



DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY STATUS NEW EXCEPTION LINKED RULE



# STUDENT RECORD FORM





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FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY   DE DE COMPLETED AND CERTIFIED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION   Eds achool must have the following information on file for each student grades 7.12:   . Ogy of Student Record Formation   . Ogy of Student Record Formation	

# EXCEPTIONS TO THE RESIDENCE RULE (RULE 8) WHEN TO FILE A HARDSHIP REQUEST



### \*NEW EXCEPTION\*

STUDENTS ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY BY PARTICIPATING AT ANY LEVEL AT THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LEVEL OR ABOVE.

Participation defined: Rule 7-2-A: student shall be considered to have participated when the student has appeared in uniform at an interscholastic contest, including an interschool scrimmage, regardless of whether the student physically participates during the contest. NEW EXCEPTION: CHANGE OF SCHOOLS AFTER ESTABLISHING AT THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE (TRANSFER)

### WHEN A STUDENT CHANGES SCHOOLS AFTER ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY AN EXCEPTION CAN BE REQUESTED PROVIDED:

- a. The student has not changed schools since entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade while residing in the same residence and established eligibility by participating at any level;
- b. The student continues to reside with the parent and or guardian;
- c. The new school can provide documentation that the student was either approved for enrollment at the receiving (new) school or placed on a waiting list at the receiving (new) school on or before July 15.

### IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE FOR A TRANSFER STUDENT

- a. The student has not changed schools since entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade while residing in the same residence and established eligibility by participating at any level;
- b. The student continues to reside with the parent and or guardian;
- c. The new school can provide documentation that the student was either approved for enrollment at the receiving (new) school or placed on a waiting list at the receiving (new) school on or before July 15.

A hardship request can be submitted by the receiving (new) school. All forms must be included, and documentation must be provided to demonstrate the student was accepted for a transfer no later than July 15; OR the student was placed on a waiting list no later than July 15.

### STUDENTS TRANSFERRING AND PLACED ON A WAITING LIST

When a student is placed on a waiting list and later is notified of the transfer approval, once the student is legally enrolled in the school the application for the exception can be submitted.

When a student is notified of the transfer being approved and subsequently decides not to transfer at that time, the student will not be considered for an exception to Rule 8 at a later time during the same school year.

When a student is notified of the transfer being approved and the student has already participated in an activity during the current school year at the former school, the student will not be permitted to participate in the same activity at another school.

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NEW EXCEPTION: CHANGE OF SCHOOLS AFTER ESTABLISHING AWAY FROM THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE (NO LONGER A TRANSFER)

WHEN A STUDENT CHANGES SCHOOLS AFTER ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY AN EXCEPTION CAN BE REQUESTED PROVIDED:

- a. The student has not changed schools since entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade while residing in the same residence and established eligibility by participating at any level;
- b. The student continues to reside with the parent and or guardian;
- c. The new school can provide documentation that the student was approved for enrollment at the receiving (new) school before July 15.

# IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE FOR A RESIDENT STUDENT

- a. The student has not changed schools since entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade while residing in the same residence and established eligibility by participating at any level;
- b. The student continues to reside with the parent and or guardian;
- c. The new school can provide documentation that the student was either approved for enrollment at the receiving (new) school or placed on a waiting list at the receiving (new) school on or before July 15.

A hardship request can be submitted by the receiving (new) school. All forms must be included, and documentation must be provided to demonstrate the student was accepted to enroll in the district of residence no later than July 15.



# PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FOR AN EXCEPTION

### CHECK THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:

If changing schools this school year, have you been coached, trained, or taken lessons from any coach at the current school in the past 12-month period? (Rule 24)

If changing schools this school year, have you participated in a camp or clinic in the past 12month period with any school coaches (at the new school) who were present at the camp or clinic? (Rule 24)



# SEQUENCE IS VERY IMPORTANT

IF THERE IS CONNECTION BETWEEN STUDENT AND ANY ONE ON THE COACHING STAFF OF ANY ACTIVITY THE SCHOOL SHOULD:

PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THE COACH DOES NOT COACH ANY ACTIVITY IN WHICH THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES.

PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THE STUDENT WAS APPROVED ON A TRANSFER OR CONFIRMED TO BE ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE PRIOR TO ANY COACHES BEING EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL.

ANY STUDENT DETERMINED TO BE LINKED IN ANY WAY WILL NEED DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THE TIMELINE OF THE COACH BEING HIRED AND THE STUDENT'S COMMITMENT TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL.

REQUIRED PROTOCOL FOR FILING FOR AN EXCEPTION WHEN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HAS DETERMINED A STUDENT NEW TO THE SCHOOL MEETS THE TENANTS FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE ELIGIBILITY RULES A REQUEST MAY BE FILED WITH THE OSSAA.

COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FORMS: HARDSHIP APPLICATION FORM STUDENT RECORD FORM SENDING SCHOOL FORM CHANGING SCHOOLS FORM REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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APPEALING STAFF DECISIONS -INTERMEDIATE APPEALS PANEL Should the Staff deny a request for an exception to the eligibility rules, the request may be appealed.

The Intermediate Appeals Panel is a group of elected panel members whose sole task is to listen to appeals of hardship waivers. The Panel is comprised of a member from each quadrant of the State, and one member representing the multi-high districts.

The Panel will generally meet one week prior to each meeting of the Board of Directors. There is no cost to appeal to the Panel. All appeals must be scheduled no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Appeals Panel Meeting, meeting dates can be found in the OSSAA twoyear planner, or on the OSSAA website.

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# APPEALS TO OSSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Should an appeal be denied by the Intermediate Appeals Panel, the waiver request may then be appealed to the OSSAA Board of Directors. All requests to appeal to the Board must be made by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to the scheduled Board Meeting date, and there is a \$100 administrative fee.

Meeting dates are posted on the OSSAA website (OSSAA.com) and indicated in the OSSAA two-year planner.





- STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE LINKED ARE LIMITED TO SUB-VARSITY PARTICIPATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.
- ► STUDENTS IN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND BELOW ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE LINKED, HOWEVER RULE 9 WILL STILL BE CONSIDERED. (RECRUTING RULE)
- A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR VARSITY PARTICIPATION IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE WITH OR AGAINST ANY OTHER STUDENTS IN A VARSITY LEVEL CONTEST.
- ► SIT OUT FOR VARSITY PARTICIPATION IS ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF FIRST ATTENDANCE.

### COMPLYING WITH DUAL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS



▶ The family must agree that no family member will return to the former residence for an overnight stay.

▶ The former residence may not be rented or leased long term to another family member.

▶ It may be closed and left unoccupied, put on the market for sale, sold or leased to a non-family member.

▶ Effect of Dual or Multiple Residences on Eligibility

A student whose parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) maintain two or more residences in circumvention of the requirements of this Rule shall only be eligible to participate at a sub-varsity level; the student shall not be permitted to participate in varsity level athletics until dual residence requirements have been met.

▶ Should a subsequent move back occur to the former residence after eligibility has been established in compliance with dual residency requirements, the student will be limited to sub-varsity participation for a period of one year.

▶ THE LINKED RULE IS IN PLACE EVEN FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING THE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.



REQUIRED SIT OUT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

A student entering grades 7-12 who is not in class the first day of school, regardless of whether the student moved into the district, or transferred into the district, is required to sit out for 15 calendar days prior to being allowed to participate. The sit out period will begin on the first day the student attends the full school day of classes.

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### ELIGIBILITY BY SCHOOL

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