



***NEKOOSA HIGH SCHOOL***

***CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES CODE***

***2017-2018***

***I. Nekoosa High School Philosophy***

The philosophy of Nekoosa High School is dedicated to the realization of the unique potential of each individual. Thus, the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, habits, attitudes, and understandings, which will enable the student to function as a responsible citizen in a changing world, will be provided.

***II. Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Philosophy***

The aim and objective of our co-curricular program at Nekoosa High School is to provide the opportunity for Nekoosa High Students interested in co-curricular activities to develop their physical, mental, and social abilities, attitudes, and character while representing the school and community.

Co-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom and serve to enhance the motivation and experience of students. Co-curricular activities are an integral and valuable part of the students’ high school experience. The activities also develop positive values and attitudes that students will take with them their entire lives.

The pursuit of excellence requires exemplary preparation, presentation, and attitude. Advisors and Coaches shall nurture and guide students throughout the co-curricular experience. Students shall model commendable academic behavior, adhere to the attendance policy, and display exceptional conduct. These assurances will provide the foundation for accomplishment in all arenas.

***III. Purpose***

The purpose of the Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Code of Conduct is to establish clear academic and behavioral expectations for students to follow if they choose to participate in co-curricular activities. Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

***IV. Co-Curricular Activities***

Co-curricular activities are those voluntary activities that are school related. Activities that are a required part of a course and contribute to a student's grade for the course are not considered co-curricular activities.

**ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are covered by this code:

**Group 1 - Athletics**

Baseball	Basketball (Boys and Girls)	Cross Country	Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball	Track & Field (Boys and Girls)	Volleyball	Wrestling

**Group 2 - Clubs/Organizations/Events**

HOSA	Chess	Dance	FBLA
FCCLA	Field Trips (Non-required)	Vocal Jazz Choir	Forensics
Homecoming Court	National Honor Society	Math League	Musical Performances (Non Graded)
Plays	Prom Court	Student Council	Any other club or organization

**Other Groups**

Any other student group affiliated with Nekoosa School District that has an advisor or coach (selected/approved by administration) may be added to this list.

***V. Academics***

Students shall model academic excellence recognizing achievement in the classroom is essential to achievement in the co-curricular pursuit.

### **Academic Eligibility:**

1. Eligibility will be determined at four grading periods:
  - Eligibility for activities that commence on or before the first quarter of each new academic year shall be based on the fourth quarter of each previous academic year.
  - Second quarter eligibility is determined by the first quarter grades.
  - Third quarter eligibility is determined by the second quarter grades.
  - Fourth quarter eligibility is determined by the third quarter grades.
  - Eligibility concerning online or virtual classes is determined by the semester grade.
2. A student must maintain passing grades (60% D- or above) in all classes to remain eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity.
  - a. A student is not eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for a period of 15 scheduled school (student contact) days following one or more failures.
  - b. When the earliest allowed competition/performance takes place before the first day of classes, the rule will read as follows: The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
    - \* When a spring sport begins before the start of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
  - c. Ineligibility starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day following the last day of the previous quarter.
  - d. A student who receives an Incomplete as a grade will be considered ineligible until it becomes a letter grade. If the grade turns into an F, the days already served for ineligibility will be counted towards the 15-day period.
  - e. Exceptional Educational Needs (EEN) student academic eligibility is based on the success of his or her academic plan (IEP).
3. To regain academic eligibility, a student must earn passing grades in all subjects after 15 scheduled school days and turn in an academic eligibility check sheet; he or she will be allowed to participate starting with the 16<sup>th</sup> day. If a student is failing one or more classes after 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible for another 15 scheduled school days. The student can be reinstated after the second 15-day period if he or she is passing all subjects and turns in an academic eligibility check sheet. If a student is failing one or more classes after the second 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible until the next grading period. Eligibility forms can be picked up and turned into the high school office. The Principal or Activities Director shall be the school official that declares a student eligible.
4. A student receiving one or more failures at the time of progress/deficiency reports is required to submit to his or her coach and Activities Director a verification statement from the teacher indicating a passing grade. If the student can't meet the eligibility requirement, he or she is ineligible from further competition until passing marks are verified.
5. The NHS Activities Director will notify a student who fails to meet the academic requirements of the NHS Co-Curricular Code. A follow-up letter will be sent to parents and coaches of a student failing to comply with the NHS Co-Curricular Code, explaining the violation and course of suspension.

\* Although the NHS Activities Director will notify parents and coaches about an academically ineligible student athlete, it is highly recommended that each student work with his or her coaches, parents, and school administration during the first signs of academic struggles to avoid becoming academically ineligible.

## ***VI. Attendance***

Students will adhere to the attendance policy to promote best practices on daily basis.

1. A student must be present for at least one/half of the school day (by the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> hour) to participate in practice on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
2. A student must be present for the entire school day to participate in a scheduled contest/event/performance/activity on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
3. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator), a student is required to be in class the day after an athletic contest, competition, event, or performance. If he or she is not in school, the student will be ineligible for the next contest.
4. Unexcused Absences:
  - a. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during a ***Group 1*** sport season makes a student ineligible for the next contest unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).
  - b. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during the week of a ***Group 2*** activity makes a student ineligible for that week's activity unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).

## ***VII. Conduct***

Students shall endeavor to display exceptional conduct, realizing demeanor is reflective of self, school, and community. Students need to know that participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, those representing NHS are held to a higher standard.

At all times, students shall refrain from conduct which violates the ideals, principles, and standards of NHS as set forth in this co-curricular code. Students violating the expectations may lose eligibility in co-curricular activities.

Ethical and behavioral ideals, principles, and standards include but are not limited to negative and/or illegal acts against persons or property and involvement in acts which are viewed as contrary to accepted ethical and legal standards.

### **General Guidelines for Conduct Violations:**

1. Penalties will be cumulative over a two-year period. This is for determining second and third violation consequences. A student must have a clear record for two consecutive years before subsequent violations are considered a first violation.
2. For athletics, a student will be suspended based on WIAA games allowed guidelines. (This includes WIAA playoff eligibility that states that if a student athlete is ineligible for the first game of post-season competition, he or she is ineligible for the remainder of the team's post season.)
3. Scrimmages are considered practices and will not count as part of a suspension.
4. A student with a code violation will be required to practice with the group during the suspension.
5. A student who is in more than one co-curricular activity when a consequence for a code violation is applied will be subject to consequences for all activities he or she is currently participating in. (Example: A violation will occur in basketball and forensics, not one or the other.)
6. When a student misses a competition or performance during a season for a conduct code violation, he or she will be required to complete the season in good standing in order to fulfill the code violation obligation.
7. **If a student fails to provide accurate and truthful information, an additional period of suspension may be imposed.**
8. A student who transfers from any school with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons retains such status at Nekoosa High School for the same period as decreed by the former school.

