

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHFIELD ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

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Activities Handbook

Activities are an integral and valuable part of a student's educational experience, and the Unified School District of Marshfield is committed to sponsoring a wide variety of such activities. The Unified School District of Marshfield recognizes that participation in activities is a privilege offered to its students. While difficult to measure, the educational value of participation in activities is extensive. Students not only develop physical, mental, and social skills, but also positive values and attitudes that they will take with them into their adult life.

All organized activities in life – be they work, play, or school-related – place expectations upon participants. This handbook details these expectations as they pertain to all participation in activities in the Unified School District of Marshfield. Participation in activities is a privilege earned, in part, by accepting and following the regulations contained in this activities handbook.

The primary enforcement and responsibility of this code rests not only with the students, as they should be self-disciplined, but also with their parents/guardians. This policy will be enforced all twelve (12) months of the year.

DEFINITION OF ACTIVITIES

Activities in the Unified School District of Marshfield are defined as those activities in which students serve, perform, or compete as representatives of Marshfield Middle School and/or Marshfield High School. All students who participate in the various activities offered or any additions are required to abide by this activities handbook.

GOALS OF ACTIVITIES

- A. To teach attitudes of responsibility and cooperation and to help students realize that participation in activities is a privilege with accompanying responsibilities.
- B. To provide activities for learning self-discipline, loyalty, team play, personal pride, pride in the organization, respect for the rights of others, and the will to be successful.
- C. To place the unit, team, squad, class, and school above personal desires.
- D. To provide for the physical, emotional, mental, and academic development of all students.
- E. To encourage the development of sportsmanship through interscholastic competition.
- F. To provide for and maintain at all times the safety of students.
- G. To provide a “whole school;” interest and activity for all students to rally around thereby developing school spirit and commitment.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

All students desiring to participate in school sponsored activity programs must be willing to assume the following responsibilities:

- A. Be a credit to yourself, your parents, your school and community.
- B. Respect the rules of competition.
- C. Display respect to those in authority, including coaches, director, teachers and officials.
- D. Display a strong spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship.
- E. Use language that is not offensive to others.
- F. Display high standards of social behavior and lawful behavior.
- G. All members of the activity squads shall be neatly dressed and well-groomed as directed by their coach/director while representing the Unified School District of Marshfield at events.
- H. Student have a responsibility to be role models to other students and younger children.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Unified School District of Marshfield is committed to equal educational opportunity for all students in the district.

The Unified School District of Marshfield, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs and activities.

It is the policy of the Schools that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability in any of its student programs and activities.

This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Unified School District of Marshfield has adopted a policy and procedure on nondiscrimination. If you believe the District is discriminating against one of the protected classes listed above, please obtain a copy of the policy, procedure and complaint form from the District Administrative Office by contacting the Director of Human Resources.

Individuals requiring the assistance of auxiliary aids or special accommodations because of a disability are asked to contact the school office at 715-387-8464 at least twenty-four hours prior to the event to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

ACTIVITIES EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL BEHAVIOR

- A. Student participants are expected to meet the expectation for school behavior described in the Marshfield High School and/or Middle School Student Handbook and Board of Education Policies.
- B. All students suspended out of school during a season of activity will be ineligible to participate or attend practices, performances, competitions, or activities during the period of suspension. In addition, if the student does not miss a game, performance, event or activity during the suspension the student will miss the next scheduled competition, performance, event or activity.
- C. If out of school suspensions end on Friday, the student will be eligible to play on Saturday. If the out of school suspension is carried over until Monday, the student will be ineligible to participate on Saturday.
- D. Participants are urged to do their best in the classroom, strive to get the highest grades possible and display a common service attitude in their conduct throughout the school and community.

ATTENDANCE (SCHOOL, PRACTICES, EVENTS)

- A. All practice sessions will be made on time unless there is a valid excuse for missing. For unexcused absences disciplinary action will be administered by the coach/director with guidance from administration when necessary. Students who need academic help after school WILL NOT be penalized if they contact the coach beforehand or present a pass from the instructor when arriving late to practice.
- B. In order to practice or participate, a participant must be in attendance for at least half of the school day. If a participant cannot be in school for reasons other than illness, the absence must be pre-planned and approved by the activities director or administrator for the participant to practice or participate that day. We ask for the cooperation of parents to see that students miss as little as possible.

