



GRADE 9-12

STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY INFORMATION BROCHURE

WHO IS THE ASAA?

The Alberta Schools' Athletic Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization that was established in 1956 to coordinate a program of worthwhile athletic activities for young people of Alberta in an educational setting. Therefore, most athletics your child participates in that are linked to an Alberta high school is governed by this organization.

- Currently has a membership of 373 high schools
- ASAA Bylaws and Policies are intended to provide direction in the areas of equitable competition and ethical standards for all involved with school athletic programs.

Currently the ASAA:

- Provides competitive athletic opportunities in 12 different activities
- Provides equal opportunities for male and female athletes
- Supports 34 provincial championships
- Maintains an active and regularly updated website; where you can find any and all relevant information pertaining to policy, championships, coach education and many other resources.

WHY PLAY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS?

Sports in high school have always been an essential part of creating an overall positive high school experience. Student-athletes learn life long skills in leadership, teamwork, discipline, work ethics and focus that they may not otherwise receive in the classroom.

High schools offer opportunities to participate in many sports that would not otherwise be available to the student usually due to cost or location.

Studies have shown that school sports increases the community atmosphere within a school and helps aid in the involvement of not just students but also the outside community in supporting the student-athletes.

But why not just do my league or club sport, or even none at all? Being involved in your high school teams allows you to meet new people with in your school, be involved in multiple sports versus specializing in one, and adds to your own physical dexterity and mental health. It has also been proven that multi-sport play can reduce injuries in some sports.

The ASAA doesn't allow you to participate on a high school team and a non-high school team during the same season of play. A small break from your non school team to play on a high school sports team can be very rewarding.

High school sports can be for everyone. The ASAA is an inclusive organization that promotes sport activities for all students.

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ASAA PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

ASAA publishes quarterly newsletters for all students, administrators, family and friends. It focuses on relevant topics, championship results, upcoming events and more. The resources section of our website to see past and current issues. Students may submit articles for review, and if approved, will be featured in the newsletter and highlighted in our social media pages.

YEARBOOK

Starting in 2020, the ASAA now publishes a digital yearbook for all students and schools to access. It is available to download to your phone or computer and can be viewed online. All high schools will have a hard copy for years prior to 2020.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The !MPACT Leadership Workshop are for high school student sports leaders and advisers. This workshop will address topics such as leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, and positive values. The goal of these workshops is to provide a forum for student athletes and adult leaders to discuss relevant topics in educational based athletics and activities. Through interactive group discussions, scenario situations and hands-on activities, student leaders should be able to go back to their schools and implement a plan of action. This is a unique opportunity for student athletes to develop skills that cannot only be used in the school setting but can also guide them in all their future endeavors throughout life.



