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<p><b>STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DUTIES</b></p> <p><b>2701.1</b> The DCSAA shall interpret to enforce and implement the provisions set forth in the Act, this chapter and the DCSAA Handbook.</p>	<p><b>STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DUTIES</b></p> <p><b>101.1</b> The DCSAA shall interpret, enforce and implement the provisions set forth in the Act, this chapter and the DCSAA Handbook.</p>
<p><b>MEMBER SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>NEW LANGUAGE – Added by EOM</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBER SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>102.13</b> <i>It shall not constitute a violation of § 102.6 to exclude a student if the student lacks medical clearance to participate under § 104.7 if the coaches and/or trainers reasonably believe that the student's participation in the sport would be unreasonably dangerous to the student; if the exclusion is based on skill or fitness relevant to the activity rather than a disability; or if the student suffers an injury or illness precluding participation following the issuance of the medical approval specified under § 104.7. However, schools shall not preclude participation based on fear, such as when a student has asthma, allergies, diabetes, or epilepsy, if manifestation of such conditions can ordinarily be addressed successfully on the field.</i></p>
<p><b>CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <p><b>2703.1</b> A member school shall make the initial determination of a student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics and certify eligibility status for all enrolled and participating students as set forth in this section.</p>	<p><b>CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <p><b>103.1</b> The LEA or member school shall make the initial determination of a student's eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics and certify eligibility status for all enrolled and participating students as set forth in this section.</p>

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### 2703.2 (a)

The member school's principal shall determine the eligibility of the students participating in interscholastic athletics in accordance with this chapter and submit a master eligibility roster by sport to the LEA and/or school athletic director at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the first official contest for each team; and

### 2703.2 (b)

The LEA and/or school athletic director shall submit each eligibility roster to the DCSAA **at least seven (7) days** before the date of the first official contest for each team.

### 2703.3 (a)

The member school's principal may submit a supplemental eligibility list to the LEA and/or school athletic director **up to fourteen (14) days after the first official contest;**

### 2703.3 (b)

The LEA and/or school athletic director may submit a supplemental eligibility list to the DCSAA within seven (7) days of receipt; and

### 103.2 (a)

The LEA or member school shall determine the initial eligibility of the students participating in interscholastic athletics in accordance with this chapter; and submit a master eligibility roster by sport to the LEA and/or school athletic director, in a manner prescribed by its LEA and/or athletic director, so long as it does not conflict with the process established in these rules for submitting eligibility rosters to the DCSAA; and

### 103.2 (b)

LEA and/or school athletic director shall submit each certification of eligibility roster by sport and by season **to the DCSAA fourteen (14) days after the start of the official season for the sport** but prior to the first official date of competition, in a form and manner established by this chapter and as interpreted in the DCSAA Handbook.

### 103.3 (a)

The LEA and/or member school may submit a supplemental eligibility list to the LEA and/or school athletic director, in a manner prescribed by its LEA and/or athletic director, so long as it does not conflict with the process established in these rules for submitting supplemental eligibility rosters to the DCSAA;

### 103.3 (b)

The LEA and/or member school shall submit each supplemental eligibility list to the DCSAA **no later than twenty-one (21) days after the first official contest;** and

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<p><b>2703.4</b> An eligibility roster shall contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Full name of Eligible Athlete (Last, First, MI);</li><li>(b) Address of Residence (Street, City, State);</li><li>(c) Age and Date of Birth;</li><li>(d) Date of First Entry Into Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Grade (Month and Year);</li><li>(e) Name of School Where Student First Entered Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Grade; and</li><li>(f) Identify if the student is a transfer student.</li></ul> <p><b>2703.8</b> DCSAA may request the member school provide supporting documentation to verify the certification if the DCSAA reasonably concludes that additional information is needed.</p>	<p><b>103.4</b> A certification of eligibility roster shall contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Full name of Eligible Athlete (Last, First, MI);</li><li>(b) Address of Residence (Street, City, State);</li><li>(c) Age and Date of Birth;</li><li>(d) Date of First Entry Into Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Grade (Month and Year);</li><li>(e) Identify if the student is a transfer student <b>and the name of the school from which the student transferred and the date of the transfer.</b></li></ul> <p><b>103.8</b> The DCSAA may request that the member school provide supporting documentation to verify the certification including, the name of the parent or legal guardian of the student-athlete and contact information for the parent or legal guardian. The DCSAA may request additional information for circumstances including, the following: (1) if it determines that the information provided in the certification of eligibility roster is incomplete or (2) if it determines that the information provided is inconsistent with information that the DCSAA has on file, and will provide the LEA and/or member school with a letter detailing information being requested and how the information relates to eligibility verification.</p>

