

MSHSL

Transfer Eligibility Review General Information for Students and Parents

If I transfer to a new high school, will I be eligible for varsity competition? If you transfer to a new high school, you will be eligible for varsity athletic competition if:

1. You are enrolling in 9th grade for the first time;
2. Your entire family moves to a new residence in a different attendance area;
3. Your residence is changed pursuant to a court order;
4. Your parents are divorced or separated and you move from one parent to another. (This option may be used just one time after you enroll in 9th grade); or
5. You and your family have moved to Minnesota from another state or country.

If none of the above apply, you will be ineligible (for one calendar year from the date of the transfer) to participate in interscholastic varsity athletic competition. You will, however, be eligible to participate in varsity tryouts, practices, scrimmages, jamborees, etc., and non-varsity (JV, B-squad, etc.) competitions. You will not be eligible for varsity competition.

What happens if none of the five provisions above apply, and I am determined ineligible? If none of the five provisions set forth above apply and you are determined ineligible, you can request that the MSHSL review the determination of ineligibility. There are seven circumstances with which you can request a review:

1. You are transferred to a new high school within the same school district;
2. A change in family circumstances such as adoption, abandonment, or death of a parent.
3. A substantial negative change in your family's economic status. For example, if one or both parent(s) loses their job or other means of income.
4. School student Bullying or Harassment as identified in Minnesota State Statutes 121A.03 and 121A.031.
5. Administrative error. For example, the receiving school misapplied MSHSL bylaws or policies.
6. You have completed a licensed program for chemical dependency or mental health (provided all other eligibility rules are followed) and the receiving school will better serve the student's needs.
7. The principals and activities directors from both the sending and receiving schools agree that circumstances exist which warrant a review of varsity eligibility by the MSHSL.

How do I request a Transfer Eligibility Review?

When you enrolled at your new school [receiving school] and indicated an interest in participating in athletics, the school compiled information and submitted a student transfer report to the MSHSL. The transfer report contains general information on your previous school(s) and the reason for your transfer. Based on this information, the receiving school makes an initial eligibility determination. That determination is sent to the MSHSL for review to ensure compliance with MSHSL bylaws and policies.

If you are determined ineligible, you can request further review by the MSHSL. Visit with the athletic director at the Receiving School and request a Transfer Eligibility Review. The athletic director will submit the request and supporting documentation to the League for review.

All denied Transfer Eligibility Review requests for varsity competition eligibility will be reviewed by the MSHSL Board of Directors Eligibility Committee for further review or referral to an Independent Reviewer. Ultimately, the final decisions on eligibility will be made by the MSHSL Board of Directors.

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