

## New Bylaws Passed by LHSAA Executive Committee

### Regarding 8th Grade Student Participation

Dear LHSAA Member Schools,

The LHSAA Executive Committee, during its Zoom meeting held on May 7, 2025, officially approved new bylaws under Bylaw 4.4.4, which go into effect immediately. These amendments affect Bylaws 1.22.1(1), 4.4.3, and 14.17.2, and address participation eligibility for current 8th grade students who take part in spring or summer practices and tryouts. Specifically, the 8th Grade Student Spring/Summer Practice Participation/Tryout Commitment Form has been reinstated as a required document to establish a student's school of eligibility.

#### As a result of this action:

- The LHSAA Handbook has been updated and is available online.
- Member schools must now utilize the updated commitment form before allowing any 8th-grade student to participate in practices or tryouts. The new form is available on the LHSAA member site under the forms section.

#### Key Highlights:

- Once an 8th-grade student participates in a spring or summer practice or tryout with a school, **that school becomes their school of eligibility.**
- A transfer to another LHSAA member school without a bona fide change of residence will result in the student being **ineligible for one calendar year.**
- The commitment form must be completed, signed, and uploaded to the LHSAA Member Site **prior to any participation.**
- Any student who has attended a school for one calendar year and already has established eligibility **does not have to complete the form.**
- The form is **only for current 8th graders who will be promoted to 9th grade.**

These changes aim to resolve conflicts created by previous revisions and to clarify eligibility standards for junior high athletes transitioning to high school.





8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT SPRING/SUMMER  
PRACTICE PARTICIPATION/TRYOUT COMMITMENT FORM

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School's Attendance Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. | Does the above-named student reside in your school's attendance zone?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | If no, did student attend the entire 8 <sup>th</sup> grade at a traditional middle/junior high school that was located in your attendance zone?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | What was the name of the middle/junior high school the student attended?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                             |
| 4. | Has this student been pre-enrolled in your school, i.e., has the student completed your school's application process and been officially accepted into your school?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | Has this student's parents been informed that once the student has participated in one session of spring/summer practice or tryout at your school, that your school shall become the student's school of eligibility and subsequent transfer to another LHSAA member school without a corresponding bona fide change of residence shall cause the student to become ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in that school? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | Have you registered the student on the LHSAA's Member Only website?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | Does the student meet all other LHSAA rules and regulations as it relates to eligibility?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | Do you have a student folder for this student that includes a properly completed and signed parental permission form, athletic participation form, substance abuse/misuse contract, medical history evaluation, and current medication examination?                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. | Do you have documentation that student is covered by catastrophic insurance?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

CONTRACT REGARDING STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY

I, principal of the above-named school, have informed the parent(s) of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student named above that once the student participates in one spring/summer practice or tryout session with my school, my school shall become the school of eligibility and that a transfer to any other LHSAA member school without a corresponding bona fide change of residence shall render the student ineligible at that school for one calendar year from the date of this enrollment in the school.

Note this form must be uploaded to the LHSAA member site prior to the student participating at the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent(s) or guardian, of the above-named student, understands that by allowing the student to participate in the 2025 spring/summer practice or tryout session at \_\_\_\_\_ High School, the student will have establish their athletic eligibility at the school for the 2025-2026 school year. Participating in a spring or summer practice or tryout will make \_\_\_\_\_ High School the student first school of choice for eligibility purposes.

If the student does not attend \_\_\_\_\_ High School when the 2025-2026 school year begins, I, the parent understand that the student shall be ineligible to participate in any sport at any level at all LHSAA member schools for one calendar year from the date of the student enrollment in the school unless a permanent bona fide change of residence takes place.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

