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ATHLETIC CODE CAMERON HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL

This athletic code shall cover all students who participate in interscholastic athletic competition as athletes, cheerleaders, managers, statisticians or members of the dance team. The Athletic Code is in effect for the complete calendar year (12 months). This code is applicable when an athlete is not out for a sport, including the summer months. Once signed, this code will be in effect for a student's entire high school career. A student must have all athletic fees paid, a completed WIAA physical or alternate year card must be on file and a signed copy of the athletic code prior to being allowed to practice for any sport.

ARTICLE I: ELIGIBILITY

Students in any grade level that choose to participate in interscholastic athletics must meet all eligibility requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (Attached WIAA High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin must be signed prior to participation) and all eligibility requirements set forth by the Cameron Schools.

A. The students must meet the attendance requirements.

1. Eligibility extends to only eight semesters of high school attendance.
2. Students must attend school regularly.
3. Attendance at all practices and games is required. Unexcused absence from practice is handled by the coach of the sport involved.
4. Students must be in school all day the day of a game or practice. If absent, students will not be eligible to play in that athletic event or to practice unless their absence is approved by the school administration.
5. Students must be in school all day the day after a game. If absent, students will not be eligible to play in that athletic event or practice unless their absence is approved by the school administration. Absence for illness, sleeping late, etc., results in no practice or participation that day.
6. A student must practice at least 7 out of 10 scheduled practices (one practice per day) before they are allowed to participate in any athletic contest. Students who discontinue participation in a sport will have to start over on the 7 out of 10 practices requirement before competing.

B. The student must maintain satisfactory academic achievement. (WIAA HB Art. V Sect. 2)

1. The philosophy that each student athlete must PASS in order to PLAY is applied to Cameron Athletics. Students who receive an F in any class during a Mid-Trimester Grade Check or at the End of any Trimester will be ineligible to play in an upcoming event according to the following schedule:
 - a. Any student-athlete failing **1 or more classes at a Mid-Trimester Grade Check** will miss their next contest if it falls within the sport season.

- b. Any student-athlete failing **1 class at the end of a Trimester** will miss 1 contest of their next sport season, even if that sport season is not in session.
 - c. Any student-athlete that has **more than one failing grades at the end of the Trimester**, will also become ineligible for the next 15 scheduled student days if they are not meeting these requirements.
- 2. The period of ineligibility will begin the day after grades are due in the high school office. This date is typically two days after the end of the **Trimester**.
- 3. A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility by meeting the academic standards following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
- 4. The Athletic Director will check and determine if the student is academically eligible after the scheduled time period of ineligibility. This will be done the school day following the last day of ineligibility.
- 5. The penalty for ineligibility at the end of second semester will carry over to the beginning of the next school year. (WIAA Handbook Article. 5, Section 2)

C. Middle School

- 1. The philosophy that each student athlete must PASS in order to PLAY is applied to Cameron Athletics. Students who receive an F in any class during a Mid-Trimester Grade Check or at the End of any Trimester will be ineligible to play in an upcoming event according to the following schedule:
 - a. Any student-athlete failing **1 or more classes at a Mid-Trimester Grade Check** will miss their next contest if it falls within the sport season.
 - b. Any student-athlete failing **1 class at the end of a Trimester** will miss 1 contest of their next sport season, even if that sport season is not in session.
 - c. Any student-athlete that has **more than one failing grades at the end of the Trimester**, will also become ineligible for the next 5 scheduled student days if they are not meeting these requirements.
- 2. The period of ineligibility will begin the day after grades are due in the middle school office. This date is typically two days after the end of the **Trimester**.
- 3. A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility by meeting the academic standards following a period of 5 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
- 4. The Athletic Director will check and determine if the student is academically eligible after the scheduled time period of ineligibility. This will be done the school day following the last day of ineligibility.
- 5. The penalty for ineligibility at the end of second semester will carry over to the beginning of the next school year.

ARTICLE II: CODE OF CONDUCT

Interscholastic athletic participation is a right of every student in the Cameron Schools. This right will be revoked or suspended, however, if any athlete fails to follow the rules and regulations outlined in this code. These rules and regulations apply to all athletes, managers, cheerleaders, and members of the dance team.

