

TO: HWSA Players, Parents & Coaches
RE: Player Eligibility Forms, Parent Verifications & Birth certificates
FROM: Dianna Roberts, HWSA Administrator (info@hwsa.net)

In keeping with our goal of maintaining our stated purpose and consistent guidelines for our tournament, HWSA requires that each parent complete and submit a **parent-signed** Player Eligibility Form for each player at the time of the roster submission deadline (**February 28th**) to verify their compliance with HWSA rules and their grade declaration. The enclosed Player Eligibility Form will provide family contact information as well as critical player information (i.e., birth date and grade declaration). **A photocopy of each new registered player's birth certificate must also be submitted** for verification of the information provided in the eligibility forms. Note that only new players must submit a copy of a birth certificate, but **ALL players must submit a Player Eligibility Form**. For returning players, their grade declaration must be advanced at least one grade for each year passed since they last participated at the HWSA. **(COVID exception for 2021: 2020 seniors who are still eligible, were under 19 as of Sep. 1, 2020, and have not graduated high school can return as 2021 seniors.)**

This form and photocopied birth certificate will be kept securely with the HWSA Administrator and will be considered the official documentation of the registered player's grade level. Player information on submitted HWSA team rosters must be consistent with the information provided herein.

Please note that all players must register. Again, once a player's grade level has been declared, **THE PLAYER MUST ADVANCE AT LEAST ONE GRADE LEVEL EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR** (will not be permitted to repeat a grade) per section 3.3 of the HWSA eligibility rules. Therefore, the initial grade level declaration must be **SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED** by the coach, parents, and player as this determines the years of eligibility for that player in all future HWSA tournaments.

Coaches, please make sure that each player on your roster has filled out and signed the 3-page Player Eligibility Form. Please make sure you **have signed** it as well. Remember to include a copy of each *new* player's birth certificate attached to each eligibility form. A hard copy of your team roster must also be included in this package. The 18-player (max) team roster, parent-signed Player Eligibility Forms, and birth certificates must be **postmarked by February 28th** and mailed in **ONE PACKAGE** to me at the address at the bottom of this page.

You will also need to **email** me (info@hwsa.net) your team roster (maximum 18 players) by **February 28th**. Please note that no players may be added or replaced on your team roster after **Feb. 28th**, though you may remove players from your team roster at any time up to the beginning of the tournament. *Tip: If your team's plans are not certain, we suggest filling all 18 roster spots initially to include any possible players.* Absent VERY unusual circumstances affecting a team's viability, players may not be added late. Thank you in advance for following the roster format guidelines and adhering to the deadlines.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us improve the quality of our tournament for the benefit of all teams and players! Team administrators, please mail eligibility forms and a copy of the roster to:

HWSA Administrator
2203 Polly Pointe Ln
Richmond, TX 77469

DEADLINE: **February 28th**

HWSA PLAYER Eligibility Form

DEADLINE is February 28th ..!



Please provide the information requested in the blanks below. Please write legibly!

Team Name: _____ City, State: _____

Date of Registration: _____

If player played on a different team in any prior HWSA tournament, please list which year(s) and which team(s):

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Cell: _____ Father's Cell: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Participation is reserved for those who are homeschooling their children according to the definition of homeschooling in Section 2 of HWSA Rules, and observes the rules and policies given in HWSA Rules, with respect to its leaders. HWSA admits homeschool students of any race, color, nation, and ethnic origin to its programs and does not discriminate on the basis of any of these in the organization and administration of its programs and services.

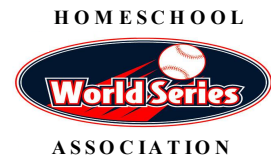
PLAYER INFORMATION

Player's Name (First & Last)	Sex	Date of Birth	Age	School-Year Grade Declaration*
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

**According to HWSA Rules, once declared, a player's grade declaration MAY NOT CHANGE, and must advance at least one level per year. See Section 3.3 in the HWSA Rules for clarification. Therefore, the grade level must be SERIOUSLY considered by the coach, parents, and player as this determines the years of eligibility for that player in all future HWSA tournaments.*

PARENT VERIFICATION of INFORMATION

DEADLINE is February 28th



TEAM NAME: _____ CITY, STATE _____

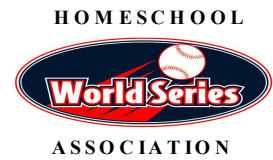
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HWSA RULES:

I/We, _____ the parent(s)/legal guardian of the above named player(s), have carefully read and reviewed the rules of HWSA. We agree that our family supports the goals and purpose of HWSA and will follow the rules of this organization. We understand that our failure to adhere to the rules and policies of the Homeschool World Series Association (HWSA) as stated in the HWSA rules and tournament information may result in disciplinary action by the HWSA Board. We have read the HWSA Player Eligibility Rules and we certify that the player(s) named on this form meet these qualifications. We agree to notify HWSA if any player named on this form ceases to meet the HWSA Player Eligibility Rules while participating in a HWSA event. (See Section 2 for Definition of Homeschooling and Section 3 for Team, Organization, and Individual Player Eligibility Rules).

