

General Eligibility Rules

According to TCSAAL standards, students are eligible to represent their school in interscholastic activities if they:

- No pass, no play. (Applies to all classes) Students can become eligible again based on progress reports as handled by the schools.
- A student must be under the age of 19 as of September 1, of the current school year to be eligible to participate in the high school age group.
- A student must be under the age of 15 as of September 1, of the current school year to be eligible to participate in the 6th – 8th Grade age group.
- A student must be under the age 13 as of September 1, of the current school year to be eligible to participate in the 4th – 6th Grade age group.
- Any student can play up in age, but they cannot play down. Any student can play up in grade but they cannot play down in grade.
- A student cannot play on multiple teams in the same activity. For example, a 6th – 8th grader is allowed to play on either the 6th – 8th grade team or the 9th-12th grade team but not both. Also, if your school, for example, has two 6th - 8th grade flag football teams, a student will not be allowed to play on both teams.
 - Students are permitted to change teams during the first half of the season (before their 5th game in all activities except 11th-12th grade basketball, in which case the deadline would be prior to the team's 6th game). For example: A participant can be moved from either the 6th-8th grade team to the 9th-12th grade team. If the participant was an 8th grader playing up into the 9th-12th grade team, the participant can be moved back down to the 6th-8th grade team. Schools with 2 teams in the same activity, gender and age grouping are allowed to have their students switch teams if the team they are leaving and the team they are going to has not started their second half of the season.

A player can only switch teams 1 time during a particular season. Whether they are switching teams at the same school or they are a transfer student to a new school. And all changes must be sent into TCSAAL for confirmation before the change happens. A player cannot play on the same team on the same day even if this is their only switch.

- Exception: In most instances, players may transfer without restrictions from 11th- 12th Grade (Varsity) teams and Junior Varsity teams. The only restriction for players transferring from Junior Varsity to 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) teams exists in the event that:
 - i. Both teams are playing on the same day; in this instance players can only play for one of the teams.
 - ii. Both teams have advanced to the Regional Playoff; in this instance players can only play for one of the teams throughout the duration of the tournament.
 - iii. Junior Varsity players can be added to the 11-12th Grade (Varsity) team in the event that the Varsity team advances to the state playoffs.

- Final team rosters are due before the start of the second half of your season for all athletic teams. No changes to rosters will be allowed after the final rosters are due.

Exception: This does not apply to players switching between 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) teams and Junior Varsity teams; players on 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) teams are able to transfer after the deadline provided they are eligible per the Junior Varsity rules and exceptions detailed above, and vice versa for Junior Varsity players transferring to 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) teams.

- Any campus fielding a Junior Varsity team in an activity without fielding an 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) team, should their Junior Varsity team win the Regional Championship, will be required to field a team in the 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) grouping the following year. The campus will be eligible to also field a Junior Varsity team in said activity provided that they also field a team in the 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) Age Grouping.
 - Exception: Campuses only serving students up to 11th grade or lower will not be required to participate in the 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) Age grouping unless otherwise mandated by TCSAAL.
 - The following year, should said campus' 11th-12th Grade (Varsity) team finish the season in said activity with a divisional winning percentage below .500, said team will be eligible to participate in Junior Varsity groupings the following year.
- Girls are eligible to participate in all boys sports with the exception of Track & Field and Cross Country activities.
- Boys cannot participate on girls' teams.
- Athletes must be a full-time student at the team's school in order to play for that team.
- **Penalties for using an ineligible player:** Penalties for using an ineligible player can include, but are not limited to:
 - Suspension of a player
 - Suspension of coaches
 - Forfeiture of previous victories
 - Suspension of team

I hereby give my consent for the above student to compete in Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League approved sports and Leadership Prep School approved sports and travel with a coach or representative of the school on any trips.

It is understood that even though protective equipment is worn by the athlete whenever needed, the possibility of an accident/injury still remains. Neither the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League nor Leadership Prep School assumes any responsibility in case an accident occurs during participation.

I have read and understood the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League rules above and agree that my son/daughter will abide by all of the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League rules.

The undersigned agrees to be responsible for the safe return of all athletic equipment issued by the school to the above named student.

To the Parent: Check any activity in which student may participate in.

- Golf
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball

Parent/Guardian Signature:

X _____

Student Signature:

X _____