### **Major Code Violations:**

1. Use, possession, buying, or selling drugs and/or look alike drugs.
2. Use, possession, buying, or selling alcohol.
3. Use, possession, buying, or selling tobacco products and electronic replicas.
4. Criminal act as defined by state criminal laws, including but not limited to General Crime Provisions, Crimes Against Life and Bodily Security, Crimes Against Health and Public Safety, Crimes Against Reputation and Civil Liberties, Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Sexual Morality, Crimes Against Government and its Administration, Crimes Against Public Peace, Order and other interests, and Crimes Against Children.
5. No student may engage in any form of hazing another student. Hazing is defined as the act of harassment by forcing (physically, morally, and/or mentally) someone to exact unnecessary or disagreeable work, to banter, to ridicule, or to criticize someone, or to initiate someone into an organization.
6. Engaging in or being an accomplice to any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of Nekoosa High School or the WIAA, may be considered a major violation.

### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Violation:
  - The student athlete will be suspended for 50% of a season's contests.
  - If the season's contests have already begun, the remaining percentage will be carried over to the next sport's season.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to 25% of the season, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student athlete self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
  - The student athlete must complete all seasons in good standing. If the student athlete does not complete a season in good standing, the entire penalty will be served in the next sport's season.
2. Second Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for 100% of the season
3. Third Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for the remainder of his/her enrollment at NHS.

### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/Events:**

1. First Violation:
  - Student will be suspended for nine calendar weeks, including suspension from one activity/performance/event from date of violation.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to one activity/performance, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
2. Second Violation:

Student will be suspended for 18 calendar weeks, including suspension from two activity/performances from date of violation.
3. Third Violation:

Student will be suspended for one calendar year from participation in the club/organization and all performances, activities, competitions.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student will be suspended for the remainder of his or her high school career.

**\*Special Note:** Some activities have a limited number of contests or performances, or the role of a student in the activity may be unique, and a suspension from the activity may be impractical for the students involved in the activity. In those situations, the advisor and activities director will design appropriate sanctions. These may include 20 hours of school/community service or suspension from the next activity of a similar nature.

### **Minor Code Violations:**

The following is a list of representative minor infractions but is not a comprehensive list of all possible offenses. In each situation, the Nekoosa School District retains the right to consider the totality of the circumstances and render a judgment regarding (1) whether a particular action/inaction is an infraction under the code, (2) the degree (major/minor) of the violation, and (3) an appropriate penalty.

1. Failure to attend all practices and contests unless excused by the coach or advisor.
2. Failure to maintain practice hours and/or rules designated by the coach or advisor. These rules will be distributed in writing to every participant. The coach or advisor will discuss these rules. Copies of these rule/regulations must be filed with the athletic director and principal prior to the start of the season or activity.
3. Failure to treat coaches or advisors with respect in both word and action at all times.
4. Abuse, loss, and tardy or improper return or possession of equipment out of season.
5. Illegal or inappropriate use of the internet, personal cell phones, or other electronic devices both on and off campus.
6. Profanity or obscene gestures
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct
8. Cheating and/or Plagiarism
9. Failure to treat faculty or staff with respect
10. Inappropriate classroom conduct/disruption

### **Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Offense:

Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game

2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two games
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension from 50 percent of the season

**Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/ Events:**

1. First Offense:  
Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two group performances/events
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension for nine calendar weeks plus to group performances/events.

**Guilt by Association:**

Attendance at any gathering or party at which there is use of illegal drugs by anyone at the gathering or party or at which there is illegal consumption of alcohol by any persons at the party or gathering.

1. First Offense:  
The student will be placed on probation for one calendar year. If there are no further violations during the one calendar year, the probation will be dropped
2. Second Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the first offense of the major code violations.
3. Third Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to second offense of the major code violations.
4. Fourth Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the third offense of the major code violations.

**\*Special Note:** All school/community service must be approved by a school administrator.

**Course of Action:**

If a violation or alleged violation occurs:

- The Activities Director and/or Principal will notify the student, parents, coaches and advisors of the violation and determine which category the violation fits into (major or minor) and identify the corresponding consequences.
- If the student participates in a restorative circle addressing the violation and those impacted, the student may have their suspension reduced, when applicable.
- If the student is not satisfied with the consequence set forth, he or she may request a hearing before the District Administrator. The Activities Director and/or Principal must receive, in writing, a request for such a second hearing before the District Administrator within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the original hearing. Present at this second hearing will be Activities Director, Principal or appeal committee designee, the student, and the parents.
  - a. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on his/her behalf at the hearing.
  - b. The NHS Administration will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence at the hearing.
  - c. Proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing, and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and his/her parent(s) within five days of the hearing.
  - d. Confidentiality of student witnesses and/or statements will be retained throughout the hearing.
  - e. When determining the length of suspension/penalties, the appeal committee members will be held to the covenants of the WIAA and the NHS Co-Curricular Code.

**\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY:** If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the findings of the second hearing, a review by the Executive Office of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association may be requested through the school. The Activities Director or Principal must receive in writing a request for such a review by the Executive Office of the WIAA within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the second hearing. The Activities Director or Principal, in forwarding the appeal letter of the student and

his/her parents to the Executive Office of the WIAA, shall also enclose a copy of the (a) original appeal letter from the student and parent(s), (b) school's formal reply outlining violation or infraction leading to ineligibility status, and(c) proceedings of both hearings.

- a. The Executive Office of the WIAA will inform the Activities Director or Principal of the school of its review within seven days after receiving from the school the written appeal of the student and his/her parent(s).
- b. The student and his/her parent(s) will be mailed a copy of the review from the Executive Office of the WIAA.

\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY: If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the finding of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA, they may appeal in writing through the school for either a review by or a hearing before the Board of Control of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association through the Executive Office of the WIAA. The Activities Director or Principal must receive the written request for such a review or hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA.

If an athlete has been written up for violation of the Activities Code as a fourth time offender and wishes to become part of the co-curricular program, he/she may appeal for reinstatement to the co-curricular program. The student may follow the procedure of the *Appeal Process*.

