

Washington High School Boy's Lacrosse Association - TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY FORM

All students, grades 9-12 who transfer from one school/program to another after beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, must complete and submit this form in order to obtain Varsity eligibility in the WHSBLA for their new school/program.

This form must be completed and scanned into pdf format then emailed to [whsbla@googlegroups.com](mailto:whsbla@googlegroups.com)

Student Info

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*STUDENT'S PREVIOUS ADDRESS (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS of PREVIOUS RESIDENCE: Sold \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Still Own \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLAIN)

EXPLANATION of MOVE (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT(S) PLAYED at PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

FALL SPORT/LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ WINTER SPORT/LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ SPRING SPORT/LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

NEW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ENROLLMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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We, the undersigned, certify that our son is in compliance with WHSBLA transfer policies. He is not changing schools for athletic purposes and was not recruited. We understand that any false or incorrect information may result in ineligibility and could result in the forfeiture of any contests in which he was a participant.

Print (Parent Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature /Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FORMER PROGRAM CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE (To be completed by former Head Coach or Board President)**

- Yes or No      1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student/parents and the coaches?
- Yes or No      2. Based on your knowledge was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
- Yes or No      3. Did this student quit while in your program?
- Yes or No      4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your program?
- Yes or No      5. Based on your knowledge, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Print ( Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature /Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
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We certify the aforementioned student is:                      Approved \_\_\_\_\_                      Denied \_\_\_\_\_

WHSBLA PRESIDENT SIGNATURE/DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



## **BORROWED DIRECTLY FROM THE WIAA HANDBOOK**

PHILOSOPHY OF TRANSFER - The Transfer Rule is preventative in nature and is devised to eliminate the incentive to transfer schools when the motivation is for athletic purposes and after a student has initially chosen the school of his/her choice while he/she has been living with the family unit. The Transfer Rule protects students who have previously participated in athletic competition at a member school from being replaced by students who transfer for athletic purposes and further protects students at other member schools from the effects of "school shopping" by students and "recruiting" by member schools and their agents. The Transfer Rule encourages fair play, discourages the excesses and abuses of promotion, and protects the integrity of interscholastic athletic programs for the member schools and their students. While recognizing the educational experiences that each member school provides, the WIAA member schools support the right of parents and students to attend a school of their choice. The WIAA member schools believe that once an educational choice has been made there must be a special set of circumstances as covered in the "hardship rule" to warrant athletic eligibility when a student transfer occurs without a commensurate move on the part of the family unit.

18.11.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS - After registering with, attending, or participating with a high school, students changing enrollment to/from one school district to another school district or from one high school to another high school within a multiple high school district shall be considered transferring students.

In order to be eligible for varsity competition, transferring students must meet the transferring student requirements of 18.11.1, 18.11.2, 18.11.3, or be granted a waiver under 18.13.0 and 18.26.3.

18.11.1 A student who is ineligible in a member school may not become immediately eligible at another member school without completing the conditions of ineligibility.

18.11.2 The following students who are attending a member school shall be deemed to meet the residence rule requirement and transferring student rule requirements:

A. A student whose transfer is based on a bona fide change of residence to a new school (district) due to an actual physical relocation of and with the entire family unit to a different residence and preceded by termination of all occupancy of their previous residence.

B. A student attending a school outside of his/her residence district for one (1) calendar year or more is eligible thereafter at that school provided the enrollment/attendance is continuous.

C. A student whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside at different abodes as the result of a divorce or court approved legal separation is allowed one (1) transfer between parents or guardians after entering the ninth (9th) grade without being restricted to sub-varsity competition for one (1) year.

D. A student who is under commitment to the Department of Social and Health Services, a student who is on juvenile parole status and a student who has been adjudicated as a ward of a juvenile court where residence is the result of assignment by the government entity charged with his/her care.

E. A student who has a residence change because of the death of a member of the family unit or military deployment in order to reside with a relative.

18.12.0 SUB-VARSITY STATUS - Ineligibility pursuant to section 18.11.0 shall be effective for one (1) calendar year from the date of enrollment. This ineligible status only prohibits a student from competing at the varsity level.

18.13.0 RESIDENCE RULE WAIVER - Transferring students, unless eligible via 18.10.0 through 18.11.0, shall be deemed to have transferred at will.

The procedure for evaluating a transferring student's application will be as follows:

18.13.1 The student must meet all other eligibility requirements

18.13.2 The student must establish a hardship as defined under 18.26

18.13.3 There can be no evidence that either the student transferred for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics or transferred as a result of having been recruited for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

18.26.0 HARDSHIP - Exceptions are based upon hardship conditions that are deemed to have contributed in a significant way to non-compliance with specific regulation(s).

18.26.1 Any waiver of student eligibility regulations shall be based upon extenuating circumstances, beyond the student's, or where applicable, the parents' or legal guardian's control, that are deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the cause of the student's non-compliance to the eligibility regulation(s) involved. (The following criteria shall be used to determine if a hardship exists):

A. A hardship exists only when some unique circumstances concerning the student's physical or emotional status exist and only when such circumstances are not the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit.

B. There must be no reason to believe that the decision and/or the execution of the decision concerning the student's transfer was for athletic purposes.

C. The circumstances must be totally different from those that exist for the majority or even a small minority of students (e.g., usual maturation problems or family situations that do not cause severe and abnormal emotional problems, and academic or athletic deficiencies in a school's curriculum or co-curricular activities do not constitute a hardship).

D. The burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne by the student.

E. There shall be a direct, causal relationship between the alleged hardship and the student's inability to meet the specific eligibility rule(s).

18.26.2 Exceptions to student eligibility regulations based upon a hardship shall be subject to the following limitations:

A. Loss of eligibility in itself or an injury in itself that prevents the student from being able to participate are not to be considered hardships. In addition, attending a school that does not offer interscholastic activities is not to be considered a hardship, nor shall it justify extending eligibility beyond the four (4) consecutive year period allowed.

B. A hardship exception shall not be granted if there is sufficient evidence to make it reasonable to believe that the non-compliance to the eligibility rule in question was motivated by the student's, parents' or school's efforts to gain a desired athletic outcome or to intentionally circumvent a rule