



Title: **Assignment of Athletes to Schools for Participation**

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In accordance with state law and Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA www.chsaa.org) bylaws, Academy District 20 utilizes a procedure for the assignment of athletes to schools for participation. This procedure applies to students that regularly attend Academy District 20 schools (including charter schools), participate in home-based educational programs, or attend non-Academy District 20 schools (including public schools in other school districts or private schools) that do not offer a desired sport that is offered at one or more Academy District 20 schools.

All athletes are subject to all requirements of state statute, CHSAA bylaws, Academy District 20 policy, and school/sport rules and expectations including, but not limited to eligibility requirements and results of try-outs. Students that opt to change their school of attendance under 'Open Enrollment' or 'Choice' are subject to the CHSAA rules regarding transfers, including forfeiture of athletic eligibility. Athletes and parents are encouraged to thoroughly understand the potential eligibility consequences of such a move (transfer) before making a decision. Questions may be addressed by the sending and/or receiving school Athletic Director or the CHSAA.

ASSIGNMENT OF ATHLETES TO SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Any student who regularly attends a minimum of three classes at an Academy District 20 school that offers the requested sport shall be assigned to that same school for participation in athletics regardless of past participation and will not be required to submit a Request for Participation as outlined below. If enrollment in a minimum of 3 classes results in a change to a prior athletic assignment, the student is subject to the CHSAA Transfer Rule and may forfeit athletic eligibility.
2. Academy District 20 also assigns schools for participation for students in the following categories:
 - If a student's school of attendance or home-based educational program does not offer an activity in which a student wishes to participate, the student may participate in the activity at another public school in the district of attendance or in the student's district of residence [C.R.S. § 22-32-116.5(b)].

- If the activity is not offered at any public school in the school district of attendance or the school district of residence, the student may participate in the activity at a public school in a school district that is contiguous to the student's school district of residence or at the nearest public school that has the facilities for and offers the activity, even if the public school is not in a contiguous school district [C.R.S. § 22-32-116.5(b)].
- A child who is participating in a non-public home-education program may participate on an equal basis in any extracurricular or interscholastic activity offered by a public school in the child's public school district of residence [C.R.S. § 22-33-104.5 (6) (b) (I)] , provided the child:
 - meets all public school eligibility requirements for participation except attendance,
 - has not been ruled academically ineligible to participate in extracurricular or interscholastic activities while a public school student within the last two years,
 - fulfills the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance, including related classroom or practice requirements, as other students participating in the sport/activity, and
 - is registered with the school district of participation a minimum of 14 days prior to being considered a home schooled student.

Students that are in one of the above categories should contact the Academy District 20 Education and Administration Center to receive a Request for Participation form. The Request for Participation form is completed by the requesting family and submitted to the staff member assigned to handling requests for participation (referred to as the District athletics secretary from this point forward). The district athletics secretary assigns athletes to schools according to the assignment procedure identified below. Upon receipt of a Request for Participation, the athletics secretary verifies (a) current and past enrollments and (b) current and past assigned school for participation. Once a student is assigned to a high school for athletics participation, the student maintains that same school assignment for the duration of his or her high school eligibility. Additionally, once a student is assigned to a high school for athletics participation, each of his or her siblings is offered an assignment to the same school for athletics participation purposes and retains assignment at that school for the duration of high school eligibility. If the student does not attend a District 20 school, including home school students not registered in District 20, and the requested sport is not offered at the school or school district of attendance, then the student will be assigned a school for participation based upon the following factors (in priority order):

- If the student was previously assigned a school for participation, the student will be assigned back to the previously assigned school for participation following review of the Request for Participation.
- If the student's primary residence is within Academy District 20 (regardless of attending school), the student will be assigned to his or her neighborhood District 20 school (based on current attendance boundaries) for athletics participation following review of the received Request for Participation.
- If a student's primary residence is not within Academy District 20, the student will be assigned to a school for participation on a rotation basis. After receipt and review of the completed Request for Participation form, and registration in Academy District 20 "for sports only," the District athletics secretary will assign to the next school on the rotation. The rotation order is changed each year for every sport in every season. If a student attends the College Pathways School at The Classical Academy charter school, he or she may request to participate in the desired sport at The Classical Academy. If the number of such requests is greater than the number of roster spots available for the desired sport, the District athletics secretary and his/her supervisor will conduct lottery drawings to determine assignment to the desired sport at The Classical Academy. Lottery drawings are held on the same dates as the rotation assignments identified below. The Classical Academy shall not receive an assignment that will result in The Classical Academy receiving three or more assignments more than any other high school in Academy District 20. Only students attending the College Pathways or Cottage Program are considered for athletic assignment to The Classical Academy. If a student requests to participate in a sport at The Classical Academy and is not granted the request, then the student is assigned to the Academy District 20 neighborhood school (if a resident of the District) or is assigned through the rotation process (if not a resident of the District).

