



FLORIDA
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION





Eligibility & Compliance

FIAAA Conference

May 4, 2025

MEMBER SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

(Bylaw 3.5)

- Administrative control of interscholastic athletic programs in accordance with the regulations of the FHSAA
 - Educating faculty, staff, coaches, student-athletes, parents and other representatives of the school's athletic interest
- Compliance with rules
 - Ensuring eligibility for student-athletes
- Insurance Coverage
- Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct
- Acceptance of Decisions

Be sure to share the following information with your coaches!



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ELIGIBILITY FORMS

EL4

EL6

EL13

REMINDER: All forms must be submitted prior to adding a student-athlete to a roster and allowing the student-athlete to participate in a contest.

**The status on the EL4 form must be “approved” before the student can participate in a contest.*

BYLAW & POLICY CHANGES





BYLAW CHANGES

Bylaw 1.4.31 – General Terms

Clarifies which students fall under the *non-traditional* designation
(*Home education, PEP, Charter School, Special/Alternative School, *Private School, FLVS Full-Time, Traditional Public School*)

**Dependent on State Statute*

Bylaw 9.3 – Transfer/Change of School

9.3.1.2

Defines participation for the purpose of transfer regulations
(*any school-sponsored activity on or after the official start date for the given sport as determined in the FHSA Planning Calendar*)

9.3.3.3

Added the requirement for a receiving member school to initiate EL6 forms prior to adding a student to a roster and allowing them to participate in a contest



BYLAW CHANGES CONT...

Bylaw 9.5.1 – Limit of Eligibility

Fixes a minor grammatical error

Bylaw 9.9.5 – Name, Image, Likeness

Requires student-athletes to submit an Affidavit of Compliance (GA1) within five (5) business days of signing an NIL agreement

Schools, districts, or governing bodies of the school must sign the form to confirm whether the student has permission to use the school's mascot, logos, insignia, or other identifying marks



Florida High School Athletic Association

Affidavit of Compliance with the Regulations on Amateurism and Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

GA1

Revised 10/24

A student may not participate in an athletic activity of this Association unless he/she is an amateur. An amateur is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived from the activity.

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) recognizes the importance of maintaining amateurism in high school athletics. Compliance with this bylaw does not ensure maintenance of eligibility under the eligibility standards of other athletic associations, such as, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), or the governing body for a particular sport. Student-athletes are encouraged to communicate with those organizations to ensure any activity associated with Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) complies with eligibility standards. Student-athletes and their families are encouraged to seek legal counsel and tax advice when considering NIL activity.

POLICY CHANGES

Policy 5.1.1 – Attendance at Compliance Seminar

Requires all member schools to attend an approved FHSA Compliance Seminar each year instead of every other year

Policy 16.11 – Penalties Assessed to Schools

Adds a penalty schedule for not initiating and/or completing an EL6 form

16.11.7 Allowing students to participate in an interscholastic contest without initiating an EL6 Form (Notice of Transfer/Change of Schools, see Bylaw 9.3.3.2) will subject the school to a monetary penalty of a minimum of \$100 per student and/or other sanctions.

16.11.8 Failure to verify a student's eligibility status by completing an EL6 Form (Notice of Transfer/Change of Schools, see Bylaw 9.3.3.2) within ten (10) business days, may subject the school to a monetary penalty of a minimum of \$100 per form and/or other sanctions.



POLICY CHANGES CONT...

Policy 17 – Youth Exchange Program, International and Immigrant Students

17.1.4.1

Eliminates the requirement for J-1 students to be enrolled in a full year program

17.1.6.1 - removed

This removal allows J-1 students to return to a Florida school on an F-1 youth exchange visa

17.2.7.5.1

Clarifies which foreign-born students are exempt from the EL4 registration process

- For students in grades 9-12, the student must have started and completed the 8th grade or earlier in the US
- For students in grades 6-8, the student must have started and completed the 5th grade or earlier in the US



POLICY CHANGES CONT...

Policy 21 – Off-season Conditioning

Moves the off-season conditioning language from Policy 22 over to 21.

2221.2 During the off-season, a coach shall not have contact with students outside the normal teacher-student classroom environment except to:

2221.2.1 make arrangements for and assist in the conduct of physical examinations; or

2221.2.2 explain eligibility regulations; or

2221.2.3 solve insurance problems; or

2221.2.4 review film; or

2221.2.5 conduct off-season conditioning as defined in “Off-Season Conditioning” as per Policy 21.

