

## EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

The high school athletic program offers the opportunity for both young men and women to participate at an interscholastic level. An athlete may participate in one sport per season. The following sports are offered with coaches names in parentheses; please contact them for information.

Baseball (Mr. Destiche)	Softball (Mr. Bruce)
Basketball - Girls (Mr. Nodolf)	Tennis - Girls (Mr. Brooks)
Basketball - Boys (Mr. Bradley)	Tennis - Boys (TBD)
Cross Country (Mr. Prellwitz)	Track (TBD)
Football (Mr. Selgrad)	Volleyball (Mr. Lyle)
Golf (Mr. Jennings) (Mr. Jennings)	Wrestling - Girls (Mr. Mlodzik)
Soccer - Girls (Mr. Smallish)	Wrestling - Boys (Mr. Mlodzik)
Soccer - Boys (Mr. Nankervis)	

The extracurricular program also offers the opportunity to participate in the following activities.

Please contact the staff member in parentheses to learn more about or to join the activity.

Academic Bowl (Mrs. Huser)	Math Team (Mrs. Coleman)
ACTIVO (Mrs. Yoder) (Mrs. Yoder))	Musical (Mr. Dodson)
E-Sports (Mr. Coleman)	Competition Cheer (Mrs. Conlon)
Chess Club	Art Club
Equestrian Club (Mrs. Silloway)	Math Club
National Honor Society (Mr. Roost)	Football Cheer (Mrs. Conlon)
One or Three Act Plays (Mr. Dodson)	Forensics (Mr. Wiegel)
Outdoors Club (Mrs. Plantz))	FLA (Mrs. Schmidt)
Pit Band (Mr. Erickson)	Future Farmers of America (Mr. Pinchart)
Science Club (Mrs. Monet-Bakken)	German Club (Mrs. Seidler-Halwas)
Social Justice Alliance (Mr. Roost)	Homecoming Court (Student Council)
Junior Prom Court (Junior Class)	Student Council (Mrs. Yoder)
Key Club (Mr. Wiegel)	Swim Club

**Extracurricular Participation:** To participate in an after-school or evening activity, the student is required to attend school the entire day of the activity (unless officially excused). To participate in a weekend school activity, the student is required to attend school the entire day of the last school day before the activity is held unless the absence is officially approved by the school administration.

**Conduct at Extracurricular Events:** Students are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at both home and away events. Good sportsmanship means finding ways to support and encourage your team in positive ways, while treating other observers, the officials and opposing team/coaches with respect. Therefore, things like fighting, booing, heckling, derogatory signs/symbols/chants and cheering/etc., throwing or dropping items (or refuse), or possession/use of tobacco products, controlled substances and/or alcoholic beverages (regardless of the site) are unacceptable.

Noncompliance with the letter or spirit of this provision may be grounds for ejection from that and other events. Noncompliance may also lead to disciplinary action under the RHS Discipline and Conduct guidelines and/or the Extracurricular Code.

**Attending sporting events:** All K-12 students may attend sporting events. Any student not in high school must be supervised by an adult (not in high school).

**Extracurricular Code:** The Board of Education has approved an extracurricular code which covers students participating in all extracurricular activities. Each coach/advisor will review the code with students before the start of their activity. Before participation can begin **an extracurricular code agreement must be acknowledged by parent/guardian through online registration and signed by students.**

Please refer to the extracurricular code on page 35.

## RIPON HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR CODE

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Ripon High School extracurricular activities. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and as such carries certain responsibilities, which may exceed the responsibilities of students who do not participate. Among these responsibilities are adherence to academic and conduct standards, and in athletics, WIAA minimum standards. Parental involvement and accountability is essential for students to be successful. The signatures of students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) on the extracurricular code Agreement Form (last page) indicate willingness to honor and abide by the code. By doing this, students can take pride in themselves **and** be examples of leadership, self-discipline and teamwork. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

### ELIGIBILITY

The following rules apply to all extracurricular activities and are in force all day, every day of the calendar year throughout the time a student is enrolled in RHS. Every school year the extracurricular code must be signed by student and parent/guardian. Violations and penalties carry over from year to year except as otherwise specifically provided herein. Coaches must explain any changes to the extracurricular code annually at their pre-activity meetings.