VERIFICATION OF PLAYER(S)' ELIGIBILITY:

Please review the individual player rules of eligibility as listed below (See Section 3 of HWSA rules). In order for a player to be eligible to play in an HWSA-sponsored tournament, he must be able to fulfill each of the following HWSA rules. Parents, **please initial** in the blanks provided for verification that the player(s) listed above is/has...

- _____ a. A homeschool student under the definition of homeschooling in Section 2 since January 1st (or since the beginning of the second semester of a two-semester school year, whichever is later) of the year of the tournament (**Homeschool Rule**); (GA residents must be registered in GA as homeschooled students by Jan. 1 of the tournament year in order to play in the HWSA.)
- _____ b. Presently living at home with his legal guardian (**Residency Rule**);
- _____ c. At least 13 years old and less than 19 years old on September 1, **2020** (i.e., for the **2021 tournament**, a player's allowable birthdate must occur **AFTER September 1, 2001** and **BEFORE September 2, 2007**) (**Age Rule**);
- _____ d. At athletic grade level of 8 or higher as declared by his parents and coach. Please note that once a player declares his athletic grade level, that player may not subsequently change his declaration for the purpose of playing an additional year even if that player played 4 years or less at the end of his senior year, nor shall that player be allowed to repeat any grade level even if after repeating a level, that player will have played 5 years or less (**Athletic Grade Level Rule**);
- _____ e. Played high school baseball no more than 4 years previously (that is, if a player declares his grade level to be eighth grade, he shall be granted 5 years of eligibility; if a freshman, 4 years; if a sophomore, 3 years; if a junior, 2 years; and if a senior, he shall be granted 1 year of eligibility (**5-Year Eligibility Rule**);
- _____ f. Not been expelled from a public or private school during the academic school year of the contest (**Expulsion Rule**);
- _____ g. In good academic standing and is completing a high school course of study, as prescribed by his parents (**Academic Rule**);
- _____ h. In good standing with respect to character and behavior according to the player's parents, coaches, other team leaders, and according to criminal laws applicable to his/her place of residence (**Character Rule**);
- _____ i. On the Team Roster as submitted by his team to HWSA by **February 28th** (**Roster Rule**);
- _____ j. Completed a Player Eligibility Form signed by the parents and the coach of the team, and provided a copy of the player's birth certificate (for a *new* player only) upon registration with the HWSA Administrator (**Registration Rule**);
- _____ k. Not participated in the current or previous academic year on another team playing at the HWSA (**Transfer Rule**), unless:
(i) The player has never participated in the HWSA; or (ii) the player's previous team is not certain to participate in the current year HWSA tournament (***email HWSA promptly** if this is the case) or (iii) the player's family has moved their permanent residence and the new team's home &/or practice field are closer than the previous team's; or (iv) The player's new team is participating in the HWSA for the first time with a new sponsoring organization, team name, and coach group.



VERIFICATION OF PLAYER(S) AGE AND GRADE DECLARATION:

As the parent(s) and principal of the registered player, I/we hereby verify that the provided age, birth date, and grade declaration as listed above are correct. I understand that I am making a) a one-time statement verifying the birth date and current grade of the newly registering player(s) or b) confirming that the grade level provided has advanced at least one level per year since the last time the player(s) participated in the HWSA. (see Sections 3.3d, 3.3j of HWSA Eligibility Rules). For new players, the grade level should be SERIOUSLY considered by the coach, parents and player as this determines the total years of eligibility the player may have in all future HWSA tournaments. I/we acknowledge that this information will go on permanent file in the HWSA records, and will be considered the OFFICIAL record of the registered player's grade level. We are enclosing a copy of the birth certificate for any new player(s) to verify the age information provided.

PERMISSION, CLAIMS, AND DISPUTES:

I/we give permission for my child to participate in this activity, understanding that there are risks associated with competitive sports. I/we understand that any claim or dispute arising from or related to my/our participation in an event sponsored by the Home School World Series Association shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure* of The Institute for Christian Conciliation, (complete text of the Rules is available at www.iccpeace.com/rules). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. I/we understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of my (our) participation and I/we expressly waive my/our right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against HWSA or any of its officers, directors, or agents for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

PERMISSION REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOS, AUDIO, ETC.:

I/we understand that certain forms of media may be recorded at the HWSA tournament, including but not limited to video, audio, and still photographs ("Media"). By my son's participation in the HWSA tournament, I/we acknowledge and authorize HWSA and/or its designees to use the Media for any purpose. I/we acknowledge that HWSA allowing my son to participate in this tournament is conditional upon my agreement to this paragraph, and that no further consideration is necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR COVID-19:

I/we understand that there is an inherent possibility of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. I/we agree to ensure our family and guests follow any enhanced health & safety measures as specified by tournament staff (these will align with guidelines of the Lake Myrtle complex).

PARENTS' SIGNATURES X _____ **Date:** _____

X _____ **Date:** _____

COACH'S SIGNATURE X _____ **Date:** _____

(Also required if age 18+)
PLAYER'S SIGNATURE X _____ **Date:** _____