

The background of the document is a blue-tinted photograph of two football players in action on a field. At the top, there is a banner with the text 'EAGLE BROOKLYN' and a logo of an eagle. The main title 'PSAL ATHLETIC POLICY (COVID-19 UPDATED)' is centered at the top in a large, bold, white font.

PSAL ATHLETIC POLICY (COVID-19 UPDATED)

Scholastic Eligibility has 3 parts.

Part 1: Vaccination

As part of our multilayered approach to health and safety in our schools, COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all students and staff participating in high-risk Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) sports this year. This requirement will also apply to coaches and PSAL athletic directors.

This is in alignment with recent New York State and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, which state that high-risk sports and extracurricular activities should be virtual or canceled in areas of high community transmission unless all participants are fully vaccinated.

Part 2: The 5+1 Rule

- A student must pass FIVE credit-bearing subjects plus physical education, if taken, on the most recent Report Card (October, January, March, June) in order to be eligible.
- At least three of the five subjects passed must be core subjects (English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Foreign Language or Science).
- A student who is ineligible may become scholastically eligible by passing five credit-bearing subjects plus physical education on the next report card.
- The date all report cards are issued in a school at the end of a marking period shall be the official date for determining eligibility.

Part 3: The 10 Credit Rule

- A student must accumulate a minimum of ten credits (not including physical education) for the two semesters prior to the eligibility period. Night School and Summer School are included in this calculation. This rule will be in effect beginning with a student's third semester in high school.

General Scholastic Guidelines

- 1. GPA must be 65%.
- 2. A scholastically ineligible student may practice with the team as an incentive for him/her to establish eligibility.
- Any student who is scholastically ineligible at the start of the season, or becomes scholastically ineligible, may practice with the team provided the student is on the roster as "Inactive."
- If a student cannot reestablish eligibility by the end of the season, the student is not permitted to practice with the team.
- All athletes listed on the roster as Inactive may not participate in scrimmages, non-league games or regularly scheduled games.

Attendance Eligibility

- At the end of **each** marking period, a student must achieve, at a minimum, **90% attendance** in order to be considered for athletic eligibility for the next marking period.
- A student must be present in school and must attend **all** assigned classes in order to participate in any team practice, scrimmage, league or non-league game, meet, contest or try-out **on that day** (unless excused and approved as a bona fide absence).
- A student with **less than 90%** attendance at the end of any marking period is **ineligible**, but can establish attendance eligibility when the next report card is issued.
- A student who has been declared ineligible for failure to meet the 90% minimum attendance requirement and who re-establishes eligibility when the next report card is issued must maintain a minimum of 90% attendance for **every consecutive ten-day period** for the duration of the term. When a student fails to meet this requirement, he/she immediately becomes ineligible for the remainder of the term.
- **Suspended students** are **not** eligible to participate in any team practice, scrimmage, league or non-league game, meet, contest or try-out during the period of their suspension.

Ineligible Student Penalties

- For team sports, if an ineligible student is listed on the roster as *active*, and/or participates in any interscholastic contest, the team with the ineligible player shall **forfeit** the contest.
- If the offending team has gone on to compete in the playoffs, they will **forfeit** their **last** playoff contest (including the championship).

