

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION WAIVER REQUEST

This form is to be used when requesting a waiver of the Outside Participation rule (Bylaw 3.5.1).

NSAA Bylaw 3.5.1. "Any student who participates in any athletic contest other than as a representative of his/her high school during the season of the sport involved becomes ineligible to represent his/her school in that sport for one or more contests or the remainder of the season."

NSAA Approved Ruling for 3.5.1

Eligibility for District/State Competition. To be eligible to participate in a district and/or state contest, a student shall have been a member of the school's team and shall have been available to participate in at least eighty percent (80%) of the school's scheduled interschool contests and not have missed more than twenty percent (20%) of the school's scheduled contests because of participating in non-high school competition

(a) *The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team, eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport, and not involved in outside participation activities (exception: Olympic Development Program or national team activities as approved by the NSAA.)*

(b) *The term, "school's scheduled interschool contests," is defined as those contests which appear on the school's varsity schedule at the beginning of the season. An exception to this requirement will be considered if a student was unable to participate because of injury, illness, or had transferred from another high school.*

During the season of a particular sport, athletes participating in that sport for a high school may attend, but may not physically take part, either as an individual or as a member of a team, in the sport activity in which instruction is being offered in the clinic, camp, or school.

The phrase "participates in any athletic contest" is interpreted to mean to take part in any skill of the sport of season. For example, a student out for cross country or track would become ineligible to represent the high school if he/she participates in a road race or a marathon. A student on the high school basketball team would become ineligible if he/she participates in a free throw contest, 1 on 1, 2 on 2, 3 on 3, 4 on 4, basketball contest, or other similar contest. A student out for high school football will become ineligible if he competes in a punt, pass and kick contest. A wrestler shall not participate in a non-school takedown tournament during the wrestling season.

At no time during the sport season can a student who is a member of the school squad in that sport compete in organized competition in any skill of the sport. A person may be considered to be a participant without being an official entry in the competition.

A student may participate as an individual, without loss of interscholastic eligibility under the following conditions:

- (a) *As a member of a national team (and the actual direct tryouts) which is defined as one selected by the National Governing Body of the sport on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or actual tryout for the purpose of international competition which requires entries to officially represent their respective nations.*
- (b) *In an Olympic Developmental Program, which is defined as a training program or competition.*
 - (1) *Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), or*
 - (2) *Directly funded and conducted by the USOC member national governing body on a national level (e.g. NGB national championship and direct qualification therefore); or*
 - (3) *Specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by some qualifying procedure by the national governing body as having potential for future participation in regional, national, or international competition in the sport involved.*
 - (4) *Coaches from schools involved with an Olympic Development Program must adhere to the organized practice rule.*
- (c) *While representing the National Federation as a member of its United States national entry in an International School Sport Federation event.*
- (d) *In an athletic contest sponsored by a non-high school organization, provided the individual has qualified prior to the sports season through actual competition in a meet or series of meets which were designated in advance by the sponsoring organization as qualifying meets. Times, distances, placement, or performance in high school competition shall not be considered as qualifying criteria.*
- (e) *Provided in a, b, c, and d, such participation has been approved by the high school principal and the Nebraska School Activities Association.*

The high school principal and the coach of the sport involved must approve the request for a waiver of Section 3.5. The school then may request a waiver from the Nebraska School Activities Association, including documentation on how prequalification was met, with a maximum of one (1) non-school event per season for an individual student. If the student(s) has not qualified for the competition through actual competition in a meet or series of meets which were designated in advance by the sponsoring organization as qualifying meets, or the competition is not a part of the United States Olympic Development Program, a waiver may be granted provided the student(s) does not represent his/her school in varsity competition of the sport involved for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition. Students must miss the school event(s) immediately following the outside participation activity unless there are not the required number of regularly scheduled school events remaining; in which case, the additional events would need to be made up in advance of the outside participation.

Requests for the certification of distances or times attained in state meet competition shall be submitted by the individual along with information on how these marks are to be used. In order to be considered, the use of such marks must meet established minimum qualifying standards and competition must be open to any athlete meeting such standards. Certification of times or distances will not be given if qualification is based upon placement in a contest sponsored by the membership of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

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Submit to
NSAA, 500 Charleston Street, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 68508

All requests must be submitted in writing on this form provided for such request. When submitting a request, be sure to provide sufficient time for the Executive Director to consider the case and return a written statement of the findings and decision. Supporting information (such as Olympic Development Program designation from national governing body, or other) is to be attached to this waiver request form before sending to NSAA.

_____ Date Submitted _____ High School _____

_____ Signature of Principal or Designate _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____

Activity for which Waiver is Requested _____

Name and Location of Activity for which Waiver is Requested _____

_____ Date(s) of Activity for which Waiver is Requested: _____

The Activity is (check one):

_____ Olympic Development Program Training or Competition
(Member of national team or designated by USOC or national governing body as an Olympic Development Program activity)

_____ Outside Participation Program Training or Competition
(Student may not represent his/her school in any competition of the sport involved for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition/activity.)

_____ School Sponsored/Fundraiser

Date(s) of Missed High School Event _____

(For NSAA Office Approval Use)

In regard to the Outside Participation Waiver Request for the above-named student, the Executive Director has ruled as indicated below.

_____ Approved as Olympic Development Program; Student may participate without loss of interscholastic eligibility

_____ Approved as Outside Participation Waiver; Student may not represent his/her school in any competition of the sport involved for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition/activity

_____ Approved as a School Sponsored/Fundraiser Event; Student may participate without loss of interscholastic eligibility

_____ Not Approved: Reason _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Executive Director, NSAA