



PIAA ARTICLE VI TRANSFER, RESIDENCE and RECRUITING

Section 1, C - In-Season Transfers “21 Day Rule” / “50% Rule” Section 2 - Post Season Eligibility

FAQ’S:

Who does the **In-Season “21 Day Rule”** apply to?

- A student who transfers after **practicing and/or playing** with their former school’s team.

What if the student wants to play a different sport?

- The **“21 Day Rule”** would not apply ... the rule applies to students who play the same sport at their previous school.

When does the **“21 day Rule”** sit out begin?

- 21 Calendar Days following enrollment at the student’s new school

Can the student practice during the **21 Day** sit out period?

- Yes – the student can practice once all physical and school eligibility requirements are met.

When is the **In-Season “50% Rule”** applied?

- When a student transfers to a new school after they have been **eligible to participate** in 50% of the PIAA’s maximum number of contests in that sport.

Example: a Soccer player transfers to a new school after the 10th game of the season. The student’s season would be considered completed.

Does the **“50% Rule”** count the # of games played?

- No – the rule considers the number of contests the student was eligible to play.

Who does the **“Post Season Transfer Rule”** apply to and what does it mean?

- Students who transfer after playing a sport in their 10th grade year or thereafter, are eligible to participate in all regular season contests, but will be ineligible for post season contests.



FAQ'S (cont.):

What if an 11th or 12th grade transfer student did not play a sport at their old school?

- The **“Post-Season Rule”** would not apply to the student.

Can a student ineligible for the Post-Season participate in District playoffs?

- No - the **“Post-Season Rule”** includes all District and PIAA playoff and championship events.

Can a school / student appeal the Transfer Rule(s)?

- **“21 Day Rule”** – No appeal or waiver
- **“50% Rule” / “Post-Season Rule”** – Yes, the District Committee may consider an appeal. The *Request for a Decision of Eligibility form* must be filled out and submitted through the PIAA Portal.

What reasons can a District Committee consider a waiver?

- Change of residence necessitated by Employment / Military reassignment
- School initiated - Administrative transfer / Court ordered transfer
- Demonstrable change of income or resources
- Court approved family separation
- Other considerations on a case by case basis

What reasons for transfers cannot be considered by a District Committee?

- Transfers to address academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons

Who is responsible for knowing if a student is eligible or ineligible?

- School Administration is responsible for certifying the eligibility of all contestants