

NHFA ELIGIBILITY FORM (required for every player prior to playing in any football game)
(Have parents complete and email to info@homeschool-football.com asap and no later than **AUGUST 15th at midnight.**

PLAYER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

TEAM PLAYING FOR: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Home address: _____
City/State/Zip

Lives with: _____
Name of Parents/Relative/Guardian Relationship Contact info (cell phone)

SCHOOL INFO (FILL OUT EVERY SPACE BELOW FOR EVERY YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING THIS YEAR)

Use the following designations: Homeschool students are classified as being HOMESCHOOL if they are taking classes at home or outside home less than 4 days a week. Christian school, public school and online school

School Designation: Homeschool = (HS) Christian school = (CS) Public school = (PS) Online school = (OS)

School				
Designation	Year school began	Age	Name of School	Name of Team played each of these years
9 th Grade:	_____	_____	_____	_____
10 th Grade:	_____	_____	_____	_____
11 th Grade:	_____	_____	_____	_____
12 th Grade:	_____	_____	_____	_____

FILL IN EVERY SPACE ABOVE UP TO AND INCLUDING THIS YEAR

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A) Player is eligible if they have not turned 19 years of age prior to May 1st in the calendar year of competition. Player must be a high school student pursuing a high school diploma. Player cannot be a high school graduate and must be living with a parent or guardian.

B) A player has four consecutive years of combined varsity and sub-varsity eligibility (Junior Varsity, Freshmen team, etc.). The four consecutive year clock begins with participation in any varsity or sub-varsity sport, even if they repeat a grade. Player cannot change or reclassify grade level to increase eligibility. Player who has exhausted four consecutive years of combined varsity and sub-varsity participation in any sport is ineligible for a 5th year of eligibility in football.

- Participation on a middle school team does not count towards the four combined years of varsity and sub-varsity eligibility.
- Teams may designate middle school players for participation in a combined middle school and sub-varsity (Junior Varsity, Freshmen team, etc.) team without starting the four consecutive year clock. This designation must take place at the time of initial participation.
- Underage players are allowed to play up for either varsity or sub-varsity for teams that do not have more than 24 players on their roster. Participation will not count towards the four consecutive combined years of varsity and sub-varsity eligibility if they are designated as an underage player at the time of initial participation.

C) Player must be engaged in a homeschool or school education curriculum managed by the parent or guardian, teacher, or school administrator. Taking dual credit or college classes is acceptable provided that a player has not graduated from high school.

D) All players must submit the NHFA eligibility form annually certifying eligibility status through a parental signature. Players must submit a school transcript and/or homeschool transcript when initially establishing eligibility.

- Homeschool players must submit a transcript once when establishing eligibility but need not submit one in subsequent years.
- Non-homeschool players must submit a transcript annually.
- Player cannot play in a game until all eligibility forms including transcripts are submitted and approved by the NHFA establishing eligibility.

E) A non-homeschool player is defined as a player who attends a public, online, charter, or private school outside the home more than 3 days a week. Teams are limited in the number of non-homeschool players they can have on their team. 40% non-homeschool for rosters above 24, 50% for rosters with 24 or less players.

- Non-homeschool players must provide a school transcript alongside their NHFA eligibility form annually to certify eligibility.
- Non-homeschool players that are academically ineligible at their current school are not eligible for competition.
- Non-homeschool players that are under discipline at their current school are not eligible for competition but may file a hardship waiver if the discipline is demonstrably egregious.

F) First Year Seniors:

- Non-homeschool players without access to a football program through their school are eligible and must submit NHFA eligibility form and transcripts.
- Existing homeschool athletes are eligible to participate for the first time as a senior and must submit NHFA eligibility form and transcripts.
- First year public/private school seniors with access to a football program through their school are ineligible but may submit a hardship waiver request based on a change of life circumstance.

G) Transfers

- Homeschool players may transfer between programs but are strongly encouraged to leave on good terms with their previous program.
- Non-homeschool players may transfer provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.