

## **Eligibility Policy**

PAC has structured our player eligibility to be fairly consistent with the South Carolina Independent School Athletic Association guideline. In summary, our guidelines are as follows:

**Eight Semester Rule:** an athlete has Eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility from the time he/she first enters the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade.

**Junior Varsity Teams:** an athlete in grades 6-10 may participate on junior varsity teams in all sports except football. An athlete in grades 6-9 may participate on junior varsity football. To address player safety, coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical competitiveness of the athlete below 9<sup>th</sup> grade before permitting participation on any junior varsity team.

**Varsity Teams:** an athlete in grades 7-12 may participate on varsity teams in baseball, basketball, soccer, football, and softball. An athlete in grades 6-12 may participate on varsity teams in all other sports. To address player safety, coaches and parents must carefully evaluate the skill level and physical competitiveness of the athlete below 9<sup>th</sup> grade before permitting participation on any varsity team.

**Age Limitation:** In order to participate on a junior varsity team, an athlete must not have reached his/her sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming school year. The athlete is INELIGIBLE to participate on any team (junior varsity or varsity) if his/her nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) birthday is before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming school year. The age limitation rule will always prevail over the Junior Varsity grade limitation.