**Title: 5070 PIAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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* In sports where interscholastic competition is limited to grades 7 through 9, the student-athlete may not have reached their 16th birthday by the date of June 30 that immediately precedes the beginning of the school year.
* In sports where interscholastic competition is limited to grades 7 and 8, the student-athlete may not have reached their 15th birthday by the date of June 30 that immediately precedes the beginning of the school year.

**AMATUER STATUS**To be eligible to participate in a sport, a student must be an amateur in that sport. A student loses amateur status in a sport if the student, or the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s), receives money or property for or related to the student’s athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport. * A student may accept awards from the student’s school or the student’s school-affiliated booster club, the sponsor of an athletic event, a non-profit service organization approved by the student’s school Principal, or the news media.
* Permissible awards are items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification.
* The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed $200.

**ATTENDANCE**Secondary:* A pupil must be regularly enrolled in a secondary school in full-time attendance. A student is eligible only at the school at which the student is enrolled. Exceptions exist for home-schooled students and students enrolled in Charter or Cyber Schools.
* A pupil who has been absent from school for a total of twenty or more days in a semester shall not be eligible to participate in any athletic contest until he/she has attended school for a total of forty-five (45) school days following the twentieth day of absence. A PIAA district committee may consider an exception when there is an extended absence because of approved reasons.

Middle school:* Student-athletes must be in attendance for at least the four (4) class periods of the school day immediately prior to dismissal time in order to participate in an interscholastic practice or competition on that day.
* High school student-athletes must comply with the 9:25 a.m. sign-in/attendance time in order to participate in interscholastic practice or competition on that day. If there is a delayed start to the day, student-athletes are expected to be on-time.
* An attendance irregularity during the last day of classes of the school week will make a student ineligible for activities during the weekend. Exceptions for absences for educational, religious and medical reasons will be made with prior approval or an exception from the student's assigned secondary school office has been granted.

**CONSENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN**A student shall be eligible for participation in each sport only when there is on file with the principal a certificate of consent signed by a parent or guardian consenting to that student-athletes participation in practices, inter-school practices, scrimmages, and/or contests in the particular sport involved. **HEALTH**Any student wishing to participate in practices, inter-school practices, scrimmages and contests for a PIAA-affiliated sports teams for the first time during the school year must meet the following requirement(s): 1. Complete the electronic PIAA physical application (CIPPE) found on the Student or Parent Portal on/after June 1.
2. Print the completed forms and return them in person or by US Mail after signed by the physician to the school office has completed Section 6.
3. All forms must be completed
4. PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) E-Application;

Any student who fulfills the requirements to participate in a PIAA interscholastic sport during a school year and seeks to participate in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, must complete and submit to the SCASD Athletic Office his/her PIAA Recertification by Parent/Guardian form (CIPPE, Section 5) according to the schedules posed by the PIAA and SCASD Department of Athletics. Finally, if the student-athlete is participating in wrestling, he/she must have established a minimum wrestling weight class utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches’ Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator as the mechanism to calculate the minimum wrestling weight. **PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION**A student-athlete is eligible for practice or participation in interscholastic athletics upon entry into seventh grade. A student-athlete loses eligibility when:* The student-athlete has reached the end of the student’s fourth consecutive year beyond the eighth grade. If the student repeats a grade after eighth, the student will be ineligible as a senior.
* Played six seasons beyond the sixth grade or four seasons beyond the eighth grade in any sport.
* Completed the work of grades 9-12, inclusive.

**ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**All students/athletes must maintain an average of 70% or higher in all major subjects to participate in athletic programs. This includes the following: Religion, Literature, English, Math, Social Studies and Science. All practices and games are automatically cancelled if school is cancelled due to inclement weather. Students who are absent from school may not participate in practice or game on the day of the school absence without the specific permission from the principal. These guidelines also apply to students participating in our high school athletics as seventh and eighth graders of Junior High teams.. Students may also find themselves to be ineligible due to discipline problems at the discretion of the building principal.**ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENT IN SPORTS**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. You are considered to have transferred even if you are promoted to a higher level school or are out-of-school for a period of time before entering the new school. 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. This requirement applies even if you would be otherwise eligible at the school to which you transferred. If your school eliminates a sport for budgetary reasons, you may be permitted to transfer to another school to participate in that sport. You must enroll and attend the other school. If you desire to participate in any other sports at that school, your PIAA District Committee will assess whether the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to those sports. |