# **Eligibility Requirements for EVAC Homeschooled Student-Athletes**

#### Age Requirements:

- High school players must not be 19 years old on or before September 1st, for the season of play.
- Junior high players (5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade) must *not* be older than 14 years old on or before September 1st, for the season of play.

## **Education Requirements**:

EVAC is a sports association for homeschooled students. A homeschooled student is defined by Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 15-802 as a student who attends a nonpublic school conducted by the parent, guardian, or other person who has custody of the student, or nonpublic instruction provided in the student's home.

#### Clarifications:

- Dual-enrollment classes taken by high school students at colleges or technical training programs do not interfere with EVAC eligibility.
- Pursuant to state law, virtual charter school students (public-school-at-home) are not homeschoolers.
- Hybrid private schools in which students attend both on campus and at home part-time (e.g., 3 days and 2 days) are not considered homeschoolers.
- While legally distinct from traditional homeschooling, ESA (Empowerment Scholarship Account) contract students who are homeschooled are eligible for participation in EVAC. (EVAC cannot receive ESA funding however)
- Parents must be able to submit an Arizona homeschool affidavit or ESA contract to homeschool upon request.
- Homeschool education is distinct from other school options because the educational experience is directed by parents, and it is the parents who issue the diploma.

## **Academic Requirements**:

If requested, parents must be prepared to:

- verify the student-athlete is passing current classes
- submit a current schedule of classes or course of study

We have read, understand, and affirm that our athlete meets the EVAC Homeschool Student-Athlete Eligibility Requirements.

Signature of Parent:

Date: