

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DAVENPORT, IOWA

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
ATHLETIC REGULATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
FOR GRADES 7 AND 8**

This is a summary of the rules and regulations for intermediate school members (grades 7 and 8) of the I.H.S.A.A. and I.G.H.S.A.U. Article III, Sections 4 and 5 are basically the two areas that govern intermediate school athletics. Herein grades seven and eight are referred to as junior high school.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 5: Junior high school membership (hereafter referred to as junior membership) shall apply to and include grades 7 and 8 only. Such junior membership may be acquired upon proper application, subscription to the rules and payment of required dues with the understanding that junior members shall not acquire any voting rights nor any vested interest in the assets of the association.

- Item 1: Athletes may have eligibility for interscholastic athletics involving grades 7 and 8 during only their first four (4) semesters of attendance.
- Item 2: Athletes sixteen (16) years of age or older shall not be eligible to compete in interscholastic contests involving athletes of grades 7 and 8.
- Item 3: Persons participating in interscholastic athletic contests involving grades 7 and 8 shall make passing grades, as determined by individual schools. (Local administrators determined the eligibility status for athletes in 7th and 8th grades giving consideration to overall maturity and ability relative to their academic achievement. In Davenport all students must meet the board policy requirements relating to Interscholastic Competition.
- Item 4: Any student who desires to participate in interscholastic athletics must have a physical examination prior to their participation. The certificate of medical examination is valid for one calendar year.
- Item 5: No 7th or 8th grade athlete shall be permitted to play in an interscholastic athletic contest involving any athlete below the 7th grade and above the 8th grade level, except as allowed by the state associations at the end of the 8th grade.
- Item 6: When athletes enter 7th grade for the first time, they are automatically eligible academically.
- Item 7: Any student who has completed the 8th grade is eligible to play on any high school baseball or softball team, but once a youngster plays on a high school team, whether it be varsity or junior varsity, he/she is no longer eligible to compete against students in grades 7 and 8 on a junior high team.

Other General Items

1. All students are expected to be citizens of good standing in their school and to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics in competition. The school may impose restrictions on participation in individual cases as it seems fit. The Davenport Code of Conduct must be followed by all students.
2. Grade level teams in our system are provided as follows:
 - a. Football (7th and 8th grade) - Eligible 7th grade students and 8th grade – one year at each grade.
 - b. Cross Country (7th and 8th grade co-ed) – Eligible 7th grade and 8th grade students only, two year participation.
 - c. Basketball (7th grade) - 7th grade boys and girls - one year; (8th grade) - 8th grade boys and girls - one year.
 - d. Wrestling (7th and 8th grade) - 7th and 8th grade students only, two year participation.
 - e. Track and swimming (7th and 8th grade) - 7th and 8th grade boys and girls Two years participation.

3. Transfer and Participation Rules
 - a. Athletes make their own decision as to participation in a particular sport. They may not compete in more than one sport simultaneously.
 - b. A student may transfer from one squad to another and compete after ten days of practice subject to approval of the building principal.
4. Coaches Handbook

The Coaches Handbook contains a number of rules and regulations which each athletic coach should be familiar.
5. I.H.S.A.A. Junior High Regulations
 - a. Any student who desires to participate in interscholastic athletics must have an examination prior to their participation. The certificate of medical examination is valid for one calendar year.
 - b. Departure time for junior high athletic contests away from home is left to the discretion of the local school administration.
 - c. NO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITY SHALL BE PERMITTED TO START PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. AND NO LATER THAN 5:30 P.M. (**EXCEPTION:** If schools are close to each other and there is no loss of academic time involved, competition may begin prior to the 4:00 p.m. starting time. Also, football games at Brady may start later, due to two local teams involved.)
 - d. I.H.S.A.A. member schools are not permitted to play contests with non-member junior high schools.
 - e. In all junior high interscholastic contests, at least one of the game officials must be a registered official with the I.H.S.A.A.
 - f. No interscholastic scrimmages are allowed in any junior high program.
 - g. Junior high football practice may start on the first day of school. Schools must have 10 week days of practice before the first game. The first two days of practice must be used for preconditioning drills for which no equipment except football shoes and helmets may be worn.
 - h. A junior high athlete in football and basketball may participate in only four quarters per day.
 - i. A junior high wrestler may compete in only 3 matches in one day.
 - j. The maximum number of track events a 7th or 8th grade student may compete in is 4 with no more than 3 may be running events of any distance..
 - k. JUNIOR HIGH INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST LIMITATIONS:

Football	5	Track.....	7
Basketball.....	12	Golf.....	5
Wrestling.....	9	Swimming.....	5
Cross Country.....	7		
 - l. TOURNAMENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED IN BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, WRESTLING OR TENNIS.
6. I.G.H.S.A.U. Junior High Regulations
 - a. For each junior high attendance center within a district where inter-school competition is allowed, a membership must be maintained with the I.G.H.S.A.U.
 - b. All students participating on a team from a junior high attendance center must be enrolled in the same school.
 - c. Junior high students may participate in no more than twelve (12) basketball games in one year.
 - d. Junior high students may not participate in basketball tournaments and jamborees.
 - e. Any time there is more than one junior high attendance center in a school district, any game between these two attendance centers must count towards the twelve game total.
 - f. Competition may not start before 4:00 p.m. or no later than 5:30 p.m.
 - g. Ninth grade students will be ineligible to compete with 7th and 8th grade students or in another manner of speaking, on junior high school teams. This applies to all competition teams in Athletic Union administered events.
 - h. Any 8th grade girl is eligible for high school varsity competition the summer following her 8th grade year, under dates and guidelines established by the I.G.H.S.A.U.
7. Department of Education (Iowa Code 36.15 (6) and 36.15 (7)
 - a. Coach/athlete contact (Camps and Clinics Rule) - see supplemental handout
 - b. New Eligibility Rule (Non-school Participation) - see supplemental handout
8. Davenport Board of Education Eligibility Policy – attached