

## **AHB Player Eligibility Guidelines**

The Aggieland Homeschool Basketball program uses the guidelines set forth by the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships for eligibility considerations. The Aggieland Homeschool Basketball Program will update this document as appropriate to reflect changes made by the National Christian Homeschool Association Basketball Championships.

Ultimately, "Homeschooling" is defined to mean that a student's education is parent-directed. Each year parents must indicate that their child's education is parent-directed. It is up to the parent to assess whether their child meets the guidelines listed in this document. The membership may call into question the eligibility of a player, but this must be done at an official meeting and follow the same protocol as other business.

Exceptions to the guidelines listed below will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the membership. These exceptions will be considered on an annual basis. These exceptions must be presented at any official meeting and require a majority vote of those voting members present for the exception to be adopted. Exceptions will expire at the close of the National Homeschool Basketball Championship Tournament and must be reconsidered by the voting membership for the next season. When making exceptions the following should be considered:

1. How will this decision impact the child and their family?
2. How will this decision impact the team and the rest of the team members?
3. How will this decision impact other programs or schools?
4. How will this decision impact our participation in the state and national tournament?

## **2012-13 Homeschool Guidelines for the National Tournament**

(most recent guidelines)

### **Definition of a Homeschool Student-Athlete**

"Homeschooling" is defined to mean that a student's education is parent-directed.

As such, the parents or legal guardian shall be involved in their child's education by assuming the role of principal or headmaster, thereby (1) setting the date and requirements for high school graduation; (2) selecting and approving course materials and study schedules; and (3) selecting tutors, correspondence courses, videos, computer courses, and similar resources for their child's education.

### **The Role of Outside Institutions**

#### **College Classes**

It is understood that a student may have the opportunity to take dual-credit college courses, particularly in his/her junior or senior year. The NCHBC encourages such enrollment by Homeschool students, and the definition above shall not be construed to mean that such students are not homeschooled if the participating college admitted the Homeschool student as a high school student. However, the student may not take enough courses to be deemed a "Full-Time Student" by the college or university. Additionally, the student must maintain at least 51% of his/her education from classes that meet the homeschooling definition.

## **Private and Public Schools**

Full-time enrollment in a traditional public or private school is not homeschooling because the child's education in such schools is not parent-directed. A player that attends a private, public, charter, or university-model school full-time is not eligible in Homeschool divisions. For part-time students at these types of schools, the student must maintain at least 51% of his/her education from classes that meet the homeschooling definition.

## **Co-op and Umbrella Schools**

The participation in a cooperative school, and/or an umbrella school can create some questions. In some states, "Homeschool students" are required by law to attend a private school and, in such cases, cooperative or umbrella schools are formed for this purpose. These schools, whether called cooperative, umbrella, or "private," are characterized by significant and direct parental involvement, often simply representing different forms of homeschooling within a group of like-minded families. In such cases where the student-athlete meets the definition of Homeschooling and is involved in a coop and umbrellas school, he/she is deemed eligible by the NCHBC.

## **51% Rule**

For clarification purposes, a normal course load for a full-time student is six (6) core courses; therefore, if a student-athlete is taking more than three (3) courses at a public, private, vocational, or college institution, he/she is not considered 51% homeschooled. If there are special circumstances, a student may apply for a hardship exemption.

# **NCHBC Eligibility Rules**

## **Academics**

Each member team and/or program shall have standards in place to make sure that all participating players maintain at least a 2.0 GPA (on a 4-point scale) during the active season.

## **Age Restrictions**

Boys and Girls 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under, and 18-and-under are the ten different age groups offered. A player's age group is determined by his/her age on September 1, of the current school year. For example, a player who is 16 on September 1, but turns 17 on October 5th is considered eligible to play in the 16-and-under age group at the National Championships in March. Players may play in a higher age group, if desired.

## **Transfer Students**

Any student who transfers from a public school, Christian/private School, or another Homeschool team and is under disciplinary action(s) must wait one (1) year before he/she is eligible to participate in any NCHBC activity or play against other Homeschool teams. All other transferred players must complete a transfer request and submit it to the Eligibility Committee prior to the first day of practice in order to be declared eligible.

## **Additional Educational Requirements**

A player that has participated in a graduation ceremony is not eligible to participate at the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships. To be eligible for participation in the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships, a player must be homeschooled continuously from October 1st to the beginning of this year's tournament.