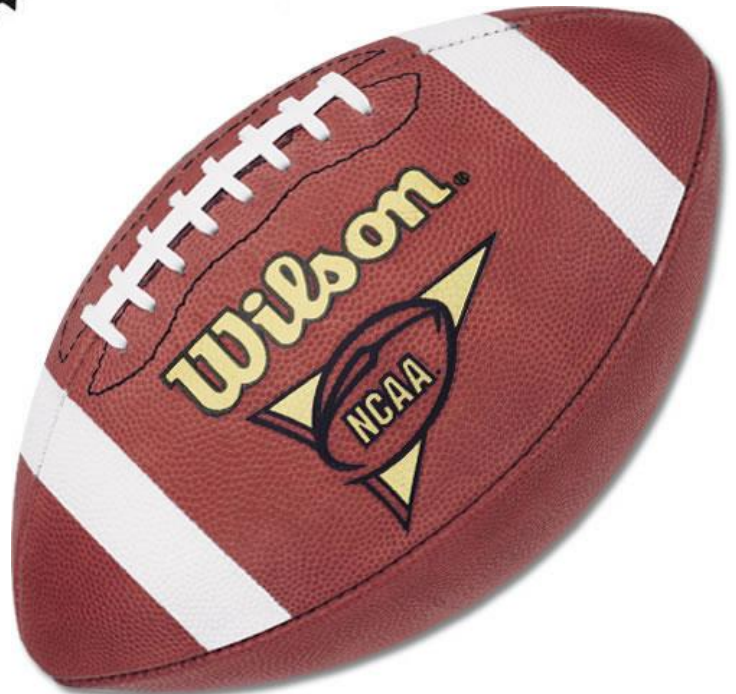


Rib Lake High School Athletic Code

Let's Play!!!



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the School District of Rib Lake is to provide the highest quality education for every student in a responsive and enriching environment.

PHILOSOPHY

Athletics is an integrated part of the total school effort and experience. It is designed to benefit students and build pride in the school and community. The School District of Rib Lake recognizes that participation in a well-directed athletic program will open doors of opportunity and provide certain training and experiences not ordinarily obtainable in the regular (academic) curriculum.

PURPOSE OF THE ATHLETIC CODE

This code has been prepared for the benefit of the student, parents, advisors, and coaches, and has been approved by the Board of education. The purpose of the code is to:

- Foster good communication (and avoid misunderstanding) among athletes, parents, coaching staff, school administration, and School Board.
- Give guidance to coaching staff in developing programs and carrying out their responsibilities.
- Define expectations and qualification at various competitive levels.
- Serve as a basis for evaluations, goal setting, and program changes.
- Give basis and direction for involvement by school administration and School Board.
- Fulfill the mission of the School District and athletic program.

UNDERSTANDING THE EXPECTATIONS OF EACH LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Because of the numerous teams and levels of competition within a district, an understanding of each program and its expectations is needed. The following are goals for each level of competition:

- Middle School Level:
Fundamentals will be introduced at this level. Other important goals will be introduced at this level such as participation, team spirit, good sportsmanship, and commitment to the team concept. All should participate as equally as possible.
- Freshman Level:
Fundamentals will continue to be introduced and enhanced. The concept of plays and strategies will be stressed. Participants will continue to achieve the goals of teamwork, sportsmanship, and commitment to the team concept. All should participate as equally as possible. Freshmen may be allowed to play at a higher level with the following stipulations: 1. Discuss the possibility of advancement with athletic director and coaching staff. 2. Get approval from the athlete and parent/guardian. 3. Inform team and discuss playing time, peer pressure, and maturity before advancement.
- Junior Varsity:
Fundamentals will continue to be a large part of the training, as students become focused on plays and strategies. Continuing to work on fundamentals at this level will assist any participants who fell behind at the lower levels to catch up. Playing time will increase for those participants who are putting forth the effort and desire and decrease for those not.

- Varsity Level Program:
Participants at this level train and compete with the goal of winning. Working toward and achieving perfection of skills and teamwork are high on the list of priorities. Confidence, sportsmanship, and many other qualities that are important aspects of life are enhanced at this level of competition. We should encourage cooperation, self-discipline, and team play. At this level the athlete who demonstrates the best all around ability will play and an explanation will be given to others as to what they need to do to become starters or get more playing time. Every effort will be made to allow all participants to take part in game situations.

HOW CONCERNS ARE HANDLED

Community members, parent(s), and/or athletes who have a concern about an athletic program or a program their son or daughter is involved in **must follow the procedures** indicated below. If they do not feel adequate attention is given to the matter, they should proceed to the next step.

- Step 1 Speak to the coach directly involved (Freshman, JV, Varsity, Middle School). The coach involved will inform the head coach and athletic director/MS principal of the conversation.
- Step 2 Set up a meeting with the coach involved, head coach, athletic director, and the student athlete.
- Step 3 Set up a meeting with the individuals from step 2, plus the District Administrator.
- Step 4 Ask to be heard at the next School Board Meeting, possibly in closed session.

