



# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BYLAW 4-6-2 #12, US CITIZEN WHOSE PARENTS ARE NON-RESIDENTS AND NON-US CITIZENS, REQUEST 2025-26

Exception 12 of Residence Bylaw 4-6-2 permits a student who is a United States citizen, and whose parents (biological or adoptive) are non-citizens living outside the United States or any of its territories, to be eligible for interscholastic athletics subject to the restrictions and conditions stipulated below:

- The student may be eligible for a maximum of one school year, which is the first year of enrollment at the Ohio member school.**
- The student has not previously participated in any other visitor exchange program in Ohio or any other state within the United States or any of its territories or attended any other high school in the United States or any of its territories. The period of participation in another visitor exchange program or the period of attendance at another high school in the United States or any of its territories shall count against the one-year maximum eligibility set forth in (a) above.
- There shall be no evidence of a direct placement for athletic purposes into a specific member school in Ohio.
- The member school at which the student wishes to be declared eligible for interscholastic athletic participation must submit the appropriate form(s) to the Executive Director's office, and the student and school must cooperate with the Executive Director's office in determining that all other requirements for eligibility have been satisfied, including the scholarship, transfer, semester and age requirements.

Note: Because of his/her citizenship status, the student may travel freely back and forth between the United States or any of its territories and the home country with the proper U. S. passport. Thus, a student could have attended high school in the United States or any of its territories previously without being part of any International Exchange Program. It is the responsibility of the school administration to verify that the student in these circumstances meets all the requirements of eligibility expressed above and verified on this form.

Please complete this form and return it, to the OHSA office via an email attachment, Attn: Mrs. Kristin Ronai (kronai@ohsaa.org). Please note the student is ineligible until a favorable ruling is issued by the Executive Director's Office. Furthermore, any student approved under Bylaw 4-6-2, Exception 12 may still be subject to the transfer consequence unless an exception can also be met to Bylaw 4-7-2.

### To be completed by the SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE (not the host parent or relative):

- Name of Member School: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_
- Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date First Enrolled at Member School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level for Current School Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Student's Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the student a US citizen? YES NO  
(Circle)
- Has student previously graduated from his/her home high school? YES NO  
(Refer to Bylaw 4-3-5) (Circle)
- Has student previously completed eight semesters of high school? YES NO  
(Refer to Bylaw 4-3-3) (Circle)



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10. Is the student scholastically eligible? YES NO  
(Circle)
11. Has the student attended another high school either in Ohio or in another state in the United States or any of its territories? YES NO  
(Circle)
12. Is there any evidence of direct placement for athletic purposes into your school? YES NO  
(Circle)

I hereby acknowledge that the responses on the above are accurate and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## To be completed by the STUDENT:

1. Are you considered a high school graduate in your home country? YES NO  
(Circle)
2. Have you completed what would be considered eight semesters of high school as of the date of this request? YES NO  
(Circle)
3. Have you previously participated in an academic year or semester secondary student exchange program in the United States? YES NO  
(Circle)
4. Have you received money or remuneration for competing in the sport for which you are requesting eligibility? YES NO  
(Circle)

I hereby acknowledge that the responses on the above are accurate and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR OHSAA OFFICE USE ONLY: Date of Decision - \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Approved by Executive Director's Office

☐ Denied by Executive Director's Office

For School Year/Semesters: \_\_\_\_\_