

**37.14.0 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** – For International Students (Boarding, Exchange, and International) to become eligible to participate in a BCSS activity, the school Principal or District Office shall verify in writing and submit to the BCSS office that:

37.14.1 The acceptance of the student-athlete is based solely on academic criteria;

37.14.2 The student-athlete is enrolled at the receiving school for at least five (5) consecutive months or one (1) semester;

37.14.3 That a student-athlete's participation in extracurricular athletics was not a factor in acceptance to the school;

37.14.4 The student-athlete is not receiving a scholarship, bursary, or financial awards resulting from or relating to student-athlete participation;

37.14.5 The student-athlete is eligible as per all other BCSS eligibility policies, including age and the eligibility calendar.

37.14.6 In addition to the above, International Students must meet the criteria in one of the following International Student Designations to be deemed eligible for BCSS activity:

**37.14.6.1 EXCHANGE STUDENT-ATHLETE**

- a) The Exchange Program is an established and recognized program by either the federal or provincial government;
- b) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside British Columbia and is not a resident of British Columbia;

**37.14.6.2 BOARDING STUDENT ATHLETE**

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as a boarding student and pays tuition according to the published boarding student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete resides in a school dormitory;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into BCSS member school from:
  - Outside of Canada: The student-athlete can compete in any BCSS activity; or
  - Inside of Canada: The student-athlete is ineligible for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer to compete in any BCSS activity in any school sport in which he/she was registered for at their previous school in the twelve (12) months prior to the date of transfer. This student-athlete does not become eligible under this category until the member school submits compliance and authorization form to the Eligibility Officer for review.

**37.14.6.3 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE**

- a) The student-athlete is registered at a member school as an international student and pays tuition to that school district according to the published international student policy and fee schedule;
- b) The student-athlete is placed with a home-stay family;
- c) The student-athlete transfers into the member school from outside of Canada.