

FOR: Incoming Wellington students in grades 9 - 12
REQUIRED BY: The Wellington School Athletics Department
PURPOSE: To ensure compliance with the OHSAA eligibility bylaws



Student Name: _____
(Please print)

Parents of incoming students must complete and sign this form prior to their child's participation in Wellington athletics. The Ohio High School Athletic Association Handbook is available online at www.ohsaa.org. As a parent, you are responsible for knowing and understanding the application of the OHSAA bylaws related to your child's eligibility.

The OHSAA Handbook also includes details surrounding exceptions to many of these bylaws. Exceptions must be approved by the OHSAA and the Wellington Athletics Department before eligibility is granted.

If you have any questions, please discuss them with the Athletic Director.

Part I: Statement Concerning Age Limitation (Bylaw 4 Section 2)

A student is no longer eligible for interscholastic competition upon reaching 20 years of age.

Part II: Statement Concerning Academic Eligibility (Bylaw 4 Section 4)

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. Summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received in the final grading period of the regular school year or for lack of enough courses taken in the preceding grading period.

Part III: Statement Concerning Residence (Bylaw 4 Section 6)

A student whose parents reside outside the state of Ohio will be ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

Part IV: Transfers (Bylaw 4 Section 7)

The transfer bylaw applies to all students enrolled in grades 9-12 who are transferring high schools.

If a student transfers at any time after the fifth day of the student's 9th grade year or after having established eligibility prior to the start of school by playing in a contest (scrimmage, game, or contest), until the one-year anniversary of the date of enrollment in the school to which the student transferred, the student shall be ineligible for all contests until after the first 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer have completed.

Part V: Statement Concerning International and Exchange Students (Bylaw 4 Section 8)

An international student is a student who is not a United States citizen and who is in Ohio receiving secondary education in an Ohio school. International students are ineligible for interscholastic athletics in Ohio.

Part VI: Statement Concerning Recruiting (Bylaw 4 Section 9)

Recruiting at the high school level is strictly prohibited. Examples of recruiting include the following:

- Direct mailings or electronic communication sent to a specific individual to influence their enrollment
- Meetings or functions targeted to a select athletic group or individual with the purpose of influencing enrollment
- A coach or representative of the school contacting, providing information about their program, or answering questions for a prospective student-athlete or their parents, who are not presently enrolled in the school's educational program, prior to written acceptance at the school
- A coach or representative of the school providing favors or inducements to prospective student-athletes or their parents
- Financial aid or scholarships being awarded on the basis of athletic ability

If you believe your child has been recruited, or influenced by any person connected or not connected with the school, to secure your enrollment at The Wellington School based on athletic potential please contact the Athletic Director.

Part VII: Statement Concerning Amateur Athlete Status (Bylaw 4 Section 10)

A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An athlete forfeits amateur status, and thus interscholastic athletic eligibility, if any of the following standards of amateurism occur:

- Competing for money or other remuneration
- Capitalizing on the athlete's fame by receiving money, merchandise, or service of value
- Signing a contract or making a commitment of any kind to play professional athletics
- Receiving, directly, or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses, merchandise, or services or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization
- Competing with any professional sports team
- Entering into an agreement with a sports or marketing agent

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the above information, have an understanding of the policies, and have directed any questions to the Athletic Director.

Parent Signature

Date