- C. Students will need to be excused early from class to attend some events. Those permissions will be made by each individual coach/advisor in a timely manner. Students are expected to remain in their classes until they are permitted to leave. Students will not be excused early to do other personal tasks prior to leaving for the event. Likewise, when students return late from out of town competitions they are expected to be in attendance according to their schedule the next morning. Students will not be excused for being late to school because of a perceived late return from an away event. We ask for the cooperation of parents to see that students miss as little as possible.
- D. Travel to events – each student must ride to and return from practices, contests, performances, events with their team/group unless proper arrangements are made before leaving on the trip. The arrangements are as follows:
 - 1. Completion of the Non-School Student Transportation Agreement must be signed by the principal/activities director prior to each date/event. (no other notes, phone calls or emails will be accepted)
 - 2. The signed permission form from the parents and principal/activities director must be given to the coach/director.
 - 3. The parents must pick up the student in the presence of the coach/director.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Board of Education believes school-sponsored and school-supported activities provide students with invaluable educational experiences, as well as instructional skills, and knowledge. The Board further recognizes, however, that a student's academic education must take precedent over participation in such activities.

A. Academic Requirements:

All middle and high school students in this District who participate in a school-sponsored activity, must achieve a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 1.5 on a 4.0 system each grading period, as well as having no more than one failing grade (F or I). This grade point average will be based on a student's final semester grade.

- 1. Starting the 3rd week of each semester, students must maintain a 1.5 GPA and have no failing grade every three weeks. Failure to achieve this academic mark the 1st time results in the student being on academic probation for one week. Subsequent weeks will result in students being ineligible for all events for one week and will be subject to academic remediation until the academic mark is met.

B. Academic Remediation

If a student fails to achieve the minimum 1.5 GPA in any given semester or three week eligibility, he or she shall be considered in academic remediation. When a student is involved in academic remediation, he or she shall only be allowed to participate in school-sponsored activities if his or her weekly GPA is at least 1.5 and he or she has attended and been productive in the required number of academic improvement sessions for that week. If in any week he or she fails to maintain the required weekly 1.5 GPA or does not attend the mandatory number of academic study table sessions, he or she will be declared “academically ineligible” for competition the following week.

C. Definition of “Academic Eligibility”

“At the end of each three week period” in sections “A” and “B” of this policy is defined as Monday through Sunday following a student’s earning a Grade Point Average (GPA) less than 1.5 or not attending the required number of academic improvement sessions. The weekly GPA is calculated and reported every third Monday, starting with the 3rd Monday of each semester.

CODE OF CONDUCT

PERSONAL BEHAVIOR or CONDUCT UNBECOMING

When participating in activities, students are representing the School District of Marshfield, and, as such, must not put themselves in situations that would cause embarrassment to themselves, their families, the community, or to the District.

- A. Violations of statutory laws are prohibited (i.e. theft, vandalism, etc)
- B. Students must remember that participation in athletics/activities is a privilege. Students who knowingly attend underage drinking and/or controlled substance parties will be considered to be in violation of the Activities Code regardless if they drink or use a controlled substance.
- C. Conduct degrading to the school or unbecoming of an athlete/student representing the School District of Marshfield is prohibited.
- D. Social Media and On-Line Representation

The same rules of appropriate, respectful behavior which apply to Marshfield High/Middle School Students, also applies in on-line environments such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, message boards, and any other social media site. Students are to conduct themselves in a manner that is representative of their pride and respect for themselves, their families, their school, and their community at all times, whether in person or on-line.

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to: indecent language, racism, sexism, homophobia, indecent pictures or videos, bullying, trash talking, and criticism of opponents, coaches, teammates, or game officials. Students who re-post inappropriate material originally written by others are subject to the same consequences as if they had posted it themselves. Students who fail to meet this expectation and who violate the code of conduct on-line are subject to the same consequences as if they did them in person.

- E. It is the expectation that all students cooperate fully and honestly with school personnel whenever an investigation into an alleged Activities Code violation takes place. This “honesty clause” means that if a student fails to respond to questioning or respond truthfully, the student may be subject to a penalty up to and including suspension from competition/performance.

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND MOOD-ALTERING SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE

- A. Use or possession of tobacco or nicotine-based products or look alikes (E-Cigarettes) is prohibited.
- B. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, including nonalcoholic beer or lowalcohol products.
- C. Use or possession of mood-altering substances is prohibited. Mood-altering substances include, but are not limited to, illegal drugs, inhalants, anabolic steroids, synthetic drugs (such as K2, Spice), and prescription and nonprescription medications. A prescription medication becomes a Mood-altering substance when it is (a) used contrary to a physician’s instructions, (b) used by a person for whom it was not prescribed or intended, (c) used at a time when the medical condition for which it was prescribed does not exist, and/or (d) used contrary to the official labeling of the product.

CODE VIOLATIONS

Personal Conduct and Conduct Unbecoming Violations

For personal conduct and conduct unbecoming violations (excluding substance abuse), the Athletic or Activities Council shall determine consequences, if any, depending on the nature and severity of the violation and the number of offenses that the student has committed.