Dates for determining assignments

- 60 days prior to the start of the fall season for all sports
- 14 days prior to the start of the fall season for all sports
- 60 days prior to the start of the winter season for all sports
- 14 days prior to the start of the winter season for all sports
- 60 days prior to the start of the spring season for all sports
- 14 days prior to the start of the spring season for all sports

Once assigned to a school, the student will remain assigned to that same school until such time as the student would regularly attend three or more classes during the season of the requested sport at a school that offers the requested sport. Otherwise, the assignment is permanent throughout the student's high school athletic eligibility, whether he/she makes the team or not, as dictated by CHSAA rules. Once assigned he/she must complete the District application process in order to be assigned each season.

Once a student has been assigned to a school for participation in one sport, he/she is assigned to that same school of participation for any additional sports not offered at the school of attendance in which he/she would like to participate. A Request for Participation form must be completed each year the student wishes to exercise the opportunity to participate in Academy District 20 activities.

Additional considerations:

- Parents/guardians of siblings may choose whether they want their younger child/ren to participate at the same school of enrollment as the older child/ren or have the second (and other) children placed in the assignment process. If a sibling/s is placed in the assignment process, the child must accept and stay irrevocably with the assigned school of participation for his/her entire high school athletic eligibility. Parents should be aware that the chance exists that the younger sibling/s may be assigned through the assignment process to the same school as the older sibling/s.

Not all Academy District 20 high schools offer the same sports. For situations where a District high school does not offer a desired sport, students are assigned according to the following:

- Boys' Lacrosse (hosted at Air Academy HS and Pine Creek HS): All students attending or assigned participation at Air Academy HS, Discovery Canyon Campus HS, or The Classical Academy HS are assigned participation for boys' lacrosse on the Air Academy HS hosted team. All students attending or assigned participation at Pine Creek HS, Liberty HS, or Rampart HS are assigned participation for boys' lacrosse on the Pine Creek HS hosted team.
- Girls' Gymnastics (hosted at Rampart HS): All students attending or assigned participation to any of the Academy District 20 high schools are assigned to participate in girls' gymnastics on the Rampart HS hosted team.
- Girls' Field Hockey (hosted at Liberty HS): All students attending or assigned participation to any of the Academy District 20 high schools are assigned to participate in girls' field hockey on the Liberty HS hosted team.
- Ice Hockey (hosted at Air Academy HS, Liberty HS, Pine Creek HS, and Rampart HS): All Academy District 20 resident students are assigned to participate in ice hockey at

their school of attendance or neighborhood school. Students attending or assigned participation at Discovery Canyon Campus HS or The Classical Academy HS are assigned to participate in ice hockey on a rotation basis or, if a District resident, are assigned to participate in ice hockey at their neighborhood school.

- Boys' Volleyball (hosted at Discovery Canyon Campus HS): All students attending or assigned participation to any of the Academy District 20 high schools are assigned to participate in boys' volleyball on the DCCHS hosted team.

Girls' Wrestling (hosted at Discovery Canyon Campus HS): All students attending or assigned participation to any of the Academy District 20 high schools are assigned to participate in girls' wrestling on the DCCHS hosted team.

Eligibility

- All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements established by CHSAA and their school/s of participation.
- All athletes assigned to a school for participation that is not their school of attendance (as determined by regularly attending a minimum of three classes in the season of the requested sport) must submit a completed Request for Participation form to the district athletics secretary each year prior to the first season of participation in the requested sport(s). Students submitting a Request for Participation that requires an assignment of a school for participation via the assignment process must do so prior to the date of the final assignment/lottery day for the season of the requested sport (no less than 14 days prior to the start of the season).

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Cross Refs:

CHSAA bylaws 1710 (eligibility) (home-based students)

C.R.S. § 22-32-116.5 (Extracurricular and interscholastic activities)

C.R.S. § 22-33-104.5 (Home-based education)

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Attachments

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