

Eligibility qualifications for competition by a **Student not Living with Parents**.

- A.** In order to receive consideration by the Board, the student's **Student not Living with Parents** application and all required information must be received in the TAPPS office prior to the Fall Sports Transfer deadline. (If a student is attending school for the first time in the second semester, the Winter Transfer deadline will be used.) The student's eligibility **will not begin** until after Board approval and will revert to the date that documentation was received by the TAPPS office.
- B. Students not Living with Parents** are **ineligible** if they have been induced to come to or remain at a member school. Inducement includes but is not limited to the following:
- Offer or acceptance of the payment of tuition
  - Offer or acceptance of a reduction in tuition payments (outside of School Financial Aid Programs)
  - Offer or acceptance of board
  - Offer or acceptance of lodging
  - Offer or acceptance of transportation
  - Offer or acceptance of a job for a parent or guardian
  - Offer or acceptance of payment for athletic camp registration
  - Offer or acceptance of payment for summer conditioning programs, or conditioning camps
  - Offer or acceptance of cash payments
  - Offer or promise of University or college scholarships
  - Offer or acceptance of free or reduced cost private instruction
  - Offer or acceptance of any other valuable consideration
- C. Students not Living with Parents** who live with immediate family members are eligible upon approval by the TAPPS Executive Board.
- For TAPPS purposes, the term family member refers to biological or adopted parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles.
  - Cousins and other family members do not qualify for TAPPS purposes.**
  - If a court has appointed guardianship of the minor to a guardian(s), the guardian shall be considered as parent and eligibility shall begin with approval by TAPPS.
  - A Power of Attorney or Notarized Statement of Guardianship does not change the status of the guardian to family member.**
- D. Students not Living with Parents** who live with someone other than immediate family members (**The Host family and the Guardian must be the same person**) are ineligible to participate in **Varsity** athletic competition for one calendar year from the first day of attendance at the TAPPS member high school. After completing this one year of ineligibility, the **Student not Living with Parents** is eligible for **Varsity** competition.

1. **Students not Living with Parents** who attend a member school's elementary/junior high school for one or more years are eligible for varsity sports for upon entering high school.
2. **Students not Living with Parents** who transfer to a TAPPS school, are ineligible at the new school for varsity competition for one calendar year.
3. **Students not Living with Parents** who attend one TAPPS school and transfers to another TAPPS school are ineligible for varsity sports for one year at the new school.
4. A **Previous Athletic Participation Form** is required on all students in accordance with Section 104 of the TAPPPS By-Laws.
5. If a change in guardianship occurs, a new **Students not Living with Parents** Form must be submitted to the TAPPS Executive Board for review and approval. The student will not be eligible for varsity participation until such approval is made.