## ***VIII. General Information***

### **1. Athletic Eligibility**

- a. A high school student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
  - b. WIAA Physical or Alternate Year Document is required for students participating in interscholastic athletics. Exams taken after April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the following two school years. Exams taken before April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the remainder of the school year and the following school year. In years when a physical exam is not required, a WIAA approved alternate year athletic permit card must be turned in.
  - c. The student and parent must have "signed" the signature page of the Co-Curricular Code.
  - d. The student must pay the Nekoosa High School Athletic Fee.
  - e. The student must have a completed *Emergency Form* given to his/her coach and/or advisor.
2. When determining the length of consequences, all suspensions resulting in fractions will be rounded up to the next closest whole number, as consistent with WIAA Rules.
3. As a courtesy to parents, students, and school district, the Co-Curricular Code will be signed annually. It is enforceable and valid until the student graduates. If, by chance, the student and/or parent have not signed the code, the student is still bound by the provisions of the Co-Curricular Code. This also applies to students not previously under the Co-Curricular Code.
4. Each participant will be held responsible for cost of any equipment lost or damaged that has been issued to him/her.
5. All injuries must be reported to the supervising coach/advisor IMMEDIATELY. Do not go to a physician or dentist without the coach/advisor's knowledge unless it is an emergency.
6. Bus Conduct and Responsibilities:
- a. All participants are required to travel to and return from all athletic contests they are engaged in on transportation provided for them by the high school. The exception to this rule is if the participant's parent(s) is in attendance at the contest and, in person, provides the coach/advisor of the activity with a written and signed note stating they accept full responsibility of transporting their son/daughter from the event. There are no other exceptions to this rule.
  - b. All buses leave on time.
  - c. Proper conduct will be required of all participants. The individual responsible will pay any damage done to the bus. If responsibility for damage cannot be determined, the group riding the bus at the time of the incident will make restitution for the damage.
  - d. Each group is expected to clean up its bus upon return from a trip.
  - e. It is important to note that all cell phones need to be turned off and not used (for any reason) while in transport to and from a contest. Coaches will permit, however, the use of cell phones during a designated time so a student can make arrangements with a parent/guardian for pick up at school.
7. A student who has become ineligible to compete in events, competitions, and/or performances will not be permitted on any over-night travel associated with NHS.

## ***IX. Athletic Awards***

Guidelines used in giving athletic awards follow:

1. An athlete is considered to be a member of his/her squad until the time of award presentations for the sport of that season. Violation of any of the rules or regulations of the Athletic Code could result in the loss of all awards for the sports season.
2. When receiving a major letter, an athlete will receive a maximum of one letter during his/her school career.
3. Numerals will be given to all first time participants in all sports.
4. Certificates will be given to all participants in all sports.
5. Inserts (bars, football, etc.) are given to every major letter winner.
6. Three plaques will be awarded in each sport at the discretion of the Head Coach (i.e. most improved, most valuable, best offensive and defensive player, leading rebounder and most points).
7. A picture and plaque indicating achievement will be placed in the "*Hall of Fame*" case of an individual athlete recognized as State Champion, and First Team All-State selection, and/or State Championship Teams.
8. The requirements and qualifications to earn a Varsity letter will be determined by each individual Head Coach. Generally, letters are awarded on the basis of participation in Varsity contests, participation in practice, cooperation, loyalty, and performance.
9. If a student has received a code violation during the season, major or minor, the student is not eligible for any athletic awards, including all-conference nominations.

## ***X. Nekoosa Public School District Nondiscrimination Policy***

The Nekoosa Public School District does not discriminate against pupils 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 in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

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## **2017-2018 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Nekoosa 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](http://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, which are **current for the 2017-2018 school year:**



### **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 non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

#### DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, 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 grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intradistrict transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. 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.
- J. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

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

**TRAINING and CONDUCT**

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.

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 for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. 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.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

### AMATEUR STATUS

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

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel 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 because of ability, potential and/or performance 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 any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- 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

Athletes may compete in not more than two nonschool competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
  - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.



***NEKOOSA HIGH SCHOOL***

***CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES CODE***

***2017-2018***

***I. Nekoosa High School Philosophy***

The philosophy of Nekoosa High School is dedicated to the realization of the unique potential of each individual. Thus, the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, habits, attitudes, and understandings, which will enable the student to function as a responsible citizen in a changing world, will be provided.

***II. Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Philosophy***

The aim and objective of our co-curricular program at Nekoosa High School is to provide the opportunity for Nekoosa High Students interested in co-curricular activities to develop their physical, mental, and social abilities, attitudes, and character while representing the school and community.

Co-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom and serve to enhance the motivation and experience of students. Co-curricular activities are an integral and valuable part of the students’ high school experience. The activities also develop positive values and attitudes that students will take with them their entire lives.

The pursuit of excellence requires exemplary preparation, presentation, and attitude. Advisors and Coaches shall nurture and guide students throughout the co-curricular experience. Students shall model commendable academic behavior, adhere to the attendance policy, and display exceptional conduct. These assurances will provide the foundation for accomplishment in all arenas.

***III. Purpose***

The purpose of the Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Code of Conduct is to establish clear academic and behavioral expectations for students to follow if they choose to participate in co-curricular activities. Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

***IV. Co-Curricular Activities***

Co-curricular activities are those voluntary activities that are school related. Activities that are a required part of a course and contribute to a student's grade for the course are not considered co-curricular activities.

**ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are covered by this code:

**Group 1 - Athletics**

Baseball	Basketball (Boys and Girls)	Cross Country	Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball	Track & Field (Boys and Girls)	Volleyball	Wrestling

**Group 2 - Clubs/Organizations/Events**

HOSA	Chess	Dance	FBLA
FCCLA	Field Trips (Non-required)	Vocal Jazz Choir	Forensics
Homecoming Court	National Honor Society	Math League	Musical Performances (Non Graded)
Plays	Prom Court	Student Council	Any other club or organization

**Other Groups**

Any other student group affiliated with Nekoosa School District that has an advisor or coach (selected/approved by administration) may be added to this list.

***V. Academics***

Students shall model academic excellence recognizing achievement in the classroom is essential to achievement in the co-curricular pursuit.

