

PIAA REQUIREMENTS (www.piaa.org)

Know Your Eligibility Rules

If you fail to comply with these rules, you will lose your eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. If you participate while ineligible, you, your school, and/or your team will be penalized. It is, therefore, important for you to be aware of applicable eligibility provisions.

Age

To be eligible to participate in grades 10 through 12, you must not have reached your 19th birthday by June 30 immediately preceding the school year.

Amateur Status and Awards

To be eligible to participate in a sport, you must be an amateur in that sport. Amateur status, and eligibility, is lost if you or your parent(s) or guardian(s), receive money or property for or related to your athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport.

Consent of Parent or Guardian

All parents must have read and signed the student-athlete handbook and also the acknowledgment of risks associated with each sport.

Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation

You are eligible only if you have completed a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation ("CIPPE"), performed by an Authorized Medical Examiner before your first sport season's first Practice of that school year. If you want to participate in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, you may be required to be re-evaluated and re-certified that your physical condition is satisfactory. A CIPPE may be performed no earlier than June 1st; and, regardless of when performed during the school year, remains effective only until the next May. T

Transfers

You are treated as having transferred whenever you seek eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school other than the one at which you were previously either enrolled or otherwise eligible. If your Transfer from one school to another is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose, you will lose your athletic eligibility in each sport in which you participate within a period of one year immediately following the date on which you transferred. Transfer student-athletes may not be eligible for post-season play.

Period of Time After Eighth Grade, Participation, and Grade Repetition

Your athletic eligibility extends only until you have reached the end of your fourth consecutive year (8th consecutive semester or the equivalent) beyond the eighth grade. Therefore, if you repeat a grade after eighth, you will be ineligible as a senior. Additionally, you may participate in (1) a maximum of six seasons in each sport during grades seven through twelve, (2) a maximum of four seasons in each sport during grades nine through twelve, and (3) a maximum of three seasons in each sport during grades seven through nine.

Academic and Curricular Requirements

You are not to be failing 2 or more classes, or the equivalent, as of each Friday during a grading period (week, quarter/marking period, and semester). If you fail to meet this requirement, you will lose your eligibility from the immediately following Sunday. If you are failing 2 or more courses in a marking period you will be ineligible for 15 days.

All-Star Contests

You will lose your eligibility in a sport for one year if you participate in an all-start Contest in that sport that is not sanctioned.

Out-of-Season Participation

All PIAA sports have a defined season. If your school Team conducts Practice and/or participates in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests outside that PIAA defined season, your school will be penalized.

Concussion Recognition and Management

If a sports official removes you from a Contest because you have exhibited signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, and/or balance problems) you may not return to participating in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests until cleared by a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine who is sufficiently familiar with current concussion management. All students must take the Impact test before participating in their sport.