

SMWS Athletic Eligibility Requirements

A. Participation:

Participation in interscholastic CHSAA activities as a part of SMWHS's educational program is *a privilege and not a right*. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of behavioral and academic performance as outlined in the SMWHS student handbook.

B. Behavioral Expectations:

Student-athletes must display appropriate behavior and abide by all rules as outlined in the SMWHS student handbook. A student will become ineligible for play if their behavior violates school rules and results in the following two consequences:

1. Student issued a notice of concern. This level of behavioral offense will require that the student be ineligible for a period of one week.
2. Student suspended from school. This level of behavioral offense will require the student to go before a review board to determine the length of the ineligibility period. The review board will consist of the following people: Athletic Director, coach, student's advisor, student, and two peers of the student's choosing.

C. Academic Expectations:

During the period of participation, all student-athletes must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Carnegie units of credit per semester, maintain a "C" (73% or above, as outlined in the SMWHS student handbook) average, and may not fail any class.

D. Eligibility Periods (two):

1. At the end of a semester grading period. If a student has not met eligibility requirements, they are ineligible for participation for the next 6 weeks (on the date pre-determined by CHSAA), at which time they become eligible if their grades in progress then meet the eligibility standards.
2. A Weekly Certification Day. This eligibility period occurs throughout the individual's athletic season. All student-athletes must meet eligibility requirements at these times. Eligibility requirements will be checked on every Thursday, and *individuals failing to meet these requirements will be ineligible to participate in practices or games for a seven day period beginning on the following Monday*. If this seven day period falls during a period of school/sports inactivity, the period of ineligibility will begin in the next week of school/practice. Students may be cleared to practice if they can remedy any academic problems within the ineligibility period, as agreed upon by teacher(s) and Athletic Director.

E. Absence:

If a student is absent from school for any portion of the school day, he/she may not participate in sports (practices or games). This also includes being no more than fifteen minutes late for Main Lesson. Exceptions to this rule are sometimes, but rarely, granted with PRE-APPROVED permission of the Athletic Director. All CHSAA rules concerning eligibility apply to all Shining Mountain High School athletes.

F. Health Habits:

Proper health habits are fundamental to optimal performance for each individual, and are a necessary commitment to team play. The use of alcohol, steroids, tobacco or other mood-altering substances by a student athlete will result in temporary or permanent suspension from participation in SMWHS athletic programs.