

**A MESSAGE TO STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Participating in your school's interscholastic athletic program will provide some of your most memorable and enjoyable moments. The Clark County School District (CCSD) and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) have standards that must be met in order to be eligible to participate.

The essential eligibility requirements in this brochure are only a summary of some of the regulations affecting student eligibility. Most requirements are published in the NIAA Handbook, which can be found in the offices of your athletic administrator and posted on the NIAA website ([www.niaa.com](http://www.niaa.com)). Your school also has the authority to establish additional academic standards and codes of student and athletic conduct.

Any questions you have concerning the NIAA standards or your athletic eligibility should be reviewed with your school principal or athletic administrator. You should also meet with these administrators before you change your course schedule or drop a course. Should you transfer schools, you must follow up with your previous school and your new school to ensure that all proper forms have been submitted to the NIAA. The eligibility standards of the NIAA have been adopted by the member schools and were accepted by your school when it became a NIAA member.

We encourage you, as a student-athlete, to review these standards carefully since you are responsible for compliance with these standards.

Have a great year!

**SUMMARY OF THE RULES****Transfer Rules**

- Students who move with their parents to a new school will be eligible at the new school provided all other eligibility requirements are met and proper transfer paperwork is submitted.
- Students who transfer schools without their parents will be ineligible for 180 school days.
- Students whose parents divorce will maintain eligibility with their primary custodial parent. In the case of joint custody, eligibility remains at their current school.
- Students whose parents are separated will retain eligibility at their current school.
- Students enrolled through Change of School Assignment (COSA) are ineligible for 180 school days. 9th-11th grade students may file a sub-varsity appeal.
- Students who have temporary guardians are ineligible.
- Students who transfer from a public to private/charter or private/charter to public school are ineligible for 180 school days.
- Students enrolled on Shared Housing are ineligible for 180 school days.
- Students who transfer from a magnet or COSA enrollment are ineligible for 180 school days.

**Age Limitations:** A student whose twentieth (20) birthday occurs during a season is ineligible to participate in any sanctioned sport during that season and any season that is conducted after that date.

**Physical Examinations:** All students must pass a physical examination by a licensed physician. Physical examinations must be completed on the appropriate NIAA forms and uploaded into Register My Athlete.

**Insurance:** Students are required to have accident and health insurance on their own prior to participation in any sport or school sponsored activity.

**Residency Rules:** Students are only eligible at the school located in the attendance zone in which their parents or legal guardian resides.

- A student living with a legal guardian must be approved through the CCSD Athletic Department.
- Falsification of any documents or being dishonest regarding your residency may result in ineligibility for 360 school days (2 years).

**Academic Requirements:**

- Must be enrolled in at least two (2) units of credit and regularly attending school.
- Students must have successfully completed at least two (2) units of credit the immediate preceding quarter or semester and can only fail one class.
- Students must obtain an unweighted grade point average of at least 2.0 for the immediate preceding semester.
- Students who do not meet the requirements above, may regain eligibility at a 3-week grade check by receiving all passing grades.
- Students must maintain a passing grade in all classes during the season in which they are participating.

**All incoming freshmen are initially academically eligible.**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY:**

Participation in a NIAA sanctioned sport is a privilege and responsibility which requires all participants to adhere to the NIAA drug and alcohol policy.

A student-athlete determined to be in possession of, or to have used, tobacco, an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance is in violation of the NIAA policy.

**First Violation:** Requires a six (6) competitive week suspension from participation in interscholastic competition.

Four (4) competitive weeks of the suspension may be waived if the student successfully completes an appropriate substance abuse intervention program.

A student-athlete may practice with the team during the suspension period of approved by the coach and principal.

**Second Violation:** The student is suspended from interscholastic competition for a minimum of ninety days which shall include a minimum of six (6) competitive weeks of competition.

The student must have a substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor within ten days of the suspension.

All requirements must be met before athletic eligibility is reinstated.

A student-athlete may not practice with the team during the suspension period.

**Third Violation:** The student-athlete shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's high school career.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE CONDUCT AND EJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION POLICIES**

You are expected to accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community while participating in interscholastic athletics. As a student-athlete you are expected to:

Treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect.

Display no behavior that could incite fans or other participants in the contest or which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

Remember that winning isn't everything! Having fun, improving your skills, making friends and doing your best are also important.

The NIAA has established a policy for student-athletes ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant fouls. The decision of a sports official to eject a student-athlete from a contest is a final decision and may not be appealed. If you are ejected or disqualified, you will be ineligible for at least the next scheduled contest.