



# General Rules

Discussion of General Rules 10:15 AM



# Eligibility

- No 19 years old before 5/31 of Senior year without exemption
- No 15 years old before 5/31 of 8th grade year without exemption
- No more than 4 years of HS eligibility
- Exceptions
  - K-6th transcript from accredited private (TAPPS) or UIL school
  - Granted play down request for fall sports
  - Granted Steering Committee exception (\$250 to petition)



# Eligibility Dates

- On every sports page ([view example](#))
- No homeschool athletes born before June 1, 2007 should be playing in TAIAO without having received an exemption.
- Athletes born between June 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008 should be classified as Seniors
- Athletes born between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009 can be classified as Juniors (or Seniors if they have already played 3 years of varsity sports)
- Athletes born between June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010 can be classified as Sophomores (or Juniors if they have already played 2 years of varsity sports)
- Athletes born between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011 can be classified as Freshman (or Sophomores if they have already played 1 year of varsity sports).



# Transfer Rules

- When do TAIAO rules apply
  - Transferring from TAIAO to Non-TAIAO they do not apply
  - Transferring from Non-TAIAO (except UIL) to TAIAO rules apply
  - Transferring from TAIAO to TAIAO rules apply
- Play for UIL, then you are a UIL only athlete (no partial transfer to UIL)
- No partial transfers for athletic purposes
- Partial transfers approved when originating TAIAO organization does not offer sport
- Transfers require approval from originating program when transfer to new TAIAO team
  - No transfer required if TAIAO organization sport does not participate in TAIAO



# Play Up Rules

- When junior high athlete is needed to form a varsity team. Starters + rule applies
  - + 4 Football
  - + 3 Soccer, Baseball & Softball
  - + 2 Basketball, Volleyball
- Must be an 8th grader (7th grade can't play up)
- Must be declared in the fall before September 1st.
- Will not lose 4 years of varsity eligibility
- New rule to play up if needed due to injury
- TAPPS / UIL do not honor TAIAO policy



# Play Down Rules

- When freshman high school athlete is needed to form a varsity team. Starters + rule applies
  - + 4 Football
  - + 3 Soccer, Baseball & Softball
  - + 2 Basketball, Volleyball
- No exceptions for size, strength or ability
- Must play down the youngest HS player or get SC approval for an older player



# Division Alignment

- Divisions are proposed by the Sports Committees
- General guidelines:
  - Minimum of 4 teams to make a division
  - Divisions create by objective criteria (MaxPreps, # of Players, etc)
  - No more than 3 divisions in any sport at regional or state (D1, D2, JV or D1,D2,D3 or CD, D1, D2)
  - No guarantee there will be a JV or JH division
  - Must submit at least one varsity team
- Divisions have to be approved by the Commissioner
- There are not appeals to the SC



# Appeals Process

- Eligibility is decided by the Commissioner
  - Appeals to the SC with payment of \$250
- Transfer is decided by the Commissioner
  - Appeals to the SC with payment of \$250
- Alignment is proposed by the Sports Committee and approved by the Commissioner
  - There are no appeals to the SC
- Play Down and Play Up are decided by the SC
  - There are no appeals



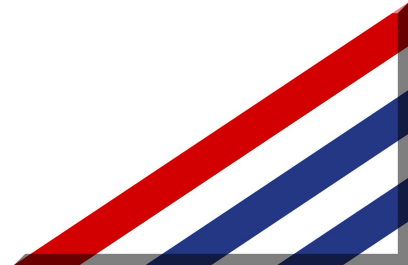


# Enforcement

- 1-2 years of not being able to participate in postseason events for
  - Individual sport
  - All sports
- Forfeiture of all games
- Forfeiture of postseason titles
- Inability to participate in All Star games
- Inability to schedule TAIAO teams in future play
- No longer fine for not part participating in post season games



# Questions & Answers





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