

Participation of Homeschool and Nonpublic School Students in Sports in Lincoln County School District

Grades 9 - 12:

Students who are enrolled in nonpublic schools or who are home schooled may participate in sports in the student=s zoned school in Lincoln County School District under the following conditions:

1. **ASport@** is defined as an athletic activity or event governed by **NIAA** (Nevada Interscholastic Athletics Association).
2. The parent/guardian must contact the student=s zoned school for information regarding the sport, (i.e. the schedule of events and activities and the LCSD / NIAA requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility.)
3. The homeschool or nonpublic school student must meet the same enrollment prerequisites or guidelines that exist for all other students seeking to participate in the sport. Eligibility requirements, at a minimum, will include:
 - 1* Verification of Notification of Intent to Homeschool
 - 2* Proof of immunization or notification of exemption
 - 3* A signed statement or comparable documentation from the parent that the student is enrolled/taking at least two semester credits for each semester that the student participates in any NIAA sport
 - 4* A signed statement or comparable documentation from the parent that the student maintained a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better for the prior semester.
 - 5* A signed statement or comparable documentation that the student is in grades 9 - 12; resides within the school=s boundaries; has not graduated from high school or received a GED; is not enrolled full time in a college, junior college, or other post secondary school; has not competed as a professional; has not participated on a post secondary athletic team.
 - 6* Proof of insurance
 - 7* Documentation of recent physical examination
 - 8* Completion of all required LCSD forms
4. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete, sign, and date **Section I** of the **Student Participation Request Form** (forms should be obtained directly from the student=s zoned school that is sponsoring the sport). The parent must submit the completed form to the LCSD school principal/designee along with the required documentation of student=s eligibility

in accordance with LCSD/NIAA Guidelines for Participation. **All sports forms should be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the first day of practice for that sport=s season to ensure that the eligibility process is completed before practice begins.**

5. It is the responsibility of the designated school administrator to complete, sign, and date Section II of the **Student Participation Request Form** . The school designee must inform the parent/guardian whether the request will be accepted or denied, place copies of completed forms in school records and forward a copy of all forms to the LCSD Homeschool Coordinator.

6. Once this process is completed, the child is eligible to Atry-out@ for the sport requested. Completion of this process does not guarantee a position in a roster-limited sport.

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Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association
Guidelines for Participation of Home School Students in Sports

Guidelines for Participation

1. The parent must have a Notification of Intent to Home School submitted to the district where the students lives. The parent of the home-schooled student is recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues (NIAA Regulations, 2070.0810).

2. Pursuant to NRS 386, a home-schooled student is entitled to, and must comply with the same rules, requirements and provisions that apply to a public schooled student who participates in the same activity or event. This includes NIAA requirements for residency.

a. Eligibility and qualifications for participation. The student must:

- 1* Meet the academic eligibility requirements specified under item #4 and pursuant to NIAA Regulations 2070.0810.4
- 2* Be enrolled in or taking at least two units of semester credit, (four classes) as verified by the parent, for each semester the student participates in any NIAA sport (NIAA 2070.0903).
- 3* Be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade (NIAA 2070.04(a)).
- 4* Reside within the boundaries of the school (NIAA 2070.04(b)).
- 5* Comply with all eligibility rules and regulations of the NIAA and the school and the school district (NIAA 2070.048)).
- 6* Have not graduated from high school nor received a GED (NIAA 2070.04(d)).
- 7* Not be enrolled full time in a college or junior college or to a post-secondary institution (NIAA 2070.048)).
- 8* Not have competed as a professional in the sport the student is seeking to participate in (NIAA 2070.04 (g)).

b. Fees for Participation. (NIAA Regulation 2070.0810)

- 9* School will assess a fee to cover the cost of a student identification / activity card (LCSD requirement for all students).

c. Insurance

- 10* Proof of insurance required (LCSD requirement for all students).

d. Transportation

- 11* Adhere to school transportation guidelines (LCSD requirement for all students)

e. Requirements of physical examination

- 12* Provide proof of physical fitness as determined by a physical on the proper forms (NIAA policy 2070.1101, LCSD requirement for all students).

f. Responsibilities of participants

- 13* Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 14* Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 15* Adhere to the school rules, district policy, State statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).
- 16* Adhere to state requirements relative to immunizations (NRS 392.435; NRS 439.550; NRS 392.437; NRS 392.443)
- 17* Schedules of events will be obtainable at the school of the participant.
- 18* Safety and welfare of participants

i. Eligibility for awards; all eligible participants

j. Conduct of behavior and performance of participants

- 19* Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 20* Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 21* Adhere to the school rules, district policy, State statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).

k. Disciplinary procedures

- 22* Sign the athletic contract (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 23* Follow all training rules as mandated by the coaching staff (LCSD requirement for all students).
- 24* Adhere to the school rules, district policy, State statutes and administrative regulations (LCSD requirement for all students and applicable NIAA requirements).

