in writing to the Athletic Director within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the suspension letter. The hearing will be held within seven (7) days of the Athletic Director's receipt of the written notice of appeal. During the time of appeal, the student-athlete will be ineligible for competition. The Appeals Council will consist of five (5) members:

One school administrator (other than Athletic Director)

Athletic Director (non-voting member)

Two Head Coaches

Two staff members from the Code Revision committee

All matters discussed at the hearing will remain confidential unless information release is required by law and/or the regulations of an applicable governing body for the sport or activity (e.g., WIAA, National Honor Society, etc...)

During the hearing, the student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will have an opportunity to speak and to present any evidence on his/her behalf. The Athletic Director will present pertinent verbal and written statements gathered as a result of the investigation leading to the suspension.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Appeals Council will go into closed session to deliberate regarding whether to sustain or reverse the suspension. All votes of the Appeals Council will be taken as confidential, written notes, and will not be disclosed to the appealing parties. The Appeals Council will render their decision in writing to the appealing parties, but the Appeals Council may also verbally relay the results to the appealing parties after the conclusion of the closed session.



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.

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. 10th, 11th or 12th 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

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

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.

School Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Please Print Name

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Please Print Name

Date