

**ARTICLE 14:  
Student Eligibility Rules - Hardship - 2020-2021**

**14.1 HARDSHIP** - In individual hardship cases the CAA Executive Board or outside arbitrator may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the

**14.1.1** Domicile Rule (Article 16, Section 5), \*

**14.1.2** Maximum Participation Rule (Article 16, Section 9, Paragraph 1 only),

**14.1.3** Transfer Rule (Article 16, Section 10),

The appeal shall initially be heard and decided on by the CAA Executive Board. CAA Executive Board consideration of such appeals will take place only at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board. The decision of the CAA Executive Board shall be final unless an appeal is filed for arbitration within five days from the date of said decision. (See Article 11)

**14.2 Hardship Defined** - Each case is dependent upon its facts, but as a general guideline, the Executive Board will use the following criteria:

**14.2.1** An unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, condition or event, over which the student and his/her family has no control; and

**14.2.2** Which has caused a severe burden upon the student or his/her family; and

**14.2.3** Which has caused the student's noncompliance with the eligibility rule(s) involved.

**14.2.4** Whether athletics plays a role in the circumstances involved in the hardship request.

**NOTE:** Where it is determined that athletic motivation is present; this would be sufficient, in and of itself, for denial of the hardship request.

**14.2.5** Burden of Proof - The burden of providing evidence of hardship shall be on the student. Full particulars must be given by the student and the athletic director. The school principal must certify that the information given is correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

**14.2.6** Age Rule Exemption - In individual cases the CAA Executive Board may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the age rule. (Hardship forms)

**14.2.7** Loss of eligibility in itself is not to be considered a hardship.

**14.2.8** Upon request by the Executive Director or designee, the sending school shall provide a representative during the hardship appeal hearing(s) before the CAA Executive Board. Failure of the sending school representative to attend shall not prevent or otherwise delay any hearing or decision on the appeal..