

MONSIGNOR MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TRANSFER RULES

Definitions

1. The term "eligible" or "ineligible" means being eligible or ineligible to compete for a member school in interscholastic athletic competition.
2. The term "transfer student" means a student who leaves a departing school to enroll at an accepting school.
3. The term "eligible participant" means a student who, while attending a member school, was rostered to a team of such school, was present at the site of and dressed for an interscholastic athletic competition involving such team, and was able to participate in such competition if so directed by a coach for such team.
4. The term "departing school" means the high school from which a transfer student transfers in a given school year.
5. The term "accepting school" means the high school to which a transfer student transfers in a given school year.

Transfer Rules

1. Rules Regarding Freshmen and Sophomores
 - a. With regard to fall sports:
 - i. A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student is eligible for fall sports at an accepting school two weeks after the student's registration at the accepting school, provided the student has registered at the accepting school prior to the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of September of the current school year.
 - ii. Notwithstanding rule 1(a)(i) above, a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student who registers at an accepting school prior to the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year will not be eligible to participate in a sport at the accepting school where that transfer student was an eligible participant for an interscholastic competition in that same sport at a departing school during the current school year.
 - b. With regard to winter sports:
 - i. A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student is eligible for winter sports at an accepting school provided the student has registered and is attending the

accepting school prior to the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year.

ii. A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student who transfers on or after the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school and prior to February 1st of the current school year is eligible for winter sports at an accepting school beginning on February 1st of the current school year provided that student has been attending the accepting school for at least two weeks prior to participating in such sport. A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student who registers in a timely manner under this subsection "ii" and thereafter starts to attend an accepting school between January 18th and January 31st of the current school year will be eligible to participate in a winter sport at the accepting school two weeks following the first date of attendance at the accepting school.

iii. Notwithstanding rule 2(b)(ii) above, a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student who registers at an accepting school on or after the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year and prior to February 1st of the current school year will not be eligible to participate in a sport at the accepting school where that transfer student was an eligible participant for an interscholastic competition in that same sport at a departing school during the current school year.

- c. With regard to spring sports: A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student is eligible for spring sports at an accepting school provided the student has registered and is attending the accepting school prior to the 21st day of the current school year following the completion of 1st Semester Regents Exams.
- d. Nothing in this rule should be construed in a manner so as to render a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student ineligible for a sport at an accepting school other than a sport or sports for which a transfer student was an eligible participant for interscholastic competition at a departing school during the current school year. For example: A Freshman or Sophomore transfer student who was an eligible participant in soccer at a departing school during a current school year can be eligible to participate in cross country at an accepting school during the same school year.
- e. In order to be eligible, a Freshman or Sophomore transfer student's **accepting school must complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registration at the accepting school.

2. Rules Regarding Juniors

- a. A Junior transfer student is eligible provided the student transfers to an accepting school on or before August 31st for the fall athletic season and before the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year for the winter athletic season.
- b. Notwithstanding rule 2(a) above, a Junior transfer student who registers at an accepting school on or before August 31st for the fall athletic season and before the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year will not be eligible to participate in a sport at the accepting school where that transfer student was an eligible participant for an interscholastic competition in that same sport at a departing school during the current school year. In the event of such a transfer, the Junior transfer student will be ineligible in that sport at the accepting school for a period of one year from the date of the student's registration at the accepting school.

- c. A Junior transfer student who transfers to an accepting school on or after September 1st for the fall athletic season and before the 21st day from the Wednesday following Labor Day of the current school year is ineligible for a period of one calendar year from the date of registration at an accepting school with regard to any fall sport in which the student was an eligible participant for interscholastic competition during the previous school year.
- d. Nothing in this rule should be construed in a manner so as to render a Junior transfer student ineligible for a sport at an accepting school other than a sport or sports for which a transfer student was an eligible participant for interscholastic competition at a departing school during the prior or current school year. For example: A Junior transfer student who was an eligible participant in soccer at a departing school in the prior school year can be eligible to participate in cross country at an accepting school during the current school year without regard to whether such transfer occurs on or before August 31st of the current school year.
- e. In order to be eligible, a Junior transfer student's **accepting school must complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registration at the accepting school.

3. Rules Regarding Seniors

- a. A Senior transfer student is ineligible at an accepting school with regard to any sport in which the student was an eligible participant for interscholastic competition during the previous school year.
- b. Nothing in this rule should be construed in a manner so as to render a Senior transfer student ineligible for a sport at an accepting school other than a sport or sports for which a transfer student was an eligible participant for interscholastic competition at a departing school during the prior or current school year. For example: A Senior transfer student who was an eligible participant in soccer at a departing school in the prior school year can be eligible to participate in cross country at an accepting school during the current school year.
- c. In order to seek an eligibility exemption, a Senior transfer student's **accepting school must complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form** at the time of or promptly after registering at the accepting school.

4. Any challenge of an eligibility determination under these rules shall be resolved in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association, including without limitation Article III, Section D thereof.

Exemptions

- A. A transfer student whose departing school was a boarding school is eligible at an accepting school two weeks after the student begins attending the accepting school provided that student is transferring back to their original school and is transferring from a member of The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) or the Small Boarding Schools Association (SBSA).
- B. A bona fide foreign exchange student may be granted one year of eligibility during the student's first year of residence provided that the student (a) is a participant in an established foreign exchange program approved by the Council of Standards for International Travel (CSIET) and (b) complies with all applicable State Education Department and NYSPHSAA standards.
- C. Transfer students whose departing school has closed or ceased to operate may transfer to an accepting school of the student's choice and may be eligible immediately for interscholastic competition at the accepting schools

- D. In the event a transfer student is not otherwise eligible under these rules and the transfer was necessitated by the relocation of the student's permanent residence, or a change of the student's custodial parent's residence, an accepting school may request in writing an exemption to the eligibility rules set forth above.
- E. Any student who begins high school as a 9th grade student in a MMHSAA member school and transfers back to their home school district would be allowed a one-time exemption to re-enter their original Monsignor Martin High School and continue to participate in all athletic activities, two weeks after returning to their original MMHSAA member school, provided their return to their original MMHSAA school is within one school year or less and directly back from their home school district.
- F. To seek any of the above exemptions, the accepting school must complete and submit an electronic Transfer Form at the time of or promptly after the transfer student's registration and set forth good cause for the requested exemption.

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PLEASE NOTE:

With regard to all transfer students, an administrator from a member school must fill out and submit the electronic Transfer Form.

An accepting school's athletic director or admissions director, or other duly authorized representative, must complete and submit the electronic Transfer Form and must also send any additional supporting documentation to the Executive Director of the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association. Each member school maintains and has access to the electronic Transfer Form. Any school that falsifies any information on the electronic transfer form will have the entire athletic program placed on probation for a period of one year. A response to a transfer request will follow within two weeks of the submission of the electronic Transfer Form and the Executive Director's receipt of any additional supporting documentation.

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