



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BYLAW 4-10-2, EXCEPTION 1, RETENTION OF AMATEUR STATUS, REQUEST PART 1

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-10-2 may permit a student to compete in 1) an event where prize money and/or) where travel/meal/lodging remuneration is available if he/she signs a written declaration prior to the competition in which the student agrees that he or she **will not accept any prize money or remuneration contingent upon the student or team's finish.** During such an event, an athlete is only permitted to accept awards/gifts/prizes (not contingent upon their finish) valued under \$500.

Those who wish to protect their status as amateurs must sign this sheet and email it to the OHSAA (Attn: Kristin Ronai, kronai@ohsaa.org) **prior to event.** The OHSAA will consider any entrant who does not sign this sheet to have forfeited their amateur status. They also understand that, having signed this declaration, the sponsor shall not award to them any prize money and they agree to that as a condition of entry.

NOTE: A student may accept allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses from any entity provided that these expenses are not contingent upon the student's individual or a team's finish or performance or given as an incentive to achieve a specific goal or performance. Page 2 of this form requires submission of the receipt of expenses received by the athlete for the OHSAA to determine whether or not the expenses are in excess of those reasonable amounts for travel, meals and lodging.

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____ SPORT: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____ DATE(S) OF COMPETITION: _____

NAME OF COMPETITION: _____

SPONSOR OF COMPETITION AND CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – PART 1

I, the undersigned, declare that I understand the requirements for amateurism as set forth and outlined in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Handbook; that I am an amateur according to these rules; that I participate and have always participated in sport solely for the purpose of deriving the physical, mental and social benefits organized sports competition has to offer; that I will not accept any prize money or other remuneration in the event that I am among the winners of this competition; and that no other individual will accept any prize money on my behalf. I also understand that I cannot accept awards/gifts/prizes valued over \$500. I understand that this declaration must be returned to the OHSAA prior to the event; that the OHSAA will provide an acknowledgment of receipt of this form; and that this form cannot be accepted at any time after the actual start of the event.

Name of Participant
(Print)

Signature of Participant

Date

ADMINISTRATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that my student-athlete will be competing as an amateur in an event where prize money is awarded and/or travel/meal/lodging remuneration is being made available and understand that he/she, nor any coach, trainer, school facility member or family member, cannot accept any remuneration as a result of his or her performance.

Name of Principal or Athletic Director
(Print)

Signature of Principal or Athletic Director

Date

Email Address



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BYLAW 4-10-2, EXCEPTION 1, RETENTION OF AMATEUR STATUS, REQUEST PART 2

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-10-2 states that "A student may accept allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses provided that these expenses are not contingent upon the student's individual or a team's finish or performance or given as an incentive to achieve a specific goal or performance."

If a student does not accept any travel, meals or lodging expenses, simply list "None" below and return to the OHSAA Office.

If a student DOES accept any travel, meals or lodging expenses then this "Part 2" of the form is required to be completed in order to determine whether an athlete has received excessive benefits, as opposed to allowable expenses. The OHSAA strongly recommends declining ANY form of remuneration that could be seen as contingent upon your finish/performance, as any perceived "excessive benefits" will cause forfeiture of your athletic eligibility. Please include any receipts available to document the travel/meal/lodging expenses received.

Please list all expenses that were provided as "allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses." If no expenses were provided, simply list "None" and return to the OHSAA no later than 10 days after the event.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – PART 2

I, the undersigned, declare that I did not accept any prize money or remuneration in excess of what would be considered "allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses" at the tournament I just competed in; that I understand the OHSAA has the authority to deem any of the above listed expenses as "excessive" if it finds them contingent upon my finish/performance in the tournament; and that all the information provided above is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this receipt of expenses must be returned to the OHSAA no later than 10 days after the event concludes, if applicable; and that this form will be reviewed and used to determine the future status of my athletic eligibility.

Name of Participant
(Print)

Signature of Participant

Date