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<b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE</b>	<b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE</b>
<p><b>2704.4 (b)</b> A student shall be eligible to participate in regular season, playoff, or championship interscholastic athletic contests for no more than eight (8) semesters following initial enrollment in the ninth grade. Completion of a summer school program shall not be counted as a semester of attendance; and</p> <p><b>2704.4 (d)</b> A student who needs fewer than two (2) credits to graduate from twelfth (12th) grade and who transferred to a high school within the preceding twelve (12) months is prohibited from participation in any interscholastic athletic activity for the duration of the student’s enrollment at that school.</p>	<p><b>104.4 (b)</b> A student shall be eligible to participate in regular season, playoff, or championship interscholastic athletic contests for no more than eight (8) semesters following initial enrollment in the ninth grade. Eligibility beyond eight (8) semesters requires a waiver approved by the DCSAA. Completion of a summer school program shall not be counted as a semester of attendance; and</p> <p><b>104.4 (d)</b> A student who is repeating the twelfth 12th grade, or who seeks eligibility for a fifth (5th) year, and who requires two (2) or fewer courses to graduate, and has not attempted course or credit recovery, is prohibited from participating in interscholastic athletics or activities and must request a waiver in order to participate.</p>
<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE: DESIRED SPORT AT OTHER SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>2706.1</b> Students in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) attending a member school in which a desired sport is not offered, may request authorization to participate from the athletic director at any member school offering the desired sport.</p>	<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE: DESIRED SPORT AT OTHER SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>106.1</b> Students in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) attending a member school in which a desired sport is not offered (school of enrollment), may request authorization to participate from the athletic director at any member school offering the desired sport (school of choice). <b>If the student athlete participates pursuant to this rule, the student and/or school of choice must notify the DCSAA.</b></p>

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<p><b>2706.2</b> Under this section, the student’s selected school will serve as their school of choice for athletic participation in the specified sport, which is not offered at their school of enrollment. If the student seeks to participate in the specified sport at a different member school, they will be bound by the transfer provisions set forth in § 2707.</p>	<p><b>106.2</b> The student’s school of enrollment will serve as their primary school for athletic participation. If a student wishes to participate in one or more sports that their school of enrollment does not offer, <b>the student must participate in those sports at the same school of choice if all of the sports are offered there. If all of the sports in which the student desires to participate are not offered at the school of choice, the student may participate in those sports at another school of choice.</b></p>
<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE – TRANSFER</b></p> <p><b>2707.1 (n)</b> <b>Added new exception</b></p> <p><b>2707.3</b> The student-athlete may submit a Student-Athlete Transfer release form which shall be signed by the parent, the athletic director and principal of the sending school and the athletic director and principal of the receiving school stating that the transfer is for non-athletic purposes in support of their transfer request.</p>	<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE – TRANSFER</b></p> <p><b>107.1 (n)</b> A student who has not previously participated in the sport for which they are interested in competing; who is released by a proper school authority from a sending school, and has completed the registration process at the receiving school shall be eligible, provided they meet all other DCSAA eligibility requirements. The receiving school shall submit, to the DCSAA, an electronic or signed statement from the athletic director of the sending school that states the student did not participate in the specific sport the preceding year in which they wish to participate.</p> <p><b>107.2</b> The student-athlete may submit, <b>to the DCSAA</b>, a Student-Athlete Transfer release form which shall be signed by the parent, the athletic director and principal of the sending school and the athletic director and principal of the receiving school stating that the transfer is for non-athletic purposes.</p>

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<p><b>2708.1</b> A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics is prohibited from playing with a DCSAA member school team during the period of such ineligibility.</p>	<p><b>108.1</b> A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics is prohibited from playing with a DCSAA member school team during the period of such ineligibility. <b>The student shall, however, be permitted to practice</b> with the teams of the school in which the student is properly enrolled or, where the student's school of enrollment does not offer the desired sport, the teams of the school for which the student has secured permission to play.</p>
<p><b>WAIVER OF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>2709.2</b> Waiver requests should be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student-athlete, principal, and head of school or other affected party that a waiver will be required.</p>	<p><b>WAIVER OF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>109.2</b> Waiver requests should be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student-athlete, principal, and head of school or other affected party that a waiver will be required. When a member school and/or LEA receives a request for waiver from a student, the member school and/or LEA must forward that request for waiver to the DCSAA for decision, regardless of whether the member school and/or LEA supports the request for waiver. <b>If the waiver request is submitted by the member school and/or LEA to the DCSAA on behalf of a student, it must be submitted within five (5) school days of receipt of the request for waiver by the school.</b> When the member school and/or LEA submits the request for waiver to the DCSAA on behalf of the student, the athletic director of a member school and/or LEA may include any additional information they are authorized to release that is relevant to the request for waiver. <b>If the student submits a completed request for waiver directly to DCSAA, the DCSAA shall notify the member school and/or LEA of the waiver submission</b></p>

