



Student- Athletes and 5 years of Eligibility for High School Sport

B.C. School Sports Association (BCSS) has advised Athletic Directors of a new BCSS rule which will be phased in commencing September 2011 regarding Student movement, transferring and eligibility for competition. The previous by-law determined the student-athlete's home school on the first day of the school year in their third year of eligibility (Grade 10).

“a student-athlete who transfers from his/her “home school” after the first (1st) day of his/her first (1st) year of eligibility (Grade 8) they are ineligible to participate in restricted and unrestricted competition in any school sport(s) in which he/she has participated unless one (1) of the conditions in D12.3.1-D12.3.14 is met.”

Middle school and junior secondary students who will feed into a more senior school, that school will be deemed their home school as the student advances into the more senior grades.

For the 2011-2012 school years this modification will be phased in for grade 8 and 9 students to allow parents to be educated about rules and regulations pertaining to high school sports. Student-athletes will establish their ‘home school’ in grade 9 beginning September 1, 2011 and in grade 8 beginning September 1, 2012.

BCSS has changed this by-law to reduce the amount of “school team jumping” or “cherry picking”. BCCPAC is concerned for student-athletes affected by the unintended consequences of this by-law change. We welcome your feedback. Please send your comments and concerns to: cathyjewett@bccpac.ca

For more details please refer to “Competitive Rules and Regulations – page 40” on the BCSS Web site:

http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/pages/publications/pdfs/2010/Section_IV_Competitive_Rules_Regulations.pdf