

BYLAW 206.00**GOOD STANDING AND GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Cross Reference: Fair Hearing Procedure 1. D.

1. Good Standing

In order to be eligible for regular season and League tournament competition a student must be in good standing.

Definition: The term "Good Standing" shall mean that the student is eligible under of all the conditions and eligibility requirements of that school as well as the eligibility requirements of the Minnesota State High School League.

2. Student Code of Responsibilities

Participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege which is accompanied by responsibility. As a student participating in League sponsored activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

- A. I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
- B. I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.
- C. I will respect the rights and property of others.
- D. I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.
- E. I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.

3. Penalty

A student who is dismissed from school or who violates the Student Code of Responsibilities is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the school principal acting on the authority of the local board of education. The League specifically recognizes that certain conduct requires penalties that may exceed those penalties typically imposed for first violations. For example, when a student is suspended from school the student is not in good standing and cannot begin to serve the participation penalty until the student has completed the suspension from school and is returned to good standing.

4. Student/Coach Ejection From a Contest

A. Notification to School Administration: Coaches are responsible to inform their school administration regarding any ejection of a coach or student in their sport.

B. Penalties:**1) Student**

- a) During the Regular Season: A student-athlete who is ejected from a game/meet, shall not participate in a game/meet for the remainder of that day. The student is also suspended from the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted game/meet at that level of competition and all games/meets in the interim at other levels of competition.
- b) The second and subsequent violations carry a four regularly scheduled game/meet ineligibility penalty.
- c) During the League Tournament Series (Subsection, Section and State Tournament): A student athlete who is ejected from a game, meet or individual competition shall not participate in a game, meet or individual round of competition for the remainder of that day. The student is also suspended from the next scheduled round of team or individual competition in that tournament series.
- d) Student Relationship to Team During Suspension: A player who is under suspension for an ejection may travel with the team and be in the locker room and on the sideline but may not be in uniform while under suspension
- e) If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season or League tournament series and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over in that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior, the penalty will continue to the next sport season.

2) Coach

- a) During the Regular Season: Anytime a coach is ejected from a game/meet, the coach shall not coach the remainder of that day. The coach is also suspended from the next scheduled, rescheduled, or contracted date at that level of competition and all games/meets in the interim at other levels of competition.
- b) The second and subsequent violations carry a four regularly scheduled game/meet ineligibility penalty.
- c) During the League Tournament Series (Sub-section, Section and State Tournament): A coach who is ejected from a game/meet shall not coach the remainder of that day. The coach is also suspended from coaching the next scheduled round of team or individual competition in that tournament series. The penalty will be carried over into the next season for that sport.
- d) Coach Relationship to Team During Suspension: A coach who is under suspension for an ejection may not:
 - (1) have access to the locker room prior to the game, during half-time, or following the game;
 - (2) be seated in an area proximal to the team bench;
 - (3) ride the team bus to or from the contest; or

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- (4) serve in any official capacity as a coach, statistician, supervisor, etc. until the suspension has been served.

C. Appeal:

A basketball coach may appeal the penalty only when he/she is disqualified for technical fouls and his/her actions did not contribute to the disqualification. The appeal will be heard by the local school administration. A complete report must be sent to the League for review.

5. **Approved Attire for Awards Presentations:** Students participating in all League awards presentations must be in school-approved attire.
6. **Eligibility During League Tournaments (Subsection, Section and State):** A student must be fully eligible under all local school district policies and League bylaws to be in uniform, occupy the bench or playing area, participate and receive individual/team awards, including all-tournament honors, in the awards ceremony.

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**NATIONAL TEAMS AND OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
FOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORT ATHLETES**

Cross Reference: Bylaw 203 (Athletic Camps & Clinics)

Cross Reference: Bylaw 208 (Non-school Competition and Training—Team and Individual Sports)

[Applications are on the League website under the "Resources / Eligibility" tab]

1. **Participation on a National Team or in an Olympic Development Program:** During the school year, students who participate for their school in a sport may participate through training, try-out or competition on a National Team or in a United States Olympic Development Program provided the student receives an individual invitation from either the United States National Governing Body on the national level for that sport or from the United States Olympic Committee.
- A. **National Team Definition:** A National Team is a team selected by the national governing body (NGB) of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent the respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation. The Minnesota State High School League may permit participation by high school students on bona fide national teams which represent the United States.
- B. **Criteria for Approval for Participation on a National Team:**
- 1) The national team meets the definition stated above.
 - 2) The student makes application to the high school principal or designee at least 30 days prior to the national team participation.
 - 3) The principal or designee:
 - a) approves prior arrangements for the student to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests; and,
 - b) approves the absence by the student from a school-sponsored or state high school sponsored athletic event(s) involving a team in that sport.
- C. **Olympic Development Program Definition:** An Olympic Development Program is defined as a training program or competition which is conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or directly funded and conducted by the United States Olympic committee member national governing body (NGB) on a national level, or specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having potential for future participation in regional, national or international competition in that sport.

Official National Governing Bodies

Baseball.....	USA Baseball	Softball.....	Amateur Softball Association
Basketball.....	USA Basketball	Swimming.....	U.S. Swimming, Inc.
Diving.....	United States Diving, Inc.	Synchronized Swimming.....	U.S. Synchronized Swimming, Inc.
Golf.....	U.S. Golf Association	Tennis.....	U.S. Tennis Association
Gymnastics.....	USA Gymnastics	Track and Field.....	USA Track & Field
Ice Hockey.....	USA Hockey	Volleyball.....	U.S. Volleyball Association
Skiing.....	U.S. Skiing	Wrestling.....	USA Wrestling
Soccer.....	U.S. Soccer Federation		

D. Criteria for Approval for Participation in an Olympic Development Program:

- 1) The development program meets the definition stated above.
- 2) The student makes application to the high school principal or designee at least 30 days prior to the Olympic development program participation.
- 3) The principal or designee:
 - a) approves prior arrangements for the student to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests; and,

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