

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL DISSOLUTIONS AND MERGERS/REORGANIZATIONS 07/2016

The matrix that follows covers various situations and the varsity eligibility of student-athletes. When the word “immediately” is used in any situation below it is referring to “immediately following the last class period held at the high school that is closing”. Please contact the Iowa High School Athletic Association (515) 432-2011 or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (515) 288-9741 for eligibility determinations.

	DISSOLUTIONS	
ACTION BY NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL	REACTION BY STUDENT	ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY
Non-public high school A dissolves for any reason at the end of a school year.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student chooses to attend any other Iowa non-public or public school the next school year (through establishing residency, open enrollment, or paying tuition). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student is eligible immediately at the varsity level at his/her new school. Students who transfer before the end of the school year when they will “lose” their high school are ineligible at the varsity level for 90-consecutive school days at their new school of attendance.
<p>Baseball/Softball Non-public high school A dissolves for any reason at the end of a school year, but offers baseball and softball in the summer following that year.</p> <p>Graduated 8th graders/incoming 9th graders.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who have not yet graduated choose to play baseball/softball for school A or the high school they will be attending the next school year. 2. Graduated seniors may only play baseball/softball for the non-public high school A. 3. A graduated 8th grader/incoming 9th grader chooses to play 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students would be immediately eligible at the varsity level. If the student plays baseball/softball for school B, then enrolls in school C in the fall, he or she would be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at school C. 2. Graduated seniors whose high school offers baseball/softball the senior’s final year are not losing their high school, and they must compete for their high school of graduation because any other choice would be motivated solely for athletic reasons. 3. While the student is eligible for varsity baseball/softball because they are an incoming 9th grader,

	baseball/softball for the non-public school that is closing at the end of the season.	they will be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at the varsity level at any Iowa school they attend their 9 th grade year because they knew the school they played baseball/softball for was closing.
	DISSOLUTIONS, continued	
<p>Baseball/Softball Non-public high school A dissolves for any reason at the end of a school year and does NOT offer baseball and softball in the summer following that year.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who have not yet graduated choose to play baseball/softball at the school they will be attending in the fall. 2. Graduated seniors may only play baseball/softball for the public school in the Iowa public school district in which their family resides. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students would be immediately eligible at the varsity level. If the student plays baseball/softball for school B, then enrolls in school C in the fall, he or she would be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at school C. 2. Graduated seniors whose non-public high school closes and does NOT offer baseball/softball have an opportunity to play, but only for the public school in their Iowa district of residence because any other choice would be motivated solely for athletic reasons.

	MERGERS/REORGANIZATIONS	
<p>Non-public high schools A & B merge or reorganize as one high school for the next school year. High school B stays intact and high school A closes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students from school A choose to attend any other non-public or public school the next school year (through establishing residency, open enrollment, or paying tuition) (through establishing residency, open enrollment, or paying tuition). 2. Students from school B choose to attend any other non-public or public school the next school year. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students from school A are eligible immediately at the varsity level at their new schools of enrollment. Students who transfer before the end of the school year when they will “lose” their high school are ineligible at the varsity level for 90-consecutive school days at their new school of attendance. 2. Students from school B are ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at the varsity level because they did not “lose” their high school.
<p>Baseball/Softball Non-public high schools A & B merge or reorganize as one high school for the next school year. High school B stays intact and high school A closes at the end of the year, but offers baseball and softball in the summer following that year.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students from school A who have not yet graduated choose to play baseball/softball for school A or the high school they will be attending the next school year. 2. Graduated seniors from school A may only play baseball/softball for non-public high school A. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students would be immediately eligible at the varsity level. If the student plays baseball/softball for school B, then enrolls in school C in the fall, he or she would be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at school C. 2. Graduated seniors whose high school offers baseball/softball the senior’s final year are not “losing” their high school, and must compete for their high school of graduation because any other choice would be motivated solely for athletic reasons.

<p>Graduated 8th graders/incoming 9th graders.</p>	<p>3. A graduated 8th grader/incoming 9th grader chooses to play baseball/softball for high school A.</p>	<p>3. While the student is eligible for varsity baseball/softball because they are an incoming 9th grader, they will be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at the varsity level at any Iowa school they attend their 9th grade year because they knew the school they played baseball/softball for was closing.</p>
	<p>MERGERS/REORGANIZATIONS, continued</p>	
<p>Baseball/Softball Non-public high schools A & B merge or reorganize as one high school for the next school year. High school B stays intact and high school A closes at the end of the year, and does NOT offer baseball and softball following that year.</p>	<p>1. Students from school A who have not yet graduated may only play baseball/softball at the school they will be attending in the fall.</p> <p>2. Graduated seniors from school A may only play baseball/softball for the public school in the Iowa public school district in which their family resides.</p>	<p>1. Students would be immediately eligible at the varsity level.</p> <p>If the student plays baseball/softball for school B, then enrolls in school C in the fall, he or she would be ineligible for 90-consecutive school days at school C.</p> <p>2. Graduated seniors whose non-public high school closes and does NOT offer baseball/softball have an opportunity to play, but only for the public high school in their Iowa district of residence because any other choice would be motivated solely for athletic reasons.</p>