



## GICAA Alternative Education Student (AES) Participant Agreement

The school that you will be participating in sports and/or other activities is a member of the Georgia Independent Christian Athletic Association. The GICAA has a policy concerning the participation of AES in sports and activities within the guidelines of the association which can be found in the Division II manual at [www.gicaasports.com](http://www.gicaasports.com).

Every AES participant and parent(s) must read and understand the policy of the GICAA prior to participating in any activity with the GICAA member school. A summary of the policy is listed below. The athletic director or school administrator should be able to answer any questions about the policy.

### **Birth Certificate and Age**

1. A copy of the birth certificate must be provided by the parent. A student who turns 19 prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the school year of participation will not be eligible to play varsity sports the following school year.

### **Academic Eligibility**

1. A copy of a report card or academic record must be provided by the parent.
2. All AES must be academically eligible before try-outs or participation in interscholastic activities
3. All AES must be on track to graduate in four years after entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. All AES must meet the eligibility requirements in the Certification of Eligibility section of the GICAA manual.
5. An AES participant taking four or more classes can only fail one class in order to remain eligible to participate.

### **"Home Base" School**

1. All AES will have a "home base" school that they will be eligible in for the duration of their eligibility.
2. AES participants must live within a 30-mile radius of the GICAA "home base" school.
3. The "home base" school must have the parent and student sign the GICAA AES Participant Agreement. It states that the AES participant is agreeing to participate in sports and other activities only with that particular school.
4. An AES participant who transfers from one GICAA member school to another GICAA member school without a legitimate move is ineligible for interscholastic participation for one full calendar year. A legitimate move would be defined as a move outside of the 30-mile radius of the "home base" school. This applies to those in the 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade and any 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in a varsity level sport.
5. All AES participants must be covered through their "home base" school for the GICAA catastrophic insurance which is a one-time annual fee that covers them for all GICAA activities for the complete school year.

### **Limits of Participation**

1. An AES participant has eight consecutive semesters or four consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to be eligible for interscholastic activities. Eligibility in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be for one year only per grade for varsity. In other words, a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who participates on the varsity level cannot repeat the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and play on the varsity level again in the same grade.
2. According to Georgia homeschool regulations, homeschool students must take an appropriate nationally standardized test at the end of their 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade years. Once homeschool students have taken this test in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they will have three years of eligibility left in the GICAA. Once they have taken this test in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade to fulfill graduation requirements, they are no longer eligible to play sports for a GICAA school.
3. If an AES plays one sport at a GICAA member school, then the AES cannot play another sport for a different GICAA member school in Division II or III.
4. Public school students who attend school at a physical building (out of home) are not eligible to participate.
5. An AES cannot participate in any athletic contest as a professional under contract.

I have read this form and understand the GICAA policy. I agree to abide by all of the information contained in this agreement as well as other rules and regulations about AES participants listed in the GICAA manual.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

AES Participant Signature

Date

I have explained the GICAA policy regarding AES to both the parent and participant.

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Athletic Director Signature

"Home Base" School

Date