For more information, Please contact info@asaa.ca

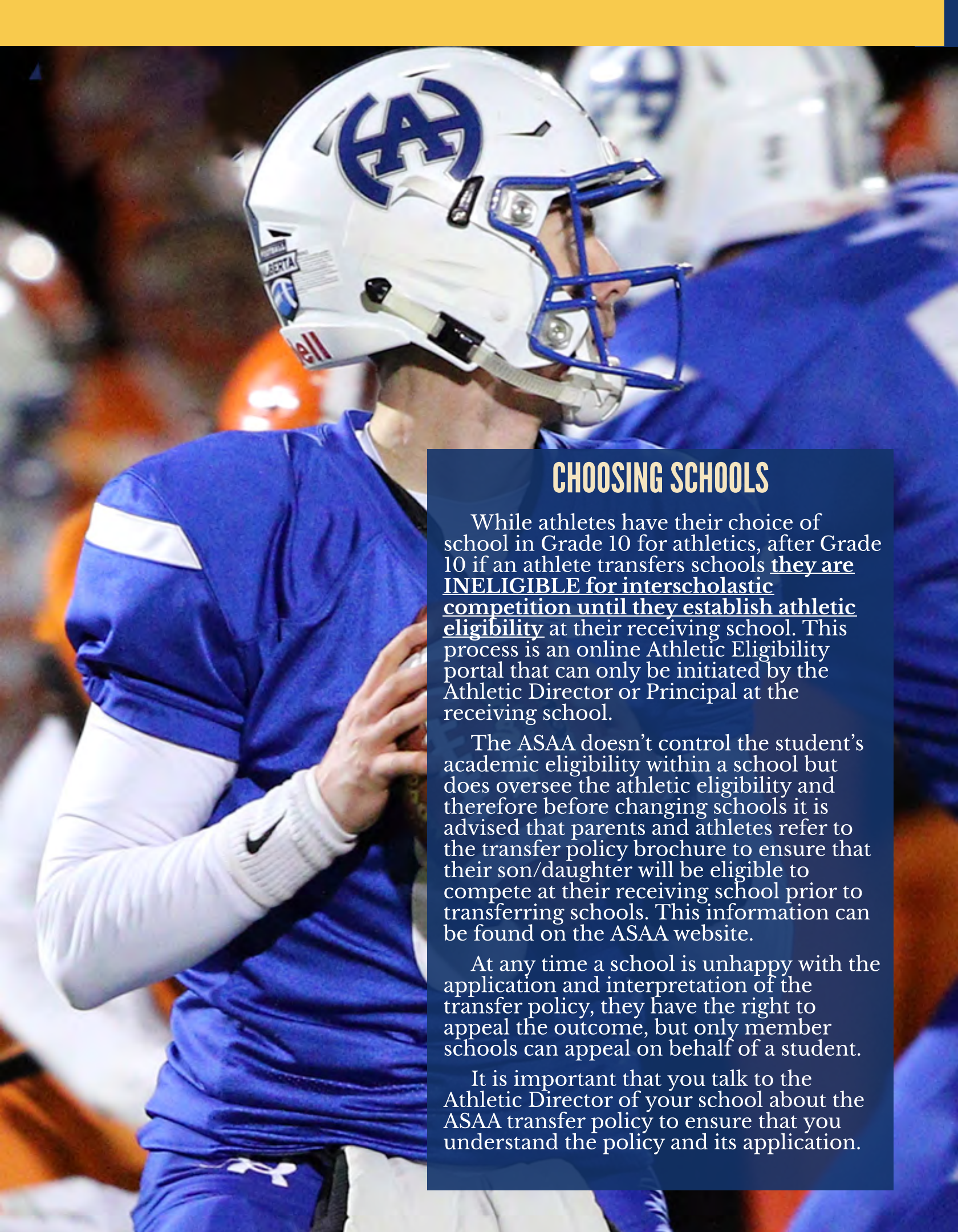
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ASAA INITIATIVES?

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alberta Milk - ASAA Scholarship
ASAA Pay It Forward Scholarship

INCLUSIVE SPORT

Special Olympics Unified Sports
Para Track & Field
Para Cross Country



CHOOSING SCHOOLS

While athletes have their choice of school in Grade 10 for athletics, after Grade 10 if an athlete transfers schools they are INELIGIBLE for interscholastic competition until they establish athletic eligibility at their receiving school. This process is an online Athletic Eligibility portal that can only be initiated by the Athletic Director or Principal at the receiving school.

The ASAA doesn't control the student's academic eligibility within a school but does oversee the athletic eligibility and therefore before changing schools it is advised that parents and athletes refer to the transfer policy brochure to ensure that their son/daughter will be eligible to compete at their receiving school prior to transferring schools. This information can be found on the ASAA website.

At any time a school is unhappy with the application and interpretation of the transfer policy, they have the right to appeal the outcome, but only member schools can appeal on behalf of a student.

It is important that you talk to the Athletic Director of your school about the ASAA transfer policy to ensure that you understand the policy and its application.

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE TO PLAY SPORTS?

STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- Students who participate in sport at ASAA member schools (participation is defined as taking part in any game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship of any ASAA sport.) must follow all bylaws, code of ethics, and policies set forth in the ASAA Handbook, including eligibility and supervision requirements.
- Subject to the provisions of the transfer policy found in the ASAA Handbook (section IV, 11), in the case of a transfer from one school to another the student shall become a bona fide student in the new school upon the first date of attendance of classes, following the acceptance of this transfer-in by the principal. However, the principal's decision to accept the transfer-in shall not in any way affect or derogate from any decision that the ASAA may make relating to the eligibility of the student to participate in ASAA sponsored activities.
- The student must be registered in 800 instructional minutes (i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses) per week during the time of participation in that activity for which Alberta Education credits are granted
- A student who becomes 19 before September 1 shall be ineligible for high school competition.
- Students have the right to their choice of school for their grade 10 year (subject to the provisions of the transfer policy—refer to information brochure on transfer policy).
- Students shall be eligible for high school sport for three consecutive years after registering for grade 10. The first year of grade 10 is considered the first year of eligibility. Students do not get an extra year of eligibility if they choose not to participate in one or more of their years of eligibility.
- Students who attend classes at more than one campus will be considered members of their home-base school (the school with larger percentage of credit load). If at any time the majority of the credit load changes from one school to another, the student must establish eligibility based on the ASAA transfer policy.
- All participants must be bona fide students at the school they represent; meaning in good faith and without deception be registered at the school they represent.

Your school principal is responsible for ensuring that all competitors in ASAA activities are eligible to compete.





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Unified Sports brings together high school students with and without intellectual disabilities to train and compete on the same team. Giving students of all abilities the opportunity to play sports together creates pathways to friendship, physical activity, and social inclusion that often aren't otherwise available.

This program was started in Alberta as a partnership between the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) and Special Olympics Alberta in 2015. In the first year, 86 students from nine schools participated in a Unified Sports event. In the 2018/19 school year, approximately 890 students from 58 Alberta high schools participated in at least one Unified Sports event. Unified Sports has grown to include both competitive and recreational opportunities at the high school level.

Want to learn more? Contact Shanna Kurylo at shanna@asaa.ca or 780-422-8295.



STUDENT GUIDE

YOU DECIDED YOU WANT TO CHANGE SCHOOLS AFTER STARTING 10TH GRADE

Students who transfer from one school to another are not able to participate in athletic competition for the new school until they have established their athletic eligibility at the new school. This process has to be completed every time a student transfers from one school to another in their high school career.

When establishing your athletic eligibility at the receiving school the student must prove that the transfer is for educational programming (not a single course or education style) that is not offered at their current school. The onus is on you (the student) with the aid of your Athletic Director to establish this athletic eligibility to the satisfaction of the ASAA.

This policy applies to any student who has participated at either Junior or Senior Varsity level athletics in any ASAA sport before transferring schools.



YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN ATHLETICS AT YOUR NEW SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED ELIGIBILITY THROUGH YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND THE ASAA.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BE ABLE TO PLAY SPORTS? TALK TO YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.



HOW DO I ESTABLISH MY ELIGIBILITY AT MY NEW SCHOOL?

In order to establish eligibility for participation in athletics, you must notify your new Athletic Director that you have transferred and want to play sports.

Please visit the ASAA Handbook for more information found at www.ASAA.ca

WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT I CAN TRANSFER?

Acceptable reasons for transferring after grade 10 include:

- Family move
- Parent-to-parent move
- Directed by legal authority
- Educational program

FAMILY MOVE

THE STUDENT HAS MOVED WITH THE PARENTS WHO HAVE CHANGED RESIDENCY

The student has moved with the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who have changed residence within the previous 12 months to reside within the catchment area or normal boundaries of the school at which the student has registered. Any change in residence must be bona fide. Determination of what constitutes a bona fide change of residence depends upon the facts of each case. In order for a change of residence to be considered bona fide, at least the following facts must exist: (See note ASAA Handbook)

The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; i.e., sold, rented or disposed of as a residence and must not be used as a residence by another member of the family.

The entire family must make the change and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.

The change must be made with the intent that it is permanent.

When applying under section (b), the student must provide evidence/documentation confirming that he/she and their immediate family are residing in a new permanent residence and that they have completely and permanently moved from the former residence. Evidence can not be a PO Box, drivers license, addressed envelope or hand written receipt. Such evidence/documentation may include:

Telephone and utility service operative at the new residence.

Telephone and utility service disconnected at the former residence.

vehicle registration listing the new residence.

Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence (e.g. sale and purchase).

Parents/court-appointed guardians" property tax bill listing the new residence.

Insurance slip for home and auto insurance.

School documentation showing that sibling(s) attend local elementary school and/or the same high school as the transferring student.

