

## SECTION A - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

### Enrollment/Residency/Transfers

Students must be officially registered and attending a Baltimore County Public School. Students may represent only the school in which they are enrolled and attending, and at which it is anticipated they will complete their graduation requirements.

Any student attending a Baltimore County Public Schools' high school without the benefit of residing within the school's attendance area and/or without the written authority of the superintendent's designee or the pupil personnel worker will be declared ineligible for participation in interscholastic athletics. Legal residence is determined by where a student is domiciled with his/her parent(s) or court ordered guardian.

Students entering a Baltimore County high school after September 30 and before November 15 shall be ineligible to represent the school in interscholastic athletic competition during the first semester unless such late entrance shall be by transfer from a school which the student has attended regularly during the current school year. Cases involving students who enter after November 15 will be decided by the principal and coordinator of the Office of Athletics.

If a student transfers during a sport season and the transfer is not the result of a parental change of address or court-ordered guardianship, the student is not eligible to participate in the same sport in which he/she participated at the previous school for the remainder of the sport season (Note: Participation in a sport begins with the first day of team try-outs.).

The use of undue influence by anyone to cause a student to transfer from one school to another for an athletic purpose will cause the student to be ineligible for a one-year period from the official date of transfer.

### Age

Students who are 19 years old or older as of August 31st are ineligible to participate in the interscholastic program.

### Scholastic Requirements

Students are academically ineligible if they fail more than one class in the preceding quarter. This includes ninth grade students coming in from middle school. Fall academic eligibility for all students is determined by the fourth grading period grades from the preceding school year.

### Physical Examination

A student shall be examined and certified to the high school principal as being physically fit to participate in any tryout, practice, or contest of a school team. The examination shall be performed by a licensed physician; physician's assistant under the supervision of a licensed, certified physician; or certified nurse practitioner.

The medical evaluation form must be signed and dated by parent/guardian and medical personnel, must be completed prior to any participation, and must be on file in the school. The medical is valid for a one-year period from the date of examination.

### Athletic Permit Blank

A student is required to file a signed and completed "Baltimore County Public Schools Athletic Permit Blank" before being permitted to practice for interscholastic competition.

### Accident Insurance

Each student is required to have accident insurance coverage (school insurance, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, or any commercial accident policy) before being permitted to practice for interscholastic competition. Insurance provider and policy numbers must be included on the Athletic Permit Blank.

### Informed Consent

Parents should be aware that various injuries may occur while students are participating in athletics. Each student participant and the parent/guardian must sign a sport specific form entitled "Informed Consent" before the student can participate in interscholastic sports in Baltimore County.