



ATTENTION WV STUDENT-ATHLETES & FAMILIES

UPDATES TO THE WVSSAC ATHLETIC TRANSFER RULE

THE CRITICAL DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1st

To secure immediate athletic eligibility under the updated rules, **all 9th and 10th grade transfer enrollments must be finalized on or before September 1** of the current academic year.



Grades 9 & 10

ONE-TIME TRANSFER RULE

Who is Eligible?

Freshmen (9th Grade) & Sophomores (10th Grade). This applies fully to public, private, Hope Scholars, homeschool, micro schools, learning pods, and charter school students.

What are the rules?

- Students are permitted **one (1) transfer** during their 9th or 10th-grade years with immediate eligibility if transfer is prior to September 1st.

ACTIVE SPORTS SEASON EXCEPTION

If you transfer during an active season and have already participated (including tryouts/practices/scrimmages/games), you are eligible for all sports **except** that specific sport for the remainder of that season.

Grades 9, 10 & 11

"TRANSFER-BACK" PROVISION

What is this rule?

Allows students to return back from an out-of-attendance-zone school to the member school in the attendance zone where their parents reside.

The Requirements:

- Must be returning to the student's **originally identified "home" school.**
- On or Before September 1 of Junior Year:** Immediate athletic eligibility is granted
- After September 1:** The student will be **ineligible for the remainder of that academic year** (regains eligibility the following year, assuming GPA rules are met).

ACTIVE SPORTS SEASON EXCEPTION

Students are entitled to **only one (1) transfer-back** prior to September 1 of their Junior year. Use it carefully.

UPPERCLASSMEN NOTICE

Grades 11 & 12

Strict Rules for Juniors & Seniors

Upperclassmen do **NOT** have a free, automatic transfer option. Any transfer outside the scope of the rule requires a formal waiver filed with the **WVSSAC Board of Directors**. Without an approved waiver, transfer students in grades 11 and 12 will face up to one full calendar year of ineligibility.

HAVE QUESTIONS? DON'T RISK ELIGIBILITY!

Rules can be complex. Always confirm athletic eligibility details with your local administration before changing enrollment status.

Any 11th or 12th grade student-athlete who has transferred after June 11 will require a waiver to gain eligibility



Step 1

Contact Your School's Athletic Director (AD)

Step 2

[WVSSAC Official Website](#) OR Email wvssac@wvssac.org