### **Academic Eligibility:**

1. Eligibility will be determined at four grading periods:
  - Eligibility for activities that commence on or before the first quarter of each new academic year shall be based on the fourth quarter of each previous academic year.
  - Second quarter eligibility is determined by the first quarter grades.
  - Third quarter eligibility is determined by the second quarter grades.
  - Fourth quarter eligibility is determined by the third quarter grades.
  - Eligibility concerning online or virtual classes is determined by the semester grade.
2. A student must maintain passing grades (60% D- or above) in all classes to remain eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity.
  - a. A student is not eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for a period of 15 scheduled school (student contact) days following one or more failures.
  - b. When the earliest allowed competition/performance takes place before the first day of classes, the rule will read as follows: The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
    - \* When a spring sport begins before the start of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
  - c. Ineligibility starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day following the last day of the previous quarter.
  - d. A student who receives an Incomplete as a grade will be considered ineligible until it becomes a letter grade. If the grade turns into an F, the days already served for ineligibility will be counted towards the 15-day period.
  - e. Exceptional Educational Needs (EEN) student academic eligibility is based on the success of his or her academic plan (IEP).
3. To regain academic eligibility, a student must earn passing grades in all subjects after 15 scheduled school days and turn in an academic eligibility check sheet; he or she will be allowed to participate starting with the 16<sup>th</sup> day. If a student is failing one or more classes after 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible for another 15 scheduled school days. The student can be reinstated after the second 15-day period if he or she is passing all subjects and turns in an academic eligibility check sheet. If a student is failing one or more classes after the second 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible until the next grading period. Eligibility forms can be picked up and turned into the high school office. The Principal or Activities Director shall be the school official that declares a student eligible.
4. A student receiving one or more failures at the time of progress/deficiency reports is required to submit to his or her coach and Activities Director a verification statement from the teacher indicating a passing grade. If the student can't meet the eligibility requirement, he or she is ineligible from further competition until passing marks are verified.
5. The NHS Activities Director will notify a student who fails to meet the academic requirements of the NHS Co-Curricular Code. A follow-up letter will be sent to parents and coaches of a student failing to comply with the NHS Co-Curricular Code, explaining the violation and course of suspension.

\* Although the NHS Activities Director will notify parents and coaches about an academically ineligible student athlete, it is highly recommended that each student work with his or her coaches, parents, and school administration during the first signs of academic struggles to avoid becoming academically ineligible.

## ***VI. Attendance***

Students will adhere to the attendance policy to promote best practices on daily basis.

1. A student must be present for at least one/half of the school day (by the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> hour) to participate in practice on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
2. A student must be present for the entire school day to participate in a scheduled contest/event/performance/activity on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
3. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator), a student is required to be in class the day after an athletic contest, competition, event, or performance. If he or she is not in school, the student will be ineligible for the next contest.
4. Unexcused Absences:
  - a. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during a **Group 1** sport season makes a student ineligible for the next contest unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).
  - b. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during the week of a **Group 2** activity makes a student ineligible for that week's activity unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).

## ***VII. Conduct***

Students shall endeavor to display exceptional conduct, realizing demeanor is reflective of self, school, and community. Students need to know that participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, those representing NHS are held to a higher standard.

At all times, students shall refrain from conduct which violates the ideals, principles, and standards of NHS as set forth in this co-curricular code. Students violating the expectations may lose eligibility in co-curricular activities.

Ethical and behavioral ideals, principles, and standards include but are not limited to negative and/or illegal acts against persons or property and involvement in acts which are viewed as contrary to accepted ethical and legal standards.

### **General Guidelines for Conduct Violations:**

1. Penalties will be cumulative over a two-year period. This is for determining second and third violation consequences. A student must have a clear record for two consecutive years before subsequent violations are considered a first violation.
2. For athletics, a student will be suspended based on WIAA games allowed guidelines. (This includes WIAA playoff eligibility that states that if a student athlete is ineligible for the first game of post-season competition, he or she is ineligible for the remainder of the team's post season.)
3. Scrimmages are considered practices and will not count as part of a suspension.
4. A student with a code violation will be required to practice with the group during the suspension.
5. A student who is in more than one co-curricular activity when a consequence for a code violation is applied will be subject to consequences for all activities he or she is currently participating in. (Example: A violation will occur in basketball and forensics, not one or the other.)
6. When a student misses a competition or performance during a season for a conduct code violation, he or she will be required to complete the season in good standing in order to fulfill the code violation obligation.
7. **If a student fails to provide accurate and truthful information, an additional period of suspension may be imposed.**
8. A student who transfers from any school with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons retains such status at Nekoosa High School for the same period as decreed by the former school.

### **Major Code Violations:**

1. Use, possession, buying, or selling drugs and/or look alike drugs.
2. Use, possession, buying, or selling alcohol.
3. Use, possession, buying, or selling tobacco products and electronic replicas.
4. Criminal act as defined by state criminal laws, including but not limited to General Crime Provisions, Crimes Against Life and Bodily Security, Crimes Against Health and Public Safety, Crimes Against Reputation and Civil Liberties, Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Sexual Morality, Crimes Against Government and its Administration, Crimes Against Public Peace, Order and other interests, and Crimes Against Children.
5. No student may engage in any form of hazing another student. Hazing is defined as the act of harassment by forcing (physically, morally, and/or mentally) someone to exact unnecessary or disagreeable work, to banter, to ridicule, or to criticize someone, or to initiate someone into an organization.
6. Engaging in or being an accomplice to any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of Nekoosa High School or the WIAA, may be considered a major violation.



### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Violation:
  - The student athlete will be suspended for 50% of a season's contests.
  - If the season's contests have already begun, the remaining percentage will be carried over to the next sport's season.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to 25% of the season, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student athlete self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
  - The student athlete must complete all seasons in good standing. If the student athlete does not complete a season in good standing, the entire penalty will be served in the next sport's season.
2. Second Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for 100% of the season
3. Third Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for the remainder of his/her enrollment at NHS.

### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/Events:**

1. First Violation:
  - Student will be suspended for nine calendar weeks, including suspension from one activity/performance/event from date of violation.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to one activity/performance, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
2. Second Violation:

Student will be suspended for 18 calendar weeks, including suspension from two activity/performances from date of violation.
3. Third Violation:

Student will be suspended for one calendar year from participation in the club/organization and all performances, activities, competitions.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student will be suspended for the remainder of his or her high school career.

**\*Special Note:** Some activities have a limited number of contests or performances, or the role of a student in the activity may be unique, and a suspension from the activity may be impractical for the students involved in the activity. In those situations, the advisor and activities director will design appropriate sanctions. These may include 20 hours of school/community service or suspension from the next activity of a similar nature.