Substance Abuse Violations

1. (athletics only) A first violation will result in suspension from competitions for not less than 20% of the season (minimum of 1 contest) and up to 100% of current season or the next season the athlete participates in. The student will be required to attend AODA Screening and may be subject to community service hours or alternative at the direction of the Activities Council.

2. (athletics only) A second violation will result in suspension from competitions for not less 50% of the season and up to the remainder of the school year. The student will be required to attend AODA Counseling at an approved outside agency and will be subject to community service hours or alternative at the direction of the Activities Council.
3. (activities participants only) First and second violations of substance abuse violations will result in Activities Council hearings. Consequences will be determined by the Activities Council based on the circumstances of each individual case.
4. A third violation will result in suspension from all athletics or activities for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the Marshfield Middle School or Marshfield High School. A student may request an Athletic or Activities Council review after one full calendar year from his/her last code violation, if during that suspension the student has remained free from any additional athletic code violations. The Athletic or Activities Council may grant eligibility if it determines the athlete or situation warrants it.

CODE APPLICATION

- A. All rules shall apply to students in the above categories, including, team managers, statisticians, etc.
- B. The guidelines set forth in this code, along with all W.I.A.A. regulations, will be enforced twelve (12) months of the year. This provision specifically includes, but is not limited to, those students participating in foreign travel or involved in social events where alcohol is served such as weddings, anniversary parties, and graduation parties.
- C. During a period of ineligibility, attendance at practices and contests will be at the discretion of the coach, advisor, and Athletic/Activities Director. Disciplinary action shall be determined in accordance with the policies outlined in this section. After a second or third violation of the Activities Code, a meeting may be scheduled to define an alternate program of activity for the student. Participants in this meeting will be the student, parent/guardian, District AODA Coordinator and Athletic/Activities Director.
- D. Any violations occurring during middle school participation may apply to subsequent violations during high school. A student's established pattern of behavior will be taken into account when considering possible consequences. Any remaining suspensions not completed during 8th grade must be completed during that athlete's next sport season. 9th grade status will begin immediately following the conclusion of the 8th grade school year.
- E. If there is a suspension not completed from a previous sport season or scheduled activities, the suspension will be carried to the next activity on a prorated basis. Any percentage of a contest will be truncated. Suspended athletes will not compete in the W.I.A.A. tournament series

and the W.I.A.A. tournament series will count as one (1) contest when counting the contests for uncompleted suspensions.

VIOLATION OF CONDUCT RULES

Violations will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. The Administration will investigate an alleged violation of the Activities Code if the allegation is made by (1) a witness, and/or (2) law enforcement agencies, and/or (3) personal admission. If there is evidence of a violation, Administration will contact the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) to review the alleged violation. If Administration determines there is sufficient proof that a violation has occurred, it will be referred immediately to the Activities Council to determine potential consequences. The alleged violation must be reported within sixty (60) days of the alleged incident. However, disciplinary action may be imposed within sixty (60) days of any report received from law enforcement officials regarding a violation of statutory law(s) regardless of when the incident occurred.
2. A "season/activity" is defined as beginning with the official starting date for the season/activity through the last day of the individual's official competition/participation in that particular activity.
3. Students are encouraged to make a personal admission of their violation to their coach, teacher, or administrator. Personal admission is a student coming forward on their/families own volition to report the violation prior to the knowledge of coaches, teachers, and administrators.
4. A suspension from athletics must be served in athletics. A suspension from a non-athletic activity must be served in a non-athletic activity.

ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

The Marshfield High/Middle School Athletic Councils are composed of the following: the principal, an assistant principal or guidance counselor, the athletic director, and the head coaches involved with the athlete and one coach elected to a one year term by his/her coaching peers. **Alternate(s) may be assigned as need*

The Marshfield High/Middle School Activities Councils are composed of the following: the principal, an assistant principal or guidance counselor, the athletic director, the activities advisor(s) involved with the student and one adult employee appointed for a one year term by his/her principal. **Alternate(s) may be assigned as need*

The Council(s) shall meet as often as necessary and will take action in a fair and impartial manner. Minutes of the meeting will be recorded and kept by an Athletic Director. If the Council cannot meet prior to the activity or awards night the student will be participating in, the Athletics Director or Principal may suspend the student from participation or receiving the award. The student and/or parent/guardian will be notified prior to the event. Any activity suspensions that occur prior to the date the Council meets will be included in the total suspension the student is required to serve.

In all cases, the student shall be provided due process to include:

1. The student/parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed of the alleged violation and will be provided an opportunity to meet with the Athletics Director to discuss the alleged violation and potential consequences.
2. The Activities Council will meet with the family and student to discuss the information gathered on the alleged violation and will determine appropriate action and consequences in accordance with the Activities Code.
 - a. If a student/family chooses not meet with the council, the student will be ineligible to compete/perform until all parties are able to communicate.
3. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed in writing of the decision of the Activities Council.
4. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of the Activities Council, he/she may file an appeal with the Superintendent of Schools within ten school days of the decision. The Superintendent of Schools or designee will rule within ten days of the appeal.
5. The student will remain ineligible for activities during the appeal process.

