

**Chippewa Falls Senior High School "Blue Code"**  
**Activities Department Acknowledgements & Permission Slip**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Today \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assumption of Risk**

I/We understand that the dangers and risks of participating or practicing to participate in sports or sport related activity include, but are not limited to: death; serious neck and spinal injuries that may result in complete or partial paralysis; brain damage; serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, other aspects of the musculoskeletal system and vital organs; and serious impairment to other aspects of the body, general health, and well-being. Because of the dangers of participating or practicing to participate in any sport or sport related activity, I/We recognize the importance of following the coaches', officials' and medical staff's instructions regarding playing techniques, training, and other team rules, etc., and agree to obey such instructions. Furthermore, I/We hereby agree to hold the Chippewa Falls School District, its direct and contracted employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever that may arise by or in connection with participation of myself/son/daughter in any activities related to the Chippewa Falls School District, unless such damage or loss is the direct result of the willful or grossly negligent act of Chippewa Falls School District, its trustees, administrators or employees. The terms hereof will serve as a release for our heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, and for all members of our family.

**Informed Medical Consent**

I/We hereby give my permission to the Chippewa Falls School District, its direct and contracted employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers to authorize any emergency action necessary to ensure the safety of the student-athlete. I/We also hereby authorize the athletic trainers at the Chippewa Falls High School and who are under the direction and guidance of Chippewa Valley Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic physicians, to render to me/my student-athlete any preventative, first aid, or rehabilitative treatment that they deem reasonably necessary to the health and well-being of me/the student-athlete. This does not hold the Chippewa Falls School District, its direct and contracted employees, agents, representatives, coaches or volunteers financially responsible for any medical care given.

**Grade/Attendance Access Consent**

I/We hereby give my permission to the Chippewa Falls School District, its direct and contracted employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers to gain access to applicable student records for the limited purpose of grade and attendance monitoring.

**Travel Waiver**

I/We hereby acknowledge, understand and agree that Chippewa Falls School District, its trustees, administrators and employees shall not be responsible or liable for any damages of any type whatsoever arising in relation to athletic/activity travel, including but not limited to personal injury, property loss or damage, inconvenience, shortened duration of trip, act, default or negligence of any company or person engaged in carrying out any arrangements in connection with the travel, trip cancellation or interruption for whatever reason; and additional expenses of any kind, unless such damage or loss is the direct result of the willful or grossly negligent act of Chippewa Falls School District, its trustees, administrators or employees.

**Code of Conduct**

I, the student athlete, acknowledge that I have received and/or reviewed the activities code and/or any activities code changes and agree to follow the rules of the code and accept the consequences of the code if I violate the activities code.

**Equipment Use**

I/We agree to pay for any equipment that I lose or damage.

**Age**

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

**Academics**

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

**Attendance**

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9,10,11 or 12 student in that member school.(Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.) Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.

A student is eligible if he/she has graduated from school offering studies through Grade 12 or it's equivalent.

A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule note completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.

A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17<sup>th</sup> day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.

A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

**Determining Residence for Public School Students**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

(a) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

(b) The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

(c) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year." Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

(d) A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic eligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

(e) A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full-time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.

(f) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

(g) After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.

(h) A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

(i) A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.

(j) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

### **Transfers**

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.

Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.

9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.

District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.

A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.

A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

### **Amateur Status**

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffelbags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.

A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.

A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.

A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.

A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

### **Sport Activities Outside of School**

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including WIAA tournament series).

WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in any non-school competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.

This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.

A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.

During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:

A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

Nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.

A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.

A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

### **Physical Examination and Parent's Permission**

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency card/information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice prescriber) every other school year. A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

### **Use of Student Image**

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

*In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.*

### **Acknowledgement**

My signature indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all information in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

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Print Parent(s) Name

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Student Signature

### **Parents please check or "X" appropriate box**

- My student's primary residence is in the Chippewa Falls School District
- My student's primary residence is outside the Chippewa Falls School District, and is living with someone other than a parent(s) in the CFSD.
- My student's residence is outside the Chippewa Falls School District; and is attending under the open enrollment provision.
- My student attended a different high school within this school year or last school year.

**\*\*\*STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY UNTIL THIS FORM IS RETURNED WITH ALL SIGNATURES TO THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE\*\*\***