



# Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruiting & Non-Traditional Student Participation

## **What is an impermissible benefit?**

An impermissible benefit is any benefit that is promised, offered or given to a student or a member of his/her family but is not offered or generally made available to all students who apply to or attend or participate for the school. Did someone promise, offer or give you anything more than what any other student who attends or participate for this school is generally promised, offered or given that caused you to decide to change to this school? If so, it probably is an impermissible benefit.

## **What is a “third party”?**

A “third party” is an independent person, business or organization who may or may not be a representative of the school’s athletic interests.

## **What are the penalties for violations of athletic recruiting rules by a member school?**

A member school that violates athletic recruiting rules will be assessed one or more of the following penalties:

- A public reprimand;
- A financial penalty;
- Forfeiture of all contests and awards won in which the student who was athletically recruited or received an impermissible benefit participated or contributed;
- One or more forms of probation (administrative, restrictive or suspension) for one or more years;
- Prohibition against participating or coaching in certain competitions, including state playoffs, for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
- Prohibition against participating in any competitions for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
- Restricted membership for one or more years during which some or all of the school’s membership privileges are restricted or denied;
- Expulsion from membership in the FHSAA.

## **What are the penalties for a student who is found to have been athletically recruited or receives an impermissible benefit?**

A student who is found to have accepted an impermissible benefit will be ineligible for athletic competition for one or more years at the school where the violation occurred, and may be declared ineligible for athletic competition at all FHSAA member schools for one or more years.

## **What are the regulations regarding the participation of “Non-Traditional” students?**

A Non-Traditional student is eligible to participate provided:

- The student meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he/ she participates; and
- The student meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities; and
- The student registers with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletic competition as a representative of the school, utilizing the official Association process as approved by the Executive Director, **prior to participation** in the sport(s) in which he/she wishes to participate, as posted on the FHSAA website; and
- The student complies with all FHSAA regulations, including eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility, and local school regulations during the time of participation; and
- The student provides proof of basic medical insurance coverage and both independently secured catastrophic insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names the FHSAA as an insured party in the event the school’s insurance provider does not extend coverage to such students; and
- The student provides his/her own transportation to and from the school; and
- The student provides to school authorities all required forms (including, but not limited to, the EL2, EL3 and, where applicable, the EL7, EL7V, EL12, EL12V and EL14) and provisions.

## **What are the penalties for violations of regulations regarding “Non-Traditional” student by a member school?**

Allowing students to participate without properly registering a non-traditional student will subject the school to a monetary penalty.