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<p><b>2709.3</b> In order to request a waiver, the student or a member school and/or LEA on behalf of the student, shall submit a request that includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) A member school signed statement of support or nonsupport by the principal/head of school;</li><li>(b) Signature of the athletic director of the member school and the athletic director of the LEA, if a member school does not have an athletic director then only the LEA's athletic director's signature is required;</li><li>(c) Signature of the student's parent(s); and</li><li>(d) Any necessary supporting documentation.</li></ul>	<p><b>within two (2) school days of receipt of the request for waiver.</b> If the student submits the request for waiver directly to the DCAA, the member school and/or LEA may include any additional information they are authorized to release that is relevant to the request for waiver within five (5) days of being notified by the DCSAA that a request for waiver has been submitted.</p> <p><b>109.3</b> In order to request a waiver, the student or a member school and/or LEA on behalf of the student, shall submit a completed waiver request to the DCSAA. Waiver requests shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The student's name, date of birth, school, grade, parent/legal guardian name, address, telephone number, and email address;</li><li>(b) A complete list of interscholastic sports the student played on school teams, including the level of competition (e.g. junior varsity or varsity);</li><li>(c) Identification of the sport(s) for which the student is seeking a waiver to play;</li><li>(d) Identification of the section and paragraph of this chapter that the student wishes the DCSAA to waive;</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1015 199 1404 577">(e) A statement of the student’s reason for requesting the DCSAA to waive an athletic rule, including an explanation of the situation, the reason for the request, and supporting documentation;</li><li data-bbox="1015 619 1421 966">(f) Official transcripts from the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade through the current school year, medical records (if applicable), and Individualized Education Plans (IEP) (if applicable);</li><li data-bbox="1015 1008 1396 1312">(g) Signature of the student’s parent or legal guardian if the student is under 18 years of age, or of the student if the student is 18 years of age or older; and</li><li data-bbox="1015 1354 1421 1627">(h) Any additional supporting documentation such as letters of support from the school administration, athletic director, LEA, etc.</li></ul>
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<p><b>2709.5</b> The DCSAA may request further supporting documentation necessary to make a determination to grant or deny the waiver request</p>	<p><b>109.5</b> The DCSAA may request further supporting documentation necessary to make a determination to grant or deny the waiver request pursuant to §103.9. If the DCSAA requests additional supporting documentation, the request for the documentation shall state a date by which the additional documentation must be submitted.</p>
<p><b>COMPLAINTS OR CHALLENGES PROCEDURES</b></p> <p><b>2710.1 (b)</b> Arising under the DCSAA handbook; or</p>	<p><b>COMPLAINTS OR CHALLENGES PROCEDURES</b></p> <p><b>110.1 (b)</b> Arising under the DCSAA handbook including sections that pertain to school membership, member school staff conduct, member school staff responsibilities, duties, and requirements, conduct of practices, scrimmages, and contests, health safety and wellness, DCSAA policies, and penalties; or</p>

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<p><b>2710.7</b>          If an eligibility question arises that requires a review of a student’s eligibility files, DCSAA, at its discretion, may request to review a student’s eligibility files. DCSAA will request, through a member school and/or LEA, from a parent(s) or the adult student, to sign a consent form, for release of information authorizing the release of eligibility files. Such DCSAA requests will include the reasons supporting the request and will specify the record or records needed for review. Failure to provide consent upon written request from the DCSAA will result in the student whose eligibility is being questioned to be deemed ineligible to participate in any official contest of a sanctioned DCSAA sport or Activity.</p>	<p><b>110.7</b>          If an eligibility question arises that requires a review of a member school or LEA’s eligibility determination, the DCSAA may request to review the documents that were used by the member school or LEA to determine eligibility subject to relevant federal and local student privacy laws, regulations, and policies. The DCSAA will request, through a member school and/or LEA, from a parent, legal guardian, or the adult student, to sign a consent form, for release of information authorizing the release of eligibility files. Such DCSAA requests will include the reasons supporting the request and will specify the record or records needed for review. Failure to provide consent upon written request from the DCSAA will result in the student whose eligibility is being questioned to be deemed ineligible to participate in any official contest of an approved DCSAA sport or activity.</p>
<p><b>MEMBER SCHOOL AND LEA REGULATIONS</b></p> <p><b>2713.1</b>          Consistent with this chapter, each member school and/or LEA may develop interscholastic athletic standards including, without limitation, safety and first aid, eligibility, satisfactory progress toward graduation, practice, equipment, training, probationary actions, and grievance procedures for participants.</p> <p><b>2713.2</b>          Member school and/or LEA standards shall Not be in conflict with this chapter or the DCSAA handbook. Member school and/or LEA standards shall meet the state minimum requirements and can be more stringent if so desired.</p>	<p><b>MEMBER SCHOOL AND LEA REGULATIONS</b></p> <p><b>LANGUAGE WAS REPEALED</b></p> <p><b>113.1</b>          Member school and/or LEA regulations or policies shall not be in conflict with this chapter or the DCSAA handbook. Member school and/or LEA standards shall meet the state minimum standards and requirements.</p>

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<p><b>2713.3</b> All member schools, leagues or LEA rules of member schools, policies, and procedures related to interscholastic athletics shall be comply with the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p><b>2713.4</b> Upon request, member schools, leagues, or LEA's of member schools shall provide the DCSAA with copies of their respective rules, P olicies and procedures.</p>	<p><b>113.2</b> Member schools and/or LEA policies and procedures related to interscholastic athletics shall comply with the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p><b>113.3</b> Upon request, member schools and/or LEAs shall provide the DCSAA with copies of their respective policies and procedures.</p>
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