



NCISAA Homeschool Policy

1. Definitions

- 1.1. Member schools may permit homeschool student-athletes to play sub-varsity sports.
- 1.2. Homeschooled student-athletes are not eligible for NCISAA **VARSITY** competition with the exception of Varsity Football.
- 1.3. Member schools may permit homeschool student-athletes to participate on non-football varsity teams, with the understanding that the varsity team utilizing homeschool student-athletes will not be eligible to compete in the postseason.
- 1.4. A homeschool is defined as a non-public school consisting of the children of not more than two families or households, where the parents or legal guardians or members of either household determine the scope and sequence of the academic instruction, provide academic instruction, and determine additional sources of academic instruction.

2. Eligibility Requirements

2.1. Student-Athlete:

- 2.1.1. Only a student enrolled in a homeschool conducted by his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is eligible.
- 2.1.2. The participating homeschool student-athlete must have a legal residence within 30 miles of the member school in which he/she is applying for participation.
- 2.1.3. A homeschool student-athlete's eligibility will be established at the first member school with which the home school athlete participates.
- 2.1.4. A student-athlete cannot be enrolled/registered as a full-time student, working toward high school completion or a diploma with any other school, at the same time he/she is registered in a home education program.
- 2.1.5. The homeschool student-athlete must meet all other NCISAA Handbook eligibility requirements.
- 2.1.6. The homeschool student-athlete must adhere to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as other student-athletes.
- 2.1.7. A homeschool student-athlete that has been expelled from a previous academic institution (public or private) is **not** eligible to participate under this provision.

2.2. Homeschool:

- 2.2.1. A homeschool must register, annually, with the NCISAA State Office.
- 2.2.2. To be considered for NCISAA participation, a homeschool must be registered with the NC DOA and maintain compliance with said requirements. (For specific requirements, see <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/public/home-school-information/home-school-requirements-recommendations>)

2.3. Registration Process:

- 2.3.1.1.1. Complete the NCISAA Homeschool Application.
- 2.3.1.1.2. Submit the non-refundable annual registration fee of \$325.

2.3.1.1.3. Submission Deadlines:

2.3.1.2.

Table 1:	
Fall	September 1
Winter	November 1
Spring	March 1

2.3.2. Once the NCISAA State Office has approved the application, the homeschool must abide by all rules of the NCISAA Handbook.

2.3.3. The homeschool must provide proof of basic primary medical insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names the NCISAA as an insured party in the event the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to students enrolled in homeschool programs.

2.4. **Academic Criteria:**

2.4.1. Verification of academic eligibility is to be submitted by the parent/guardian conducting the home school to the NCISAA each semester or quarter.

2.4.2. The NCISAA has the authority to require additional information from the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool: to include, but not limited to:

- 2.4.2.1. curriculum,
- 2.4.2.2. scope and sequence,
- 2.4.2.3. assessments,
- 2.4.2.4. weekly lesson plans,
- 2.4.2.5. grades and
- 2.4.2.6. examples of student's work.

2.4.3. The student-athlete must be taking a minimum of (5) academic subjects or the equivalent administered by the parent(s) or guardian(s) which count toward graduation.

2.4.4. If a homeschool student-athlete's course of study does not include (5) academic subjects or the equivalent, which are being administered by the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool, then the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool shall develop an alternative measure of academic progress and submit it to the NCISAA State Office for approval **prior** to any form of participation.

2.4.5. In no event shall a homeschool student-athlete be eligible who is not receiving the minimum (4) hours per day of instruction.

2.5. **NCISAA Member School:**

2.5.1. The student-athlete will register with the member school per each member school's registration requirements.

2.5.2. Member schools that do accept homeschool student-athletes must notify the NCISAA by dates identified in the handbook and designate a point of contact. If no designee is appointed, the Head of School will serve as the point of contact.

2.5.3. Member schools are not required to accept homeschool student-athletes.

2.6. **Communication Process:**

2.6.1. The NCISAA State Office will notify the homeschool applicant and potential member school administrator of receipt of application.

- 2.6.2. The NCISAA State Office will review the application and make a determination.
- 2.6.3. A final decision will be communicated to the homeschool applicant and member school administrator.

3. Homeschool Transfer Rules:

- 3.1. After eligibility has been established, homeschool student-athletes may not transfer for 365 days.
- 3.2. Any student who withdraws from a regular school program, which for the purpose of this policy is defined as a member school, to enroll in a homeschool education program and who is ineligible at the time of withdrawal from the regular school program due to his/her failure to meet academic or behavioral eligibility standards shall be ineligible to compete as a homeschool participant for 120 days before the NCISAA provides a ruling on future eligibility.