



**NATIONAL TEAM AND OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
INDIVIDUAL SPORT COMPETITION APPLICATION
BYLAW 207 NON-SCHOOL COMPETITION DURING THE HIGH SCHOOL SEASON**

This Application must be submitted a minimum of **30 days prior to the event** for approval for participation by a high school student in a national competition or in an Olympic development program during the high school season.

Policy: The Minnesota State High School League will permit a student to participate on a bona fide national team which represents the United States or to participate in a bona fide Olympic development program provided such participation meets the criteria outlined on page two of this document and if the application is approved by the student's athletic director acting on behalf of the school.

The student must show evidence of her/his ability to meet the standard necessary for national competition and submit the application to the athletic director acting on behalf of the school at least **30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT**.

The athletic director acting on behalf of the school must confirm that the applicant meets the standards necessary for the competition; that the sponsoring organization is conducted by an approved governing body; that the student has made arrangements to make up academic work; and the student's absence from school and from a school-sponsored or state high school event(s) involving a team in that sport has been approved.

To be completed by the student:

Student's name _____ M/F _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian name _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Name of high school _____ Address _____

Sport (circle one) Alpine Skiing Cross Country Golf Gymnastics Nordic Skiing Swimming Synchronized Swimming
Tennis Track Wrestling

Name of meet or competition _____

Name of sponsoring organization _____

Is the competition sanctioned by the national governing body for this sport? _____

List dates of competition _____

List dates student will miss school _____

Describe the process utilized to qualify the student for selection. List the qualifying standards necessary for entry to the meet. (Example: Junior National swimming applicants must be within 3% of the cut off times.) _____

Signature: _____
(student signature) (parent/guardian signature)

The following items must be submitted to the MSHSL by the athletic director. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by MSHSL staff:

- _____ The letter of invitation specifically inviting the athlete to participate in the identified event or a document indicating the student has qualified to participate in the identified event.
- _____ A complete description of the organization, including the event's connection to the National Governing Body, the event's criteria for extending the invitation, and the website where information about the organization can be found.

Action by high school athletic director:

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| 1. The student meets the criteria or standard necessary for the competition. | Yes | No |
| 2. The sponsoring organization meets the criteria listed. | Yes | No |
| 3. The student has made arrangements to make up academic work. | Yes | No |
| 4. The student's absence from school and school event(s) in the sport are approved. | Yes | No |

APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____ DATE _____
Athletic Director Signature

Action by MSHSL: APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

MSHSL Associate Director _____ DATE _____

NON-SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION DURING THE HIGH SCHOOL SEASON

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS: Alpine Skiing, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Nordic Skiing, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Tennis, Track, Wrestling
MSHSL Official Handbook: Bylaw 208.1

“ . . . While a student is a member of a high school athletic squad, s/he may not participate as a member of a non-school team or compete as an individual competitor in the same sport . . . ”

Exception: “Limited competition during the school year for the outstanding student athlete may be approved by a review committee appointed by the MSHSL Board of Directors, providing the request has been approved and submitted by a school official . . . ”

Application forms: Application forms will be provided by the MSHSL office to be utilized by students who seek approval on a **national team** or in an **Olympic development program** during the high school season.

Definitions: 1. **National Team**

A national team is a team selected by the national governing body of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires entries to officially represent the respective nations, although it is not necessary that there be team scoring by nation.

2. **Olympic Development Program**

An Olympic development program is training or competition:

- A. Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or
- B. Directly funded and conducted by a national governing body on a national level, or
- C. Authorized by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national team participation.

3. **Unattached Athlete:**

An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or “outside team.”

National Governing Bodies: See list below.

Criteria for Approval:

1. The national team or Olympic development program meets the definition of a national team or Olympic development program as stated above.
2. The student makes application at least 30 days prior to the competition.
3. The student has qualified her/his ability to participate.
4. The principal approves prior arrangements for the student to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes in which the absence for the competition occurs; and
5. The principal approves absence by the student from a school and from a school-sponsored or state high school event(s) involving a team in that sport.

Documents to submit to League:

1. The completed approval form which is found on the League's website
2. The letter of invitation specifically inviting the athlete to participate in the identified event
3. A complete description of the organization submitting the invitation including:
 - The event's connection to the National Governing Body
 - The event's criteria for extending the invitation to the athlete
 - The website where information about the organization can be found

Qualifying governing bodies:

BASEBALL:

U. S. Baseball Federation (USBF)
4 Gregory Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

BASKETBALL:

Amateur Basketball Association of the U. S.
A. (ABAUSA)
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

DIVING:

United States Diving, Inc. (USD)
901 West New York Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

GOLF:

U.S. Golf Association (USGA)
Box 708
Far Hills, NJ 07931

GYMNASTICS:

U. A. Gymnastics Federation (USGF)
10909 North Meridian Street, Suite 380
Indianapolis, IN 46204

ICE HOCKEY:

USA Hockey
2997 Broadmoor Valley Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

SKIING:

U. S. Ski Association (USSA)
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

SOCCER:

United States Soccer Federation (USSF)
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

SOFTBALL:

Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA)
2810 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

SWIMMING:

United States Swimming, Inc. (USS)
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING:

U. S. Synchronized Swimming, Inc. (USSS)
901 West New York Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

TENNIS:

United States Tennis Association (USTA)
51 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

TRACK AND FIELD:

Athletics Congress of the U. S. A.
2000 South Capitol Avenue
Suite 140
Indianapolis, IN 46225

VOLLEYBALL:

U. S. Volleyball Association (USVBA)
1750 East Boulder Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

WRESTLING:

U. S. A. Wrestling (USAW)
6155 Lehman Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918