

Athletic Eligibility Requirements

1. AIA Requirements

All participants in interscholastic activities must be in compliance with all student eligibility rules; namely, Enrollment, Attendance, Domicile, Transfer, Recruiting, Academic and Scholarship, Age Limit/Birth Record, Physical Examination, Parent or Legal Guardian Consent, Student Insurance, Amateur Standing, Clinics/Summer Camps, Competition on School Team Sports Only, and Try Outs.

2. Academic and Scholarship Rule

A student must be enrolled in at least five credit classes and have received passing grades in all credit-earning courses. Seniors who are on track to graduate may enroll in fewer classes and still be eligible. Grading periods and eligibility periods will be nine weeks in length. Grades of F, AU, and NC are considered non-passing grades and will render a student ineligible if received. Eligibility may be regained at progress report time if there are no failing grades on the progress report. A student may not become ineligible due to grades earned on a progress report.

3. Birth Certificates - Age Limit

If a student becomes 19 years of age after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of the school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age on or before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year. A birth certificate must be on file in the athletics office for all sports and AIA-sanctioned programs.

4. Domicile Rule

A student is privileged with eligibility for interscholastic competition only at the school in the district in which his/her parents are domiciled. In multi-school districts, the student is eligible only at the school in the attendance zone in which his/her parents are domiciled. If you have questions, please contact the athletic director for information.

5. Competition on School Team Sports Only

A student who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin with the first regularly scheduled practice and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

6. Eight Semesters Eligibility Rule

A student is privileged with eligibility for only four seasons in each sport and/or activity and for no more than eight semesters of eligibility after he/she first enrolls in the ninth grade. The 7th and 8th semesters must be consecutive. The other semesters of eligibility need not be consecutive.

7. Participation in Athletics and PE

Parents are responsible to inform the school/coaching staff of any student illness or injury that may have an impact on the student's health and safety during participation in physical education and athletic programs.

8. Physicals

Students must complete a physical examination by an M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A. and have the results on file before being issued equipment and beginning practice.

PARTICIPATION IN ANY A.I.A. SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHORUS, FORENSICS, CHEER, ROTC, and STUDENT COUNCIL REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OR PART OF THESE RULES. SEE THE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.

Safety Awareness

Health Risks and Safety Practices

The student and parent/guardian are required to view the "AIA Consent Video" recognizing the health risks associated with participation in athletics. You should also be aware of the school's athletic program, which requires the student to:

- Learn the rules of the sport.
- Diligently try to learn proper technique for the sport.
- Participate in physical conditioning in preparation for athletic competition.
- Maintain proper hydration (water intake).
- Advise the coach or trainer of any signs of physical injury.
- Advise the coach or trainer if equipment is damaged or fits poorly.

Insurance Needs

District schools do not provide accident or health insurance coverage for student athletes. You should independently determine whether you should obtain, at your costs, such insurance. Information regarding a company that offers student accident and health insurance will be provided to the student and made available in our athletics office.

Harassment/Hazing

Statement of Awareness: Prohibiting Hazing

Hazing is defined as to initiate by means of acts, which are humiliating or painful. Some students (generally upperclassmen) use threats, verbal abuse, and physical means to initiate underclassmen into a school group.

Abusive or humiliating harassment or hazing is strictly prohibited. These are unacceptable practices in any athletic, extracurricular, or academic endeavor. Students who engage in any type of harassment and/or hazing can expect to be disciplined under the schools' "Guidelines for Student Behavior."

Sportsmanship Standards

District schools regard its athletic programs as a means of educating students in values of discipline, teamwork, and respect for rules. Schools and their athletic teams are authorized to adopt codes of conduct for team members. Parents and spectators are also required to act in an appropriate manner during athletic events. Violation of a conduct standard may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from further athletic participation by the athlete or future attendance by a spectator.

AIA Position Statement – Supplements, Drugs and Performance Enhancing Substances

District schools support the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) regarding this position. A balanced diet is optimal for meeting the nutritional needs of a student athlete. Nutritional supplements are rarely, if ever, needed to replace a healthy diet. Individual consideration for a specific medical condition may be given. We share strong opposition to "doping" (www.wada-ama.org). There is no place for recreational use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in the lifestyle of the student athlete.

For further information, please visit the website: www.aiaonline.org.