

HCAA INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 2 - INDIVIDUAL

To represent a school in any HCAA sport, a student must:

1. be eligible for competition under the HCAA CONSTITUTION, By-Laws and Standing Rules (playing regulations);
2. be registered as a student from within the school
 - a. any student competing in the HCAA may be asked to provide proof of residence within the school attendance boundary or an approved cross boundary application.
3. be registered and in attendance as a student in day classes for the school, achieving the following course requirements:
 - a. Students who have fewer than twenty-two (22) credits must be taking courses which define them as full time students under the Ministry of Education definition. Namely, a student in a traditional school must be registered in a minimum of six (6) full day school credit courses; and in a semestered school, a student must be registered in a minimum of three (3) full day school credit courses in the semester in which they participate.
 - b. Students who have achieved twenty-two (22) or more credits must be registered in at least four (4) non-semestered full day school credit courses over the school year or registered in at least two (2) full day school credit courses per semester.
4. If a student is no longer enrolled in scheduled classes before the completion of a sport season, that student will become ineligible for further competition within the HCAA for that sport season;
5. be enrolled as a day student on or before September 20th of the current school year, or has enrolled at least ten (10) school days prior to the contest concerned; and is in attendance at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the regular school days intervening between the date of registration and the date of the contest except where a school is legally closed by a municipality and except where there is a disabling illness, meet the following age requirements for the INDIVIDUAL SPORT:

SECTION 3 - GENERAL AGE CLASSIFICATION RULES

STUDENTS WILL:

1. be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive calendar years from date of entry into Grade 9
2. be eligible under the HCAA Transfer Policy;
3. qualify under any special regulations that govern the particular activity in which participation is anticipated;
4. continue to be listed on the eligibility sheet in the higher classification of age group in an activity, if he/she elects to play in two league games in that activity in a classification or age group above which he/she normally could play in a current season. (Interpretation: The second game that the student athlete participates in at a higher level, makes him/her ineligible for further competition at the previous level. Age group refers to OFSAA, GHAC, or HCAA age groups.);
5. for play-off purposes, has been on the eligibility sheet for at least one regular league game in his/her local school league within his/her HCAA;
6. may participate in one championship series only in each sport. HCAA, GHAC, OFSAA are three separate championship Series. A series includes all play-off games. (Example: A school has both Junior and Senior Basketball Teams participating in HCAA play-offs. The junior team gets defeated and is eliminated from further competition. The senior team wins their play-off game and continues. A junior player who has been made eligible for the senior team may not be called up to participate on the senior team during any HCAA play-off and/or championship game/s. If

the senior team is successful and wins the HCAA championship, the junior player may participate at the GHAC and/or OFSAA level including festivals.)

7. any student who registers and either (i) attends one (1) full term or semester, or (ii) practices or plays or attends a tryout with a team or an intercollegiate team at a postsecondary institution, and then returns to any high school is ineligible for HCAA and/or GHAC competition in all sports for the remainder of his/her high school career. (as of OFSAA AGM April 2015)
8. be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
9. Note: any student-athlete from an HCAA school that participates in an exhibition game/tournament for another school will be denied the opportunity to play for their own school in HCAA competition.