

TO: HWSA Players, Parents & Coaches
RE: 2020 Player Eligibility Form and Parent Verification; birth certificates
FROM: Cheryl Batzing, HWSA Administrator (cheryl.hwsa@gmail.com)

In keeping with our goal of maintaining the quality of 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 (**March 7, 2020**) 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. However, all players for 2020 must submit a Player Eligibility Form. For returning players, the grade declaration must be consistent with previous year(s).**

This form and photocopied birth certificate will be kept on record with the HWSA Administrator and will be considered the OFFICIAL documentation of the registered player's grade level. Player information on rosters submitted by World Series participating teams **MUST** be consistent with the information provided herein.

Please note that all players must register. For new players, once a player's grade level has been declared, **THE PLAYER MUST ADVANCE AT LEAST ONE GRADE EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR** (will not be permitted to repeat a grade) per section 3.3 of the HWSA 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 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 **March 7, 2020**, and mailed in **ONE PACKAGE** to me at the address at the bottom of this page.

You will also need to **e-mail** me (cheryl.hwsa@gmail.com) your team roster (maximum 18 players) by **March 7, 2020**. Please note that no players may be added or replaced on your team roster after **March 7, 2020**, though you may **remove** players from your team roster at any time. *Tip: Better to use all 18 roster spots to include any possible players.* Absent 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 cooperation and assistance in helping us improve the quality of our tournament for the benefit of all teams and players!

Mail Player Eligibility Forms to: **HWSA**
620 Dumont Dr.
Richardson, Texas 75080

DEADLINE: **March 7, 2020**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FORM

DEADLINE is March 7, 2020



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

Team Name: _____ City, State: _____

Date of Registration: _____ School Year: **2019-2020**

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	2019-2020 School-Year Grade Declaration*
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

*According to HWSA Rules, once declared, a player's grade declaration MAY NOT CHANGE DOWNWARD. 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

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE is March 7, 2020



PARENT VERIFICATION of ELIGIBILITY for: _____
Player's Name

TEAM NAME: _____ CITY, STATE _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HWSA RULES:

I/We, _____ the parent(s)/legal guardian of the above player, 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 players 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.

I/We verify that the player 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**); (Georgia residents must be registered directly with the State of Georgia as homeschooled students by January 1 of the tournament year in order to play in the Homeschool World Series.)
- _____ **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, 2019 (i.e., for the 2020 tournament, a player's allowable birthdate must occur AFTER September 1, 2000, and BEFORE September 2, 2006) (**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 timely submitted by his team to HWSA. Team Rosters must be submitted on or before the date of **March 7, 2020** (**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.** Have not participated on another HWSA homeschool team during the academic school year of the contest or in the year prior unless: (i) A team fails to submit its roster or the coach is not certain that the team will be able to timely submit a roster to participate in HWSA tournaments;* (ii) A change of residence has been made by the player's family, and another team is closer; or (iii) A new team has been created consisting of a new sponsoring organization, name, coaches, and team roster. In such case, players from any team are free to transfer to the new team until the first Team Roster is submitted to HWSA in March of the year the team participates in its first HWSA tournament. (**Transfer Rule**).

*A player must have notified HWSA promptly if this exception is being relied on.

VERIFICATION OF PLAYER'S 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 one-time statement verifying the birth date and grade of the registered player, and acknowledge that **THIS INFORMATION CANNOT CHANGE** (see Section 3.3 (d.) and 3.3 (j.) of HWSA Rules). 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. I further acknowledge that this information will go on permanent file in the HWSA records, and will be considered the **OFFICIAL** documentation of the registered player's grade level. Player information on rosters submitted by World Series participating teams **MUST** be consistent with the information provided herein. I also will enclose a copy of the registered player's birth certificate verifying that this information is correct.

PERMISSION, CLAIMS, AND DISPUTES:

I give permission for my child to participate in this activity. I understand 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.:

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 acknowledge and authorize HWSA and/or its designees to use the Media for any purpose. I 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.

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

 X _____ **Date:** _____

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

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