

CHAPTER 27 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

2700 GENERAL POLICY

- 2700.1 Pursuant to the District of Columbia State Athletics Consolidation Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-263; D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.01 *et seq.*)(2012 Repl. and 2017 Repl.) (“the Act”), there is established the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA) which shall function as the official designee of the District of Columbia State Athletic Commission (DCSAC) with the authority to interpret, apply and enforce the Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics for the District of Columbia found within this Chapter and the DCSAA Handbook.
- 2700.2 The DCSAC is an independent agency established by the Act that provides oversight and governance of interscholastic athletics in the District of Columbia. The DCSAA is authorized by the DCSAC to interpret, apply and enforce the Mayor’s regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics and to make conforming amendments to any internal procedures.
- 2700.3 The DCSAC shall choose annually from among its members a Chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary. All meetings of the DCSAC shall be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the members.
- 2700.4 The Director of the DCSAA shall interpret the Rules and Regulations and may grant waivers of Rules and Regulations. Any waiver granted by the DCSAA shall be temporary and shall be subject to review and approval of a DCSAC Athletic Appeals Panel (AAP) at a subsequent or special meeting. All decisions or actions as noted above shall be documented and shall be part of any hearing or appeal procedure.
- 2700.5 Conflict of Interest: Any Commissioner of the DCSAC who may be directly affected or whose school or LEA may be directly affected by a potential decision related to an appeal or waiver request shall recuse himself or herself from consideration of the matter and shall not vote on that appeal or waiver request. The Chairperson of the DCSAC is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the decision making process.
- 2700.6 Membership in the DCSAA shall be voluntary, with the exception of the individual District of Columbia Public Schools which are required by § 38-2661.23 (a) to be members. All member schools are required to sign an affirmation of the obligations of membership. Schools who wish to compete for

any District of Columbia State Championships must declare their intent to do so by June 1 of each year preceding the next school year by electronically submitting a signed membership application along with a declaration form declaring the sports in which they will compete.

- 2700.7 Any secondary school located within the boundaries of the District of Columbia containing grades 9 through 12, or any grouping of such grade levels including nonpublic, private, public and public charter schools, authorized by 5A DCMR Chapter 27 may become a member school of the DCSAA.
- 2700.8 Consistent with this chapter, each member school and/or LEA may develop interscholastic athletic standards including, without limitation, safety and first aid, eligibility, satisfactory progress toward graduation, practice, equipment, training, probationary actions, and grievance procedures for participants. Member school and/or LEA standards must not be in conflict with this Chapter or the DCSAA handbook. Member school and/or LEA standards must meet the state minimum requirements and can be more stringent if so desired.
- 2700.9 Each member school shall ensure that students with disabilities consistently have appropriate opportunities to participate in extracurricular athletic activities.
- 2700.10 All coaches, officials and other personnel, including volunteers engaged with students participating in interscholastic athletic programs at a member school shall biannually obtain a required background check, and demonstrate expertise with regard to a respective sport, applicable rules, safety and first aid standards. Officials shall submit background clearances to DCSAA and Coaches shall submit background clearances to their member school.
- 2700.11 All high school coaches coaching interscholastic athletics at a DCSAA member school must meet the coaching certification requirements set forth in the DCSAA handbook and all high school officials officiating interscholastic athletic contests at a DCSAA member school must meet the certification requirements set forth in the DCSAA handbook. Certifications are good for two years from the date of issuance and must be submitted to the member school. DCSAA may at any time request a copy of a member schools coaching certification(s).
- 2700.12 A student shall not be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from other students, or otherwise be unlawfully discriminated against in interscholastic athletics based on, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, disability, source of income, status as a victim of an intra-family offense, or place of residence or business.