Any student wishing to participate in the Ripon High School extracurricular program must meet all requirements listed below.

For all extracurricular activities (including athletics), a student must:

- Attend a pre-activity meeting for any extracurricular program. Parental attendance is recommended.
- Provide signed statement by both parent and student indicating that the extracurricular code has been read and understood by each of them. The statement must be on file as designated by the high school office before a student may participate.
- Maintain a minimum of a 1.5 GPA quarters 1 and 3 and semesters 1 and 2.
  - Any student that is a semester or more deficient (3 credits or more) will not be eligible until they are less than a semester deficient.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Attend classes the full school day of any event unless officially excused in writing by the high school principal/designee. A copy of the official approval of such an absence will be made available to that student upon his/her request or by request of his/her parent/guardian. (Doctor's appointments, college visits, funerals, are all excused absences.) **Students may not participate in any competition/performance if they are out for any or all of the school day without permission from the school administration. Coaches will work with office staff to monitor attendance.**

- Serve any and all detentions by the time designated by the assistant principal/principal.
- Display behavior/conduct consistent with the ideals, principles, and standards of the activity and Ripon High School.

Expulsion renders the student ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity during the term of the expulsion and upon return from expulsion unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the student, parents and district administrator at the time of the student's return. Convicted felons are ineligible for any extracurricular participation. The grouping described as "convicted felons" is considered to include juveniles convicted of an offense that – if committed by an adult – would be a felony.

**For athletic participation, a student must have completed the following items and have them on file with the high school office before a student may participate:**

- Meet all WIAA eligibility standards (SEE APPENDIX)
- Complete an athletic physical card or alternate year card
- Complete an insurance waiver form
- Complete an emergency form
- Complete a concussion agreement
- Pay all extracurricular fees
- Student and parent/guardian sign extracurricular code annually

## **VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES**

### **A. ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

In quarters 1 and 3 and semesters 1 and 2

- Earning less than a 1.5 GPA or two or more "F's" results in loss of extracurricular eligibility for the next, consecutive quarter, beginning the day report cards are posted.

Reinstatement of Eligibility:

A student who has been declared ineligible will become eligible again if he/she meets the eligibility requirements for a subsequent quarter/semester of the school year. A student who has been declared ineligible may appeal their ineligible status after waiting a minimum of 15 school days after the date that they have been declared ineligible. If the student's current quarter/semester grades meet the eligibility requirements on the date of the appeal, the student's eligibility will be reinstated. Students wishing to appeal their eligibility must contact the Athletic Director to make the appeal.

#### **NOTES:**

- #1 Incompletes count as an "F" in this provision until completed. High school administration may waive this provision under extraordinary circumstances.
- #2 Students may restore academic eligibility status by making up failures in specific failed classes during the summer months, if appropriate courses are offered and approved by RHS administration.
- #3 During a student's ineligibility period, the student may practice with his/her extra-curricular group(s), but may not participate in any events, contests, games, or performances.

### **B. CONDUCT**

#### **REPORTING CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

All reports of violations must be submitted in writing and signed by the person making the report.

The below listed conduct violations will result in the penalties as listed following this section.