AWARDS OR HONORS

No coach, team, or club shall nominate a student to receive an individual award who has been suspended for an activities violation during that season. If a suspension is carried over to another season, the student will only be penalized in the original season. Varsity and JV letter awards and numerals are not considered individual awards.

A first code violation will result in the loss of, or eligibility to hold, any elected or appointed leadership position (e.g. team captain/club officer/court) in any activity for no less than nine (9) months from the date of written confirmation.

A second code violation will make the student ineligible to hold any elected or appointed leadership position during the remainder of his/her high school career.

AODA PROCESS

The referral of a student to the District Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) Coordinator because of an Activities Code violation will result in the following:

- A. The student must undergo a screening with the District AODA Coordinator or a trained faculty member designated by the Coordinator.
- B. The student must comply with all recommendations of the District AODA Coordinator, including recommendations made by any representatives of community agencies to whom the student is referred.

- C. The student will complete the appropriate in-school support group series that will best meet their needs as determined by the District AODA Coordinator.
- D. Failure to complete all recommendations will result in a renewed period of ineligibility being assessed.
- E. If the appropriate support groups are not available to the student within a reasonable time after the alcohol or substance offense, the District AODA Coordinator will assign alternative activities equal to the amount of hours in a support group series. Such alternatives may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Individual and education sessions with the District AODA Coordinator
 - 2. Community work
 - 3. Attendance at AA, Al anon, or Alateen meetings
 - 4. Interviews with AODA personnel/professionals

ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

- A. Each student participating in interscholastic athletics must have a physical examination for initial participation and every two (2) years thereafter.
 - 1. A physical exam obtained for one sport is valid for all sports for a two (2) year period. An alternate year card, which establishes permission to participate and which is signed by the parent or guardian, must be filed in the office during the year in which a physical is not required.
 - 2. An athlete will not be allowed to take part in an interscholastic athletic activity (practice included) and equipment will not be issued until a physical examination properly signed by a licensed physician or alternate year card signed by a parent or guardian is filed in the school office.

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

- B. Each year an athlete, along with their parent, must sign a District Concussion Acknowledgement form. An athlete will not be allowed to participate (practice included) until the signed acknowledgement is on file in the Athletic Office. This form must be completed prior to the start of each school year or first sport. (Wisconsin Act 172, as amended in Dec. 2013)

- C. Each athlete along with their parent/guardian, must also complete the Emergency Medical Form and turn in the necessary user fee each season.
- D. Each athlete and parent or guardian will be responsible for the care and return of issued equipment and uniforms.
- E. Each athlete is responsible for reporting injuries to the coach at the time of occurrence.
- F. Each athlete, with the exception of student managers and statisticians, will be assessed a user fee for participation in each sport. This user fee will be determined annually.

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To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the School District of Marshfield

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. Studentathletes 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 s/he 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 (1) 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 s/he 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 (4) consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three (3) consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if s/he 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 s/he 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 (4) different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one (1) 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 (1) day of school and/or attendance at one (1) 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 (1) or more days of school or one (1) or more athletic practices, s/he 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 (1) calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, s/he 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.
- G. 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 s/he transfers to another school.
- H. 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 (1) calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAAHS 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 (1) day of school and/or attendance at one (1) 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 (1) 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 (8) 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 (1) day of school and/or attendance at one (1) 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 (1) 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 (4) 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 (1) 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 (1) 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 (1) calendar year.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede 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 (1) calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parent's 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 (4) 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 (1) calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one (1) 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 s/he 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 (2) school years. Physical examinations taken before April 1 are 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 (1) 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, duffle bags, 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 s/he 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.

RETURN TO MAIN OFFICE

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHFIELD ACTIVITIES CODE AGREEMENT
BY STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN**

To the student, copy the following statement in your own handwriting in the space below and sign your name.

“I will not use alcohol, nonalcoholic beer, tobacco or drugs, and I will be a positive and lawful representative of the Unified School District of Marshfield.”

Student's Name (please print)

Student Signature

To the parent/guardian, copy the following statement in your handwriting in the space below and sign your name.

“I will not in any way support, condone, or conceal the use of alcohol, nonalcoholic beer, tobacco or drugs, and I will encourage positive and lawful conduct by my student.”

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

ATHLETES ONLY-----

**PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
SIGN-OFF FORM
WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WIAA)
AGREEMENT BY ATHLETE AND PARENT/GUARDIAN**

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.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.

THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY ATHLETIC PRACTICE OR CONTEST.