- 2700.13 Notwithstanding § 2700.12, a member school may operate a separate sports team for members of each sex, provided that the selection for such team is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.
- 2700.14 Notwithstanding § 2700.12, a member school may operate a sports team for members of a single sex, so long as the member school operates a sports team for an underrepresented sex when there is sufficient interest to maintain a team. In the event there is insufficient interest, the member shall allow members of the underrepresented sex to try out for existing teams and qualify based on appropriate skill level, safety, and other standards for participation on such team.
- 2700.15 A high school varsity team shall be limited to eligible students enrolled in that high school in grades nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12), except as provided in § 2700.18.
- 2700.16 A junior varsity team in high school shall be limited to eligible students enrolled in that high school in grades nine (9), ten (10), and eleven (11) except as provided in § 2700.18.
- 2700.17 A student who has participated in varsity competition in a sport during a school year shall be ineligible to participate in junior varsity competition in the same sport in the same year.
- 2700.18 Student-athletes in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) attending a member school in which a desired sport is not offered, may request authorization at any member school offering the desired sport.
- (a) Students under this section seeking to participate at another school may only participate if it is allowed in the written policy of the member school in which the student seeks to participate, and the student meets the eligibility requirements of the DCSAA and/or member school. A member school may require actual costs associated with a student's participation and the sending school may be required to provide funding for the costs.
 - (b) Under this section, the student's selected school will serve as their school of choice for athletic participation in the specified sport which is not offered at their school of enrollment. If the student seeks to participate in the specified sport at a different member school, they will be bound by the transfer rule per § 2701.5.

- 2700.19 Member schools shall annually publish their schedules for interscholastic competition.
- 2700.20 The DCSAC may establish an advisory committee on interscholastic athletics to advise DCSAC and DCSAA on matters pertaining to interscholastic athletic programs.
- 2700.21 LEAs' or member schools that receive federal funding and maintain athletic programs in the District shall designate at least one (1) employee for purposes of athletics to coordinate with the LEAs' or member schools Title IX (as codified at 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1688) coordinator, to ensure that the requirements of Title IX are met regarding athletics.

2701 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- 2701.1 Eligibility rules and regulations apply uniformly to all member schools and/or LEA student athletes who participate in a DCSAA sanctioned sport and/or activity. DCSAA may challenge the eligibility determination of any student-athlete participating in a member school and/or LEA's sports program or activity governed by DCSAA membership standards by following the process outlined in § 2701.7 (a) – (g); pursuant to §38-2661.22.
- 2701.2 If an eligibility question arises that requires a review of a student-athletes eligibility files, DCSAA, at its discretion, may request to review a student-athlete's eligibility files. DCSAA will request, through a member school and/or LEA, from a custodial parent(s), or a custodial guardian(s) of the student-athlete or the student-athlete, if age 18 or above, to sign a consent for release of information authorizing the release of eligibility files. Such DCSAA requests will include the reasons supporting the request and will specify the record or records needed for review. Failure to provide consent upon written request from the DCSAA will result in the student-athlete whose eligibility is being questioned to be deemed ineligible to participate in any official contest of a sanctioned DCSAA sport or activity.
- 2701.3 The eligibility certification for students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall occur as follows:
- (a) Principals shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of the students participating in interscholastic athletics by submitting a master eligibility roster by sport to their school or LEA athletic director fourteen (14) days before the date of the first official contest for each team. The

LEA and/or school athletic director must submit their eligibility rosters to the DCSAA seven (7) days before the date of the first (1st) official contest for each team.

