

# SECTION 5

REGULATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY  
FOR STUDENT ATHLETES  
& ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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#### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Participants are required to conform to the rules and regulations of their school, the Shoreline School District, the Sno-King Conference and the WIAA and to conduct themselves in a safe and sporting manner. Violators are subject to discipline, suspension or expulsion.

#### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Prior to becoming eligible, a student must:**

##### Age

-- Be under fifteen (15) years of age on June 1 of the previous school year.

##### Academic

-- Have been in regular attendance in an elementary or middle or junior high school during the trimester immediately preceding the trimester of competition.

-- Must pass 5 of 6 classes for which the student is registered.

##### Residency

-- Reside in the Shoreline School District and the service area of the school of competition.

##### Physical Examination

-- Have on file at the school a physical examination report per the WIAA rules. (Section 17.11)

***"The physical examination shall be valid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months to the date unless otherwise limited by local school district policy or when the physician indicates the physical is only good for less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months.***

***For each subsequent twenty-four month period the student shall furnish a statement or physical examination form signed by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination that provides clearance for continued athletic participation."***

##### Additional

-- Complete and have on file at the school the parent permission form.

- Turn out for at least the minimum required days before competing in the first contest:
  - Football - 12 Days
  - All Other Sports - 8 Days
- Purchase an ASB Card and pay the Athletic Participation Fee.
- Complete any other requirements as required by the school or coach.

**To remain eligible, a student must:**

- Maintain the academic requirements as listed above.
- Present to school officials a medical release form from the attending doctor before resuming participation following an injury or illness serious enough to require medical care.
- Attend school as least 1/2 day or as defined by the Student Athletic Contract in order to participate in a sport that day.

AMATEUR STANDING (WIAA Handbook 18.24.0)

A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport must be an amateur in that sport. An amateur student-athlete is one who engages in athletics for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits, and to whom athletics is an avocation and not a source of financial reward.

18.24.1 In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:

- A. Accept merchandise or in-kind gifts of more than \$500 in fair market value per sport during any one calendar year August 1 through July 31.
  - o Reduced membership fees or reduced user fees from an athletic club, recreation center, golf course, etc., do not count toward this \$500 limit.
  - o Defined games of chance are exempt from this rule.
  - o Awards that are permitted - Awards to athletic teams or to individual members of such teams under the jurisdiction of the Association may be made by a member school in the form of letters, insignias, certificates, medals, and/or trophies as are customarily emblematic of athletic competition and whose intrinsic values are insignificant.
- B. Accept gift cards or cash awards in that sport. A voucher with no cash value is allowed.
- C. Enter competition under a false name.
- D. Accept payment of expense allowances over the actual and necessary expenses for the athletic trip (NOTE: Entry fees and payment for lost wages are not considered a reimbursable expense.)
- E. Play on a college team. A student-athlete may try out and/or participate against a college team but may not represent a college team in that sport.
- F. Sign or have ever signed a contract to play professional athletics in that sport.
- G. By sport receive or have ever received from a professional sports organization, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance including scholarships, educational grants-in-aid, or any of their expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team.
- H. Advertise or promote a commercial product or service.

18.24.3 Amateur standing will not be jeopardized by instructing, supervising or officiating in any organized youth sports program, recreation, playground or camp activities whether the student-athlete is paid or not paid for these duties.

18.24.4 A WIAA member school may not permit nor authorize the use of an individual student's name and/or picture, a school or school team name and/or picture(s) to directly advertise, recommend or promote a commercial product or service.

18.24.5 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name in Advertisements that are Congratulatory in Nature - A business can place its trademark on the advertisement only; the advertisement cannot include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated.

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## TRANSFERS

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## SEASON LIMITATION

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For the purpose of this rule, consecutive shall mean starting on a designated date (entrance into grade nine) and continuing without delay or interruption for four (4) consecutive years. Interscholastic eligibility refers to being eligible for an academic year and not for each individual sport season.

Repeating any grade, nine through twelve, whether a student participates or not, will count toward a student's four (4) consecutive years of high school interscholastic eligibility.

## ATHLETIC LIABILITY

Participants and their parents or guardians should be aware that participation in interscholastic athletics may result in accidental injury which, in some cases, may be serious in nature.

