

4.000 INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

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Student Athletes on HRLax member teams shall be eligible to participate in lacrosse contest provided:

4.010 BONA FIDE STUDENT RULE

- 4.011 The student -athlete shall be a regular bona fide student in good standing of the team's home school. A student who takes classes at more than one school shall be considered a student of the High School from which he will earn a diploma.

Interpretations:

- (1) A "regular" student is considered a full-time student who is in regular attendance and is carrying a schedule of subjects which, if successfully completed, will render him scholastically eligible for League participation in the ensuing semester.
 - (2) Any student who is under penalty of suspension, or whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon his school, is not considered in good standing.
 - (3) Any student is permitted to take course work outside the high school building provided he is enrolled in the high school and is eligible in all other aspects.
- 4.012 Exception: A student who attends a school without a lacrosse team or is a Home Schooled student and by HRLax League direction according to HRLax League Player Assignment Policy and Zones, is listed on the roster of the team. The student must be a bona fide student in good standing at the high school he attends.(see the HRLax League website for the updated Player Assignment Policy and Zones)
- a) **Home School Student Athletes** must present to the League, upon registration, the most recent copy of a home school agreement approved by the school district, copy of the school district Certificate of Compliance, or a letter from the local school board. Such students must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation.

4.020 GRADE RULE

- 4.021 The student-athlete shall be enrolled in the last four years of high school. They shall not have graduated from any four-year high school or its equivalent. The student shall not have been enrolled in the last four years of high school for a period of more than eight consecutive semesters, beginning with the semester in which he was enrolled for the first time in the ninth grade. The eight consecutive semesters shall be counted continuously from that point, regardless of whether or not he remains continuously enrolled in school.
- 4.022 Exception: Eighth grade students who passed five eighth grade subjects the past school year and reached age fifteen on or before the first day of August may compete at the Varsity level.
- 4.023 Interpretations:
- (1) Eligibility is terminated when a student receives his diploma; however, a student may complete a spring season started prior to graduation.

4.030 ENROLLMENT RULE

- 4.031 The student shall have been regularly enrolled in the school which he attends not later than the fifteenth school day of the semester.
- 4.032 Exceptions:
- (1) Any transfer student who was regularly enrolled within the required 15-day period in the school from which he

- transferred provided he transferred with a corresponding move on the part of his parents or legal guardian.
- (2) Any foreign exchange student, regardless of when he enrolls in the member school and regardless of the number of days he will be a student in the member school.
- 4.033 The athlete must present to his team Program Administrator an official schedule or a school administrator-signed copy of the HRLax Scholastic Eligibility Form before the 1st of March to establish eligibility under the enrollment rule.
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4.040 SCHOLARSHIP RULE

- 4.041 For full rules and explanations, see VHSL rule 28-4-1.
- 4.042 The student shall be currently enrolled in not fewer than five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation and have passed five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation the immediately preceding semester.
- (1) Clarification for Block Scheduling: When a school offers four classes each semester (block scheduling), students must have passed three of these four classes during the preceding semester.
- 4.043 Exceptions:
- (1) A student is eligible under the Scholarship Rule when he enters public school the first time as a ninth grader at the beginning of the second semester (after being home schooled)
- (2) A special education student who is working toward a special diploma must make standard progress in those courses taken as determined by the student's IEP.
- 4.044 A student scholastically eligible or ineligible at the beginning of a semester shall be considered eligible or ineligible under this rule throughout that semester; however, throughout any semester during which the student wishes to maintain his eligibility, he must be continuously enrolled in five subjects that, if successfully completed, will render him scholastically eligible for League participation the ensuing semester.
- 4.045 The scholastic eligibility of a student who attended another school during the preceding semester may be established only by official certificate or transcript from that school.
- 4.046 The athlete must present to his team Program Administrator either his past semester's grade report or school administrator-signed copy of the HRLax Scholastic Eligibility Form to establish scholastic eligibility under the scholarship rule.
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4.050 AGE RULE

- 4.051 The student shall not have reached the age of 19 on or before the first day of August of the school year in which he wishes to compete.
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4.060 TRANSFER RULE

- 4.061 The student shall not have enrolled in one high school and subsequently transferred to another high school without a corresponding change in the residence of his/her parents, parent, or guardian.
- 4.062 Exceptions:
- (1) Student transferring to a magnet school or back to the home school shall be eligible provided
- a. the student is eligible in all other aspects.
- b. the move was made for academic and not athletic reasons.
- (2) A student may, for the first time only, transfer from one school to another as a result of a move from one parent to another parent or from a guardian to a parent, when the parents are residing in different school attendance zones.
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4.070 AMATEUR RULE

- 4.061 A student who participates on a member team shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasure benefits derived therefrom.
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4.080 ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE

- 4.081 The athlete shall be a current US Lacrosse member, registered and paid in full with the HRLax League, and appear on the HRLax online team roster before participating in any team practices, conditioning sessions, or games.
- 4.082 The student shall have submitted to his team Program Administrator, prior to becoming a member of the team, Part III of the HRLax League Medical Release Form, completely filled in and properly signed, attesting that he has been examined and found to be physically fit for athletic competition [Part III of the VHSL Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physical Examination Form may be substituted for Part III of the HRLax League Form]
- (1) The physical examination shall be required before any student is permitted to engage in practice (or tryouts.) Any person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy may conduct the physical examination and may sign the form, as can

a licensed nurse practitioner or a physician assistant under the state Boards of Medicine and Nursing and under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.

(2) Students taking part in athletic contests should be in fit physical condition. This condition can be attained only through properly conducted and systematic training procedures. It is recommended that coaches insist upon strict observance of the accepted rules of training as a requisite for team membership.

(3) Students who have been examined once during the period of May 1 of the current year through June 30 of the succeeding year (14 months) do not have to be examined again during that period unless they have had a serious injury or a serious illness. In case of a serious illness or serious injury, the medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy treating the student may specify in his/her release of the patient that the student is approved for athletic participation for the remainder of the school year.

4.090 OUTSIDE TEAM RULE

4.091 During the lacrosse season, a student-athlete may participate on a non-HRLax League lacrosse team with permission of their HRLax team head coach as long as such participation does not conflict with the scheduled activities of the HRLax team. The student-athlete will not be permitted to play on the outside team if/when it engages in competition with any HRLax League team.
