

New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association

2019-2020

Bylaws-Article V

Eligibility Outline

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2019-2020 Eligibility of Athletes Outline

Section 1. ENROLLMENT

A. Participation

B. Exceptions

1. Co-Operative Programs
2. Home Instruction – Home School Education & Guidelines G/P/P
3. Special Education Placements d, CL 1 & e
4. Vo-Tech Placements CL 2, CL 3, CL 4 Shared or Full/Official Register
5. Charter Schools CL 5 Principals Agree
6. Choice Schools CL 6
7. Academies CL 4
8. Pre-High School (Age 16) (CL 1 & 50, CL 4) 16 before 9/1
9. Disabled Students (Parental Placement) (CL 7) Written Approval BOE
10. HIB - Transfer Sheet

Section 2: Amateur-Athlete

Bill Bruno

- Accepting pay or material remuneration for a display
- Signed contract, play or professional sports
- Counselor, National Instructor
- Appearance – Radio
- Awards & Mementos
- US Olympian
- Reasonable Travel Expenses: travel, meals, lodging
- Accepted items with a monetary value not to exceed \$250

Section 3 Reinstatement of Amateur Eligibility

Section 4 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Ineligibility Certification

1. 80 Schools – NJSIAA Site Monitors – started 2015-16
2. Principals Office

B. Eligibility Responsibility

1. Principal
2. Name, DOB, Document proof of age, Date of Enrollment 9th grade, Transfer “school identified”, credits passed, previous year or semester - any participation prior to entry into 9th grade
3. **CL – Local option – practice & preseason scrimmage-Ineligible students**

C. Age

1. 16/19 age rule – Prior to September 1
2. Verify Age (CL 2)

9th Grade have team status (Section 4)

D. Athletic Recruitment

1. No Scholarships
2. No Proselytizing (Entice with Mail, Letters, Brochures, Social Media)
3. Associated with School / Director of School (Admin, Staff, Coach, Students, Parents, Booster Club)

E. Credits-Eligible for the Season

1. First Semester – Also confer handout for Trimesters

30 = 25% of 120

Two Seasons (CL-9)

Second Semester

15 = 12.5% of 120

Feb. 1. (CL 7)

2. Transfer Credit (CL 2)
3. Seniors/accelerated must pass all (4i, CL-3). Waivers may only be granted if passing all subjects in 3rd marking period
4. Previous school credits (CL-5)
5. Credits for courses ex. Religion (4:CL5)
6. Summer school – must be made up before the 6th day of Fall term (CL 8) Failed course only.

F. Handicapped/Classified Students credit free w/ waiver provided that:

1. Classified: NJDOE - IDEA (6A:14)
2. C.S.T. must certify and Principal sign off after one semester after initial classification (F-1-b) Written in the IEP
3. **8 semesters** after 1st participation (J-2)
4. School Participation, where? (e)
5. Definition ADA, 504 students

G. Enrollment (G)

1. Late – After Oct. 1 is ineligible 30 days
2. Enrolled and attends-During the summer period students are allowed to practice as long as they are withdrawn/enrolled
3. Free to choose as a 9th grader, after that Transfer Rule applies

H. Post Grads (H.)

1. Not eligible in member schools – days/weeks before OK
2. Play against – o.k.

I. Pre – High School (I.)

1. 16/19 age rule
2. Pre – High School-Age Waiver (CL-4 and CL4)
3. CL2 Practice

J. Semesters

1. 8 in a row upon entrances in 9th grade
2. Special note - #4 Pre-high school participation (outside NJ)
3. EAC – Proportionality- pre-HS participation

K. Transfers

1. Assignment by Board (Vo-Tech, Special Ed., Out of District)
2. Bona fide change of residence definition –NEW for 2019-2020
3. Emancipation
4. DCP&P or Courts (CL-1)
5. Parent to Parent (and back)(CL-2)
6. Bd. Non-tuition Policy, first opportunity (CL-3)

7. The transfer rule calls for a 30 day/half of max games waiting period for students who participated in a varsity sport during the previous year.

There is no appeal (2, CL 1). If the student did not participate on the varsity level, he/she is eligible immediately.

***Note – Participation means playing in an interscholastic regular season or post season contest. No level of participation at present school.**

Transfer Form Process & Affidavit Completed.

Vo-techs, Public Academies, Charter Schools, and Choice Schools shall be subject to restrictions contained in Article V, Section 4. (2)

8. New The transfer rule requires that both schools verify the bona fide change of address and that an affidavit be submitted to the new school by the parents or guardians with appropriate proof of the new residence. In the new rule, a transfer form must be filed with the NJSIAA with a requirement that the present school retain the parental/guardian affidavit, for transmission to the NJSIAA upon request. The requirement for a residential affidavit is similar to the protections contained in *N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1* in dealing with affidavit students attending a school with a “guardian.” No waivers will be granted to a student-athlete who participated on the varsity and does not transfer with a bona fide change of residence by the parent or guardian.

