



## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

West Michigan Heat Soccer Club ("WMHSC") follows these athlete eligibility guidelines. These guidelines have been adopted so that we maintain a consistent standard for eligibility within the homeschool sports community.

- Athletes must have their schooling actively managed by a parent or guardian for the majority of their schooling. Homeschooled does not include classes taken via a college or university, or a private, Christian, or public school, unless they are online or correspondence courses, and participation in these classes is actively managed by a parent or guardian.
- Athletes are eligible to be rostered on teams based on the athlete's sex at birth.
- Athletes are NOT eligible who have formally graduated from high school and/or completed their entire high school course of study, regardless of age.
- Athlete are NOT eligible to play for the WMHSC if they attend class at a school which has a soccer team.
- Athlete shall be going into 6th grade by the start of the season, and NO older than 19.
- Athlete must be a live independent of one of their parents or legal guardians.
- Athlete must NOT be employed full-time (40 hours per week).
- Athlete must NOT be recognized by one of their parents or legal guardians as being graduated from High School level education.
- Athlete must NOT have been expelled from public or private school during the school year of the current sports season.

### Exception to Eligibility Requirements:

- Each team is allowed two roster positions for athletes whose homeschool designation is unclear or who attend a school that does not offer the sport of soccer. Exceptions of this type will be granted at the sole discretion of the WMHSC Board of Directors. Petitions for these exceptions must be brought to the attention of WMHSC Board of Directors during registration / tryouts, and the athlete must be rostered for the majority of the season.