

**New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)
Pre-High School Student Eligibility Waiver Application**

Student Name: _____ High School: _____

Current School (MS/Jr. HS): _____ School Year: _____ Grade: _____

Introduction

Article V, Section 4 C of the NJSIAA Bylaws, states that an athlete becomes ineligible for high school athletics if he/she attains the age of nineteen prior to September 1. Article V, Section 4 J of the NJSIAA Bylaws, states that no student shall be eligible for high school athletics after the expiration of eight consecutive semesters following his/her entrance into the 9th grade. A student becomes ineligible for high school athletics when the class in which he/she was originally enrolled has graduated. It further states that students below the 9th grade who participate on a high school team will be ineligible at the conclusion of eight consecutive semesters, beginning with the student's initial pre-9th grade participation. Both sections make the following clarification:

In order to assure the opportunity for eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility, member schools may request waivers to permit students who are enrolled in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and who are otherwise academically eligible, to participate on the junior varsity or varsity teams where such students will be sixteen (16) years of age or older upon entrance into the 9th grade prior to September 1st. Guidance Departments/School Administrators of elementary schools should provide the Athletic Director with ages of all students so they can be assured of four (4) years of eligibility prior to becoming ineligible at age nineteen.

This waiver application is for student-athletes who will turn nineteen years of age prior to September 1st of their senior year. No waiver will be granted to students who turn nineteen after September 1st of their senior year. If the waiver is granted, the student-athlete will not be eligible after 8 consecutive semesters of participation starting from the first semester of participation in a high school sport. Future waivers will not be granted for Age or Semesters exceptions. Thus, students whose waiver is granted will not be eligible for participation during their senior year (or junior year if high school participation begins in the seventh grade).

Acknowledgement

I have read and fully understand the provisions of this waiver application.

(Name of Parent/Guardian- Please Print) (Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

(Athletic Director Signature) (Student Signature) (Date)

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Application Decision: Approved Denied

Notes: _____

(NJSIAA Director) (NJSIAA Signature) (Date)