

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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The new transfer rule, as amended, would read as follows:

Article V – Eligibility of Athletes

K. Transfers – After his/her initial enrollment in a secondary school, as provided for in Article V, Section 4.G (2) of the Bylaws, a student-athlete is subject to the following transfer rules:

1. A student-athlete who transfers from one secondary school to another because of a bona fide change of residence by his/her parents or guardians, or through assignment by the Board of Education, becomes eligible to represent his/her new school immediately upon entrance unless recruitment or transfer for athletic advantage is alleged and provided all other eligibility regulations are satisfied.

Both the former and new school must complete a transfer form affirmatively stating that the transfer is a bona fide change of residence and that there was no athletic recruitment or a transfer for athletic advantage.

A bona fide change of residence takes place when:

- a. The parent/guardian moves with the student from one public high school district to another public high school district;
- b. The parent/guardian completes an affidavit or certification with proof of the new residence;
- c. The change of residence must have occurred on or before the following dates: July 1, to be immediately eligible to participate during the Fall sports season; October 1, to be immediately eligible to participate in the Winter sports season; and February 1, to be immediately eligible to participate in the Spring sports season; and
- d. The new residence may not be associated with, leased, or provided by anyone associated with the school or acting at the direction of the school, including but not limited to administration, staff, coaches, students, parents, booster clubs, or any organization having a connection with the school.

The form of the affidavit or certification shall be approved annually by the Executive Committee. The affidavit or certification must be filed with the new school and be available to the NJSIAA upon request. Any school official with actual knowledge that the affidavit or certification is false may be subject to punishment as set forth in Article X

The affidavit or certification must be accompanied by proof of the new residence. Such proof shall include at least two of the following: (i) a New Jersey driver's license or non-driver's identification showing change of address; (ii) mortgage or lease documents; (iii) utility bills; (iv) voter registration; (v) bank statement; (vi) homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance; or (vii) any business record or document issued by a governmental entity.

The term "guardian" refers to that person who has control over the person and property of a child as established by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A student who becomes emancipated shall be deemed not to have made a bona fide change of residence.

Note: To provide ample notice to schools and families, the July 1 deadline for a bona fide change of residence set forth in paragraph c. above shall not be applicable in 2019. All other requirements will take effect 20 days after approval, unless determined otherwise by the Commissioner of Education.

Note: If you would like to review the 2018-19 version please refer to page 51 of last year's bylaws.