



CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHRISTIAN

CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION RULES



It is the consistent aim of Central Wisconsin Christian to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities so they can select those that meet their interests and capabilities. Participation in these activities is a privilege, provided these students are able to assume basic Christian commitments relating to fundamental civic responsibilities. With these thoughts in mind, the CWC Staff and Board publish the following Co-curricular Participation Code.

A. PARTICIPATION RULES

Rule 1: A student shall not drink or possess any beverage containing alcohol, nor use or possess any unauthorized drug, tobacco, non-prescription steroids, or other performance-enhancing product regardless of quantity during the time they are students at Central Wisconsin Christian School (year round policy). Students will serve these penalties in all areas of involvement. Any penalty assigned and not completed will be extended into participation in the next area of activity the student is involved in or the next calendar year. Violations of the rules will be cumulative for two years beginning with the date of the first infraction.

Activity	First Violation	Second Violation	Third Violation
Athletics	Suspension for 25% of scheduled contests or events, extending into the next activity if necessary	Suspension for 50% of scheduled contests or events, extending into the next activity if necessary	Suspension from all activities for 365 days.
Athletics—attendance at a drug/alcohol party	Suspension for 10% of scheduled contests or events, extending into the next activity if necessary	Suspension for 50% of scheduled contests or events, extending into the next activity if necessary	Suspension from all activities for 365 days.
Drama/Music/Pep Club/ Class Officer/Appointments Student Council/Overnight Trip Participants	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

A student found to be lying in the course of an investigation will have their penalty doubled.

***The Board reserves the right to review all co-curricular violations*

Scheduled Events	10%	25%	50%
1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	2	3
7	1	2	3
8	1	2	4
9	1	2	5

Scheduled Events	10%	25%	50%
10	1	3	5
11	2	3	6
12	2	3	6
13	2	3	7
14	2	4	7
15	2	4	8
16	2	4	8
17	2	4	9
18	2	5	9

Scheduled Events	10%	25%	50%
19	2	5	10
20	2	5	10
21	3	5	11
22	3	6	11
23	3	6	12
24	3	6	12
25	3	6	13

Students involved in co-curricular activities who are processed under the above will be required to meet with the Student Assistance Program counselor/coordinator and follow his/her recommendations.

Rule 2: A student must attain academic, effort and citizenship criteria eligibility as listed in the Student Handbook.

First: any student who receives more than one failing grade during the most recent nine-week marking period will be ineligible for the next 4 ½ weeks, provided that student is doing passing work after the ineligibility period.

The second part is based on citizenship:

1. If a student receives an "S-" in two (2) consecutive 4 1/2 week periods, he/she is ineligible.
2. If a student receives a "U" in any 4 1/2 week period, he/she is ineligible for the next grading period in that school year.

All students are eligible at the beginning of the year. However, if a student's most recent citizenship grade from the previous school year was an "S-" or "U" and that student receives another in the first 4 1/2 week period of the next year, he/she is ineligible.

The third part is determined by effort. Effort points are totaled from all subjects taken, including teachers' aides, and will be totaled every 4 1/2 weeks. Students are ineligible if they have:

1. Five subjects and less than 13 points.
2. Six subjects and less than 15 points.
3. Seven subjects and less than 18 points.

B. VIOLATION PROCEDURES AND DUE PROCESS

1. All violations of the Participation Code of Central Wisconsin Christian Schools must be recorded on the Activities Violation Form. This form will include all circumstances, all persons involved, and will be presented to or filled out by the principal. Any person suspecting or knowing a violation has occurred or is about to occur should contact the superintendent, principal, coach, advisor, or athletic director, who will then file a report if the information warrants. All reports made within *a reasonable length of time* will be investigated and, if substantiated, penalties will immediately be administered.
2. Parents will be notified that a violation report is on record and that an investigation is being made. After investigating a violation report, the principal will send the parents a letter indicating the result of the investigation.
3. After notification has been given, a student and/or his/her parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the principal. Appeals must be postmarked within three days (excluding Sundays) from the first day of notice to the parents. The principal will notify the Appeal Board that an appeal is in his hands, will set up a hearing day, and will send appropriate notices.
4. Appeal Board
 - a. The purpose of the Appeal Board is to hear and to consider all appeals by students
 - b. The members of the Appeal Board shall be:
 1. Principal, chairperson (votes as tie breaker)
 2. One of two School Board members previously appointed by the School Board.
 3. Coach or advisor of the activity the student is involved in
 4. School Board President or Education Committee chairperson
 5. President of the Student Council
 6. Superintendent or designee

*** The principal may appoint alternates to board members unable to attend.
 - c. The Appeal Board will invite the student involved, the parents and others involved in filing the report to the meeting. Each participant will be given the opportunity to make a presentation. The Board shall make its decision after listening to the presentations. Discussion will be moderated by the principal. Informal questioning and/or cross examination will be allowed. At the end of the discussion a ballot will be taken and the chairperson will announce the results of the ballot.
 - d. The Appeal Board may proceed in the absence of the appellant or his/her representatives, who after due notice, fail to be present or fail to request a postponement. Postponement requests are to be directed to the principal two school days prior to the date of appeal.

NOTE: If an athlete is suspended for a violation of the training code, coaches have the option to insist that the athlete attend practice during suspension.

C. APPEALS

1. If a student or parent feels he/she has not been given a fair hearing, the parent has the right to make a second appeal -- this time to the School Board in writing, submitted to the principal and postmarked within three days.
2. The student may participate in activities during an appeal; if the appeal is not sustained, the original penalty will immediately begin and all statistics for those activities relating to an award accumulated during the appeal process will be treated as if they did not occur.

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 267, Stevens Point 54481

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Central Wisconsin Christian

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school. This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules. There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office. **Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- E. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intradistrict transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffle bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
 - (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
 - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a schools team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- F. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

STUDENT/PARENT COMMITMENT PLEDGE

We have read the participation rules, understand them, agree to abide by these rules, and support the enforcement of the CWC Athletic Code and rules of eligibility of the WIAA. I further certify that if I have not understood any of the information contained in this document and the WIAA Rules of Eligibility, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

We do so in clear recognition of the Christian calling to honor God with our whole lives and to care for and seek the welfare of the student body and the community of faith.

Date

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature



(A copy of the above will be dated and signed annually, and maintained on file in the school office.)