2021 - 2022 RPCS Cougar Athletics





ATHLETIC ELIGIBITY REQUIREMENTS

Students will be responsible for meeting the following requirements before practicing or participating in any sport in the RPCS Athletic Program:

1. AGE LIMIT:

- A. **High School**: If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.
- B. **Middle School/ JH**: If a student becomes 15 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of the school year. If he/she becomes 15 years of age prior to September 1, he/she is ineligible for the remainder of the year.
- C. **Elementary**: Students from 3rd grade to 5th grade are eligible for athletics. If a student becomes 12 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of the school year. If he/she becomes 12 years of age prior to September 1, he/she is ineligible for the remainder of the year.
- 2. **PERMISSION**: Parents MUST sign Athletic Participation Forms, giving approval for their child to participate in Interscholastic athletics. No student will be permitted to practice or participate in interscholastic athletics without parent's consent and approval form on file, including athletic handbook acknowledgement, and waiver forms. Parental consent and approval can be valid through online electronic registration.
- 3. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE**: A student shall not be allowed to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until there is a completed annual Physical Examination on file with the school, performed by a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), a physician or Osteopathy. The Arizona Interscholastic Association Inc. (AIA) has a Physical Examination Form). In addition, all incoming freshmen students are required to take the NFHS Concussion course. Elementary students can use a general physical examination form provided by the medical facility.
- 4. **EMERGENCY CONSENT**: A parental signature on an Emergency Consent Form is required. No students will be allowed to practice without one on file, signed by the parent.
- 5. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILTY**: All student athletes from elementary to high school must be passing all subjects at grade level to be academically eligible to compete in athletic contests. **NOTE:** A HS student has a maximum of 8 semesters to compete in HS athletics; per AIA Bylaw 15.9. Fifth year seniors are NOT eligible to participate in HS interscholastic athletic activities.
- 6. **NONSCHOOL PARTICPATION**: A HS student who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. The interscholastic season of competition shall begin with the first regularly scheduled game and conclude with the team's final game. Any student violating this rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.
- 7. **DOMICLE REQUIREMENT**: A domicile is a place where a student has his/her fixed and permanent home within the school's district. A student shall have only one domicile for the purpose of athletic eligibility.
- 8. **TRANSFER RULE**: After enrolling and attending one or more classes, a HS student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete an AIA Online Form 550. For individual sports, the student will be ineligible for 50% of allowable competitions for that school on the AIA calendar. If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student is participating, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.
- 9. **ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION INC.**: Rock Point Community School is a member of the AIA and will follow all AIA Constitutions, Bylaws, and Procedures, for the high school athletic program.
- 10. **NORTHERN ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE**: Rock Point Community School is a member of the NAIC and will follow all NAIC Constitutions, Bylaws, and Procedures, for the Junior High and the middle school athletic program.