

5560 C

Student Athlete Eligibility Procedures and Additional Rules

Regulation 5560 C

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I. PURPOSE

Since the Minneapolis Public Schools has adopted the rules of the Minnesota State High School League, the purpose of this regulation is to align district actions to those rules. These eligibility rules are in addition to the Minneapolis Public Schools general rules for eligibility in student activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION

- A. ***Alignment with State High School League Rules.*** The District shall follow the rules established by the Minnesota State High School League with regard to the following matters:
1. Determining the birth date of the student athlete;
 2. Determination of amateur status of the student athlete;
 3. Determining the length of eligibility of any student athlete;
 4. Determining the number of eligibility lists on which a student athlete may be named;
 5. Determining whether or not the student has had an adequate physical examination prior to participation;
 6. Determination of enrollment status; and
 7. Parent or guardian permission to participate for minor students.
- B. ***Student Responsibility for Information.*** As part of applying to participate in any interscholastic athletic program, students shall be informed as to rules of eligibility established by the State High School League and the District.
1. Students shall give full and accurate information concerning her or his eligibility at all times.
 2. A student who knowingly fails to give full and correct information on her or his application to participate, or who participates in an athletic contest while knowing of his or her ineligibility at the time of the contest shall be declared ineligible to represent the district in any sport for one year from the date of the offense.

III. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

- A. The principal of each school shall make the initial determination of the eligibility of each student wanting to participate in interscholastic athletics. The principal shall create or cause to be created a Master Eligibility List as required by State High School League Rules, which shall be kept on file at the school, and provided to the District Athletic Director, or any member school of the State High School League upon request.
- B. Students wanting to participate in the following activities must be certified as eligible by the principal on the Master Eligibility List prior to participation:

1. All interscholastic athletics;
 2. Fine arts activities covered by State High School League Rules;
 3. Dance Team; and
 4. Cheerleading.
- C. Challenges to initial eligibility determinations or requests for exceptions may be made to the District Athletic Council.

IV. ELIGIBILITY CHALLENGES.

- A. Any challenge to a student athlete's eligibility for participation in any covered activity shall be made in writing to the District Athletic Director.
- B. Challenges shall include:
1. The name and school of attendance of the student athlete whose eligibility is questioned;
 2. The basis for the question or challenge of eligibility;
 3. Names of witnesses, or suppliers of information leading to the challenge.
- C. If the challenge concerns the eligibility of a student athlete on the roster of a Minneapolis Public School team, the District Athletic Director shall investigate the challenge, make findings of facts, and render a decision in writing on the student's eligibility within ten (10) days of receipt of the written challenge. Information regarding a challenge shall be considered private student data unless and until a final determination is made.
- D. If the challenge concerns the eligibility of a student athlete on the roster of another school district's team the District Athletic Director shall forward the challenge to the appropriate official of that district or school for investigation. . Information regarding a challenge shall be considered private student data unless and until a final determination is made.
- E. Appeals from the decision regarding eligibility made by the District Athletic Director may be made to the State High School League.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §123B.49 (Extracurricular Activities)

Other References:

Minnesota State High School League Official Handbook posted at www.MSHSL.org

Cross References:

MPS Policy 1130 (Appearances, Interviews and Performance)

MPS Policy 1690 (Fees)

MPS Policy 3250 (Materials Fees)

MPS Policy 4002 (Harassment and Violence Prohibition)



MPS Policy 4025 (Drug-Free and Weapons-Free Schools and Workplace)
MPS Policy 5000 (Equal Education Opportunity)
MPS Policy 5050 (Title IX Compliance)
MPS Policy 5100 (Attendance)
MPS Policy 5200 (Citywide Discipline)
MPS Policy 5201 (Bullying and Hazing Prohibition)
MPS Policy 5260 (School Attendance Area)
MPS Policy 5391 (Graduation Requirements)
MPS Policy 5631 (Drug-Free Schools, Chemical Health, Chemical Use and Abuse)
MPS Policy 5750 (Disability Nondiscrimination – Section 504)
MPS Policy 6010 (Autonomous Schools)
MPS Policy 6230 (Field Trips)
MPS Policy 6450 (Pupil Fees)
MPS Policy 6680 (Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness)
MPS Policy 6690 (Health, Nutrition and Wellness Education)
MPS Policy 6800 (Naming of School Symbols, Teams, Mascots)

MPS Regulation 5560 A (Definitions: Student Activities)
MPS Regulation 5560 B (Athletic Contests)
MPS Regulation 5560 D (Appeals and Requests for Exceptions)
MPS Regulation 5560 E (Athletic Council)