**Student-Athlete Eligibility: Where students can play**

High school years will be highlighted and enhanced by participation in the school's interscholastic athletic program. These will be some of the most enjoyable years of life. During this time, the OSAA and OHSWP have standards that must be met in order to be eligible to compete. In addition, there may be local school and league standards that apply.

The eligibility standards of the OHSWP have been adopted by the member schools and were accepted by each school when it became a member of OHSWP.

**Residential Eligibility (OSAA)**

A student must reside within the current school attendance boundary area of the school by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) with whom the student is living with. Exceptions: authorized “open district transfers” which are approved by the Athletic Directors and administrators of the schools involved – “hardship transfers” also need to be approved by district administrators & AD’s. The student/parent/head coach must ensure that all transfers of any type, be documented and approved by school district/school administration/AD. Please contact your school Athletic Director for further clarification.

**Co-Op agreements**

Applications for any cooperative agreement between schools must be approved by OSAA or the OHSWP board. If approved, it is only good for a two-year period, with renewal options.

* Must secure written approval from Athletic Directors of both schools.
* Plan must be presented upon application to the OHSWP as to how a new program will be established at the schools participating in the agreement, at the end of the two-year term.

**OHSWP Inclusivity Program**

OHSWP will take [applications from student-athletes](https://goo.gl/forms/MY8den8Z8ANqFs692) that do not attend a school that offers water polo, AND does not live in a high school catchment area that offers water polo. Eligible student-athletes will be assigned to the closest school program based on the criteria below. Student-athletes must also meet the assigned school, league, OSAA and OHSWP eligibility requirements prior to participation.

Criteria

1. The closet active school’s practice pool to the student's home address by Google Maps will be contacted.
2. The school's Athletic Director and/or administrator (as relevant) must approve assignment. Athletic Director/Administer may deny the student-athletes assignment to their school team with no explanation or justification.
3. The accepting school team must have less than 14-players on the team of the relevant gender (JV inclusive) on the first day of practice, with no anticipated additional members. If the total roster exceeds 16-players, then the student-athlete will be reassigned on a case-by-case basis.
4. In-district schools that meet the criteria will be utilized prior to out-of-district school teams.
5. If the practice pool is shared by two or more schools, the nearest high school team to the student-athlete will be assigned (In-district prior to out-of-district).
6. If a school/district which does not offer water polo has more than three student-athletes apply to OHSWP for team assignment under this program, OHSWP will work with the school/district and students/parents to establish a new program the next calendar year. If the school/district is unable to do so, OHSWP may deny all future applications from that school/district
7. No student/parent/coach input will be allowed in the placement of assigned student-athletes to a school team.