- (b) A supplemental eligibility list may be submitted to the LEA or school athletic director up to fourteen (14) days after the first official contest. LEA and/or member approved supplemental eligibility rosters by sport must be submitted to the DCSAA seven (7) days after receipt by the LEA and/or member school. Students on a supplemental eligibility roster may not participate in an official contest without prior written approval of the member school's principal and athletic director.
- (c) Master and supplemental eligibility rosters must contain the following information, Name of Eligible Athlete (Last, First, MI), Address of Residence (Street, City, State), Date of Birth, Date of First Entry Into Ninth (9th) Grade (Month and Year), Name of School Where Student First Entered Ninth (9th) Grade, and denote if the Student is a Transfer. Member schools and/or LEAs shall consider such information to be "directory information" in accordance with 34 CFR § 99.31(a) (11), and shall provide this information to the DCSAA unless the custodial parent/custodial guardian and or if the student-athlete is 18 years of age or older has opted out of allowing directory information disclosure and refuses to sign a consent authorizing disclosure for this specific purpose. Where the member school and/or LEA is not authorized to disclose the above information on the master or supplemental eligibility roster, the applicable student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in a DCSAA sanctioned sport or activity
- (d) If a student, member school, or LEA objects to an eligibility determination, they may issue a challenge by following the process outlined in § 2701.7 (a) – (g).
- (e) If the member school or LEA fails to provide the results and supporting documentation used to make an eligibility determination, the DCSAA may refer it to the DCSAC AAP by following the appeals process as outlined in § 2701.7 (a) – (g).
- (f) A member school and/or LEA shall maintain a record of a student's eligibility for each school year of a student's participation on a junior varsity or varsity team. All documentation required in this chapter shall be on file at the member school and available to the DCSAA upon on request at any time prior to the first (1st) official contest of each sport and maintained during the sport season.

- 2701.4 Member school representatives shall not engage in any activity seeking to influence a student to transfer from one (1) member school to another for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.
- 2701.5 A student who transfers enrollment from any school, including a member school, to any member school in grades nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics unless he or she meets one (1) of the following exceptions:
- (a) A student in grade nine (9) may transfer one (1) time during that school year without loss of eligibility. They shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided they meet all other DCSAA eligibility requirements. However a student-athlete shall not participate in a contest at the varsity level for two different schools in the same sport during the same school year. A student-athlete is considered a ninth (9th) grader until the first day of school of their tenth (10th) grade year;
 - (b) A student attending a member school has a bona fide change of address in which they move with their custodial parent(s), or custodial guardian;
 - (c) The transfer is caused by court action, court action being an order from a court of law affecting legally committed students. In the case of a transfer of guardianship or custody, the transfer shall be the result of a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction. A petition for the transfer of guardianship or custody, an affidavit, or a notarized statement signed by the affected parties shall not be sufficient to render the student eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. For purposes of eligibility, a child placed within CFSA custody is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at the school they attend;
 - (d) A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to compete until the custodial legal guardian has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating them as the student's custodial legal guardian.
 - (e) If the student is in their second, third or fourth year of eligibility and the transfer is a result of a seat opening in the receiving school if the student had previously applied to the school and had been rejected due to a lack of capacity or a result of admission via the DC school based lottery. For this exception to apply, the receiving school must have appropriate

documentation including: a dated and school stamped student application from a previous school year; a letter in response to the application notifying the student that they were not accepted; and a letter dated after the start of the school year offering the student a seat in the receiving school or a notification of admission from the lottery school.

- (f) Transfer because of promotion or administrative assignment to the ninth (9th) grade from a school whose terminal point is the eighth (8th) grade, or to the tenth (10th) grade from a junior high school whose terminal point is the ninth (9th) grade, shall not constitute a transfer. Students so promoted or administratively assigned shall be eligible.
- (g) The sending school dropping their entire athletic program. Dropping their athletic program is defined as the school discontinuing all of their interscholastic athletics sports programs;
- (h) The closure of the sending school;
- (i) The sending school discontinuing a single sport at the varsity level;
- (j) The student has special needs, as identified by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan, and is transferred to another public school for the delivery of a free appropriate public education;
- (k) A transfer is the result of the student's being homeless as defined by OSSE, except if the student's homeless status is shown to have been created by the student or his/her family for the primary reason of eligibility in interscholastic athletics;
- (l) The transfer is a result of a student-athlete exercising transfer options (i.e., persistently dangerous schools 5E DCMR § 3805 or victim of a violent crime 5E DCMR § 3809, etc.) mandated by DC law.
- (m) The student is a qualified foreign exchange student under § 2701.8 (o) or an international student residing in the District with his or her custodial parent(s).
- (n) If a waiver of the transfer rule is requested due to a claim of financial hardship, the custodial parent(s), or custodial guardian(s) is responsible for providing documentation to the DCSAC to support the request. Documentation for financial hardship should include proof of extreme financial hardship caused by significant and unexpected reduction in income or increase in expenses; and a signed release from both of the

principals or head of schools of both the sending and receiving schools that the student is not transferring for athletic purposes.

