

STUDENT ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1. The student athlete must be registered in and attending the school that he or she represents. The school must be a member of the Elementary Diocesan League.
2. The student athlete must be in good academic standing (earning a passing grade in each class or working to potential as determined by the individual school) in order to start on a team and/or continue on the team. Failing grades, lack of effort or inappropriate behavior will result in temporary suspension of eligibility. At that time, the student may not attend or participate in any team practice, competition or event. The decision to allow the return of the student athlete is made by teachers and administrator. The parent may request permanent release from the team for academic priorities.
3. A student may not be 15 years old by Labor Day of the approaching School year to participate on any athletic team.
4. Students who have completed 8th grade and enroll in another school as an 8th grade student are NOT eligible to participate in athletics if they participated in 6th, 7th or 8th grade of the school previously attended.
5. With the exception of Track, Soccer and Swimming, 3rd grade students are not permitted to participate in team practices or competitions.
6. “Redshirting” – retaining a student for the sake of increased sports participation, is neither ethical nor permitted.
7. The student must have on file in the school office: current year physician’s release to participate, a sports physical within the last 12 months of the sports season, written parent permission, signed Sports Code of Ethics and emergency contact numbers. The student must have all these on file BEFORE participating in any team activity, practice or competition.
8. A student must be on the roster submitted at the time of team registration with the league and Department of Catholic Education.
9. A student athlete who was excluded by an official from a competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to play in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest in that sport on that level.
10. Just as in gym class, jewelry must not be worn during practices or competitions. This includes taped earrings, any type of bracelet, rings, earrings and necklaces or chains. If a religious medal or medical identification tag is worn it must be off the chain and taped or sewn under the uniform.
11. **USE CAUTION WHEN INCLUDING OR ADDING 4th & 5th GRADE CHILDREN TO 6th-7th & 8th GRADE (JR. HIGH) ROSTERS DUE TO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.**
12. **NO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OR COMPETE WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS.**
13. **ATHLETES MAY ONLY APPEAR ON 1 TEAM ROSTER PER SEASON. VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE AND OR ELIMINATION OF DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT PLAY.**

SPORTS SEASONS