



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Student Eligibility Guidance for High School Principals and Athletic Administrators

Residence Bylaw Guidance Bylaw 4-6-2, Exceptions 10-11

This document will focus on Exceptions 10 and 11 to Bylaw 4-6-2, which reads as follows:

Bylaw 4-6-2

A student whose parents, (biological or adoptive), reside outside the state of Ohio will be ineligible for interscholastic athletics in a member school. (See Bylaw 4-8-1 for eligibility requirements for international students).

If/when a student is/has been subject to a custody order in accordance with Chapter 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code, the student shall no longer be subject to the provisions of this section of the residency bylaw.

Note: Students affected by this out of state residence bylaw may still be affected by all other eligibility standards in Bylaw 4 including the transfer provisions in 4-7 and the international provisions in 4-8.

EXCEPTION 10 (Parent Deportation)

A student who is a citizen of the United States may be declared eligible for interscholastic athletics in the event that the student's parents are deported from the United States as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment in an Ohio school. The student is not eligible until declared eligible by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office upon submission of the appropriate documents.

To request a ruling on Exception 10: The Principal or athletic administrator shall submit a request for a ruling to Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) stipulating the following:

1. A cover letter signed by the principal or athletic administrator stipulating that the student is:
 - a. A citizen of the United States
 - b. Is maintaining continuous enrollment in an Ohio school
2. Documentation that proves the parents have been deported from the United States.

Please note the student is ineligible until a favorable ruling is issued by the Executive Director's Office. Furthermore, any student approved under Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 10 may still be subject to the transfer consequence unless an exception can also be met to Bylaw 4-7-2.

EXCEPTION 11 (Parents US citizens residing outside the US)

A student may be declared eligible for interscholastic athletics when the student's parent(s) are citizens of the United States who reside outside the United States or any of its territories. The student is not eligible until declared eligible by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office upon submission of the appropriate documents.

To request a ruling on Exception 11: To request a ruling, please provide a cover letter to Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) stipulating that:

- a. The student is a citizen of the United States.
- b. The student's parent(s) are United States citizens:
- c. The parents are living outside the United States or any of its territories. Please provide a physical address for the parents outside the United States or any of its territories.

Please note the student is ineligible until a favorable ruling is issued by the Executive Director's Office. Furthermore, any student approved under Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 11 may still be subject to the transfer consequence unless an exception can also be met to Bylaw 4-7-2.

Please feel free to contact Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org) if you have any questions!