A. Major Violations of the Code of Conduct

1. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

Students in the Cameron School District who are bound by this code may not consume or have in their possession any of the following (WIAA Handbook, Article VII, Section 2).

- a. Intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages (or look-alike).
- b. Cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, or any other form of tobacco.
- c. E-Cigarettes, Vape Pens or look-alikes.
- d. Any illegal drugs, including marijuana.

2. Attendance at gatherings where illegal activity takes place (i.e. under-aged drinking parties) without prior knowledge and the athlete does not make a responsible and timely effort to remove themselves from this location.

3. Standards of Behavior

The student is to uphold the ideals, principles, and standards of the WIAA and the school. (WIAA Handbook, Article VII, Section 2, and Cameron School Policy). Examples of behaviors which do not uphold these standards include: Acts of vandalism; Flagrant violation of game rules; Serious and continued violation of school regulations; Serious and continued disrespect of teachers, officials, students, or other school or community persons, repeated minor infractions (more than three), any behavior that is regarded as a criminal act. Students with possible code violations related to this section will be subject to the procedures in accordance with ARTICLE IV of this athletic code.

B. Minor Infractions of the Code of Conduct

As specified in the WIAA Handbook, a student may also be punished for conduct unacceptable to the ideals and standards of the WIAA and/or Cameron Schools. This would include, but is not limited to, truancy (unexcused absences from a full day or part of a day of school) and referrals to the principal for school related disciplinary reasons (such as swearing or disruption in class). Judgment of this conduct will be the duty of the Athletic Director and Principal and will depend on the facts and circumstances present in each individual case.

ARTICLE III: DISCIPLINE

Violations of the Athletic Code shall subject the athlete to the following system of discipline:

A. For Middle and Senior High athletic participants:

1. Major violations of ARTICLE II: Section A: Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2, or Paragraph 3 will result in one of the following:

a. Penalty for the First Major Violation

The first major violation of ARTICLE II: Section A: Paragraph 1 or 2 will result in suspension from the team for a minimum of 33% of the scheduled games, meets, tournaments, etc. within the regular season of the sport. If that number of events does not remain to be played, the penalty shall extend into the next sport season of the offender. The athlete will continue to practice.

OR

Self-Reporting Option

The first violation will result in suspension from the team for 10 % of the scheduled games, meets, tournaments, etc. within the regular season of the sport. If the number of events does not remain to be played, the penalty shall extend into the next sport season of the offender. The student must report to a school official before being called down and questioned by a school official (i.e. Athletic Director, Principal or Coach).

OR

Counseling Option

The first violation will result in suspension from the team for 10 % of the scheduled games, meets, tournaments, etc. within the regular season of the sport. If the number of events does not remain to be played, the penalty shall extend into the next sport season of the offender. The student must complete an appropriate program offered through Barron County Restorative Justice, or similar counseling program approved by school administration. All costs will be the student's responsibility. The athlete will continue to practice.

OR

Standards of Behavior Option

The first violation will result in suspension from the team for 10 % of the scheduled games, meets, tournaments, etc. within the regular season of the sport. If the number of events does not remain to be played, the penalty shall extend into the next sport season of the offender. The student must complete ten hours of community service (initiated by the student and approved by the Athletic Director and Principal), and pay any restitution if required. The community service must be initiated within five calendar days and be completed within one month. The athlete will continue to practice.

b. Penalty for the Second Major Violation

The second major violation of ARTICLE II: Section A: Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2, will result in suspension from the team for one (1) season or its equivalent. The athlete will be allowed to practice at the discretion of the coach.

c. Penalty for the Third Major Violation

The third major violation of ARTICLE II: Section A: Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2, will result in suspension from participation in all athletic events for a calendar year. The athlete may be allowed to practice if the coach, with agreement from the principal, believes it is in the athlete's long term best interest.

All major violations apply equally toward penalty status.