Any discussions involving the above parties will not result in the student/athlete losing playing time unless an infraction results from the Athletic Code. The Athletic Director will monitor this situation.

RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

Rib Lake High School is happy to have you participate in its athletic program. The athletic program does include all Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association sanctioned sports. In addition our program includes managers and cheerleaders. As an integrated part of the total school effort and experience, the program is designed to help our students, community, state, and nation.

We feel that the academic area in our high school is of paramount importance. We also believe participation in a well-directed athletic program can open the door to definite opportunities and can afford certain training and experiences not ordinarily obtainable in the regular curriculum. Your trying out for the team indicates awareness on the part of you and your parents of the benefits of this part of our educational program.

The purpose of this athletic code is to provide parents and student participants with a reference to the responsibilities and expectations for those participating in the athletic program.

A student cannot expect special treatment just because he or she is participating in a given sport. We strongly feel it takes a special kind of student to make the sacrifices that the normal school load plus a sport demands. We have come to expect more of such students. Because some students choose to take part in our athletic program, are using facilities provided for that purpose by the community, and are benefiting from tax funds expressly set aside for that purpose by the community, greater demands are made of them. These demands are manifested in the form of specific rules and regulations demanded only of those students who take part in the athletic programs at Rib Lake High School.

We also feel that students should understand that through the athletic program the school is serious about teaching that chemical use is not in a person's best interest. The school regards alcohol and other drug use, addiction, or dependency (including tobacco) as a behavioral/medical problem and recognizes that the misuse or abuse of alcohol and other drugs precedes more severe dependencies. It is not in the best interests of anyone involved, nor even accurate to attach a moral or social stigma to such personal problems. The school wishes to cooperate with all segments of the community in preventing the development of destructive patterns from alcohol and other drug use and in providing assistance to those who develop such patterns of behavior.

In this code, you will find eligibility and/or training rules and regulations. We feel they are logical and are designed to help the individual student as well as the total athletic program. They will be enforced. However, the offender will be given a chance to regain eligibility through options provided for in the specific violations.

The Rib Lake School District does not discriminate against pupils involved in extracurricular activities on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.

GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in the athletic program at Rib Lake High School, a student must meet the following eligibility rules set forth by the local school board:

1. The student must be in grades 9-12, meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent grade-reporting period. A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting the academic standard, following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights on ineligibility. Only quarter grades will be used to determine academic status. Grades will be checked two days after they are due in the high school office. Semester grades do not supersede quarter grades. During the 15 day academic evaluation time, he/she will continue to practice but will not suit up and will not play. At the conclusion of the 15 day period, should the grades continue to be below the passing minimum, an additional 15 day time period will be granted until such time as the grades are indicating that the student has met the required passing grades.
 - a. A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade-reporting period.
 - b. A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided the student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses which caused ineligibility.
 - c. Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction.)

Quarter 4 grades will determine fall eligibility.

2. The student must be under age 19 by August of any school year.
3. The student must have turned in a completed physical examination permit card prior to any participation, including practice sessions.
4. The student is eligible for only 8 successive semesters of high school competition.
5. A signed copy of the CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY INFORMATION factsheet, containing the signatures of both the student and at least one parent, must be on file prior to any participation including practice sessions.
6. A signed copy of this ATHLETIC CODE CONTRACT containing the signatures of both the student and at least one parent, following a mandatory meeting attended by a parent(s) or guardian (s) and the athlete, must be on file prior to engaging in any sport contest or practice related to the code.

A commitment to this policy will become effective when the student and parent complete their signatures on it. This signed contract will be kept on file in the **Athletic Director's** office until the student graduates. A copy of the contract found on the last page of the Athletic Code signifies receipt and knowledge of the Athletic Code and understanding of its contents when signed by both student and parent.

It is expected that the high school athlete will abide by the athletic code during the entire year, including all on and off-season time. The code will remain in effect throughout the student's high school years. There will be a spring meeting held during freshman orientation night. That meeting, with a parent present, will satisfy the 1st year athletic code.

If there is a student who enters an athletic program and has not attended the spring meeting, a separate meeting will be held for them with at least 1 parent present, with the athletic director or the principal to complete the meeting requirement.

Infractions would carry over from season to season and year to year.

Coaches and advisors will review this policy with students at the beginning of each new sport season.

Each athlete will need to sign a new athletic code each year, as per WIAA rules, before they may practice or participate.

DUE PROCESS

All students have the rights given by due process. The athletic director will enforce the rules of the Athletic Code. A student who desires to appeal a decision of the athletic director shall request a hearing before an athletic committee chaired by the principal and comprised of two coaches, two teachers, two parents, and a guidance counselor.

The athletic director and the school board president will pick the teacher/coach athletic committee in a lottery system. A notice will be sent out with the annual meeting notice for volunteers for this committee.

LEVEL 1: APPEAL TO THE TEACHER/COACH ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The request for a hearing must be in writing and be presented to the principal within 1 school day after the athletic director's decision is made known to the student. The teacher/coach athletic committee will convene within 2 days of the receipt of the written request.