3. The student=s academic program must comply with provisions of NAC 392.035, established by the Nevada State Board of Education pertaining to the kind and amount of equivalent instruction to provide to home school students.

1* The NAC 392.035 states:

The kind of instruction to be given a child excused from compulsory attendance must include instruction in the following:

- A. Core academics
 - (1) English, including reading, composition and writing
 - (2) Mathematics
 - (3) Science
 - (4) Social Studies, including history, geography, economics and government
 - B. And to the extent practicable:
 - (1) The Arts
 - (2) Computer education and technology
 - (3) Health
 - (4) Physical education
2. The kind of instruction need not comply with the standards of content and performance established for public schools. All subject areas do not need to be taught each year and may be taught, as appropriate, for the age/skill of the child as determined by the parent.
 3. The amount of instruction to be given a child outside the public schools is the equivalent of 180 days of instruction.
 4. The parent of the home school program must submit academic eligibility information pursuant to the provisions of the option chosen by the school district in Regulation 2070.0904. Students must have passing grades in all courses during the sport season with progress checked every week; and, a 2.0 minimum academic grade point average during the prior semester (Regulation 2070.0906). The information will be provided to, and administered through, the affiliate school athletic department in the following manner:
 - a. The grade check will be administered through the school athletic department (NIAA policy 2070.0810).
 - b. The grade check must be submitted according to the established timelines set forth by the school.
 5. A home school student who withdraws from the affiliate school shall:
 - a. If eligible at the time of withdrawal, remain immediately eligible
 - b. If ineligible at the time of withdrawal, comply with the provisions of regulations 2070.0905 through 2070.0908 for regaining eligibility pursuant to the option chosen in 2070.0904.
 6. The following items shall be provided to the home school parent at the time the student indicates interest in participating in the member or affiliate school=s athletic program.

- a. The member of affiliate school eligibility option chosen by the school district under regulation 2070.0904. Parents may contact the athletic department at the school of the participant to obtain a copy of the district=s guidelines document that contains this information (Item #4 listed above).
 - b. Any and all schedules and requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility.
 - c. The athletic department contact for communicating academic eligibility information. Parents may contact the principals at the school of the participant for this information.
7. Pursuant to NRS 386, no challenge may be brought by a school district, a public school, a parent, or a guardian of a pupil enrolled in public school or private school, or any other entity or person, claiming that at NIAA activity or event is invalid because home schooled students are allowed to participate in the activity or event.
8. Pursuant to NRS 386, a school district, public school or private school shall not prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the:
- 25* Eligibility of home school students to participate in NIAA activities and events; OR
 - 26* Participation of home school students in NIAA activities and events, that are more restrictive than the provisions governing eligibility and participation prescribed by the NIAA in 2070.0180 of this guideline.

* The Lincoln County School District Guidelines document is developed in concert with the NIAA regulation 2070.0810, NIAA policies, pertinent NRS and NAC requirements and the Lincoln County School District policies and procedures governing all students= participation in school sponsored sports events and activities.

Lincoln County School District Student Participation Request Form

Section I. This section to be completed by parent/guardian.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Please select participation options(s):

9* Student wishes to participate in a sport. Sport is defined as an athletic activity or event governed by NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Athletics Association).

Name of sport being requested _____

Duration of class _____

I understand that my child must abide by all **Nevada Interscholastic Athletics Association Guidelines for Participation** in the above sport and as the parent of the home-schooled student, I am recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues (NIAA Regulation 2070.0810).

I understand that the Lincoln County School District may revoke approval for participation in a sport if the School Administrator of the school determines that the student has failed to comply with applicable statutes, or applicable rules and regulations of the school and/or the Board of Trustees. If the Lincoln County School District revokes its approval, neither the Board of Trustees nor the public school is liable for any damages relating to the denial of services to the pupil.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Section II: This section to be completed by the School Principal

Space for student participation in the above class or extracurricular activity

_____ is available. _____ is not available.

Demonstration of the student=s qualification to participate in the above sport

_____ is satisfactory. _____ is not satisfactory.

School

Principal's Signature

Date

Principal notified parent via written correspondence of the request= **approval / denial**
(Circle one)
on _____
Date

Please forward to Home School Coordinator