



Eligibility for Student-Athletes in Grades 7-12

Extracurriculars enrich a student's life at the school. CLASSICAL's goal is to encourage students to prioritize academics but also to provide meaningful opportunities to compete and flourish. Participation in extracurricular activities, however, is a privilege that is contingent on school attendance, academic performance, and good behavior.

Attendance

School Attendance:

Students participating in any school-sponsored event or extracurricular activity falling on a regular weekday must have been in attendance for the entire school day on the day of the event; otherwise, the student will not be permitted to participate in the event. Students who are considered truant based on this handbook may be disallowed from participating in any extracurricular activities sponsored by the school. Exceptions for legitimate reasons can be made at the headmaster's discretion.

Athletic Attendance:

Being a part of a team is a time consuming and important commitment. It should be taken seriously even while having fun. Attendance to practice and games is not optional. It is expected that student-athletes will be at as close to 100% of scheduled practice and games as possible. Teammates and coaches rely on everyone being present to conduct appropriate drills and practice. Repeat offenders of missed practices without a valid excuse are subject to dismissal from the team.

Academic Performance

Full-time Enrollment:

Student-athletes must be enrolled in Cincinnati Classical Academy in order to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Course Completion:

Students must have received passing grades in a minimum of four one-credit courses (or the equivalent) in the immediately preceding grading period.

GPA Requirement:

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible to play sports at Cincinnati Classical Academy. If a student falls below a 2.0 average, the student may be considered ineligible to play.

A student-athlete may be considered ineligible to participate if he or she has a failing grade in any of the core subjects of math, English, science, or history for the previous grading period. Student-athletes also must maintain a minimum average of 70% to be passing for the course.



Ineligibility Period:

Students who do not meet the academic requirements are ineligible to participate in contests until the start of the next grading period; however, they may continue to practice with their teams at the headmaster's discretion.

Cincinnati Classical Academy follows the rules established by OHSAA.

Age and Semester Limitations

In accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 4:

Age Limit: A student who turns 20 years old before August 1 of the current school year is ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

Semester Limit: Students are limited to eight semesters of athletic eligibility, beginning with their enrollment in ninth grade.

Good Behavior

Any student who receives three Blue Slips (or the equivalent) in a school year may be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for a period of time determined by the head of school. Ultimate discretion on eligibility is the responsibility of the Headmaster or his designee.

Participation in extra-curricular athletics is a privilege and one that comes with great responsibility. Student-athletes will be held to a high standard. It is also understood that the athletic field is a different dynamic than that of the classroom, and some behaviors conducive to one are not necessarily acceptable in the other.

Student-athletes are expected to behave appropriately on and off the field/court. Disruptive behavior, rudeness to an adult, or disrespect to peers will not be tolerated at a game, practice, or in the classroom.

Physical Examinations and other Forms

Prior to participation, all student-athletes must complete the following:

Medical Clearance: Submit a completed OHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form, signed by a licensed medical professional, indicating the student is physically fit to participate in athletics.

Annual Requirement: Undergo a new physical examination annually, with the form valid for 13 months from the date of examination. To be considered for participation, a student must have completed a physical exam clearing the student for physical activity prior to the first practice. There will be no exceptions. Student-athletes will not participate until they have their physicals completed and submitted.



Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Students and their parents must review all materials provided by the school relating to sudden cardiac arrest and concussions and shall certify to the school that student and his or her parent understands the cardiac risks associated with participation in athletic activities.

Transfer Students

Students transferring to Cincinnati Classical Academy must comply with OHSAA transfer regulations:

Transfer Consequences: A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence by their parents or legal guardians may be ineligible for regular-season contests and OHSAA tournaments for one calendar year from the date of enrollment.

Exceptions: Certain exceptions may apply, such as a bona fide change of residence. All transfer students must consult with the Director of Athletics to determine eligibility.