**C.I.F. CONDENSED ELIGIBILITY RULES**

TO PROTECT YOUR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY YOU MUST:

* Be under 19 years of age prior to September 1
* Have reached the ninth grade
* Participate in no more than four seasons of the same sport after enrolling in the ninth grade
* Be scholastically eligible
* File an Application for Residential Eligibility 214 if you have transferred to another school without a corresponding BONAFIDE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE by your parents. If you transfer from one school to another without a bonafide change of residence by your parents, your eligibility is subject to special rules which may include non-participation at the varsity level
* Since entering the ninth grade, not be in your ninth semester of attendance
* Meet citizenship requirements
* Maintain amateur standing
* Not have participated in any tryout for a professional team
* Maintain in your school files an annual physical examination certifying that you are physically fit to try out and/or participate in athletic activities
* You cannot compete with an outside team during your high school season in the same sport

You are urged to check with YOUR ADMINISTRATION, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, or COACH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ELIGIBILITY. Competing for your school team when you are not eligible will subject your team to forfeiture of contests won. If you are in doubt as to your eligibility status, CHECK IT OUT BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS!

 **STUDENT ATHLETE’S CODE OF ETHICS**

Athletics is an integral part of the school’s total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school’s stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that this is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development of performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

Special Note: The rules and regulations listed on this page represent only a summary of all State CIF and Southern Section Office Eligibility Rules.