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NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY RULES

In order to represent a high school in interscholastic athletic competition, a student must abide by eligibility rules of the Nebraska School Activities Association. A summary of the major rules is given below. Contact the Principal or Activities Director for an explanation of the complete rule.

1. Student must be an undergraduate.

2. Student must be enrolled in at least twenty hours per week and regular in attendance, in accordance with the school's attendance policy at the school the student wishes to represent in interscholastic competition.

3. Student must be enrolled in some high school on or before the eleventh school day of the current year.

4. Student is ineligible if nineteen years of age before August 1 of current school year. (Student may participate on a high school team if he/she was 15 years of age prior to August 1 of current school year.)

5. After a student's initial enrollment in grade nine, the student shall be ineligible after eight semesters of school membership.

6. Student must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester.

7. Student must have received twenty semester hours of credit the immediate preceding semester.

8. Once the season of a sport begins, a student shall compete only in athletic contests/meets in that sport, which are scheduled by the student's school. Any other competition will render the student ineligible for a portion of, or all of, the season in that sport. The season of a sport begins with the first date of practice as permitted by NSAA rules. **The fall sports season begins August 15, 2011, with the exception of boy's tennis, football, softball, and girl's golf which start August 8** and ends with the state meets. **The winter sports season begins November 14, 2011** and ends with the state meets. **The spring sports season begins February 27, 2012** and ends with the state meets.

9. A student shall not participate in sports camps or clinics during the season of a sport in which the student is involved, either as an individual or as a member of a team.

10. A student shall not participate on an All-Star team while a high school undergraduate.

11. A student entering grade nine for the first time after being promoted from grade eight of a two year junior high, or a three year middle school, or entering a high school for the first time after being promoted to grade ten from a three year junior high school is eligible. After making a choice of high schools, any subsequent transfer will cause the student to be ineligible for ninety school days.

    If a student has participated on a high school team at any level as a seventh, eighth, or ninth grades student, he/she has established his/her eligibility at the high school where he/she participated. If the student elects to attend another high school upon entering ninth or tenth grade, he/she shall be ineligible for ninety school days.

12. When the parents of a student change their domicile from one school district, which has a high school to another school district, which has a high school, the student is ineligible for ninety school days except:

    a) If the change in domicile by the parents occurs during a school year, the student may remain at the school he/she is attending and be eligible until the end of the school year or transfer to a high school located in the school district where the parents established their domicile and be eligible.
    b) If a student has been attending the same high school since initial enrollment in grade nine and the school is located in the school district from which the parents moved, he/she may remain at that high school and retain eligibility or he/she is eligible at a high school located in the school district where his/her parents established their domicile.
    c) If the parents moved during the summer months and the student is in grade twelve, the student may remain at the high school he/she has been attending and retain eligibility.

13. Guardianship does not fulfill the definition of a parent. If a guardian has been appointed for a student, the student is eligible in the school district where his/her natural parent(s) have their domicile. Individual situations involving guardianship may be submitted to the Executive Director for his review and a ruling.

14. A student shall not participate in a contest under an assumed name.

15. A student must maintain his/her amateur status.