

K–12 Athletics Acronyms (A–Z)

Acronym	Description	Category	Use case
AD	Athletic Director, oversees school sports programs	Athletics Operations	The AD shared an update about the game schedule.
ATH	Athlete (multi-position designation in some sports)	Athletics Programs	The player is listed as an ATH on the roster.
CIF	California Interscholastic Federation, governs high school athletics in California	Athletics Governance	The team advanced to CIF playoffs.
DNP	Did Not Play	Athletics Operations	The student was marked as DNP for the game.
ECNL	Elite Clubs National League, a competitive youth league often referenced in school athletics	Athletics Programs	Several players also compete in ECNL.
ELIG	Eligibility status for participation	Athletics Operations	Students must maintain ELIG to compete.
FHSAA	Florida High School Athletic Association	Athletics Governance	FHSAA rules apply to postseason eligibility.
GHSA	Georgia High School Association	Athletics Governance	The school follows GHSA guidelines.
GP	Games Played	Athletics Metrics	The athlete has 10 GP this season.
HSAA	High School Athletic Association (general term used by states)	Athletics Governance	The HSAA sets competition rules.
IHSA	Illinois High School Association	Athletics Governance	IHSA regulations apply to the tournament.
ISL	Independent School League (private school league, varies by state)	Athletics Governance	The team competes in the ISL.
JV	Junior Varsity, secondary-level team	Athletics Programs	The student plays on the JV team.
MAPL	Mid-Atlantic Prep League, private school athletic league	Athletics Governance	The school participates in MAPL events.
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association, referenced in recruiting	Athletics Governance	Coaches discussed NCAA requirements.

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NCISAA	North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association	Athletics Governance	The team qualified for NCISAA playoffs.
NEPSAC	New England Preparatory School Athletic Council	Athletics Governance	NEPSAC oversees postseason play.
NFHS	National Federation of State High School Associations	Athletics Governance	NFHS rules guide officiating.
NIL	Name, Image, and Likeness rights for athletes	Athletics Governance	Seniors attended a session on NIL opportunities.
PB	Personal Best	Athletics Metrics	She achieved a PB in the race.
PHYS	Required sports physical clearance	Athletics Operations	A current PHYS form is required before tryouts.
PR	Personal Record	Athletics Metrics	He set a PR in the 200 meters.
PTS	Points scored	Athletics Metrics	She scored 18 PTS in the game.
RBIs	Runs Batted In (baseball/softball)	Athletics Metrics	The player recorded 3 RBIs.
ROSTER	Official team list of players	Athletics Operations	The final roster will be posted Friday.
SB	Stolen Bases (baseball/softball)	Athletics Metrics	She had 2 SB in the game.
SEC	Southeastern Conference, often referenced in recruiting	Athletics Governance	The athlete committed to an SEC school.
SOS	Strength of Schedule	Athletics Metrics	The team improved its SOS this season.
SPC	Southwest Preparatory Conference, private school league in Texas	Athletics Governance	The team competes in the SPC.
TAPPS	Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools	Athletics Governance	TAPPS rules apply to eligibility.
TBD	To Be Determined	Athletics Operations	The game time is TBD.
TCAL	Texas Christian Athletic League, supports smaller private schools	Athletics Governance	The school joined TCAL for competition.

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UIL	University Interscholastic League, governs public school athletics in Texas	Athletics Governance	UIL rules apply across the district.
V	Varsity, primary competitive team	Athletics Programs	She earned a varsity position.
VISAA	Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association	Athletics Governance	VISAA determines playoff eligibility.
W-L	Win-Loss record	Athletics Metrics	The team has an 8–2 W-L record.