

ATTENTION ATHLETES!



DO YOU KNOW THE ELIGIBILITY RULES OF YOUR STATE?

Read these rules carefully and be sure that you understand them. **ALL ATHLETES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE TSSAA RULES.**

- A student must earn five credits the preceding school year if less than 24 units are required for graduation or six credits the preceding school year if 24 or more credits are required for graduation. All credits must be earned by the first day of the beginning of the school year.
- A student must be enrolled on or before the 20th school day of the semester, in regular attendance, and carrying at least five full courses during the present semester.
- A student is permitted eight semesters of eligibility beginning with the ninth grade.
- A student shall be ineligible in high school if he/she becomes 19 years of age on or before Aug. 1.
- Athletes must live at home with their parents.
- In order for a transfer student with an athletic record to be eligible at another school there must be a bona fide change of residence by the athlete's parents that justifies a change in schools.
- All transfer students must be approved by the Executive Director of TSSAA before participating in any game.
- A student who engages in three or more days of practice – after the first official date allowed – with a high school in which he/she is enrolled shall be ineligible in that sport for 12 months if the student enrolls in another school without a corresponding change in the residence by his/her parents.
- A student whose name is listed on the school eligibility report cannot participate in an independent game or meet until the season has closed in that particular sport. This does not include golf, tennis, bowling, wrestling, cross country, or track and field.
- A registered athlete cannot accept any money for athletic skills in any TSSAA sponsored sport.
- All expenses to an athletic camp where specified instruction is offered must be paid by the athlete or his/her parents.
- When an athlete is charged tuition to attend a school, it must be paid by the parent, bona fide guardian or other family member.
- Any student repeating the 6th, 7th or 8th grade and participates in school athletics while repeating shall not be eligible to participate in athletics during their 9th grade year.
- A student may not participate in an all-star game unless it is sanctioned by the TSSAA and he/she has completed high school eligibility in that sport.

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