2. Allegations of minor violations that do not include alcohol, tobacco or drugs will be investigated by the Principal and Athletic Director. If an infraction is found to have taken place, the penalty is a one game suspension. Minor infractions are defined in ARTICLE II: Section B.
 - a. The penalty for subsequent minor infractions will be one game per occurrence.
 - b. The fourth minor infraction that is accumulated in a school year will result in being classified as a major violation.
 - c. For all athletes, please note the following:
 1. All suspensions must be completed during the course of the regular sport season(s). In no case will eligibility be restored once post-season(tournament) competition has begun.
 2. Any fractions in determining contests suspended will be rounded to the nearest whole number.
 3. A student who serves a penalty related to a code infraction, must remain a participant in that sport for the duration of the season. Discontinuation of participation following the time of the penalty will not meet the terms for reinstatement of eligibility. A student in an infraction status that elects to go out for a sport, in which they typically do not participate, must be a contributing member of the team during that season.
 4. All student athletes start with a clean slate in grade nine.

ARTICLE IV: INDIVIDUAL SPORT / ACTIVITY VIOLATIONS

- A. Head coaches/advisors in all interscholastic sports and in all activities covered by this code have the right to establish rules and regulations not covered by this code. For example, they might wish to enforce hours, practice attendance, dress code, procedures, etc. Enforcement of these rules and regulations is at the discretion of the head coach or advisor of each sport or activity. Each student participating in a coach's or advisor's particular sport or activity is to be informed in writing of the general rules he/she is expected to follow.

ARTICLE V: ENFORCEMENT

- A. Enforcement of this code shall be the responsibility of the Athletic Director and Principal.
- B. A student will remain eligible until the Athletic Director or Principal has informed him/her and his/her parents of their decision regarding an alleged violation.
- C. In all circumstances, it is the intent that the process be fair and timely. The term of ineligibility shall follow immediately upon notification of ineligibility.

ARTICLE VI: REVIEW PROCEDURE (Major Violation)

A. Whenever charges of a Major Violation of the Athletic Code are brought, the Athletic Director and Principal shall:

1. Investigate the allegation to determine if a potential violation of the Athletic Code has taken place.
2. Meet with the student to present the information regarding an alleged infraction of the Athletic Code and to give opportunity to hear the student's side.
3. Take time for deliberation and making a determination regarding whether an infraction has taken place.
4. Determine the penalty, according to the Athletic Code for a student that is found guilty of a violation.

B. Students accused of a Major Violation of this code can expect the following procedure:

1. The Principal shall inform the student of the charge brought against him/her. The accuser must have presented his/her complaint to the Principal within 15 school days of the alleged incident. If the incident occurred during the summer, the Athletic Director and Principal must act within 15 school days after the beginning of the next school year.
2. The accused will be given the opportunity to meet with the Athletic Director and Principal to be informed of the charges.
3. The accused will have an opportunity to present evidence in his/her own behalf.
4. The Athletic Director and Principal will deliberate and decide the matter in private. The student will be informed within 24 hours after the decision of guilt or innocence.
5. Parents will be contacted within 24 hours after the decision of guilt or innocence and shall have 48 hours to request a meeting with the principal and/or athletic director to review the infraction.
6. The term of the penalty begins immediately if the finding of the Athletic Director and Principal is that the Athlete was guilty. This is true even if the case is going for appeal (See WIAA Handbook, Article VII, Section C (3)).

C. Any student wishing to appeal the decision of the Athletic Director and Principal must adhere to the following procedure process:

1. After a student has been notified of the suspension, the athlete or his/her parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the District Administrator, providing the appeal is received within two school days from the notification of suspension. The Administrator will determine if there is a valid basis for appeal.

The two most common reasons for an appeal are that:

- a. It can be shown that the evidence does not support the original decision.
- b. It can be demonstrated that the review process did not provide opportunity for the student to present his/her side of the issue.

An appeal must be in writing and must state the reason or basis on which it is being sought.

2. The District Administrator, the Head Coaches of the Sports that are not in season, and the Head Coach of the Sport involved shall review the proceedings of the Principal and Athletic Director and shall render judgment within three school days as to whether the decision of the Athletic Director and Principal will stand or not.
 - a. The District Administrator is responsible for scheduling this appeal and for presenting information that has been reviewed in the previous step. The Administrator does not vote.
 - b. The student and his/her parents are responsible for presenting information that they believe will confirm the student's innocence.
 - c. The Coaches will listen to the information presented and clarify the issues. They will deliberate and will vote on the appeal. The deliberations by the Coaches will be done in private - the Administrator being present.
 - d. The student will be informed within 24 hours after the decision of guilt or innocence.
3. If the athlete and/or parents are not satisfied with the findings of the first appeal, they may appeal in writing to the Board of Education. The District Administrator must receive in writing a request for a hearing before the Board of Education within four days of the outcome of the first appeal.

