



# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

## REQUESTING TRAVEL FOR COMPETITION IN A NON-BORDERING STATE, BYLAW 9-2-1 – 2025-26

**Bylaw 9-2-1 reads:** Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state **one time per sport per interscholastic season** to compete in contests and/or practices in any location that does not border Ohio **subject to approval from the Executive Director's Office**. (Visit [ohsaa.org](https://www.ohsaa.org) to obtain the required form to request this travel permission). If such an approval is granted, it is the sole discretion of the school if the team/individual is permitted to miss school time.

**Penalty for violation:** A school which travels to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. A school which travels to a non-bordering location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.

**Complete this form PRIOR to any travel for competition in a non-bordering state and email to appropriate OHSAA sport administrator.**

1. Name of School Requesting Travel to Non-Bordering State: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sport for Which Travel is Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  

☐ Boys      ☐ Girls (Select One)
3. Name of Non-Bordering State(s) where Competition is Occurring: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of event/tournament(s), if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of ALL opponent(s): \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date(s) of Event(s): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_
9. I understand that written permission from the Executive Director's Office (E.D.'s Office) is required PRIOR to traveling to a non-bordering state for competition and recognize that failure to obtain this permission prior to the travel shall result a fine and additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the E.D.'s Office. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Initials of School Administrator)**
10. I understand that this team is only permitted to travel to a non-bordering state for competition ONE time during this interscholastic sports season and recognize that traveling to a non-bordering location to compete in contests on more than one occasion **shall result in ineligibility for the OHSAA postseason tournament in this sport** and additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the E.D.'s Office. \_\_\_\_\_ **(Initials of School Administrator)**
11. I understand that Bylaw 9-2-3 may require my school to secure a sanction through the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for participation in an event with a school in a non-bordering state. I have reviewed the four instances outlined within Bylaw 9-2-3 and have **(select one)**:  
☐ Option 1- Determined that a sanction is not necessary for this event  
☐ Option 2- Determined that a sanction IS necessary for this event and have checked to ensure this event has been sanctioned prior to allowing my team to participate (<https://www.nfhs.org/Sanctioning/Home/Search>)

### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR VERIFICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Administrator Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Request

### FOR OHSAA OFFICE USE ONLY:

☐ APPROVED

☐ DENIED

Processed By:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_