- (o) A student who has not previously participated in the sport for which they are interested in competing; who is released by a proper school authority from a sending school; and has completed the registration process at the receiving school shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided they meet all other DCSAA eligibility requirements. The receiving school must submit, to DCSAA, an electronic or signed statement from the athletic director of the sending school that states the student did not participate in the specific sport the preceding year in which they wish to participate.
- (p) The student-athlete has the option to submit a Student-Athlete Transfer release form which must be signed by the custodial parent or the custodial guardian of the student-athlete, the athletic director and principal of the sending school and the athletic director and principal of the receiving school stating that the transfer is for non-athletic purposes in support of their transfer/waiver request.

2701.6 The period of ineligibility for students that transfer absent an exception shall be one (1) calendar year commencing with the first (1st) day of official attendance in the receiving school.

2701.7 Challenges to a student-athlete's eligibility shall occur as follows:

- (a) A challenge must be presented in writing and signed by the submitting party, addressed to the appropriate school and/or LEA authority where the student is enrolled and hand delivered or sent electronically to the appropriate s member school and/or LEA and to the DCSAA.
- (b) Within five (5) school days after the date of receipt of a challenge, the member school and/or LEA shall provide a written report with supporting documentation of its decision to the DCSAA and to the party submitting the challenge.
- (c) If a party desires to appeal an eligibility determination issued under § 2701.7 (b), the party may, within five (5) school days after receipt of such determination, submit a written notice of appeal to the DCSAA. Within five (5) school days of receiving the written notice of appeal, the DCSAA must forward the written notice of appeal to the DCSAC for consideration by the DCSAC AAP.

- (d) The student, the member school and/or the LEA has the right to appeal the DCSAC AAP's final decision to the D.C. Superior Court pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 11-921. Appeals must be received by the Clerk of the Superior Court no later than 30 days after the date of the final decision.
- (e) For the protection of their team's won/loss record, the student whose eligibility is in question may not play in any school sponsored interscholastic athletic competition until the DCSAC AAP has issued its final eligibility determination pursuant to its review.
- (f) In the event a member requires forfeiture of a contest already played, the AAP shall review the decision affirming or denying the forfeiture and shall provide the results of its findings and recommendations to the member school not later than five (5) school days after the date the matter is reported to the DCSAA.
- (g) If either the member school or the LEA fails to provide the results and supporting documentation required in this subsection before the student participates, the DCSAA may on its own initiative refer the case to the AAP for a final decision regarding eligibility and the forfeiture of contest.

2701.8

In order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school, a student shall also meet the following requirements:

- (a) A student-athlete attending a DCSAA member school must meet the residency requirements set forth by the District of Columbia or be current on all tuition payments in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- (b) A student shall provide written authorization for each team that he or she wishes to participate on, and the authorization shall contain the signature of a custodial parent or custodial guardian.
- (c) A student shall provide a medical certification confirming that the student is physically fit for the sport in which the student seeks to participate;
 - (1) A student shall be covered by appropriate accident insurance, obtained either by his member school or his or her custodial parent, or custodial legal guardian and approved by his or her member school, during each season the student participates;
 - (2) Appropriate notice of the coverage and cost of the accident insurance obtained by his or her member school shall be provided

annually to the custodial parent, or custodial guardian and adult students;