## NON -SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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## INSURANCE

Health insurance coverage is a requirement for participation in interscholastic athletics in the Shoreline School District. If you do not have insurance, please contact the school's athletic administration.

## Middle School Season Limitations

SPORT	LENGTH of SEASON	MINIMUM PRACTICE (Days per individual)	<u>CONTEST</u>	
			Team	Individual
Basketball	12 weeks	8	10* + Jamboree *Maximum 3 games per week	10* + Jamboree *Maximum 4 quarters per day
Cross Country	10 weeks	8	7* *Maximum 2 meets per week *Maximum distance not to exceed 2 miles	7 + Jamboree
Fastpitch	12 weeks	8	10 + Jamboree	10* + Jamboree *Maximum 3 games per week
Football	12 weeks	12	6 + Jamboree 2 games/wk 1x/season	6* + Jamboree *Maximum 4 quarters per week.
Soccer	12 weeks	8	10 + Jamboree	10 + Jamboree
Track	12 weeks	8	7 + Jamboree	7 + Jamboree
Volleyball	12 weeks	8	12* + Jamboree *Maximum 3 matches per week	12* + Jamboree *Maximum 3 matches per week
Wrestling	12 weeks	8	10* + Jamboree *Maximum 2 matches per week (64.64)	22* + Jamboree *Maximum 3 matches per week



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### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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#### Age

- Be under twenty (20) years of age on September 1 for the fall sport season, on December 1 for the winter sport season, and March 1 for the spring sport season.

#### Academic

- Have been in regular attendance in a middle or junior high school during the semester immediately preceding the semester of competition.
- Must achieve passing grades in all classes/subjects at specified grading periods.
- Not fail any subjects in the semester of competition and the previous semester.
- For purposes of determining academic eligibility, the grades earned during the first quarter and the third quarter shall be the determining grade. At the end of the first and second semester, the semester grade will be used (not the second and fourth quarter).

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All Other Sports	-	7 Days
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Baseball/Fastpitch	7	20 + Jamboree	20* + Jamboree
Basketball	7	20 + Jamboree	80* Quarters + Jamboree *No more than 5 quarters per day
Cross Country	7	10 + Jamboree	10 + Jamboree
Football	12	10 + Jamboree	Varsity = 40* Quarters + Jamboree Sub Varsity = 50 Quarters *Maximum 8 quarters /week
Golf	0	12 + Jamboree	12 + Jamboree
Gymnastics	15	10 + Jamboree	10 No more than 1 meet/week
Soccer	7	16 + Jamboree	32* Halves + Jamboree *No more than 2 halves per day
Swimming	7	12 + Jamboree	12 + Jamboree
Tennis	7	16 + Jamboree	23
Track	7	10 + Jamboree	10* *Maximum of 2 meets per week
Volleyball	7	16 + Jamboree	16 + Jamboree
Wrestling	9	16 + Jamboree	45 + Jamboree



## SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR SHORELINE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

It is the belief that athletics and academics go hand in hand and that we need to emphasize the importance of our students learning the essential, lifetime academic skills along with successful participation in an athletic program.

We, therefore, have adopted for both Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools the following academic eligibility requirements.

#### Regulation

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition as a member of any team or group approved by Shoreline School District No. 412, a student must be passing all subjects at all times and must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) classes. WIAA Rules for seniors on track to graduate may apply.

#### Procedures

At the end of each semester grading period, the grades of all students who are currently members of a school's athletic team will be checked. Any student who fails a class/subject will be put on suspension and will be declared ineligible for competition during the suspension period. If, at the end of the suspension period, the student is passing in all classes, the student may then be reinstated for interscholastic competition. The academic suspension period will be defined as published in Section 18.8.6 in the WIAA Handbook.

If, after the suspension period, the student is still not passing all classes/subjects, he/she will be removed from the team. Removal means no participation in practice or games until such time as he/she can verify that he/she is passing in all classes.

Any student who receives an incomplete at a grading period will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition until the incomplete is cleared. No credit and/or withdraw equals a failing grade.

In addition, at any time a teacher notifies the building Athletic Director that a student is failing their class, that student will be declared "on probation".

1st notice: Student will be on probation for one week and can practice and play

If the grade is raised during the week student can continue participating.

