

# HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## AMPHITHEATER SCHOOL DISTRICT

### HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPATION

The following are some of the more important eligibility rules that are set forth by the Amphitheater District and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) for its member schools. Failure to comply with these rules can cause an athlete to be declared ineligible and all contests in which the athlete participated in to be forfeited.

1. Domicile rule – The parent’s domicile is defined as the place where a person has his/her true, fixed and permanent home and to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. A student shall have only one domicile for the purpose of athletic eligibility.  
All students who wish to participate in athletics must have a parent or court appointed legal guardian domiciled in the \_\_\_\_\_ attendance zone.  
A student who has a court appointed legal guardian must have the guardianship approved by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) prior to participation (see the Athletic Director).  
Any exception to the domicile requirement must be approved by the Athletic Office and the AIA prior to participation. (Please make an appointment to discuss your individual situation.)
2. A student is privileged with eligibility for 4 consecutive seasons in each sport or activity and for 8 consecutive semesters after he or she enrolls in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade (including 9<sup>th</sup> grade year).
3. A student who is a member of a high school team shall not compete in any other organization in the same sport during the interscholastic season of competition.
4. If a student becomes 19 years of age after September 1<sup>st</sup>, he or she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year if all other qualifications are met.
5. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY** – Each student must be enrolled in at least five classes to maintain eligibility. Seniors with 16 or more credits and on track to graduate may be enrolled in four classes to maintain eligibility.
  - a. Nine-Week Grades – Students who receive a nine-week grade of “T”, “F”, “NC”, “NM”, “U” or a Grade Point Average of less than a 2.0, will be ineligible for at least four and one-half weeks. A student’s eligibility may not be reinstated prior to the Tuesday of the fifth week. **(Please review the schedule of eligibility reinstatement dates with your administrator).**
  - b. Students may use summer school to regain eligibility for Fall participation if they meet the established criteria. **You MUST see your administrator in charge of interscholastic participation prior to enrolling in summer school for eligibility requirements.**
6. Amphitheater District has a zero tolerance drug philosophy. Any interscholastic participant who uses/possesses or transfers alcohol or drugs will be immediately removed from their team for the entire season.
7. All participants must have passed ALL previous semester’s classes. Students may tryout and practice in an activity but cannot compete until academic eligibility is restored. (Refer to Rule 5 above.)
8. Students **MUST** attend all classes on the day of practice or competition. **Exceptions** must be cleared through the Athletic/Activities Office prior to the absence. Violation of this rule will result in a period of ineligibility of no less than one competition.
9. All senior participants must have taken all sections of the AIMS Test, prior to being eligible to compete during their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semester of high school.

10. Each student participant will pay a \$25.00 participation fee for each sport/activity in which he/she competes. This fee is **non-refundable** after the first contest.
11. Before a participant can **TRYOUT OR PRACTICE** he/she must have on file:
  - a) Completed **Physical Evaluation Form and Physical Examination Form**
  - b) Signed Consent for **Interscholastic Participation Form**
  - c) Signed **Amphitheater School District Emergency Card**
  - d) Copy of **birth certificate** (1<sup>st</sup> time participants only)
  - e) Copy of **last semester report card** (incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders only)
  - f) Signed **Acknowledgement of Rules and Terms** for Interscholastic Participation Form
  - g) Paid **Participation Fee**
12. Amphitheater District does not provide medical insurance coverage for students who are involved in interscholastic sports. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for all medical costs due to any injury that may occur during normal practice or actual competition.
13. If any student is injured they should see the Athletic Trainer as soon as possible. The Trainer will assess the injury and may make specific recommendations. Prior to returning to practice or competition an injured athlete must be cleared by the Athletic Trainer.
14. Students involved in athletics will be issued school equipment. All equipment is numbered and **STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE EXACT EQUIPMENT THEY WERE ISSUED TO AVOID HAVING TO PAY FOR ITS REPLACEMENT. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM LAUNDRY DIRECTIONS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED.** Damage from improper laundering of equipment is the responsibility of the student. If the equipment is not returned within 10 school days following the end of the sport season (whether lost or stolen) you will be automatically charged full replacement value for the equipment. **Amphitheater District is not responsible for any items or valuables in locker-rooms/lockers.**
15. Athletic equipment is not to be worn for personal use. If an athlete is wearing school issued equipment for non-game activities, the equipment will be confiscated.
16. Athletes who are ejected from any contest are ineligible for the remainder of the contest and the next scheduled contest. Students ejected for a second time are ineligible for the next two contests. A third ejection will result in the student becoming ineligible for the remainder of the sport season. Athletes who are involved in altercations or disruptions of any kind before or after the contest may be subject to a two-game contest suspension.
17. Athletes who quit an athletic team during the sport season may not tryout for another sport in the same season, and may not tryout for another sport until after the season of competition is over for the sport he/she quits. Exception is a written waiver from the Head Coach from the sport from which he/she quits.
18. All students will travel to events on district transportation and will abide by all district bus rules and regulations.
19. Participation in off-season fundraising does not guarantee a spot on the roster or playing time. Participation in off-season camps does not guarantee a spot on the roster or playing time. There will be no individual refunds on any funds raised. All funds go into the team account.
20. The coaching staff in each sport establishes letter awards criteria.