- (3) A custodial parent or custodial guardian submitting a policy for approval by the student's member school shall do so within the time specified by the member school; and
- (4) Students participating in football shall be insured by additional football accident insurance which shall be paid for by the member school in which the student is enrolled;
- (d) A student-athlete shall maintain compliance with state attendance regulations and shall maintain 85% attendance per marking period in order to maintain eligibility to participate in a DCSAA sanctioned sport or activity. A student athlete must be present in school the day of to participate in any tryout, practice, game or match, unless they have an excused absence.
- (e) A student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) per marking period as officially calculated by the member school in order to retain athletic eligibility. For those member schools which do not calculate a GPA, the principal and/or head of such member school must submit a certification stating that the school does not calculate GPAs and that all student-athletes participating in a DCSAA sanctioned sport have a minimum equivalence of a 2.0 GPA and are in good academic standing as consistent with 2703.1 (a).
- (f) The student shall not have graduated from high school provided, that an eligible student whose graduation exercises are held before the end of the school year may continue to participate in interscholastic athletics until the end of that school year;
- (g) A student-athlete who turns 19 years old on or before August 1 is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. In determining the age of a contestant, the birth date as entered on the birth record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be required and shall be so certified on all eligibility lists. Requests for a waiver of the age requirement shall only be considered for participation in non-contact or non-collision sports.
- (h) A student shall maintain amateur standing by engaging in sports only for the physical, educational, and social benefits derived from sports and by not accepting, directly or indirectly, a remuneration, gift, or donation

based on his or her participation in a sport other than those approved or waived by the DCSAA;

- (i) A student is eligible to participate in regular season, playoff, or championship interscholastic athletic contests for a maximum of eight (8) semesters in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). For student-athletes in grades (9) through twelve (12), eligibility shall cease at the end of the eighth (8th) semester.
- (j) Completion of a summer school program shall not be counted as a semester of attendance;
- (k) A student shall participate only under the name by which he or she is registered in the public school he or she attends;
- (l) A student may represent only one (1) school in the same sport during a school year;
- (m) A student who has participated in varsity competition in a sport during a school year shall be ineligible to participate in junior varsity competition in the same sport in the same year;
- (n) A student who needs fewer than two (2) credits to graduate from twelfth (12th) grade and who transferred to a high school within the preceding twelve (12) months is prohibited from participation in any interscholastic athletic activity for the duration of the student's enrollment at that school;
- (o) An international student participating in a foreign exchange program shall be considered immediately eligible for a maximum period of one calendar school year if the student:
 - (1) Has not completed his or her home secondary school program;
 - (2) Meets all other eligibility requirements of this section;
 - (3) Has been randomly assigned to his or her host parents and school and neither the school the student attends nor any person associated with the school has had input in the selection of the student and no member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, serves as the resident family of the student;
 - (4) Possesses a current J-1 visa issued by the U.S. State Department; and

- (5) Is attending school under a foreign exchange program on the current Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs published by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel and such program assigns students to schools by a method which ensures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment

- (p) An international student not participating in a foreign exchange program shall be treated as all other students who transfer schools;

- (q) A student in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) shall not participate in the same individual or team sport outside of school, or with a team, an organized league, tournament meet, match or contest between the first (1st) and last scheduled contest of the school team during the season of the sport; provided, that a student who is selected to represent the United States in international amateur competition shall not become ineligible in school competitions for participating in qualifying trials. The following sports shall be exempted from the restrictions of this paragraph:
 - (1) Baseball;
 - (2) Bowling;
 - (3) Competitive Cheer;
 - (4) Crew;
 - (5) Cross Country;
 - (6) Field Hockey;
 - (7) Golf;
 - (8) Gymnastics;
 - (9) Lacrosse;
 - (10) Rugby;
 - (11) Soccer;
 - (12) Softball;

- (13) Squash;
- (14) Swimming;
- (15) Tennis;
- (16) Track & Field;
- (17) Ultimate Frisbee;
- (18) Volleyball; and
- (19) Wrestling

(r) A hardship waiver was granted to the student by the DCSAC AAP.

