## **COMPLIANCE CORNER**

A quick look at North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules and regulations

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**Q**: Can a 19-year-old play high school athletics?

**A:** Yes, depending on the birthday. Rule 1.1.3 in the NCHSAA Handbook states that "no student may be approved for any athletic contest if his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday comes on or before August 31" of that school year."

So if a student turns 19 on September 15 of this year as a senior, he or she could be eligible. If the student turns 19 on August 15, he or she would not be eligible.