



## **Checklist for Determining Athletic Eligibility**

- Please note that Student-Athlete Eligibility is the most complicated issue within the RIIL.
  - The RIIL Member Schools agree to universal residency, academic, and eligibility standards for student-athletes across the state to ensure that all schools are playing by the same set of rules.
  - Students cannot participate in practices before they are cleared by the Athletic Administrator.
  - The Checklist below is intended to guide administrators in determining athletic eligibility based on the most common situations and is not representative of every rule contained in the R&R.
  - Please contact the RIIL Office with any question, no matter how small.
- Member Schools should hold athletic sign-ups prior to each athletic season to provide athletic administrators ample time to determine eligibility.
  - Fall Sports Meeting: Early June.
  - Winter Sports Meeting: Mid-October.
  - Spring Sports Meeting: Early February
- Determining Eligibility for Athletes:
  - Automatically **Ineligible** for athletics at an RIIL Member School If:
    - The student is not residing at the same address as their mother or legal guardian. (3-6.D)
      - More information and additional conversations are needed
      - Contact the RIIL Office immediately to determine eligibility
    - Their 19th birthday occurs prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. (3-5.A)
      - For the 2022-23 school year, the date of birth must be before September 1, 2003.
    - The student has already completed Eight Consecutive Semesters in high school from their first date of enrollment in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at ANY school. (3-5.B.1)
  - Unique Eligibility Scenarios
    - Schools should develop a process with Guidance to automatically notify the Athletic Department when a new student enrolls after the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Did the student Transfer from a different high school within the last calendar year? (3-6)
      - If YES, complete a RIIL Transfer Affidavit for an eligibility ruling.
      - **A Completed Transfer Affidavit is mandatory for every student enrolling in a school after the first day of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade with no exceptions**



- Did the student enrolled as an out-of-district CTE/Pathway Student within the last calendar year? (3-6.B.5)
  - If YES, complete a RIIL Transfer Affidavit for an eligibility ruling.
- Is the student a Foreign-Exchange Student? (3-7)
  - If YES, complete a RIIL Foreign Exchange Form for an eligibility ruling.
- Is the student Home-Schooled? (3-1.H)
  - If YES, the student must be listed as an enrolled student with district administration and written approval of the student's home school education plan must be provided to the Principal.
- Is the student enrolled at an Alternative Member School? (3-2)
  - If YES, the receiving school must be provided with the following documentation from the Alternative Member School:
    - Alternative Member Student-Athlete Eligibility Form
    - Completed Assumption of Risk Form
    - Valid Physical Form
- Academic Eligibility (3-4):
  - By RIIL Rules & Regulations All student-athletes must pass 60% of their courses in the previous marking period including every course a student is enrolled in. (3-4.A)
    - Incompletes that remain 2/3 weeks after the end of a marking period are considered Failures for determining Athletic Eligibility. (3-4.B.2)
- School-based Eligibility:
  - Athletes must submit an RIIL Assumption of Risk Form prior to participation. (3-1.B)
  - Athletes should have a pre-participation athletic physical within school/district/state guidelines and be cleared by the school nurse/doctor or other medical professional prior to participation. (1-2.C)
  - All additional forms required by the school district must be completed and checked by the Athletic Director prior to participation.
- After all of the above criteria have been met, the student can participate in their first day of practice and be added to the eligibility list.