



**NATIONAL TEAM AND OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
TEAM COMPETITION APPLICATION  
BYLAW 207 NON-SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION DURING THE 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 an 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): Baseball Basketball Football Hockey Lacrosse Soccer Softball Volleyball

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 to the team. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 TEAM COMPETITION DURING THE HIGH SCHOOL SEASON

**TEAM SPORTS:** Baseball, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball

**MSHSL Official Handbook:** Bylaw 208.1.A

"A student who is a member of a high school team may not participate as an individual competitor or as a member of a non-school team in the same sport during the high school season. Participation is defined as practice, training, tryouts and competing."

**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.

**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 or designee 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 or designee 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