

How to Protect your Athletic Eligibility

Your high school years will be highlighted by participation in your school's interscholastic athletic program. These will be some of the most enjoyable years of your young life. During this time, the CIF Los Angeles City Section has standards that you must meet in order to be eligible to compete. In addition, there may be local school standards, which apply.

Information contained in this pamphlet will acquaint you with some of the by-laws and regulations all the students must follow in order to protect athletic eligibility. ***Any questions that you have concerning the standards referred to in this pamphlet should be directed to your school administrator or athletic director.***

The eligibility standards of the CIF Los Angeles City Section have been adopted by IAC and were accepted by your school as a continuing CIF Los Angeles City Section Member.

You are urged as a student athlete to study these standards carefully, and to share them with your parent or guardian. We want you to enjoy your school years.

RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

A student has residential eligibility upon initial enrollment in:

1. The ninth grade of any California Interscholastic Federation high school, or
2. Any California Interscholastic Federation high school as a member of an approved foreign exchange program as outlined in CIF By-law 212.

CHANGING SCHOOLS - TRANSFERS

A student may have transfer eligibility provided the student is compelled to move from any school to a CIF school due to:

1. A valid change of residence from one school attendance area to the attendance area of the new school by the parents or legal guardian(s) with whom the student established residential eligibility at the prior school, or
2. Without a change of residence, any 10-12th grade student who transfers without a change of residence by the parents will be ineligible for varsity competition in any sport played at the

previous school in the last 12 months. Lower-level competition is allowed, unless the transfer was for disciplinary reasons. A "207 Transfer Eligibility" Form must be on file in the CIF LA City Section Office prior to competition in any contest. A CIF 510 Form regarding pre-enrollment contact must be included in transfer paperwork and approved before the student can participate in a contest.

Additional restrictions may apply. Always check with your school administrators before you change schools to determine whether the change will affect your athletic eligibility, and for waiver criteria.

CHANGING SCHOOLS - HARDSHIPS

If a 10-12th grade student has changed schools and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) do not move to the attendance area of your new school, you will have restricted eligibility for one year unless you qualify for a hardship. A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable, or uncorrectable act, condition, or event, which causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family.

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

Do not change your course schedule or drop a course without first consulting with your school administrator, counselor, or athletic director to determine whether it will affect your eligibility. A student is scholastically eligible if all of the following are true:

1. The student is currently enrolled in at least 20 semester periods of work.
2. The student passed at least 20 semester periods of work at the completion of the previous regular grading period.
3. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.
4. The student has maintained, during the previous grading period, a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled courses.

SEMESTERS OF ATTENDANCE

A student who first enters the ninth grade of any school following the student's completion of the eighth grade in any school may be eligible for athletic competition during a maximum period of time that is not to exceed eight consecutive semesters following the initial

enrollment in the ninth grade of any school, and said eligibility must be used during the student's first eight consecutive semesters of enrollment at that school or any other school.

AGE LIMITATIONS

No student whose nineteenth (19) birthday is attained prior to June 15 shall participate or practice on any team. A student, whose 19th birthday is on June 14, or before, is ineligible for the next school year.

FALSIFYING ANY INFORMATION

Any student whose information has been falsified or forged in order to achieve athletic eligibility will be ineligible in all interscholastic athletic competition for a period of up to 24 months from the date the infraction is verified.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND INSURANCE

An annual physical examination, certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics, and proof of insurance, are required before a student may practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition.

RISK WARNING

Participation in any sport can involve many risks of injury. Parents and students must sign an acknowledgment of risk for each sport of participation.

UNDUE INFLUENCE - RECRUITMENT OF ATHLETES

The use of undue influence by any person or persons to secure or retain a student or to secure or retain one or both parents or guardians of a student as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one year and shall jeopardize the standing of the high school in the California Interscholastic Federation. Transfer students will be ineligible if they transfer to a school of a coach or any other person associated with a non-school team for which the student has played.

ATTENDANCE ON DAY OF A CONTEST

All athletes are expected to attend school on the day of a contest. Exception: Off-track athletes.

COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team can become ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport.

USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Athletes are prohibited from using any form of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at the playing site of an interscholastic contest. The penalty is disqualification from that contest. In addition, students and parents agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician to treat a medical condition.

STUDENT AWARD LIMITATIONS

A high school student may not receive, from any source, an athletic award for CIF high school competition of more than \$100 in value. The total of all athletic awards received for league championships, CIF section championships, and State Championships cannot exceed \$250.

When the student participates in other than CIF competition in a CIF approved sport, at any time during the calendar year, the student is governed by the awards rules of the amateur governing body for that sport.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT

Student participation in athletic contests is a privilege. As a student athlete, you are expected to conduct yourself in an exemplary manner at all times. During participation in all CIF competition, a student who is ejected or disqualified from participating in the remainder of said contest will be ineligible for the team's next contest. In addition, any student who physically assaults a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's interscholastic eligibility. Student athletes will be requested to sign a "Code of Conduct",

based on the principles of "Pursuing Victory with Honor" at the beginning of the sport season.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

The CIF Los Angeles City Section is proud to offer embossed scholar athlete certificates for those students who maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher during their season of sport. Please contact your school administrator or athletic director for information.

Please check with your administrator or athletic director if you have questions on athletic eligibility.



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