



OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION WAIVER REQUEST

This form is to be used when requesting a waiver of the Outsider 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."

1. 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 an 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.
 - i. Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), or
 - ii. 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
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 competition of the sport involved for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition. **To be eligible to compete in sub-districts, districts and/or state the student must not have missed 20% or more of the school's scheduled contests because of participating in non-school competitions.**
4. 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.
5. Request 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, national governing body, or other) is to be attached to this waiver request form before sending to the NSAA.**

Date Submitted

High School

Signature of Principal or Designate

Name of Student _____ Grade _____

Activity for which Waiver is Requested _____

The Activity is (check one)

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

_____ 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.)

_____ Non-high School Organization – Pre-qualified
(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 meets.)

_____ Non-high School Organization – No Pre-qualification
(If the student has not qualified for the competition through actual competition in a meet or series of meets, a waiver may be granted provided the student does not represent his/her school in competition for the same number of days in which he/she participated in the non-school competition.)

_____ School Sponsored/Fundraiser

Date(s) of Missed High School Event _____

(For NSAA Office Approval Use)

In regard to the outside Participation Wavier Request for the above-named student, the Executive Director has ruled as indicated below:

_____ Approved as Olympic Development Program or National Governing Body
Student may participate without loss of interscholastic eligibility.

_____ Approved as Non-high School Organization; Student may participate without loss of interscholastic eligibility.

_____ Approved as Non-high School Organization; Student may not represent his/her school in competition of the sport involved for the same number of days which he/she participated in the non-school competition. **To be eligible to compete in sub-districts, districts and/or state the student must not have missed 20% or more of the school's scheduled contests because of participating in non-school competitions (NSAA Approved Ruling 3.5.1)**

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

_____ Not Approved: Reason _____

Date _____
7/2022

Signature _____
Executive Director, NSAA