ARTICLE VII: ACCIDENTS/INJURIES

- A. The well-being of all athletes is the primary concern of the Cameron School District, its coaches and advisors.
 1. In the event a student is injured, he/she shall report the injury to the school secretary the next day. Injuries must be reported and information must be obtained for insurance purposes. Athlete's individual and/or purchased supplementary insurance will be billed for any medical treatment.
 2. To assure that sufficient recovery or healing has occurred and the athlete is physically able to return to athletic competition, he/she must have a signed doctor's certificate so stating and indicating the date of return.
 3. Parents, if not present at the athletic contest at which the injury occurred, will be notified by the coach or Athletic Director as soon as possible in the event their son/daughter requires medical attention.

ARTICLE VIII: ATHLETIC AWARDS

- A. Cameron School's athletic award system is designed to recognize meritorious service and performance in the athletic program.
 1. Athletic awards are given on the basis of:
 - a. Performance
 - b. Participation
 - c. Cooperation
 2. At the close of each season, the coach names those participants who are to be given awards/letters.
 3. Recipients of awards must understand that this recognition is given in trust.
 4. The lettering criteria for each sport is available upon request from the coach.

5. Students suspended from competition during any part of the team's athletic season for a major infraction will not be considered for any conference or team awards. This includes, but is not limited to; team athletic letters, most valuable, most improved, and all-conference. Students with violations that carry over from one season to the next will be exempt from this during the season for which the suspension carries into.

ARTICLE IX: AGE OF MAJORITY DISCLAIMER

- A. The Cameron School District realizes that a small percentage of its student athletes may have reached the age of majority. It is not the intent of the Cameron School District to deny these students their constitutional rights. However, in order to maintain consistency in the athletic program, it shall be the intent of the Cameron School District to enforce all the rules and regulations of this athletic code for all student athletes, regardless of age.
- B. In case of any possible injuries or illnesses requiring immediate medical or dental attention for your son or daughter, your choice of physician or dentist is requested. In emergency situations, the Cameron School District reserves the right to obtain immediate medical or dental assistance from other qualified doctors and dentists when those specified are not available.

ARTICLE X: TRANSPORTATION

The Cameron School District will provide transportation for athletes to and from athletic events. All athletes, managers, statisticians, and coaches are expected to ride to and come back from school sponsored events on the bus provided by the district.

Certain situations may arise that require athletes to return home from an event with their parents rather than on the bus. In such cases, Parents / Guardians may sign the Transportation Release Waiver from their Coach at the end of the contest prior to taking their athlete home with them

ARTICLE XI: NONDISCRIMINATION

The Cameron District does not discriminate against athletes on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. If any person believes that the Cameron School District or any part of the school organization has failed to follow the law and rules of s.118.13, Wis. Stats., or in some way discriminates against pupils on the basis listed above, he/she may bring or send a complaint to the administration office. Resolution of the complaint will be in accordance with the steps outlined in policy AC.

CROSS REFERENCE: Board Policies
 AC - Nondiscrimination

RETURN THIS TO YOUR COACH ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE.

I have read the rules of the Cameron School Athletic Code and accept the responsibility to abide by them. A parent signature also gives permission for this student to participate in the sports program for this school year.

I have also read and understand all of the WIAA rules, including the residency policies that require eligible athletes to maintain their primary residence with their custodial parent(s) within the School District of Cameron.

Print Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Athlete's Signature _____ Date _____

Your Choice of Physician _____ Phone _____

Your Choice of Dentist _____ Phone _____



High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the School District of Cameron

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, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- E. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9.

Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.

- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

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

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

TRAINING and CONDUCT

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

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

AMATEUR STATUS

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

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffelbags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team.

- 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 in any nonschool games, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
 - (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
 - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
 - (3) Nonschool team rosters may not include more than the following number of participants from the same school: Volleyball, Hockey, Basketball - 3; Soccer - 6; Baseball, Softball - 5; and Football - 4
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a schools team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- F. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.