

# PROTECT YOUR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

## YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

1. If you attend a high school and become 19 years of age before June 15 immediately preceding that school year. (Reg. 1009.2.1.1)
  2. If you attend a junior high/middle school that terminates in the 8th grade and become 15 years of age before June 15 immediately preceding that school year. (Reg. 1008.2.1.1.1)
  - \*3. If you are not legally enrolled at the school which you represent. (Reg. 1008.2.3.1 and Reg. 1009.2.3.1)
  4. If you are not residing with your custodial parent(s), court appointed legal guardian(s), Relative Caregiver, or are a student 18 years of age or older and living in the attendance zone of the school you attend unless you are participating in the Delaware School Choice Program, attend a private school or are a boarding school student. **IF YOUR CUSTODIAL PARENT(S), LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) OR RELATIVE CAREGIVER(S) RELOCATES TO A DIFFERENT ATTENDANCE ZONE, YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.** (Reg. 1008.2.2.1 and Reg. 1009.2.2.1)
  - \*5. *If you were absent unexcused or absent due to illness or injury; have been suspended (in-school or out-of-school); or have been assigned to homebound instruction or an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.* (Reg. 1008.2.3.4 and 1008.2.3.5 Reg. 1009.2.3.5 and 1009.2.3.6)
  6. If you failed to complete the preceding semester for reasons other than personal illness or injury. (Reg. 1008.2.3.6; Reg. 1009.2.3.7)
  - \*7. If you do not pursue a regular course of study and pass at least five credits per marking period (equivalent of four credits in junior high/middle school), two credits of which must be in the areas of Mathematics, Science, English, or Social Studies. **IF YOU ARE A SENIOR, YOU MUST PASS ALL COURSES WHICH SATISFY AN UNMET GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.** (Reg. 1008.2.6.; Reg. 1009.2.6.1)
  8. A student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics that transfers more than one time during their first year of eligibility shall be ineligible in any sport for a period of ninety (90) school days commencing with the first day of official attendance in the receiving school. The period of ineligibility shall continue to the next grade/school year until 90 school days have passed.
  9. If you transfer after the first day of school of your second year of high school, you are ineligible to participate in any sport you previously participated in for a period of one school year ( Reg. 1009.2.4)
  10. If you participated in the Delaware School Choice Program during the previous academic year and transferred to your “home school” for the current academic year without completing your two-year commitment or receiving a release from the sending school. (Reg. 1008.2.3.3; Reg. 1009.2.3.4)
  11. If you participated in the Delaware School Choice Program during the previous academic year and transferred to another “choice school” for the current academic year unless you are playing a sport not sponsored by the sending school. (Reg. 1008.2.4.6.1; Reg. 1009.2.4.7.1)
  12. If you reached the age of majority (18), occupied a residence in a different attendance zone than your custodial parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s), and have not been in regular attendance at your receiving school for at least 90 school days unless you are participating in the Delaware School Choice Program and your application was properly submitted prior to your change of residence. (Reg. 1009.2.2.1.7)
  13. If you attend a high school and more than four years has elapsed since you first entered 9th grade, or more than five years has elapsed since you just entered 8<sup>th</sup> grade in schools with 8<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility for high school sports. (Reg. 1009.2.7.1 and 2.7.2.1)
  14. **If you attend a junior high/middle school in which only grades 7-8 are permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics and more than two years has elapsed since you first entered 7th grade. (Reg. 1008.2.7.1)**
  15. **If you attend a junior high/middle school in which grades 6-8 are permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics and more than three years has elapsed since you first entered 6th grade. (Reg. 1008.2.7.2)**
  16. If you have played on or against a professional team or have accepted cash or a cash equivalent (savings bond, certificate of deposit, etc.); a merchandise item(s) with an aggregate retail value of more than \$150; a merchandise discount; a reduction or waiver of fees; a gift certificate or other valuable consideration for athletic participation. (Reg. 1009.2.5.1.4 and 2.5.1.5)
  17. If you have used your athletic status to promote a commercial product or service in an advertisement or personal appearance. (Reg. 1009.2.5.1.7)
  18. If you have not received a physical examination from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.), a certified nurse practitioner or a certified physician’s assistant on or after **April 1** and written consent from your custodial parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) to participate in interscholastic athletics is not on file in the school office. (Reg. 1009.3.1.1.1 and Reg. 1008.3.1.1)
  19. If you participate in an all-star game not approved by DIAA before you graduate from high school. (Reg. 1009.5.4)
  20. If you are a foreign exchange student not participating in a two-semester program listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). (Reg. 1009.2.8.1.2)
  21. If you are an international student not in compliance with all DIAA regulations including Reg. 1009.2.2 residency requirements. (Reg. 1009.2.8.2)
- \*IF YOU ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS, YOU MAY NOT TRY-OUT,PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE OR PLAY IN A GAME.**

NOTE: Consult with your coach, athletic director, or principal for information concerning additional eligibility requirements.