



Shreveport FORCE Basketball

Certification of an ACEL Compliant Homeschool

Shreveport FORCE High School Basketball is a member of The Association of Christian Educators of Louisiana (ACEL.) As such, our JV and Varsity teams must adhere to ACEL rules. Assuring player eligibility of homeschool student-athletes is the most critical and difficult aspect of maintaining our ACEL affiliation. Parents, please read the ACEL requirements below for a homeschool student-athlete and then certify that your athlete's homeschool meets all of the ACEL requirements.

The ACEL definition of a Homeschool student from section 6 of the official ACEL rules (available at theacel.com),

"A Traditional Homeschool Student is defined to mean that a student's education is parent-directed. As such, the parents have authority over their child's education by assuming the role of principal or headmaster, thereby (1) setting the date and requirements for high school graduation; (2) selecting and approving course materials and study schedules; and (3) selecting tutors, correspondence courses, videos, computer courses, and similar resources for their child's education. Any student taking classes through a state approved private school, public school, virtual school, charter school, or any blending of such that will result in the student receiving a diploma from such school, does not meet the definition of an ACEL Traditional Homeschooled Student.."

Section 6 also states:

"Full-Time Traditional Homeschool Students may participate on homeschool teams. In addition, Hybrid Educational Students may also participate if at least 4 courses taken at one time (or 2 courses for seniors) qualify under the Traditional Homeschool Student definition. Private School at Home Students enrolled at a Christian online academy may participate on homeschool teams if the institution is an online only institution or if the physical location is not in Louisiana."

Please understand that ACEL does NOT consider programs such as K12 a homeschool; therefore, athletes utilizing these types of programs are ineligible for ACEL participation and cannot be part of FORCE High School Basketball.

If a member school or association uses an ineligible player, according to ACEL rule 14.2.1, *"...the use of an ineligible player will result in the forfeiture with assessment of forfeiture fees at the Sports Commissioner/ Executive Board's discretion of any or all games in which that player participates."* The ACEL forfeiture fee is \$500.

I, _____(parent's name), certify that the homeschool attended
By _____(athlete's name) meets the ACEL eligibility requirements for a
homeschool student-athlete. I understand that if ACEL rules my student-athlete as ineligible, I will be responsible for any and all forfeiture fees assessed to the FORCE and will be banned from all future participation in any Shreveport Homeschool Sports team.

Parent's signature

Date