### **Minor Code Violations:**

The following is a list of representative minor infractions but is not a comprehensive list of all possible offenses. In each situation, the Nekoosa School District retains the right to consider the totality of the circumstances and render a judgment regarding (1) whether a particular action/inaction is an infraction under the code, (2) the degree (major/minor) of the violation, and (3) an appropriate penalty.

1. Failure to attend all practices and contests unless excused by the coach or advisor.
2. Failure to maintain practice hours and/or rules designated by the coach or advisor. These rules will be distributed in writing to every participant. The coach or advisor will discuss these rules. Copies of these rule/regulations must be filed with the athletic director and principal prior to the start of the season or activity.
3. Failure to treat coaches or advisors with respect in both word and action at all times.
4. Abuse, loss, and tardy or improper return or possession of equipment out of season.
5. Illegal or inappropriate use of the internet, personal cell phones, or other electronic devices both on and off campus.
6. Profanity or obscene gestures
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct
8. Cheating and/or Plagiarism
9. Failure to treat faculty or staff with respect
10. Inappropriate classroom conduct/disruption

### **Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Offense:

Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game

2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two games
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension from 50 percent of the season

**Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/ Events:**

1. First Offense:  
Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two group performances/events
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension for nine calendar weeks plus to group performances/events.

**Guilt by Association:**

Attendance at any gathering or party at which there is use of illegal drugs by anyone at the gathering or party or at which there is illegal consumption of alcohol by any persons at the party or gathering.

1. First Offense:  
The student will be placed on probation for one calendar year. If there are no further violations during the one calendar year, the probation will be dropped
2. Second Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the first offense of the major code violations.
3. Third Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to second offense of the major code violations.
4. Fourth Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the third offense of the major code violations.

**\*Special Note:** All school/community service must be approved by a school administrator.

**Course of Action:**

If a violation or alleged violation occurs:

- The Activities Director and/or Principal will notify the student, parents, coaches and advisors of the violation and determine which category the violation fits into (major or minor) and identify the corresponding consequences.
- If the student participates in a restorative circle addressing the violation and those impacted, the student may have their suspension reduced, when applicable.
- If the student is not satisfied with the consequence set forth, he or she may request a hearing before the District Administrator. The Activities Director and/or Principal must receive, in writing, a request for such a second hearing before the District Administrator within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the original hearing. Present at this second hearing will be Activities Director, Principal or appeal committee designee, the student, and the parents.
  - a. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on his/her behalf at the hearing.
  - b. The NHS Administration will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence at the hearing.
  - c. Proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing, and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and his/her parent(s) within five days of the hearing.
  - d. Confidentiality of student witnesses and/or statements will be retained throughout the hearing.
  - e. When determining the length of suspension/penalties, the appeal committee members will be held to the covenants of the WIAA and the NHS Co-Curricular Code.

**\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY:** If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the findings of the second hearing, a review by the Executive Office of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association may be requested through the school. The Activities Director or Principal must receive in writing a request for such a review by the Executive Office of the WIAA within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the second hearing. The Activities Director or Principal, in forwarding the appeal letter of the student and

his/her parents to the Executive Office of the WIAA, shall also enclose a copy of the (a) original appeal letter from the student and parent(s), (b) school's formal reply outlining violation or infraction leading to ineligibility status, and(c) proceedings of both hearings.

- a. The Executive Office of the WIAA will inform the Activities Director or Principal of the school of its review within seven days after receiving from the school the written appeal of the student and his/her parent(s).
- b. The student and his/her parent(s) will be mailed a copy of the review from the Executive Office of the WIAA.

\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY: If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the finding of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA, they may appeal in writing through the school for either a review by or a hearing before the Board of Control of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association through the Executive Office of the WIAA. The Activities Director or Principal must receive the written request for such a review or hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA.

If an athlete has been written up for violation of the Activities Code as a fourth time offender and wishes to become part of the co-curricular program, he/she may appeal for reinstatement to the co-curricular program. The student may follow the procedure of the *Appeal Process*.

## **VIII. General Information**

### **1. Athletic Eligibility**

- a. A high school student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
  - b. WIAA Physical or Alternate Year Document is required for students participating in interscholastic athletics. Exams taken after April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the following two school years. Exams taken before April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the remainder of the school year and the following school year. In years when a physical exam is not required, a WIAA approved alternate year athletic permit card must be turned in.
  - c. The student and parent must have "signed" the signature page of the Co-Curricular Code.
  - d. The student must pay the Nekoosa High School Athletic Fee.
  - e. The student must have a completed *Emergency Form* given to his/her coach and/or advisor.
2. When determining the length of consequences, all suspensions resulting in fractions will be rounded up to the next closest whole number, as consistent with WIAA Rules.
  3. As a courtesy to parents, students, and school district, the Co-Curricular Code will be signed annually. It is enforceable and valid until the student graduates. If, by chance, the student and/or parent have not signed the code, the student is still bound by the provisions of the Co-Curricular Code. This also applies to students not previously under the Co-Curricular Code.
  4. Each participant will be held responsible for cost of any equipment lost or damaged that has been issued to him/her.
  5. All injuries must be reported to the supervising coach/advisor IMMEDIATELY. Do not go to a physician or dentist without the coach/advisor's knowledge unless it is an emergency.
  6. Bus Conduct and Responsibilities:
    - a. All participants are required to travel to and return from all athletic contests they are engaged in on transportation provided for them by the high school. The exception to this rule is if the participant's parent(s) is in attendance at the contest and, in person, provides the coach/advisor of the activity with a written and signed note stating they accept full responsibility of transporting their son/daughter from the event. There are no other exceptions to this rule.
    - b. All buses leave on time.
    - c. Proper conduct will be required of all participants. The individual responsible will pay any damage done to the bus. If responsibility for damage cannot be determined, the group riding the bus at the time of the incident will make restitution for the damage.
    - d. Each group is expected to clean up its bus upon return from a trip.
    - e. It is important to note that all cell phones need to be turned off and not used (for any reason) while in transport to and from a contest. Coaches will permit, however, the use of cell phones during a designated time so a student can make arrangements with a parent/guardian for pick up at school.
  7. A student who has become ineligible to compete in events, competitions, and/or performances will not be permitted on any over-night travel associated with NHS.