LEVEL 2: APPEAL TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The school board athletic committee is comprised of three members on a floating rotation. The athletic committee's decision can be appealed to the school board athletic committee. This request must be in writing and must be presented to the superintendent. This appeal request to the board level committee must be made within 1 school day of the student being made known of the decision of the teacher/coach athletic committee. The board committee will then meet within 5 days of the written request to do so.

During the appeals process, athletes will continue to practice only, and not play as per WIAA rules

ESSENTIAL DEFINITIONS

POSSESSION:

Possession means witnessed by an adult observer for banned substance to be in personal control, an odor on the breath, under the influence, and /or the results of a test to determine whether it is present in the system. These tests can be used to prove innocence as well as guilt.

BANNED SUBSTANCES:

Any controlled substances including alcohol, tobacco, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and cigars, illegal drugs, non-prescribed drugs, diet pills, over-the-counter medications used in an abusive manner and performance enhancing substances (PES). This also includes any and all copycat drugs and inhalants.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:

Alcohol is a regular part of communion in many churches and is used in services at home and in the Jewish faith as well. This code does not intend to deny those religious practices to any athletes.

SCHEDULED COMPETITION:

A scheduled competition will be defined as an event/match/games against a given team on a given day.

The use, possession, buying or selling of banned substances is not consistent with the ideals of our athletic programs at Rib Lake High School and is considered a violation of this Athletic Code.

PENALTIES

FIRST VIOLATION

Option A: The student will be suspended for 20% of scheduled competitions.

Option B: The student will participate in:

1. A minimum of 2 counseling sessions with parents present in at least one of them. These will be arranged and completed within 30 days from the infraction or at the earliest time available at human services. The teacher/coach athletic committee may recommend a qualified alternative source for AODA counseling.
2. The student will complete 10 hours of community service to be arranged by the student with administrative approval. This shall be completed within 30 days of the last infraction. Signed documentation needs to be submitted to the Athletic Director.
3. The student must be suspended for 10% of scheduled competitions.
4. The student must:
 - a. participate in practice,
 - b. must begin this option within 5 school days from the last infraction, and
 - c. must complete all portions of Option B within 30 calendar days.

NOTE: All parts of "b" must be completed before the student will be able to play in competition.

Should the student not complete all parts of Option B in the allotted time, he/she will be dropped from the entire program until these obligations are complete. No additional credits or honors will be earned past the 30-day deadline.

SECOND VIOLATION

Option A: The student will be suspended from the program for 50% of scheduled competitions.

Option B:

1. The student and parents agree to meet with a chemical dependency agency and follow their recommendations. This appointment must be within 30 days of the last infraction or at the earliest appointment that can be made with human services. The teacher/coach athletic committee may recommend a qualified alternative source for AODA counseling.
2. The student will complete 20 hours of community service to be arranged by the student with administrative approval. This component must be completed within 30 days of the last infraction.
3. The student must be suspended for 25% of scheduled competition.
4. The student must:
 - a. participate in practice,
 - b. must begin this option within 5 school days from the last infraction, and
 - c. must complete all portions of Option B within 30 calendar days.

NOTE: All parts of "b" must be completed before the student will be able to play in competition.

Should the student not complete all parts of Option B in the allotted time, he/she will be dropped from the program completely until these obligations are complete. No additional credits or honors will be earned past the 30-day deadline.

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS

Suspension from all athletic programs until the student is reassessed by a qualified AODA counselor. That report will come before the teacher athletic committee to formulate an individual plan for the athlete.

OTHER EXPECTATIONS

- Actions unbecoming an athlete in or out of school, by athletes that are not covered in this packet will be handled by the coach involved and the athletic director. Examples include; drug sales, felonies, weapon possession/mis-use, inappropriate staff/student relationship.
- Conduct in school and out of school shall be such as to bring only credit to you the athlete, your parents, your school, or your teammates.
- All athletes are expected to observe all team rules as set up by the head coach of their sport.
- In order to participate, an athlete must be in school all day the day of a practice or contest, unless prior arrangements for a preplanned medical, dental appointment, or funerals are made with the principal. Extreme emergencies will be the decision of the principal.
- If a student-athlete receives an unexcused absence, they will not be allowed to play in the next contest.
- Should a student be in an EEN, (Exceptional Educational Needs) program, that student's IEP (Individual Educational Program), will take precedence over the athletic code. The athletic code will, however, be used as a guideline in the formation of that student's IEP.

AWARDS

To earn a letter, an athlete must finish each sport season in good standing and meet minimum requirements of participation as set forth by each coach.

If an athlete is found guilty of an athletic code violation after his or her particular sport is completed, they will not be recognized at the team awards night and will receive all awards privately.



WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2015-2016 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and **Rib Lake High School**

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2015-2016 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition any any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.

- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

**RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE
CONTRACT**

**PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
SIGN-OFF FORM**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in **the Rib Lake Athletic Code and this WIAA bulletin. I understand that this contract will be in effect during the entire year, including summer, and both active, and inactive sport seasons.** I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement. **I understand and will abide by this athletic code.**

School Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Please Print Name

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Please Print Name

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete. This contract will be kept on file in the athletic director's office.