



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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Student Eligibility Guidance for High School Principals and Athletic Administrators

Transfer Bylaw Guidance

Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 8 – International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

This document will focus on Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 8. For guidance on the full text of Bylaw 4-7-2, please visit (<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/4-7-2Guidance.pdf>). Exception 8 reads as follows:

If it is determined that one or more of the exceptions that follow represents an event which creates the need to transfer, i.e., creates a cause and effect relationship, then one or more of the following exceptions may apply:

EXCEPTION 8: *A student who has transferred to another high school to take advantage of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program may be ruled eligible upon approval of the Executive Director's Office. Such a student who transfers under this provision and who subsequently drops out of the Diploma Program shall be declared immediately ineligible and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with Bylaw 11-Penalties.*

Until a student is declared eligible by the Executive Director's Office in accordance with this exception, they shall be ineligible for all OHSAA tournaments in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer. In addition, the student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels AFTER the first 50% of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed in those sports in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding this transfer.

Notes:

- If transferring prior to junior year, verification of student's intent to enter IB Diploma Program beginning with their junior year must be provided.
- Failure to gain entry as a junior or dropping out of the program after gaining entry shall result in any approval being rescinded.
- **It is the responsibility of the school to inform the Executive Director's Office if either of the aforementioned instances occur.**

To request a ruling under exception 8, please complete the exception 8 form found here:

(<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/IBProgramForm.pdf>). Please review item 3 for items that will need to be included with the submission of the form.

Please feel free to contact Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org), Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org), or Lizzy Wilson (lwilson@ohsaa.org) if you have any questions!