#### **CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

- Conduct unbecoming a participant.
- Severe behavior which results in suspension from or in school, or other examples of misbehavior which may be found in current student handbook treatments of cheating, removal from class, weapons, truancy, unexcused absences, sexual harassment, other student conduct, and conduct at extracurricular events.
- Chronic misbehavior and/or suspension for misbehavior will result in a conduct violation.
- Use/possession/buying or selling of alcohol, tobacco in any form, any other controlled substance, or prescription medication used by a person or in a manner other than that for which it was prescribed. (Religious use is excluded in this provision.)
- Evidence of participation in conduct that violates state, federal or local law (not traffic violations) will result in a conduct violation. In this instance participation in extracurricular activities will be suspended pending high school administration determination that said conduct merits long-term loss of extracurricular participation privileges. Legal system procedures including offense down-grades of plea bargaining or "first offender" treatments do not preclude high school administration (with district administrator concurrence) from implementing said long-term extracurricular activity suspensions per the full range of options listed in the code - including expulsion related situations.
- The assistant principal/athletic director shall keep a record of any violations and/or penalties assessed until the participant has finished high school. Penalties will be negated after two full years from the date of last conduct violation provided no other conduct violations have occurred.

## CONDUCT PENALTIES

### INTRODUCTION

This section applies only to penalties assigned by the high school administration. There may be other penalties assigned by extracurricular organizations a student is a member of.

Extracurricular activities are divided into two categories, Category A and Category B. Football cheer and competition cheer and activities that are run by high school organizations under the sponsorship of the WIAA belong to Category A and may be referred to as WIAA Sponsored; all other activities belong to Category B (Non-WIAA Sponsored).

Once a violation of this code has been alleged, school administration (generally the assistant principal/athletic director) will investigate the allegation. That person will determine if a violation occurred, assign an appropriate penalty, involve law enforcement and legal personnel if necessary, communicate with appropriate people, and file a written report with the high school principal. **In all cases the high school administration will contact the student and parent/guardian.**

For logistical reasons including Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) regulations the district has found it preferable to apply penalties, to Category A activities before Category B activities. If a student can be expected to participate in a Category A activity or is participating in a Category A activity, any penalty will be applied to the first Category A activity the student participates in after the penalty is assigned, even if violation occurs in the summer and the activity will not occur until following spring. The high school administration will never assign penalties to multiple activities for the same infraction except # 6 under first conduct violation and #5 under second conduct violation. **Students are reminded, however, that other organizations may assign their own penalties based on their codes of conduct, standards, and expectations.**

#### ***First Conduct Violation:***

1. The Category A penalty is forfeiture of competition for approximately twenty percent (20%) of the WIAA maximum allowed contests per sport (see chart). The Category B penalty is forfeiture of one (1) performance or event. (See **CONDUCT PENALTIES - INTRODUCTION**). The high school administration will inform the student and parent/guardian of the start date for the penalty, which cannot be prior to the date of this

communication.

2. The student is expected to be present at all practice sessions during this period other than for excused absences from school.
3. The student is ineligible for any personal awards given by school organizations for the activity the penalty has been assigned to. This includes such honors as officer, captain, MVP, Player of the Year, Most Improved, Most Promising, Spirit Award, Hustle Award, etc. The ineligibility does not carry over to a second season.
4. In the case of a Category A activity, the student must finish the season in good standing for the penalty to count.
5. For first conduct violations the Category A penalty is cut in half (rounded down) for a student who self-reports a violation under the following conditions. Self reporting does not apply to category B.
  - a) The student must report within 72 hours of the violation to **any** RASD administrator.
  - b) The student must report before **any** school administrator attempts to speak with **any** student about the alleged incident/violation.
6. If the student doesn't meet the penalty during the current season/activity period the remainder of the penalty carries over to the next season/activity period the student participates in.

