

LAHAA/WMSHAA Eligibility Guidelines (for basketball only)

This is a list of the rules for determining player eligibility for the WMHSAA league and tournament games. Only players who will be participating in the WMHSAA league and/or tournaments need complete this form. All other players should check the LAHAA home-school requirements on the sports guidelines.

Eligibility is a constant requirement that changes as a player's educational environment changes. It is the responsibility of each team to monitor these changes and act accordingly. Any team that allows players, who do not meet the minimum eligibility criteria, to participate in a WMHSAA sanctioned game or tournament will not be allowed continued membership in WMHSAA nor will be allowed to play in any sanctioned game or tournament until that team returns to compliance.

Age (as of September 1st of the current season)

Elementary (12 or younger), Junior High (14 or younger), Junior Varsity (16 or younger), Varsity (18 or younger)

Home-schooling Requirements

Participants must be educated at home in more than 51% of their classes each year. Participants must maintain pursuit of their education and the majority of their educational effort must be directed toward home school instruction with a minimum of three subject areas not including extracurricular athletic endeavors.

Home schooled means:

- a) Taught at home by one of more of the student's parents, grandparents, or legal guardian; or
- b) Taught at home by an older (18 or older) sibling; or
- c) Taught at home, or someone else's home, by another home-school parent or tutor, provided that it is done under the direction and supervision of the child's parent; or
- d) Taught at a central location for a particular academic subject by a home-school parent or tutor; or
- e) Correspondence or online course; or
- f) Apprenticeship (under a parent or legal guardian); or
- g) Tutored classes taught at programs like TeenWorks or Grace Academy

Home schooled does NOT mean:

- a) College classes taken at a University or College; or
- b) Vocational/Technical classes taken outside the home; or
- c) Classes taken at a Private, Christian, or Public School

Other Criteria

- a) Participant must be a live-in dependent of one of their parents (or legal guardians).
- b) Participant must NOT be employed full-time (40 hours per week).
- c) Participant must NOT be graduated from High School level education in either a formal ceremony or by celebration.
- d) Participant must NOT have been expelled from public or private school during the school year of the current sports season.
- e) Participant must NOT be eligible to play in another sports league (public or private school).

Transfers

- a) The parents of a player who wishes to transfer from one association program to another, must submit a letter to the program that the player last played for, and if requested, must appear before the program's governing board to present reasons for transfer.
- b) Transfer letters must be submitted by July 1st for fall sports and by August 1st for winter sports
- c) If both programs involved in the transfer have no problem with the transfer, then the league is not involved in any way and the transfer is approved.
- d) The league will review any disagreements between the two programs involved. If the transfer letter met the date requirements, then the league may vote to override one of the teams. If the transfer letter did not meet the date requirements, then the player is not eligible until January 1st (winter sports) or October 1st (fall sports).
- e) Each member program must include the association's transfer policy on their registration form, and the player's parent or guardian must sign it in order for the member program to retain the right to protest a transfer.

Consent In order to participate, player must have permission from of one of his/her parents (or legal guardians). The parent (or legal guardian) is stating that the participant meets all eligibility requirements.

Association Team and Level: _____ Uniform # _____

Participant Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____