If the grade isn't raised, the student becomes ineligible indefinitely. (can practice, but can't compete)

Student can compete again once the grade is raised

2nd notice: In the same class or a different class, the student is ineligible for a minimum of one week - can practice but can't play

If the grade is raised during the week, the student can begin to compete again once the week is over (no sooner even if the grade is raised immediately)

If the grade is not raised by the end of the week, the ineligible status continues indefinitely.

The student can compete again once the grade is raised (after the one week minimum)

3rd notice: In the same class or a different class, the student is removed from the team for the remainder of the season

Prior to the exclusion of any special education student from interscholastic competition under this regulation, the building Special Education Director shall be consulted.

In addition, student athletes must also meet all eligibility requirements of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

#### Appeal

Any student declared ineligible under the terms of this regulation is entitled to appeal to the building's Athletic Board.

#### Middle School Students

Students entering the 9th grade will be declared eligible if they have met the requirements of the middle school code of conduct.

#### Transfer Students

Students who transfer from within or out of district will be considered eligible if they meet the WIAA eligibility requirement of passing five subjects the previous semester.

#### Summer School

If a student has failed a class during the spring semester, he/she may make it up and become eligible for fall season by passing a summer school class only if the class is comparable to the one he/she failed and/or it is approved by the appropriate building administrator.



### High School and Middle School Sports Fee Guidelines

- A sports fee of \$200.00 for each sport in which a high school student participates is required.
- A sports fee of \$100.00 for each sport in which a middle school student participates is required.
- The fee does not guarantee playing time or a letter award.
- Refunds may be made depending upon the reason for discontinued participation.
- Students will have their money refunded if they try out for a team and are cut from that team.
- No refunds will be approved for students who are dropped for athletic code violations or who quit after the first interscholastic contest.
- The participation fee must be paid prior to the first interscholastic game/contest in order to be eligible to play in that game.
- Checks should be made payable to the **Shoreline School District** and will be collected by the building athletic secretary.
- Students needing financial assistance to participate should contact a school administrator, counselor or coach.



Requirements for Private & Alternative  
Student Participation in Athletic Programs

1. Students must be residents of Shoreline School District and must reside within the service area of the requested public school or have a valid transfer to that service area in the case of alternative school students. In such cases, the building principal may rescind a transfer approval.
2. Students must provide their own transportation to approved public school. Students must be able to report on a consistent basis for practice at the regular time and at team departure time for away contests.
3. Request of a student to participate in the sports program must be initiated by the student, the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s). Approval to participate will be based on, but not limited to, the certification by student, student's parent(s) or guardian(s) that student is a private, alternative school or home-based instruction student and that requested interscholastic activity is not available at the private school or alternative school of attendance.
4. Private, alternative school and home-based instruction students shall abide by the same regulations as the public school students who participate in the sports program. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Athletic Code
  - b. Eligibility requirements of the school district, league and Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).
  - c. Participation in no more than one school sport per season. This means a student would not be allowed to play basketball for the private school and wrestle for a public school in the same season.
  - d. Purchase of an ASB card.
  - e. Pay any necessary fees.
5. As permitted under current applicable district policy, seventh graders may participate in the middle school athletic program and ninth graders may participate in the high school athletic program.

It is the policy of Shoreline School District that students who attend a private or an alternative school and who live in the district may have the opportunity to participate in any sport in the district's athletic program not offered in the private school or alternative school he/she attends.

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.600.200  
WAC 180-43



## Guidelines for Private and Alternative School Student Participation in the Athletic Programs

### WIAA Regulations/Definitions

1. Student Member of a School -- Students must be regular members of the school they represent in order to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity. Students are a "regular member" of a school if they are enrolled half time or more, exclusive of interscholastic athletic activities. In order for a student to participate in post season and state tournament playoffs, the student must also be a member of some school's athletic squad and have been included on a school's eligibility list for at least 50% of a regular season of that sport.
2. A full-time private or alternative school student may participate on the interscholastic teams of a public school if the student would be eligible for full-time enrollment within that public school and if the interscholastic activity is unavailable to the student in the private or alternative school. Private, alternative school, and home-based instruction students must meet the same team responsibilities as public school team members and are obligated by the same standards of behavior and performance as other members of the team.
3. Home based instruction students must provide to the school administration acceptable documentation of "full-time" attendance, academic achievement standards, and any other interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other student participants.