Any other documentation that is requested which establishes the student and his/her immediate family is living at the new residence.

Production of evidence/documentation described above does not guarantee eligibility.

PARENT TO PARENT MOVE

MOVING FROM ONE PARENTAL RESIDENCE

The student moves to reside with the parent with whom they have not been living and is required, as a result of this move, to transfer schools (maximum of two moves). Except as otherwise provided, the residence of any student shall be deemed to be that of the parent to whom custody has been awarded by a court competent jurisdiction. If no custody order has been entered, the residence shall be deemed to be that of the parent who had actual custody immediately upon the separation.

When applying under section (a) of the policy the student must provide evidence/documentation confirming that they are residing in a new permanent residence. Evidence can not be a PO Box, drivers license, addressed envelope or hand written receipt., Such evidence/documentation may include:

Telephone and utility service operative at the new residence.

Telephone and utility service disconnected at the former residence.

Vehicle registration listing the new residence.

Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence (e.g. sale and purchase).

Parents/court-appointed guardians" property tax bill listing the new residence.

Insurance slip for home and auto insurance.

School documentation showing that sibling(s) attend local elementary school and/or the same high school as the transferring student.



Any other documentation that is requested which establishes the student and his/her immediate family is living at the new residence.

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DIRECTED BY LEGAL AUTHORITY

STUDENT LEGALLY DIRECTED TO MOVE FROM CURRENT SCHOOL

The student is directed by legal authority to move from their current school to a different jurisdiction. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for the purpose of the transfer policy, legal authority shall include but shall not be restricted to:

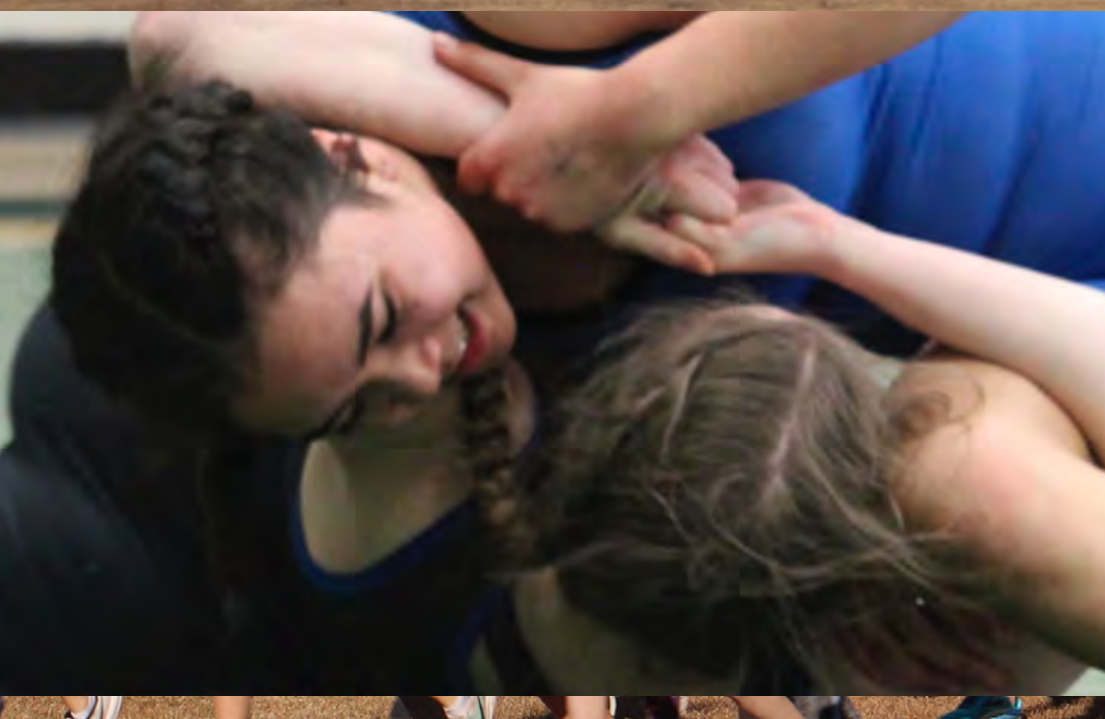
A court of competent jurisdiction; and

Any department or agency of the provincial or federal government acting within the scope of its authority or pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; and

Any school board or school authority acting within the scope of its authority or pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

IN THE EVENT

that a student cannot satisfy the requirements for athletic eligibility on the prior 4 reasons then the ASAA may in its absolute discretion determine a student to be eligible based upon an appeal hearing presented by your school.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

More information can be found in the ASAA Handbook which can be found in your school (either with the Athletic Director or Administration) or on the ASAA website under "Resources".