2701.9

A request for a waiver of the eligibility requirements shall be made by submitting a completed DCSAA waiver application that has been signed by the member school athletic director and principal, and a custodial parent, or a custodial guardian.

- (a) Waiver requests should be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student-athlete, principal, and head of school or other affected party that a waiver will be required. Failure to provide all required and signed documentation to the DCSAA render a waiver request as being incomplete and subject to immediate denial.
- (b) The member school must process and forward the waiver application to the DCSAA. A member school signed statement of support or nonsupport by the principal/head of school must accompany the waiver application.
- (c) The Director of the DCSAA has five (5) school days after receipt of the waiver from the member school to approve the waiver or forward it to the DCSAC AAP for review. Student-athletes and/or the member school have the right to request a DCSAC AAP review if they do not agree with the decision of the Director of the DCSAA.
- (d) If the waiver application is forwarded to the DCSAC Chair for a DCSAC AAP review, the applicant will be contacted by email or phone. A waiver review will be scheduled and conducted in person in an informal manner that affords all parties the opportunity to present all information and all relevant arguments.

- (e) The DCSAC Chair has five (5) school days after the date the waiver has been received to schedule a review.
- (f) From the date of the review, the DCSAC AAP has five (5) school days to issue its decision.
- (g) The Applicant has the right to appeal the DCSAC AAP's final decision to the D.C. Superior Court pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 11-921. Appeals must be received by the Clerk of the Superior Court no later than 30 days after the date of the final decision.

2702 INELIGIBILITY AND CHALLENGES

- 2702.1 A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics is prohibited from playing, with a DCSAA member school team during the period of such ineligibility.
- 2702.2 A student who participates in interscholastic athletics and is found ineligible to participate is prohibited for one (1) calendar year from the date of the finding of ineligibility. Additionally, in order to be considered for eligibility when the calendar year has passed, the student must show that all of the eligibility requirements are satisfied.
- 2702.3 A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the time of transfer from one (1) school to another, for any reason other than failing to meet the requirements of this chapter, shall not be considered for eligibility at the receiving school until one (1) full calendar year has passed from the date it was determined that the student was ineligible.
- 2702.4 DCSAA shall establish policies addressing probationary actions based on determinations of ineligibility in accordance with this chapter. The member school shall provide copies of their athletic policies and guidelines to DCSAA no later than August 1 of each school year.
- 2702.5 Any member school carrying an ineligible student as a member of the team shall forfeit each contest played by such student.
- 2702.6 If any forfeiture creates a tie among teams participating in a DCSAA tournament and/or championship contest, a coin toss as mutually agreed by the member school ADs shall determine the requisite order.

2702.7 A member school including, without limitation, a coach, trainer, or volunteer assisting in athletics, who knows, or should have known, that an ineligible student is participating or has participated in an interscholastic athletic program or contest, shall be subject to probation, suspension or disqualification from participating in any DCSAA sanctioned sport or activity.

2702.8 If a member school, LEA or the DCSAA takes any action pursuant to § 2702.7. The member school or LEA shall electronically submit the action to the DCSAC for review by the DCSAC AAP no later than five (5) calendar days after the date of such action. The DCSAC AAP within five (5) calendar days will conduct a review and determine if the violation merits any additional probation, suspension or disqualification from any DCSAA sanctioned sport or activity. Any additional action taken by the DCSAC AAP will be issued via a written decision.

2703 ALL-STAR CONTESTS

2703.1 A student who participates in a team sport may participate in an “all-star” competition for the sport that occurs outside the interscholastic season of the sport without jeopardy to his or her eligibility if:

- (a) The all-star competition is an activity sanctioned by the DCSAA or another National Federation of State High School Association (“NFHS”) member;
- (b) All participants in the all-star competition are graduating seniors or students completing their athletic eligibility at the end of the school year or they have received a waiver from DCSAA to participate;
- (c) The student has played in no more than one (1) other all-star competition in his or her sport; or
- (d) The all-star competition occurs after the student has participated in his or her final contest for his or her school.