#### ***Self-Reporting Conduct Violation;***

- Student must report within 72 hours of the violation.
- Student may self-report to any school district of Ripon administrator.
- The self-report must take place prior to a school official calling for or speaking with **any** student about the alleged incident/violation or before a school administrator has knowledge of the incident/violation.
- Reduced penalty for self-reports are applicable to a "first violation" only. The "one time" self-reporting option applies only when a violation results from the self-report. The penalty will be reduced to approximately ten percent **for Category A- WIAA sponsored events only. The benefit of self reporting will not apply to Category B activities.**

#### ***Second Conduct Violation:***

1. Category A (WIAA Sponsored) the student will forfeit fifty percent of the events. Category B (Non-WIAA Sponsored) the student will forfeit fifty percent of the scheduled events or performances. A penalty begins at the point school administration determines that a violation has occurred and has communicated that decision to the student and/or parent/guardian.
2. Student will be ineligible for a school letter and any awards indicated in #3 of the *First Conduct Violation* provisions. This provision will apply to the next season /activity if a student violates in the off-season. Awards earned by the team or by an individual in conference or WIAA tournament competition may be kept if the student has returned to good standing by the end of that team's competitive season.
3. The high school administration will contact parent/guardian/student.
4. Student must finish the season in good standing for the penalty to count.
5. If the student doesn't meet the penalty during the current season, the remainder of the penalty carries over to the next season the student participates in.

#### ***Third Conduct Violation:***

1. Category A (WIAA Sponsored) and Category B (Non-WIAA Sponsored) the student will forfeit any and all extracurricular involvement including practice for one calendar year. A

penalty begins at the point school administration determines that a violation has occurred and has communicated that decision to the student and/or parent/guardian.

2. Student will be subject to award provisions identified in *First Conduct Violation* (#3) and *Second Conduct Violation* (#2).
3. The high school administration will contact parent/guardian/student.

**Fourth Conduct Violation:**

1. Category A (WIAA Sponsored) and Category B (Non-WIAA Sponsored) the student loses the privilege to participate in all extracurricular activities during the remainder of his/her academic career.

**Category A (WIAA Sponsored)**

A contest shall be defined as the following:

	<u># of Contests</u>		<b>1st Violation</b>		<b>2nd Violation</b>
	<u>Max</u>		<u>20%</u>	<u>Self-Report</u>	<u>50%</u>
Baseball	26	GAME	5	3	13
Basketball	24	GAME	5	2	12
Cross Country	11	MEET	2	1	5
Football	9	GAME	2	1	4
Golf	14	MATCH	3	1	7
Soccer	24	MATCH	5	2	12
Softball	26	GAME	5	3	13
Tennis	14	MATCH	3	1	7
Track	20	MEET	4	2	10
Volleyball	15	MATCH	3	2	7
Wrestling	14	MATCH	3	1	7
Football Cheer	9	GAME	2	1	4
Competition cheer	7	CONTEST	2	1	3

- For example, Baseball and Softball double headers will count as individual contests. If a student athlete got a 1st violation and had to miss 4 contests, a double-header would count as 2 of the 4 contests missed.
- When figuring out the percentages of contests lost, .5 or less was rounded down and any number above .5 was rounded up.

- Number of WIAA maximum contests or Ripon scheduled games will be adjusted accordingly year to year.
- Percentages are based on our scheduled games not the WIAA maximum contests.

**Category B (Non-WIAA Sponsored)** Activities include: FFA, Musical, One/Three Act Plays, Student Council, ACTIVO, Outdoors Club, Homecoming Court, Junior Prom Court, Academic Bowl, Science Club, Forensics, NHS, Pit Band, Key Club, German Club, Math Team, Equestrian Club, FBLA, Swim Club, Multicultural Art Club, GSA, and Sources of Strength. Additional activities might be added throughout the year.

These are activities that have scheduled events, meetings, and/or performances. However, they do not have a schedule comparable to the athletic schedules or WIAA maximums in event numbers as listed in Category A.

## **DUE PROCESS/APPEAL**

All students have the rights given by due process. If, after an investigation by a designated individual and the school administration of an alleged extracurricular violation, the participant is found guilty and still denies this guilt, an appeal is possible. A ruling of ineligibility will result in implementation of the appropriate penalty. Appeals will only be heard based upon a student's guilt or innocence, not on the severity of the penalty.

