



High School Athletic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for tryouts, practice, or participation in interscholastic athletic contests, a player must meet all North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) eligibility requirements and policies:

Age

- Must not participate if he/she becomes 19 years of age on or before October 16, 2010.

Attendance

- Must follow NCHSAA rules, which have an 85% attendance requirement (approximately 13.5 days) for the previous semester and includes all absences.
- WCPSS requires the athlete to be present the entire day in order to participate in activities or practices.

Academics

- A student, upon first entering grade nine (9), is academically eligible for competition on high school teams. All requirements must be met the first semester (fall) in order for this student to be eligible for athletic participation the second semester (spring).
- Must meet promotion requirements at their school to be eligible for the fall semester.
- Must earn passing grades in five subjects, or three for block schedule schools, or six for schools on an A/B form of
- scheduling, during each semester in order to be eligible for participation during the succeeding semester.
- WCPSS also requires a cumulative overall grade point average of 1.5 or above.

Enrollment

- Must participate at the school to which he or she is assigned by the local board of education based on the residence of the parent or legal custodian within the administrative unit. The athlete must live with the parents or legal custodian. According to WCPSS Board Policy 6201 a "legal custodian" is a person or agency awarded legal custody of a child by a court of law.
- Must be a properly enrolled student in a member school of the WCPSS district, must be enrolled no later than the 15th day of the present semester, and must be in regular attendance at that school.

Medical Examination

- Must receive a medical examination once every 365 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.
- Must be released by a licensed physician if absent from athletic practice for five or more days due to illness or injury.

Other NCHSAA Requirements

- Must not participate at the high school level for a period lasting longer than eight consecutive semesters beginning with the student's first entry into grade nine or participation on a high school team.
- Must not participate at the high school level for more than four seasons in that sport (one season per year).
- Must not be convicted of a felony in this or any other state, or adjudicated as a delinquent for an offense that would
- be a felony if committed by an adult in this or any other state.
- May not play, sit on the bench, or practice if ineligible.
- To maintain amateur status, the athlete must not accept money or awards having utilitarian value (golf balls, clubs,
- tennis rackets and balls).
- Must not have signed a professional contract, played on a junior college team or be enrolled and attending class in
- college.

Other WCPSS Policy

- May not participate in practice or play if assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-school Suspension (OSS).
- May not participate at a second school in WCPSS in the same sport season.