N.J.S.I.A.A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Boy/Girl Competition
The NJSIAA has established the following guidelines concerning boy/girl competition:
1. Boys may not participate on girl athletic teams.
2. Based on the directives of the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, girls can participate on any boy athletic team if that same sport or event is not offered to girls at that school.
3. Girls may not participate on boy’s athletic teams or events where there are girls' teams offered in that same or similar sport at that school.

Eligibility Rules and Regulations
The NJSIAA Constitution outlines all the details concerning eligibility for participation in athletics. A general outline of those details is provided below; see your school administration if you have need for more information concerning any of these items.

1. Enrollment: To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic program of a member school, you must be formally enrolled in that school.
2. Age: An athlete becomes ineligible for high school athletics if he/she reaches the age of 19 prior to September 1. Any athlete reaching age 19 on or after September 1 shall be eligible for that school year. An athlete becomes ineligible for Junior High School or 9th grade athletics if he/she attains the age of 16 prior to September 1.
3. Credits: An entering 9th grade student is immediately eligible for the 1st semester (September 1- January 31).
   To become eligible for the 1st semester (September 1- January 31) all 10th, 11th, 12th grade athletes must have passed 27.5 credits during the immediate preceding academic year (based on the current 110 graduation credit requirement).
   To become eligible for the 2nd semester (February 1- June 30) all athletes must pass 13.75 credits at the conclusion of the first semester (based on the current 110 graduation credit requirement).
   All handicapped/classified students, as defined by the New Jersey Department of Education, shall comply with the athletic eligibility rules and regulations of the NJSIAA with the exception of the credit requirements.
4. Post-Graduates: A student who has graduated from high school will not be eligible for high school competition.
5. Semester: Starting with the 9th grade, a student shall have of Eligibility four consecutive years of eligibility. No student shall be eligible for high school athletics after the end of eight consecutive semesters following his/her entrance into the 9th grade.
6. Transfers: A student, whose transfer from one high school district to another is necessitated by a change of residence by his/her parents or guardians who have moved from one public high school district to another, will be eligible immediately so long as all other eligibility requirements are met. A student who transfers from one high school district to another without such a change of residence by parents or guardians is ineligible to participate in any sport in which they earned a varsity letter in their previous school. The period of ineligibility shall be thirty days from the first day of the school's actual interscholastic contest (other than scrimmages).
7. Physical Exams: A student must have a medical examination and be approved for athletic competition.
8. Amateur Status: Student athletes may not accept cash or merchandise when competing in or out of school.