## ***IX. Athletic Awards***

Guidelines used in giving athletic awards follow:

1. An athlete is considered to be a member of his/her squad until the time of award presentations for the sport of that season. Violation of any of the rules or regulations of the Athletic Code could result in the loss of all awards for the sports season.
2. When receiving a major letter, an athlete will receive a maximum of one letter during his/her school career.
3. Numerals will be given to all first time participants in all sports.
4. Certificates will be given to all participants in all sports.
5. Inserts (bars, football, etc.) are given to every major letter winner.
6. Three plaques will be awarded in each sport at the discretion of the Head Coach (i.e. most improved, most valuable, best offensive and defensive player, leading rebounder and most points).
7. A picture and plaque indicating achievement will be placed in the "*Hall of Fame*" case of an individual athlete recognized as State Champion, and First Team All-State selection, and/or State Championship Teams.
8. The requirements and qualifications to earn a Varsity letter will be determined by each individual Head Coach. Generally, letters are awarded on the basis of participation in Varsity contests, participation in practice, cooperation, loyalty, and performance.
9. If a student has received a code violation during the season, major or minor, the student is not eligible for any athletic awards, including all-conference nominations.

## ***X. Nekoosa Public School District Nondiscrimination Policy***

The Nekoosa Public School District does not discriminate against pupils 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 in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

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## **2017-2018 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Nekoosa 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](http://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, which are **current for the 2017-2018 school year:**

### **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 non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

#### DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, 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 grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intradistrict transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. 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.
- J. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

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

**TRAINING and CONDUCT**

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.

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 for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. 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.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

### AMATEUR STATUS

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

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel 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 because of ability, potential and/or performance 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 any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- 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

Athletes may compete in not more than two nonschool competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
  - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.





***NEKOOSA HIGH SCHOOL***

***CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES CODE***

***2017-2018***

***I. Nekoosa High School Philosophy***

The philosophy of Nekoosa High School is dedicated to the realization of the unique potential of each individual. Thus, the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, habits, attitudes, and understandings, which will enable the student to function as a responsible citizen in a changing world, will be provided.

***II. Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Philosophy***

The aim and objective of our co-curricular program at Nekoosa High School is to provide the opportunity for Nekoosa High Students interested in co-curricular activities to develop their physical, mental, and social abilities, attitudes, and character while representing the school and community.

Co-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom and serve to enhance the motivation and experience of students. Co-curricular activities are an integral and valuable part of the students’ high school experience. The activities also develop positive values and attitudes that students will take with them their entire lives.

The pursuit of excellence requires exemplary preparation, presentation, and attitude. Advisors and Coaches shall nurture and guide students throughout the co-curricular experience. Students shall model commendable academic behavior, adhere to the attendance policy, and display exceptional conduct. These assurances will provide the foundation for accomplishment in all arenas.

***III. Purpose***

The purpose of the Nekoosa High School Co-Curricular Code of Conduct is to establish clear academic and behavioral expectations for students to follow if they choose to participate in co-curricular activities. Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

***IV. Co-Curricular Activities***

Co-curricular activities are those voluntary activities that are school related. Activities that are a required part of a course and contribute to a student's grade for the course are not considered co-curricular activities.

**ACTIVITIES**

The following activities are covered by this code:

**Group 1 - Athletics**

Baseball	Basketball (Boys and Girls)	Cross Country	Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball	Track & Field (Boys and Girls)	Volleyball	Wrestling

**Group 2 - Clubs/Organizations/Events**

HOSA	Chess	Dance	FBLA
FCCLA	Field Trips (Non-required)	Vocal Jazz Choir	Forensics
Homecoming Court	National Honor Society	Math League	Musical Performances (Non Graded)
Plays	Prom Court	Student Council	Any other club or organization

**Other Groups**

Any other student group affiliated with Nekoosa School District that has an advisor or coach (selected/approved by administration) may be added to this list.

***V. Academics***

Students shall model academic excellence recognizing achievement in the classroom is essential to achievement in the co-curricular pursuit.

### **Academic Eligibility:**

1. Eligibility will be determined at four grading periods:
  - Eligibility for activities that commence on or before the first quarter of each new academic year shall be based on the fourth quarter of each previous academic year.
  - Second quarter eligibility is determined by the first quarter grades.
  - Third quarter eligibility is determined by the second quarter grades.
  - Fourth quarter eligibility is determined by the third quarter grades.
  - Eligibility concerning online or virtual classes is determined by the semester grade.
2. A student must maintain passing grades (60% D- or above) in all classes to remain eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity.
  - a. A student is not eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for a period of 15 scheduled school (student contact) days following one or more failures.
  - b. When the earliest allowed competition/performance takes place before the first day of classes, the rule will read as follows: The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
    - \* When a spring sport begins before the start of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in that sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
  - c. Ineligibility starts on the 5th scheduled school day following the last day of the previous quarter.
  - d. A student who receives an Incomplete as a grade will be considered ineligible until it becomes a letter grade. If the grade turns into an F, the days already served for ineligibility will be counted towards the 15-day period.
  - e. Exceptional Educational Needs (EEN) student academic eligibility is based on the success of his or her academic plan (IEP).
3. To regain academic eligibility, a student must earn passing grades in all subjects after 15 scheduled school days and turn in an academic eligibility check sheet; he or she will be allowed to participate starting with the 16th day. If a student is failing one or more classes after 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible for another 15 scheduled school days. The student can be reinstated after the second 15-day period if he or she is passing all subjects and turns in an academic eligibility check sheet. If a student is failing one or more classes after the second 15 scheduled school days, or if a student fails to complete an eligibility check sheet, he or she will remain ineligible until the next grading period. Eligibility forms can be picked up and turned into the high school office. The Principal or Activities Director shall be the school official that declares a student eligible.
4. A student receiving one or more failures at the time of progress/deficiency reports is required to submit to his or her coach and Activities Director a verification statement from the teacher indicating a passing grade. If the student can't meet the eligibility requirement, he or she is ineligible from further competition until passing marks are verified.
5. The NHS Activities Director will notify a student who fails to meet the academic requirements of the NHS Co-Curricular Code. A follow-up letter will be sent to parents and coaches of a student failing to comply with the NHS Co-Curricular Code, explaining the violation and course of suspension.

\* Although the NHS Activities Director will notify parents and coaches about an academically ineligible student athlete, it is highly recommended that each student work with his or her coaches, parents, and school administration during the first signs of academic struggles to avoid becoming academically ineligible.

## ***VI. Attendance***

Students will adhere to the attendance policy to promote best practices on daily basis.