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

STUDENT SEEKING PROGRAM NOT OFFERED AT CURRENT SCHOOL

The current school does not offer a specialized program of study that another school offers. Individual classes or teaching styles do not fall under this transfer guideline. When applying under section (d) of the policy the student must provide evidence/documentation confirming that they are enrolled in a new program. Such evidence and documentation may include:

- Letter from old school Principal.
- Alberta Education Detailed Academic Report showing qualifications have been met to enter program.
- Timetable with proof of enrollment into program.
- Any other documentation that is requested which establishes the student enrollment of educational programs.

Production of evidence and/or documentation described above does not guarantee eligibility.

HOW WILL THE ASAA KNOW I TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS

When you play an ASAA activity at your school, your Athletic Director is required to register your name, Alberta School Number and birthdate into a registration system known as SRS in order for you to be eligible to compete in ASAA activities.

Once you are registered, your athletic eligibility belongs to that school. If you transfer to a new school and the Athletic Director tries to register you for athletics, the system will not allow it until a transfer form is completed and the ASAA approves the transfer.

It must be noted that you are not allowed to compete in any ASAA activities unless you are registered in the SRS system for the school you are competing with.

Best practices is to let your new school Athletic Director know you have transferred and play sports the day you transfer to the new school.





SPORT ACADEMY SCHOOLS

Sport Academies or schools specializing in a sport specific program whether it be in Canada or outside Canada (i.e., USA) are considered an athletic transfer under the ASAA bylaws & policies.

A student who transfers to one of these schools and participates in any training (including school course blocks) over the summer months or during the school season is **NOT** eligible to play sports if they choose to return to a home school or any school in Alberta.

The amount of time, number of games, or lack of fulfilled promises does not validate eligibility as a second or third transfer student to any of the ASAA member schools.

The ASAA encourages anyone looking at a sports specific school, especially one out of the country to research it thoroughly and to talk with your current Athletic Director and Principal before any contracts, arrangements, or decisions are made. They can provide guidance in most situations as they are not commissioned sales representatives for these schools.

The ASAA has had many concerns regarding the remarks some of these establishments make to families in order to gain an athletes tuition to their school.

Please note some coaches have received compensation for sending students to these types of schools and may not consider what is in the best interest for the student and their family.

If you are approached in any capacity to transfer to a sport academy school make an appointment with your Principal and Athletic Director to discuss all your options first.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?



To maintain a proper relationship between the academic purposes of schools and their athletic activities, all member schools and anyone directly connected to the school must refrain from recruitment, inducement or other forms of undue influence that would encourage a student to enroll in or transfer to a school for athletic purposes after entering Grade 10.

To be eligible for high school provincial competition in basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, team handball, and rugby, a high school student is NOT permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season (ie: rec league team, club team, throw together tournament team, etc).

In the event that a member school is unable to provide a team (either Jr. or Sr. varsity) in the sports of basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, curling, team handball, football and rugby, individual students may participate with another ASAA member school within their zone. The combined populations of the two schools will determine the classification level the team will compete in that sport only.

Please note the host school is NOT required to accept students from another school. It is the option of the host school to open their team to other schools' athletes. We recommend you speak with both Athletic Directors of your current and host school for guidance.



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN



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To demonstrate courtesy, respect and appropriate behaviour and language when dealing with your child, teachers, coaches, other students and officials.

- When dealing with policy interpretation, parent/ guardians should ALWAYS go to their school administration or athletic director for guidance.
- Parents/Guardians must sign the ASAA policy acknowledgement form for any athlete wishing to participate on any school ASAA sports team. For more information regarding the acknowledgement form please contact your high school Athletic Director.





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