Guardian Qualification

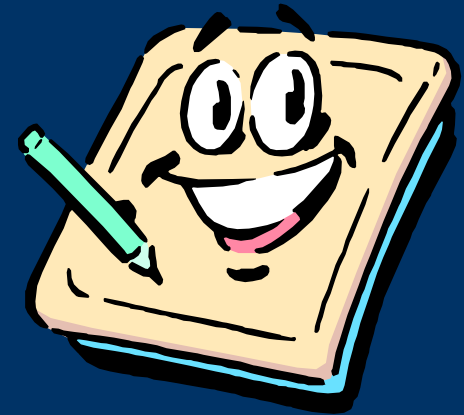
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9. Expulsion – rule in effect (4)

10. Recruitment (5)

11. Athletic Advantage (5) EAC

- a. Seeking a superior athletic program
- b. Seeking a relief due to conflict or philosophy
- c. Seeking a team consistent with athletic abilities
- d. Seeking to nullify punitive action by the previous school
- e. Seeking to be coached by a particular coach(s)



L. Administrative Responsibility



1. Voluntary Compliance
2. Forfeits CL1 & CL2



M. Disqualifications (Coaches & Players)

NJSIAA G/P/P

Tony Maselli

1. Flagrant verbal or physical unsportsmanlike conduct.

-1st DQ sits for two games (One game in football)

-If DQ occurs in final game, it carries over to next sport or next year.

2. 2nd DQ in a calendar year-penalty is doubled (4 games) and athlete is ineligible for State Championship.

3. 3rd Team DQ – Not eligible for State Championship.

4. See CL 13

N. Out of Season Time frame G/P/P

Out of Season

“Out of Season Period” shall be from the end of the season until official starting practice date for that sport, excluding summer recess, that period from the last scheduled date for NJSIAA championships in the spring until September 1. (Summer Recess)

	Athletes	Coaches	School Sponsorship
Intramurals*	No	Yes (w/a)	Yes
Open-Gym	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	Yes
Camps	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
Clinics/Participatory**	Yes (w/c)	Yes	No
Clinics/Non-Participatory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recreation Programs	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
Independent Play***	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
(w/c) – without coach		(w/a) – without athletes	

* If student has attained team status in the sport being offered. All freshman are considered to have team status.

** Coaches may be spectators. See Student-Athlete Guidelines, Section 6.

*** An athlete may compete on a non-school team (independent) with approval of the school. See Student-Athlete Guidelines, Section 8 for Limitations.

0. Out of Season Time frame G/P/P

Summer Recess Jack DuBois

Participation Limitations Summer Recess – Practice sessions during the summer period are the prerogative of the member school within existing regulations. A coach/team or Student-Athlete may not be sponsored or supported by a school or school-related group (i.e. Booster Club) when team (interscholastic) or individual competition takes place as part of the activity in camps, clinics, recreation programs or independent play.

	Athletes	Coaches	School Sponsorship
Camps:			
Team/Individual Interscholastic Competition	Yes*	Yes*	No
Clinics:			
Team/Individual Interscholastic Competition	Yes*	Yes*	No
School's Summer Camp(s):			
Practice only	Yes	Yes	Yes**
Recreation/Independent Programs:			
Team/Individual	Yes*	Yes*	No
Open-Gym Facility:			
Practice only	Yes	Yes	Yes**

*Not representing their school.

**Only for that school's athletes/programs involving intra-squad practice.

Please Note: The NJSIAA does not regulate or sanction non-school activity and to that extent member schools, for their own protection, are encouraged to inform their coaches and athletes of their independent status when involved in said activities. Information supplied to coaches/athletes should include, but not be limited to, issues dealing with eligibility, injuries, insurance and potential litigation on the part of participants and use of the school name or nickname. In addition, coaches/players must be instructed not to use the school name or nickname in any non-school participation.

P. International Student Eligibility Guidelines

DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Michael Zapicchi

An International student is defined as a "non-immigrant" student visitor who comes to the United States temporarily to take classes. A non-immigrant is someone who:

- intends to stay in the US temporarily
- does not have US citizenship or legal permanent resident status (a "green card")
- applies for a student visa (either F-1 or J-1) to be allowed entry into the US
- is enrolled in an NJSIAA member school for credit whose parents/guardian(s) have not moved into your school district at time of enrollment

If a student does not qualify as an international student, then NJSIAA transfer rules apply.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

(ALL INFORMATION SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH WHEN POSSIBLE.)

*** An international student is eligible for interscholastic athletic competition only if enrolled in a member school:**

- a) under the sponsorship of a program that has achieved Full, Conditional or Provisional approval from CSIET.**
- b) that has gone through the CSIET review process and achieved Full, Conditional or Provisional approval.**

To be eligible for interscholastic competition, a student may not reside with the coach of any sport, or any other member of the athletic staff, paid or volunteer, at that member school.