Within five (5) calendar days of the student or parent's initial receipt of the determination that a violation has occurred, the appeal process form must be submitted in writing, signed by the student and at least one parent or guardian, to the administrator who initially issued that determination. The appeal will then be given to the high school principal. The high school principal will have 72 hours to acknowledge the appeal and respond to appellants with a plan and timetable to address the appeal.

A participant and/or his/her parents may formally appeal the high school principal's decision in writing to the district administrator, provided an appeal is received by the district administrator within seven days from the first day of such ineligibility. After an appeal has been received, the district administrator will review the matter and will render a decision within five school days.

If the participant's appeal to the superintendent is denied, the student may make a final appeal to the Board of Education. The appeal to the board must be made in writing, within seven days of the Superintendent's decision, to the Clerk of the Board of Education.

The Ripon Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap.

# **APPENDIX**

## **WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2025-2026 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin**

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and **Ripon High School**

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school. This information bulletin is a summary of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these

regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org). This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules. There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office. Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2025-2026 school year:

## **AGE**

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if they reach their 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

## **ACADEMICS**

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

## **ATTENDANCE**

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if they are carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.) Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.

B. A student is ineligible if they have graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.

C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.

D. A student is ineligible if they have not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness,



accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.

E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

## **DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries their parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at their school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, they shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.

F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, they become eligible.

H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if their attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if they transfer to another school.

J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

## **DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions also apply.

B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.

E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.

F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

## **TRANSFERS**

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one

day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

Unrestricted eligibility may be afforded at a new school at the time of a complete family move. Any student who delays enrollment after a family move is subject to the transfer rule.

B. Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

C. Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

E. 10th, 11th or 12th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade.

G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.

H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at their new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

I. A student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.

K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at their new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the

previous school's Board of Education. Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.

L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and they must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

## **TRAINING and CONDUCT**

A student-athlete must follow their school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

A. A student-athlete who violates their school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.

C. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid their debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

D. A student-athlete who violates their school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.

E. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.

F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also

suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.

G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

## **AMATEUR STATUS**

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash (including gift cards) or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.

B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.

C. A student-athlete may not capitalize on athletic fame by receiving money, compensation, endorsements or gifts of monetary value in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student's school team, school, Conference or WIAA (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).

D. A student-athlete is not restricted from participating in a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, Conference or WIAA affiliation. Prohibited NIL activities are identified as follows:

(1) The student shall not appear in the uniform of the student's school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school team, school, Conference or WIAA as part of any endorsement.

(2) The student shall not promote activities nor products associated with the following: gaming/gambling; alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, or related products; banned or illegal substances; adult entertainment products or services; weapons (i.e. firearms).

(3) The compensation is not contingent on specific athletic performance or achievement (i.e. financial incentives based on points scored).

(4) The compensation is not provided by the school or persons associated with school as an

inducement to attend a particular school ("recruiting") or to remain enrolled at a particular school.

(5) The NIL activities do not interfere with a student-athlete's academic obligations, and the student does not miss athletic practice, competition, travel, or other team obligations in order to participate in NIL opportunities.

(6) A student cannot utilize representation or contract an agent. High schools or its employees are not allowed to help facilitate deals for student-athletes.

E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than their own name.

## **SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).

(1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.

(2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3-point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.

(3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.

B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.

C. A student-athlete or their parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.

D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be their coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be

candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

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## USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events. In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

4/2025

(FOR REFERENCE – students get a copy to sign)

## RIPON HIGH SCHOOL

### PARENT / ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY SIGN-OFF FORM 2025-2026

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement. In signing below, I further acknowledge and understand that no contractual relationship, direct or indirect, is created between student-athlete or their parents and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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SCHOOL NAME

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PARENT / GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

PLEASE PRINT NAME

DATE

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STUDENT ATHLETE SIGNATURE

PLEASE PRINT NAME

DATE

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.

## Student/Parent Handbook for Technology

### 1. RECEIVING/RETURNING YOUR CHROMEBOOK

#### 1a. Chromebooks issued by the Ripon Area School District