2703.2 A senior who fails to comply with § 2703.1 may be subject to a penalty that may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of the school year. For all other students, the penalty may result in loss of eligibility for the next season in the sport in which the student participated in the all-star competition. The DCSAC may review any penalty decisions.

2704 MEMBER SCHOOL & LEA REGULATIONS

2704.1 All member schools, leagues or LEA rules of member schools, policies, and procedures related to interscholastic athletics shall be minimally consistent with the provisions of this chapter. Upon request, member schools, leagues or LEAs of member schools shall provide the DCSAA with copies of their respective rules, policies, and procedures.

2799 DEFINITIONS

2799.1 When used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed:

Athletic Appeals Panel (AAP)--A review Panel composed of three (3) voting members of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission who are appointed by the Chair of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission (DCSAC)

Athletic Director (“AD”) – A person who holds the position of athletic director or a person or entity that performs the functions of an athletic director.

Athletic League – Includes the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association or its successor, the Public Charter School Athletic Association or its successor, and any other collaborative of LEA’s or schools for the purpose of which is to organize interscholastic athletic competitions against other members of the collaborative.

Bona Fide Change of Address - The student-athlete moves with their custodial parent(s), or a custodial guardian from domicile A to domicile B.

Boundary Zone or Attendance Zone - The area designated by DCPS as inbounds for a particular residence.

Commission – the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission (DCSAC).

Day – One (1) calendar day, unless otherwise stated.

DCPS - means the District of Columbia Public Schools.

DCSAA - means the District of Columbia State Athletic Association.

DCSAA-sanctioned sport or activity - means a sport in which DCSAA hosts a state championship and/or is governed by the National Federation of State High School Association rules. All sanctioned sports and/or activities will be updated annually and published in the DCSAA Handbook.

DCSAA-sanctioned competition - means an interscholastic athletic event or program governed by DCSAA membership standards.

First year of eligibility – The school year a student first enters ninth (9th) grade for the first (1st) time.

Interscholastic Athletics Program - Means all athletic activities or sports offered within a school, the purpose of which is to provide opportunities for students to compete with other students on like teams in other schools.

Local Education Agency or LEA – means an educational institution at the local level that exists primarily to operate a publicly funded school or schools in the District of Columbia, including the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and a District of Columbia public charter school.

Member School - Means a public, public charter, parochial, or private school in the District that is a member of the DCSAA

Ninth Grade - A student is considered to be in grade nine (9) upon the student's promotion from the eighth (8th) grade to the ninth (9th) grade on the last school day of the student's eighth (8th) grade (8th) grade academic year. The ninth (9th) grade year is considered to be completed on the last day of summer vacation prior to the first day of the new academic (tenth (10th) grade) year.

OSSE – The District of Columbia Office of the Superintendent of State Education.

Participant - Means an enrolled student who is attending a member school and who is listed on the tryout roster or official team roster of a school sponsored athletic team that participates in the school's interscholastic athletics program.

Participant Eligibility - Means the status of a student's fitness to participate in a DCSAA - sanctioned competition based on both residency and academic requirements.

Participate – Inclusion on the tryout roster or team roster as a member of a recognized school team to tryout or play in practices, contests, and competitions, or otherwise engaging in other activities as part of the team.

Previous participation – Prior participation in interscholastic athletics in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).

Receiving school - The school a student enrolls in, after leaving his or her previous school.

Rules and Regulations - Encompasses all rules and regulations and policy found in 5A DCMR Chapter 27 and the DCSAA Handbook.

Sending School – A school that a student withdraws from, in order to attend a different school.

Title IX - Title IX is a portion of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. No. 92318, 86 Stat. 235 (approved June 23, 1972), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 - 1688.

Transfer - The student has withdrawn from a sending school and has enrolled in a receiving school.

Week – Seven (7) calendar days, unless otherwise stated.