

IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS

General

Any school may narrow the scope of its activities and have rules governing participants in addition to these rules, provided the same do not conflict with or violate the association rules.

Enrollment/Attendance

1. A student on a school team shall be enrolled in the school sponsoring that team unless it is involved in an approved cooperative school program.
2. A student is entitled to athletic eligibility for eight consecutive semesters after the student first enrolls in the ninth grade. The semesters of eligibility continue to be spent even though a student might not participate every semester.
3. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition during any semester, the student must enroll and attend school no later than the eleventh school day of the semester.
4. No student shall be permitted to participate in more than four seasons of any one activity at the high school level in Idaho.

Non-School Participation

A student who participates in organized non-school sports competition after the starting date of the high school season in that sport, except provided in Rule 12, is ineligible for the school team for the remainder of that sport season.

Practice Before Contests

A student must have ten days of practice prior to the first contest of an interscholastic athletic competition sports season. The ten days are not required for athletes who have been participating in an IHSAA sanctioned sport immediately preceding the start of practice providing the preceding season extends beyond the beginning of the current season. Participation in physical education classes does not constitute practice. Practices on Sundays can not count toward the ten days of practice.

Conduct/Discipline

The conduct of contestants and school spectators at all IHSAA sponsored activities shall be such that it does not bring discredit to the school of the Association. Such conduct must not disrupt the discipline, order, safety, or educational environment of the high school activities.

The member school principal is responsible for initiating appropriate disciplinary measures against students or school personnel for improper or unethical practices. A report of such action shall be forwarded to the Executive Director.

Academic

1. To be academically eligible for athletics, a student must be enrolled full time and received passing grades and earned credits in at least five (5) full credit subjects, or the equivalency, in the previous semester or grading period for which credit is granted.
2. An incomplete or conditional grade received at the end of a semester counts as a failure until the deficiency is removed.

Age

A student becomes ineligible for athletics on his/her twentieth (20th) birthday. This rule is non-appealable.

All-Star Competition

Only those students who have entered the 12th grade may participate in any all-star, benefit, or similar contests. Such contests may not be held during the IHSAA season.

Amateur Status

A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived therefrom. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by competing for money or by receiving any prize, award, or gift of monetary value greater than twenty five (\$25.00) dollars.