1. A student must be present for at least one/half of the school day (by the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> hour) to participate in practice on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
2. A student must be present for the entire school day to participate in a scheduled contest/event/performance/activity on that day (unless approved by an administrator).
3. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator), a student is required to be in class the day after an athletic contest, competition, event, or performance. If he or she is not in school, the student will be ineligible for the next contest.
4. Unexcused Absences:
  - a. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during a ***Group 1*** sport season makes a student ineligible for the next contest unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).
  - b. An unexcused absence of one or more class periods during the week of a ***Group 2*** activity makes a student ineligible for that week's activity unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by an administrator).

## ***VII. Conduct***

Students shall endeavor to display exceptional conduct, realizing demeanor is reflective of self, school, and community. Students need to know that participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, those representing NHS are held to a higher standard.

At all times, students shall refrain from conduct which violates the ideals, principles, and standards of NHS as set forth in this co-curricular code. Students violating the expectations may lose eligibility in co-curricular activities.

Ethical and behavioral ideals, principles, and standards include but are not limited to negative and/or illegal acts against persons or property and involvement in acts which are viewed as contrary to accepted ethical and legal standards.

### **General Guidelines for Conduct Violations:**

1. Penalties will be cumulative over a two-year period. This is for determining second and third violation consequences. A student must have a clear record for two consecutive years before subsequent violations are considered a first violation.
2. For athletics, a student will be suspended based on WIAA games allowed guidelines. (This includes WIAA playoff eligibility that states that if a student athlete is ineligible for the first game of post-season competition, he or she is ineligible for the remainder of the team's post season.)
3. Scrimmages are considered practices and will not count as part of a suspension.
4. A student with a code violation will be required to practice with the group during the suspension.
5. A student who is in more than one co-curricular activity when a consequence for a code violation is applied will be subject to consequences for all activities he or she is currently participating in. (Example: A violation will occur in basketball and forensics, not one or the other.)
6. When a student misses a competition or performance during a season for a conduct code violation, he or she will be required to complete the season in good standing in order to fulfill the code violation obligation.
7. **If a student fails to provide accurate and truthful information, an additional period of suspension may be imposed.**
8. A student who transfers from any school with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons retains such status at Nekoosa High School for the same period as decreed by the former school.

### **Major Code Violations:**

1. Use, possession, buying, or selling drugs and/or look alike drugs.
2. Use, possession, buying, or selling alcohol.
3. Use, possession, buying, or selling tobacco products and electronic replicas.
4. Criminal act as defined by state criminal laws, including but not limited to General Crime Provisions, Crimes Against Life and Bodily Security, Crimes Against Health and Public Safety, Crimes Against Reputation and Civil Liberties, Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Sexual Morality, Crimes Against Government and its Administration, Crimes Against Public Peace, Order and other interests, and Crimes Against Children.
5. No student may engage in any form of hazing another student. Hazing is defined as the act of harassment by forcing (physically, morally, and/or mentally) someone to exact unnecessary or disagreeable work, to banter, to ridicule, or to criticize someone, or to initiate someone into an organization.
6. Engaging in or being an accomplice to any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of Nekoosa High School or the WIAA, may be considered a major violation.

### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Violation:
  - The student athlete will be suspended for 50% of a season's contests.
  - If the season's contests have already begun, the remaining percentage will be carried over to the next sport's season.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to 25% of the season, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student athlete self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
  - The student athlete must complete all seasons in good standing. If the student athlete does not complete a season in good standing, the entire penalty will be served in the next sport's season.
2. Second Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for 100% of the season
3. Third Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student athlete will be suspended for the remainder of his/her enrollment at NHS.

### **Consequences of Major Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/Events:**

1. First Violation:
  - Student will be suspended for nine calendar weeks, including suspension from one activity/performance/event from date of violation.
  - Possible reduction of suspension to one activity/performance, after the completion of 10 hours of school/community service, if the student self-reports and/or is actively participating in the co-curricular code violation process.
2. Second Violation:

Student will be suspended for 18 calendar weeks, including suspension from two activity/performances from date of violation.
3. Third Violation:

Student will be suspended for one calendar year from participation in the club/organization and all performances, activities, competitions.
4. Fourth Violation:

Student will be suspended for the remainder of his or her high school career.

**\*Special Note:** Some activities have a limited number of contests or performances, or the role of a student in the activity may be unique, and a suspension from the activity may be impractical for the students involved in the activity. In those situations, the advisor and activities director will design appropriate sanctions. These may include 20 hours of school/community service or suspension from the next activity of a similar nature.

### **Minor Code Violations:**

The following is a list of representative minor infractions but is not a comprehensive list of all possible offenses. In each situation, the Nekoosa School District retains the right to consider the totality of the circumstances and render a judgment regarding (1) whether a particular action/inaction is an infraction under the code, (2) the degree (major/minor) of the violation, and (3) an appropriate penalty.

1. Failure to attend all practices and contests unless excused by the coach or advisor.
2. Failure to maintain practice hours and/or rules designated by the coach or advisor. These rules will be distributed in writing to every participant. The coach or advisor will discuss these rules. Copies of these rule/regulations must be filed with the athletic director and principal prior to the start of the season or activity.
3. Failure to treat coaches or advisors with respect in both word and action at all times.
4. Abuse, loss, and tardy or improper return or possession of equipment out of season.
5. Illegal or inappropriate use of the internet, personal cell phones, or other electronic devices both on and off campus.
6. Profanity or obscene gestures
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct
8. Cheating and/or Plagiarism
9. Failure to treat faculty or staff with respect
10. Inappropriate classroom conduct/disruption

### **Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Athletics:**

1. First Offense:

Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game

2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one game
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two games
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension from 50 percent of the season

**Consequences of Minor Code Violations for Clubs/Organizations/ Events:**

1. First Offense:  
Minimum of 10 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
2. Second Offense:  
Minimum of 20 hours of school/community service and suspension from one group performance/event
3. Third Offense:  
Minimum of 30 hours of school/community service and suspension from two group performances/events
4. Fourth Offense:  
Minimum of 40 hours of school/community service and suspension for nine calendar weeks plus to group performances/events.

**Guilt by Association:**

Attendance at any gathering or party at which there is use of illegal drugs by anyone at the gathering or party or at which there is illegal consumption of alcohol by any persons at the party or gathering.

1. First Offense:  
The student will be placed on probation for one calendar year. If there are no further violations during the one calendar year, the probation will be dropped
2. Second Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the first offense of the major code violations.
3. Third Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to second offense of the major code violations.
4. Fourth Offense:  
The student's suspension shall default to the third offense of the major code violations.

