



Student Eligibility Guidance for High School Principals and Athletic Administrators

Residence Bylaw Guidance Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 9 – Military Power of Attorney

This document will focus on Exception 9 to Bylaw 4-6-2, which read 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 9: *A student who has been enrolled in an Ohio school pursuant to the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunities for Military Children may be declared eligible at a member school upon submission of a special power of attorney, relative to the custody or guardianship of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law. The student shall be ineligible until ruled eligible by the Executive Director's Office.*

To request a ruling under this exception, please have the family complete the OHSAA Military Power of Attorney Form (https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/Bylaw4-6-2_Exc9.pdf) for parents who are serving in the military outside of Ohio and wish their students to remain eligible for interscholastic athletics in an Ohio member school. Please be advised that this form is the only acceptable document for restoring eligibility under this residence bylaw. The student is ineligible until a favorable ruling is issued by the Executive Director's Office.

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