



## 2021-22

**Limited Team Membership** – There are three parts to this rule. Part A, also known as the Loyalty Rule, states that in MHSAA sports, a student can only compete for the school team once the season starts. So in team sports, once practice (including tryouts) begins, a student can only play for the school team in that sport until the season ends. All JH/MS sports except football, ice hockey, and individual sports don't activate the rule until participation by the student in the first contest. In individual sports and all JH/MS sports except football, students are allowed two non-school events after the first contest during the season. An event held on not more than three consecutive calendar days is considered one event under this rule (i.e. a three day non-school tournament). In skiing the rule is activated once the team participates in a scrimmage or meet. In tennis, the rule activates on the first day of allowed competition regardless of when the team begins practice or a player joins the team. Once discovered a student is ineligible for, at minimum, the next 3 dates of high school competition, 2 dates for junior high/middle school to a maximum of the entire season. An individual may not knowingly violate the regulations. To be in the MHSAA tournament in ski, hockey or soccer a student must have been a participating team member in that sport in at least four contests with his/her school team against an MHSAA school. Part B indicates that students would be ineligible for one school year if after participating in an MHSAA sport they compete in any event which is or purports to be a National High School Championships or All Star Event. A 12th-grade student may participate (with 30 days advance request from the principal or AD) in one all-star event after his or her season and not lose eligibility in upcoming sports. Part C involves participation in U.S. Olympic Development Programs and National Governing Body teams which both involve special advance allowances that involve school administration.