**\*Special Note:** All school/community service must be approved by a school administrator.

**Course of Action:**

If a violation or alleged violation occurs:

- The Activities Director and/or Principal will notify the student, parents, coaches and advisors of the violation and determine which category the violation fits into (major or minor) and identify the corresponding consequences.
- If the student participates in a restorative circle addressing the violation and those impacted, the student may have their suspension reduced, when applicable.
- If the student is not satisfied with the consequence set forth, he or she may request a hearing before the District Administrator. The Activities Director and/or Principal must receive, in writing, a request for such a second hearing before the District Administrator within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the original hearing. Present at this second hearing will be Activities Director, Principal or appeal committee designee, the student, and the parents.
  - a. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on his/her behalf at the hearing.
  - b. The NHS Administration will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence at the hearing.
  - c. Proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing, and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and his/her parent(s) within five days of the hearing.
  - d. Confidentiality of student witnesses and/or statements will be retained throughout the hearing.
  - e. When determining the length of suspension/penalties, the appeal committee members will be held to the covenants of the WIAA and the NHS Co-Curricular Code.

**\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY:** If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the findings of the second hearing, a review by the Executive Office of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association may be requested through the school. The Activities Director or Principal must receive in writing a request for such a review by the Executive Office of the WIAA within 14 days of the mailing of the outcome of the second hearing. The Activities Director or Principal, in forwarding the appeal letter of the student and

his/her parents to the Executive Office of the WIAA, shall also enclose a copy of the (a) original appeal letter from the student and parent(s), (b) school's formal reply outlining violation or infraction leading to ineligibility status, and(c) proceedings of both hearings.

- a. The Executive Office of the WIAA will inform the Activities Director or Principal of the school of its review within seven days after receiving from the school the written appeal of the student and his/her parent(s).
- b. The student and his/her parent(s) will be mailed a copy of the review from the Executive Office of the WIAA.

\*FOR ATHLETICS ONLY: If the student and his/her parent(s) remain dissatisfied with the finding of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA, they may appeal in writing through the school for either a review by or a hearing before the Board of Control of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association through the Executive Office of the WIAA. The Activities Director or Principal must receive the written request for such a review or hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the review by the Executive Office of the WIAA.

If an athlete has been written up for violation of the Activities Code as a fourth time offender and wishes to become part of the co-curricular program, he/she may appeal for reinstatement to the co-curricular program. The student may follow the procedure of the *Appeal Process*.

## **VIII. General Information**

### **1. Athletic Eligibility**

- a. A high school student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
  - b. WIAA Physical or Alternate Year Document is required for students participating in interscholastic athletics. Exams taken after April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the following two school years. Exams taken before April 1<sup>st</sup> are good for the remainder of the school year and the following school year. In years when a physical exam is not required, a WIAA approved alternate year athletic permit card must be turned in.
  - c. The student and parent must have "signed" the signature page of the Co-Curricular Code.
  - d. The student must pay the Nekoosa High School Athletic Fee.
  - e. The student must have a completed *Emergency Form* given to his/her coach and/or advisor.
2. When determining the length of consequences, all suspensions resulting in fractions will be rounded up to the next closest whole number, as consistent with WIAA Rules.
  3. As a courtesy to parents, students, and school district, the Co-Curricular Code will be signed annually. It is enforceable and valid until the student graduates. If, by chance, the student and/or parent have not signed the code, the student is still bound by the provisions of the Co-Curricular Code. This also applies to students not previously under the Co-Curricular Code.
  4. Each participant will be held responsible for cost of any equipment lost or damaged that has been issued to him/her.
  5. All injuries must be reported to the supervising coach/advisor IMMEDIATELY. Do not go to a physician or dentist without the coach/advisor's knowledge unless it is an emergency.
  6. Bus Conduct and Responsibilities:
    - a. All participants are required to travel to and return from all athletic contests they are engaged in on transportation provided for them by the high school. The exception to this rule is if the participant's parent(s) is in attendance at the contest and, in person, provides the coach/advisor of the activity with a written and signed note stating they accept full responsibility of transporting their son/daughter from the event. There are no other exceptions to this rule.
    - b. All buses leave on time.
    - c. Proper conduct will be required of all participants. The individual responsible will pay any damage done to the bus. If responsibility for damage cannot be determined, the group riding the bus at the time of the incident will make restitution for the damage.
    - d. Each group is expected to clean up its bus upon return from a trip.
    - e. It is important to note that all cell phones need to be turned off and not used (for any reason) while in transport to and from a contest. Coaches will permit, however, the use of cell phones during a designated time so a student can make arrangements with a parent/guardian for pick up at school.
  7. A student who has become ineligible to compete in events, competitions, and/or performances will not be permitted on any over-night travel associated with NHS.

## ***IX. Athletic Awards***

Guidelines used in giving athletic awards follow:

1. An athlete is considered to be a member of his/her squad until the time of award presentations for the sport of that season. Violation of any of the rules or regulations of the Athletic Code could result in the loss of all awards for the sports season.
2. When receiving a major letter, an athlete will receive a maximum of one letter during his/her school career.
3. Numerals will be given to all first time participants in all sports.
4. Certificates will be given to all participants in all sports.
5. Inserts (bars, football, etc.) are given to every major letter winner.
6. Three plaques will be awarded in each sport at the discretion of the Head Coach (i.e. most improved, most valuable, best offensive and defensive player, leading rebounder and most points).
7. A picture and plaque indicating achievement will be placed in the "*Hall of Fame*" case of an individual athlete recognized as State Champion, and First Team All-State selection, and/or State Championship Teams.
8. The requirements and qualifications to earn a Varsity letter will be determined by each individual Head Coach. Generally, letters are awarded on the basis of participation in Varsity contests, participation in practice, cooperation, loyalty, and performance.
9. If a student has received a code violation during the season, major or minor, the student is not eligible for any athletic awards, including all-conference nominations.

## ***X. Nekoosa Public School District Nondiscrimination Policy***

The Nekoosa Public School District does not discriminate against pupils 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 in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

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## **2017-2018 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Nekoosa 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](http://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, which are **current for the 2017-2018 school year:**



### **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 non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

#### DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

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

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, 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 grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intradistrict transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. 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.
- J. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

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

**TRAINING and CONDUCT**

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.

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 for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. 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.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

### AMATEUR STATUS

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

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel 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 because of ability, potential and/or performance 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 any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- 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

Athletes may compete in not more than two nonschool competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
  - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.