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MEMORANDUM

DATE : August 11, 2023  
TO : PSS and Private School leadership  
FROM : Mr. Nick Gross  
Athletic Program Director  
THRU : Dr. Yvonne Pangelinan  
Senior Director Student & Support Services  
SUBJECT : SY 2023-2024 Athletic Program Participation Eligibility Requirements


Greetings,

As we commence SY 2023-2024, PSS Athletic Programs welcomes you back and looks forward to another fantastic year of interscholastic Athletic Programs for students and schools throughout the CNMI.

As preparations are made at the school level for participation in these programs, we have made some minor adjustments to the eligibility criteria. Please refer to these requirements when selecting students to ensure a “level playing field” for all, with an emphasis on school success and acceptable daily attendance.

Please see eligibility requirements on page 2.

Nick J. Gross  
PSS Athletic Program Director  
'23 Pacific Games Team NMI Chef de Mission

Concurred:  Date: 8/14/23  
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**SY23-24 Athletic Program Eligibility**

- Students are ineligible to participate if they are thirteen (13) years or older prior to September 1 of the school year in question.
- Students must submit an Athletic Program Parental Consent form prior to practicing or competing.
- Students are not eligible to participate if they are absent from school the day of a competition or the Friday prior to a Saturday competition.
- Students exceeding 6 unexcused absences in a quarter (45 day grading period) are ineligible to compete during the quarter in question.

**Co-ed sports offered: Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Athletics (Track & Field) and \*Softball**

**Middle 6-8 (Male / Female / Co-ed)**

- Students are ineligible to participate if they are fifteen (15) years or older prior to September 1 of the school year in question. All Middle School students have a maximum of three (3) years to compete in Athletic Programs.
- Students must submit an Athletic Program Parental Consent form prior to practicing or competing *and* have no Failing Grades in the most recent grading period.
- Students are not eligible to participate if they are absent from school the day of a competition or the Friday prior to a Saturday competition.
- Students exceeding 6 unexcused absences in a quarter (45 day grading period) are ineligible to compete during the quarter in question.

**Co-ed sports offered: Cross Country, Badminton, Athletics (Track & Field)**

**Male sports offered: Soccer, \*Fastpitch Softball, Basketball, Volleyball**

**Female sports offered: Soccer, \*Fastpitch Softball, Basketball, Volleyball**

**High 9-12 (Male / Female / Co-ed)**

- Students are ineligible to participate if they are nineteen (19) years or older prior to September 1 of the school year in question. All High School students have a maximum of four (4) years to compete in Athletic Programs.
- Students must submit an Athletic Program Parental Consent form prior to practicing or competing *and* have no Failing Grades in the most recent grading period *and* a minimum 2.0 GPA (4 point scale).
- Students are not eligible to participate if they are absent from school the day of a competition or the Friday prior to a Saturday competition.
- Students exceeding 6 unexcused absences in a quarter (45 day grading period) are ineligible to compete during the quarter in question.

**Co-ed sports offered: Cross Country, Badminton, Va'a (Outrigger), Athletics (Track & Field)**

**Male sports offered: Soccer, \*Fastpitch Softball, Basketball, Volleyball**

**Female sports offered: Soccer, \*Fastpitch Softball, Basketball, Volleyball**

*\*Fastpitch Softball: Pending the support of a National Federation to support implementation and officiating*

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