WCAC Athletic Transfer Policy

1. The WCAC Athletic Transfer Policy applies only to student participation varsity sports. There are no transfer restrictions for student participation in junior varsity sports.

2. A student may only participate in sports for 8 consecutive semesters upon entering the 9th grade.

3. Subject to paragraph 4 below pertaining to an 11th grade student, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are permitted a ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. To be eligible to play any varsity sports at the new WCAC member school during the school year of the transfer, the student must be enrolled in the new school on or before September 15 of that school year. There are NO intra-conference transfers after September 15 of a given school year. If the enrollment occurs after September 15, the student is ineligible to play any varsity sports at the new school for the remainder of that school year. Any intra-conference transfer in addition to the ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer renders the student ineligible to play any varsity sports at the new school for 365 days from the date of enrollment at the new school.

4. A 12th grade student is not permitted an intra-conference transfer. If a 12th grade student transfers from one WCAC member school to a new WCAC member school, he/she is ineligible to play any varsity sports. If during his/her 11th grade year a student plays a varsity sport or plays multiple varsity sports at one WCAC member school and thereafter uses the ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play that same sport or those same sports at the new school for 365 days from the date of enrollment at the new school. For the purpose of all provisions of this policy, a student is considered a 12th grade student the day after the end of his/her 11th grade school year.

5. Transfers from non-WCAC member schools:

    a. Each 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student transferring from a non-WCAC member school to a WCAC member school is eligible to participate in all varsity sports immediately, provided the student has not previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. If the student previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play varsity sports at the new school for 365 days from the date of enrollment at the new school.

    b. A 12th grade student transferring from a non-WCAC member school to a WCAC member school is eligible to participate in all varsity sports provided he/she has enrolled in the WCAC member school by September 15 of that school year and provided the student has not previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer. If the enrollment occurs after September 15 or the student previously used his/her ONE-TIME intra-conference transfer, the student is ineligible to play any varsity sports at the new school.

6. Definitions: for the purpose of this Athletic Transfer Policy, the following definitions apply:
    i. A student is considered officially enrolled in the school of roster if they meet the following criteria:
    ii. Registration Completion: The student has completed all required academic and administrative enrollment procedures, including submission of registration forms, payment of tuition or deposit (if applicable), and acceptance by the school.
    iii. Full-Time Academic Attendance: The student is actively attending scheduled classes on a full-time basis in accordance with the school's academic calendar.
    iv. Enrollment Timing: The student must be enrolled and attending classes no later than the date specified by WCAC regulations for eligibility in that sport's season (September 15; January 31).

    b. "Intra-conference transfer" means moving from one WCAC member school to another WCAC member school.

    c. "ONE-TIME" is defined as a single intra-conference transfer for a 9^{th}, 10^{th} and 11^{th} grade student during the student's high school years.

    d. "WCAC member school" means a school which is a part of The Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.

    e. "Play" or "Played" means to appear or be listed on a varsity sport roster.

7. Each Head of School shall provide the WCAC Commissioner with legal guardianship documentation for a student upon request.

8. The WCAC and each member school shall be published the Athletic Transfer Policy, and all future amendment or modifications thereto, on their respective websites or on any other media intended to give notice to their students or those interested in becoming students at their school. It is the responsibility of each member school to provide a copy of the Athletic Transfer Policy to each student who intends to transfer or has transferred into their school.

9. The Athletic Transfer Policy is effective September 12, 2025 and shall remain as stated above until otherwise amended, modified, or terminated by the member schools.