

- 1. Board Clarifies End-of-Year Academic Eligibility for Seniors** The Board of Directors has clarified that once a senior student athlete has been determined academically eligible following the third-quarter, that academic status will carry through to the conclusion of the spring sports season. This interpretation by the Board makes it therefore unnecessary to re-evaluate academic eligibility of seniors when their fourth-quarter and final grades are calculated prior to graduation.
- 2. A Senior who graduates at the end of the first semester may continue to represent his/her school until the end of the current winter season if otherwise eligible.**
3. Fall academic eligibility is based upon all the credits earned toward graduation from the previous academic year.
- 4. An incomplete should be treated as an F, and that software (when relied upon) should be so developed. Incomplete grades may not be counted toward eligibility until they are made up following school policy.**
- 5. Academic Ineligibility IS portable.** Transferring students who would have been ineligible had they remained in the sending school continue to be academically ineligible at the receiving school. (see Rules 57.1 thru 57.5)

**Academic Ineligibility IS NOT portable.** When a change in residence of the parents necessitates a transfer of schools, the academic standard of the receiving school will determine eligibility. Therefore, in such transfer cases, academic ineligibility is not portable. (see Rule 57.7.1)

6. Remember if you have a **higher academic standard than the Association's** academic eligibility rule, then the Association recognizes your standard as if it were our own. Students eligible by the Association's standard but not by yours are indeed, ineligible. You may not, after the fact, declare such students who meet the MIAA standard as eligible for upcoming competition. (Published in "Notes from Neal" #48 in September 21, 2004 edition)
- 7. Academic Eligibility of Middle Grade Students Entering Grade 9:** The Board of Directors has ruled that as soon as a student participates in a MIAA sanctioned sport, then that student is bound by the MIAA academic standard (and the more strict local standard, if one exists) from that point in time. Non-participants will have a "fresh start" with regard to academic eligibility when they first enter Grade 9.

Rationale – the Board believes that athletes have had the privilege of participation, and therefore should be bound by the academic eligibility standard in place at the time of their participation.

- 8. End-of-Year Academic Eligibility for *underclass student-athletes*:** If 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades are issued, you must use these to determine eligibility for completion of Spring Season (Use 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades for seniors – see #1 above).

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