Policy 22.2.6 – Non-school Teams

Requires facility usage agreement to be written and prohibits the use of mascots and logos when promoting or referencing non-school teams

Policy 24 – Coaching Camps, Combines, Clinics, Workshops

Restructures the policy to clarify allowances



POLICY CHANGES CONT...

Policy 26 – All-Star Games

Allows underclassmen to participate in all-star games, requires registration and approval for participation, and implements a formal warning for a violation of this policy.

Policy 36 – Recruiting, Improper Contact & Impermissible Benefits

Combines Policies 36 & 37

NEW* Policy 37 – Unethical Acts

Implements a new policy relative to unethical acts committed by a coach or other representative of a school's athletic interest

“Unethical Act” refers to any behavior or action by a coach or other representative of a school's athletic interests that violates the principles of fairness, integrity, and respect for the players, the competition, or the sport itself. It is the responsibility of the school to oversee the conduct of its coaches, or other representatives of the school's athletic interests, relative to the mistreatment of players, favoritism, player safety, playing time, etc.



Policy 37

Unethical Acts

37.3 Penalties

37.3.1 Any one or more of the penalties described in Article 10 of the FHSAA Bylaws may be imposed against a school for violating any provisions of this policy. These Include:

37.3.1.1 Public reprimand;

37.3.1.2 Financial penalty of a minimum of \$250 and/or other sanctions;

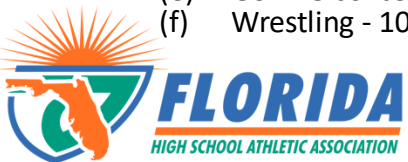
37.3.1.3 A form or combination of forms of probation (administrative, restrictive and/or suspension) for one or more years;

37.3.1.4 Prohibition against participating in certain interscholastic competitions, including Florida High School State Championship Series competitions, for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred; and

37.3.1.5 Prohibition against participating in any interscholastic competitions for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred.

37.3.2 Penalties to Coaches (Paid or Volunteer). A coach, paid or volunteer, who violates the FHSAA Policy on Unethical Acts will be ineligible to coach or attend, at a minimum, one (1) interscholastic contest in the sport of the violation and in any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport, at any level, for a period of up to a maximum of the following:

- (a) Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Water Polo - 12 contests
- (b) Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Lacrosse, and Tennis - 9 contests
- (c) Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Flag Football, and Weightlifting - 6 contests
- (d) Football and Competitive Cheerleading - 5 contests
- (e) Golf - 8 contests
- (f) Wrestling - 10 contests





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 151/SB 248

Gives home education students the option to participate at any public school within the district they live in, a public school of choice through COE, or a private school. Allows member private school students to participate at any public or private school. And removes the 200 or fewer student enrollment threshold at non-member private schools.

Has been enrolled by legislatures, must be signed by the Governor. Or the bylaw must be amended by Commissioner Diaz (as previously done).



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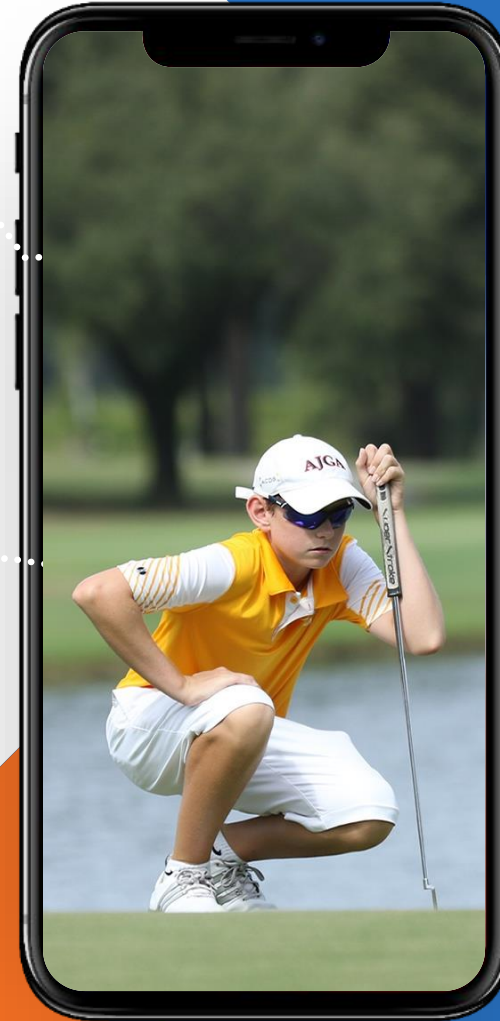


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