

Student-Athletes entering their senior year are subject to NJSIAA age, credit and consecutive semester eligibility rules.

- The student-athlete cannot turn 19 years of age prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of that academic year.
- The student-athlete cannot compete in more than 8 consecutive semesters. Therefore the student-athlete may NOT have participated in high school interscholastic athletics in grade 8 or prior.
- To be eligible for the first semester of athletic competition (September 1– January 31) of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade or higher including senior year a student-athlete must have passed 25% of the credits required to graduate by the State of New Jersey or **27.5** credits in the immediately preceding school year. Only 2 courses may be taken during summer school to secure additional credits.
- To be eligible for the second semester (February 1-June 30) of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade a senior student-athlete must have passed 12.5% of the credits required to graduate by the State of New Jersey or **13.75** credits at the close of the preceding semester. Full year courses shall be equated as half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.
- **It is recognized that student-athletes may accelerate their academic programs during their first three years of school. As a result, student-athletes may be eligible in the second semester of their senior year even when they carry less than 12.5% or 13.75 credits during the first semester provided they are meeting the school districts graduation requirements and are PASSING all courses in which they are enrolled at the start of the first semester. A student cannot claim this if they have withdrawn failing (WF) from a class during the first semester.** It is recommended that student-athletes entering their senior year take enough courses to meet and exceed the 13.75 credit requirement in the first semester. It is further recommended that enough credits be taken to meet and exceed the 13.75 credits even in the event of the failure of one class during the first semester.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above NJSIAA eligibility requirements and fully understand them as they relate to my senior year schedule making decisions and eligibility as a student-athlete for interscholastic athletic competition at River Dell High School.