

Irvington High School Academic Athletics Eligibility Policy

In order to participate in any Irvington High School Athletic Department-sponsored program, a student must be in good academic standing. Good academic standing is defined by:

- Maintaining a 2.0 or higher grade point average at the end of each marking period
- Obtaining the required number of credit hours based on grade level as per NJSIAA guidelines

Incoming 9th graders wishing to participate in any athletic program are immediately eligible for participation at the beginning of their freshman year. Students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade must have achieved a 2.0 grade point average or higher during their last marking period and have obtained the required credit hours for their grade level.

- 10th grade - 25 credits
- 11th grade - 55 credits
- 12th grade - 85 credits

Probationary Status

Students who fall below a 2.0 grade point average in the previous marking period will be eligible for competition with academic probation status. Students on academic probation must meet the following conditions for athletic participation including:

- 100% attendance at scheduled tutoring sessions
- Turn-in weekly grade check forms to the Academic Athletics Coach
- Attend regular meetings with a guidance counselor to improve study/homework habits

Students on probation must obtain a 2.0 grade point average on their next progress report. If a 2.0 is not obtained and/or a student doesn't adhere to the academic probation requirements, the student will be placed on ineligible status and will be suspended from competition until he/she earns a 2.0 in a subsequent four-week cycle.

Ineligible Status

Students who are below a 2.0 in the previous marking period and do not earn a 2.0 during their first four-week cycle after receiving probationary status will be on the ineligible list. Ineligible is defined as:

- A student is not eligible to participate in games/meets/tournament/invitationals for the first four weeks of the season
- An ineligible student may remain on the roster and practice with the team
- The student is required to adhere to the same conditions for athletic competition as a student on probationary status

- Ineligible students can only participate in competition after the four-week period ends if they achieve a 2.0 average on their next progress report

Students who achieve a 2.0 grade point average after their first four-week cycle will be removed from ineligible status, and can resume participation in games/meets/invitationals. However, they will remain on probationary status for the remainder of the season.

Disqualified Status

A student is considered disqualified from athletic competition if he/she was placed on ineligible status and did not achieve a 2.0 grade point average during the next four-week cycle. While disqualified, students are:

- Not eligible to tryout for any athletics-sponsored program
- Not eligible to practice with any athletics-sponsored program
- Not eligible to travel with any athletics-sponsored program
- Not eligible to assume a role with any athletics-sponsored program (e.g. player, team managers, junior coaching, pep rally committees)
- Eligible to participate in athletics-sponsored tutoring sessions with the Academic Athletics Coach

Students can be removed from the disqualified list if they achieve a 2.0 grade point average on their next four-week cycle after receiving disqualified status. When this occurs, students will be allowed to rejoin their team under probationary status and must adhere to all conditions of academic probation.

Appeal Process

Disqualified students have the right to appeal their disqualification to the Athletics Eligibility Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to hear arguments from students and their families when a student is ruled academically ineligible. The committee would essentially hear "hardship" cases, and students and their families would have a platform to explain why a student's academic performance declined. If the committee felt the reasons were sufficient, the members could choose to place the student on probationary or ineligible status.