

Ohio High School Athletic Association

**Seated Athlete
Track & Field**



**2023 Competition
Manual**

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Introduction & History

The OHSAA was proud to announce the formation of an Adapted Sports Division of the OHSAA with Track & Field selected as the first sport to pioneer this movement in 2013. Athletes who qualify to compete in the Wheelchair Division shall not be separated according to the traditional school enrollment format of other sports, but shall compete as one division of athletics. Therefore, there will be no recognized team championship in the Seated Division, nor shall athletes competing in their concurrent sports championships be able to score points toward their team championships. However, Ohio seated athletes shall be able to compete for individual State Championship honors and shall be recognized by the OHSAA as having achieved this honor. The Ohio Department of Education estimates that some 6-8,000 students across Ohio will be impacted by this decision. In 2013 events were added to the State Championship in Track & Field including the 100M, 400M, 800M, and—in the field events—the shot put. With this action, Track & Field became the first sport in Ohio to include seated athletes as a part of a State Championship level of competition and makes Ohio one of only a handful of states who do so. Extracurricular activities—and sports in particular—have an incredible impact on the emotional, social, and physical well-being of any athlete, disabled or not. Wheelchair events in Track & Field will allow these athletes to represent their schools and communities in a way never before seen in Ohio. There are also post-secondary opportunities—NCAA programs and scholarships—available to these athletes. Additionally—although only an estimated 2% of disabled athletes rise to the level of “Paralympian” - the hopes, dreams, and encouragement of the pursuit of such a level of excellence is a cause worthy of Ohio sports.

Special thanks are given to Dale Gabor and Dave Kirk for their work to make this happen in the state of Ohio.

Uniform Regulations

While seated events have their own competition rules, it is important to keep in mind that many of the rules outlined in the NFHS Rule Book and OHSAA Track & Field Coaches/Officials Manual apply to competition by seated athletes.

Per NFHS Rule 4-4, waivers can be requested related to uniform modifications that are necessary due to medical or religious reasons. These waivers can be requested by contacting the OHSAA sport administrator. A copy of the waiver authorization letter should be given to the meet referee prior to the beginning of the competition. Coaches should take special care to review the below rules and request applicable accommodations/waivers.

NFHS Rule 4-3-1 | Outlines all rules related to uniforms of individual competitors

NFHS Rule 4-3-1a | Wearing of shoes

NFHS Rule 4-4-1 | Use of Braces

NFHS Rule 4-4-2 | Use of Protheses

NFHS Rule 4-4 | Granting of waivers due to medical necessity

Competition Regulations

While seated events have their own competition rules it is important to keep in mind that many of the rules outlined in the NFHS Rule Book and OHSAA Track & Field Coaches/Officials Manual apply to competition by seated athletes. These regulations include but are not limited to the below:

NFHS Rule 4-1 | Competitor

NFHS Rule 4-5 | Qualification

NFHS Rule 4-6 | Disqualification & Conduct

NFHS Rule 4-7 | Event Start/Conclusion

NFHS Rule 5-5 & 6 | Qualifying & Forming Heats

NFHS Rule 5-7 | The Start

NFHS Rule 5-8 | The Finish

NFHS Rule 5-8 | Infractions

NFHS Rule 5-11- 12 & 13 | Infractions

In the Wheelchair Division, the chair is considered an extension of the athlete's body, therefore:

A. No part of the chair may be wider than the lane width of the track

B. Seated Division races shall be raced the same as in able-bodied events in regards to racing in lanes or not. Touching or crossing over lane lines for more than 10 consecutive feet is a disqualification. Crossing a lane line for any distance and impeding another competitor is a disqualification.

OHSAA Manual Page 14 | Order of Events

OHSAA Manual Page 16-19 | Regular Season Contrast Procedures

Seated Athletes General Guidelines

Contested Wheelchair Events

Although only 4 events are currently contested at the State Championships in Columbus (100M, 400M, 800M and the Shot Put), seated athletes may enter **ANY INDIVIDUAL** event offered at a meet or invitational as long as the athletes do not exceed the event maximum established by the OHSAA (3 events on the Junior High level, 4 events on the high school level), and athletes understand that these non-recognized events will have no bearing on his/her state qualifying status. The only events considered for state qualifying status remain the 100m, 400m, 800m, and the shot put.

Note: A seated athlete cannot participate in a relay as rule 5-10-6 stipulates the baton must be carried by hand and due to the inherently increased risk of injury to the competitors. A seated athlete may participate in a team field event with footed athletes at a relay-style meet.

Wheelchair Heats/Running Alone

If two or more seated athletes have entered the competition in the same distance (regardless of gender), the seated athletes shall race in a separate heat from the footed athletes. Otherwise, if only one seated athlete is competing in the distance, the seated athlete shall be permitted to race in the same heat as footed athletes; however, they will be scored separately.

Scoring for Wheelchair Competitors

Prior to each meet, **the games committee** shall confer and decide if and how they wish to score the seated athletes in each of the individual events. **Every reasonable effort** should be made to allow seated athletes to earn points for his/her team (excluding state tournament competition), meaning that, if a seated athlete representing each of the competing schools in a meet enter an event, the results of that event should be scored in the team scoring.

Wheelchair Participation at Invitationals

Schools hosting Invitational track and field meets are recommended – and strongly encouraged - to include events for seated athletes (unless it is a relay only invitational). Host schools may select the eligible events (3 or more on the Junior High level, 4 or more on the High School level) and should notify competing schools and/or seated competitors in advance.

State Tournament Qualifying

In order for the performances of seated athletes at a meet to be considered for the state tournament, the meet manager, coach, athletic administrator or timing company of the host school must complete the qualification form that can be found [HERE](#), or on the OHSAA Track and Field Website.

The below criteria must be met in order for events to be considered for the state tournament.

Running Events

- FAT times only will be accepted
- The starter/referee must be an OHSAA Class 1 official

Field Events

- If FAT is used for running events, all field marks will still be eligible for qualification.
- If FAT is not used for the running events, the field events may still be eligible for qualification if one of the following conditions are met:
 - **Option A** – One OHSAA Class 1 official who directly oversees each field event and signs off on the results. This option is the recommended option and requires an OHSAA Class 1 official to be at every field event.
 - **Option B** - One OHSAA Class 1 official must be serving in a Head Field Judge or Field Referee position. This official must be in addition to the running event officials. Their responsibility is the direct oversight of the non-officials who are working each field event.

OHSAA Seated Qualifying Standards

(These seated standards have been used in previous years. However, they have now been included in the tournament regulations)

	100 m	400 m	800 m	Shot Put
BOYS	40.0 sec	2:00 min	3:30 min	9'
GIRLS	45.0 sec	2:30 min	4:00 min	7'

Additional notes:

- Meets hosting Seated Event are required to complete the following Google document to ensure the seated athletes results will be calculated for qualification to the State Meet ([CLICK HERE for Form](#))
 - Coaches of Seated athletes should verify that Meet Managers of meets (*utilizing approved qualifying results*) have submitted the qualifying results to **EITHER**:
 - MileSplit (results@milesplit.com)
 - OR**
 - Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
 - The deadline to submit these results will be **12:00pm on the Sunday before the start of the Regional Meets.**
 - Coaches and/or AD's will be contacted (via email) on the immediately following Tuesday to confirm their athlete's entry / acceptance for the State Meet. The deadline to submit your athlete's entry / acceptance (via email only) will be 12:00 PM on Friday during the week of the Regional Meets.
 - a) 1-9 Competitors: Current structure applies whereby all WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME OR DISTANCE will compete in one section or flight on the day of the State finals (Saturday);
 - b) 10 or more Competitors: 2 or 3 seeded heats will be held on Friday in semifinal competition by all WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME OR DISTANCE to determine the top nine (9) qualifiers for Saturday finals. In the event that only 9 competitors appear/check in due to scratches or withdrawals, semifinal competition will not take place;
 - c) 19 or more competitors: Regional competition will be held the week before the State Championships in events registered by 19 or more competitors WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME. Competition will be held at one of the current regional sites, and the top 18 competitors will advance to the State semi-final competition the following week.
1. Eligible Events – 100 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, Shot Put
 2. One Division – All Divisions will compete against each other in one Division
 3. Awards – Both boys and girls will be recognized with individual awards
 4. Scoring – All seated events will be non-scoring in relation to team standings

Equipment Specifications

Track Chair

- a) The track chair shall have two rear wheels and one front wheel;
- b) The track chair frame shall not extend in front of the center of the front wheel hub;
- c) The track chair may have no mechanical gears or levers that could propel the chair;
- d) The track chair's seat including the cushion shall not exceed 25 inches in height;
- e) The steering must be hand operated. NO electronic steering is permitted;
- f) NO part of the track chair or frame may protrude past the furthest point of the rear wheel;
- g) The athlete's lower limbs must be secured to the track chair. Any touch of the surface by the lower limb will result in disqualification from the event;
- h) Competitors are responsible for the proper functioning of the track chair. No event shall be delayed or rescheduled for equipment failure prior to the event.

Wheels

- a) The maximum diameter of the rear wheel and inflated tire is 28 inches;
- b) The maximum diameter of the front wheel and inflated tire is 20 inches and may not be smaller than 10 inches;
- c) Each rear wheel may have one hand rim.

Helmet and Gloves

- a) All competitors must wear a CPSC certified helmet (Bike/Skate);
- b) All competitors must start each event using racing gloves;
- c) Athletes may only propel the chair forward by pushing on the wheels or hand rims.

Equipment Specifications

All high school students with a permanent, physical disability (See Appendix A) may be eligible, subject to the sole discretion of the OHSAA, to participate on their school's track and field team.

Each athlete's physical disability must be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school. OHSAA reserves the right to request this documentation as part of the entry process. (See Appendix B)

Seated Division athletes must meet all of the same OATCCC/OHSAA eligibility requirements as able-bodied athletes. A complete listing of these eligibility requirements can be found in the OHSAA Handbook, or at the following information website: <http://www.oatccc.com/track/OATCCCStateChampionships/index.html>

Qualification procedures for these events shall be the same as the OATCCC requirements for qualifying to the OATCCC Indoor T & F Championships.

Coaches should follow the same procedure for their seated athletes as they do for able-bodied athletes. There is nothing extra that needs to be done. The entry process is exactly the same.

Racing Regulations

The start

The center of the front axle (axle plane) may not extend over the starting line. The starting commands shall be as follows: 100M & 400M – “On Your Marks”, “Set”, firing of starting device. 800M - “On Your Marks”, firing of the starting device. No mention of being “wheelers” is appropriate.

The finish

The finish of the race occurs when the center of the front axle (axle plane) crosses the finish line.

Wheeling in lanes

The 100M, 400M, and 800M shall be raced the same as in able-bodied events in regards to “lanes all the way” and/or break lines. Touching or crossing over lane lines for more than 10 consecutive feet is a disqualification. Crossing a lane line for any distance and impeding another competitor is a disqualification.

Passing or changing lanes

Competitors must have full clearance or another athlete’s front wheel in order to pass or move into another lane. Failure to pass or change lanes correctly will result in disqualification.

Obstruction

Athletes may not touch or obstruct another competitor during an event. Obstruction of an athlete will result in disqualification.

Shot Put Regulations

These events shall follow all NFHS and OHSAA rules with the following Modifications.

- All competitors must put the shot from a “chair” (manual wheelchair, throwing chair, power wheelchair). Scooters and “standing chairs” will not be allowed.
- The upper most part of the cushion/seat on any chair may not exceed 75cm (29.5 inches).
- If the frame has a holding bar, it must be fixed (no articulating joints).
- No part of the throwing frame or wheelchair may be outside the circumference of the circle
- The chair will be considered an extension of the athlete’s body. For example: Any part of the chair touching the top of the stop board is a foul.
- A coach (only) may assist the athlete in getting to the competition area.
- A coach (only) may assist the athlete in entering and exiting the circle.
- The school does not have to provide tie-down straps for throwing athletes. A coach (only) may hold the chair during the throwing attempt to prevent excessive movement.
- One buttock cheek must remain in contact with the seat during the throw.
- The size of the shot for wheelchair participants shall be the same as for all other male and female participants.
- Athletes who are in a wheelchair may compete in the same flight as able-bodied athletes but will be placed separately

Coaches & Athletes Check List

- _____ The athlete's disability has been verified by a licensed physician (see Appendix B) and this record is maintained on permanent file at the school. NOTE: The OHSAA reserves the right to request this documentation as part of the entry process.
- _____ The athlete meets all OHSAA eligibility requirements of residency and academics.
- _____ The coach has contacted meet officials to inquire about wheelchair events and to confirm participation [& completion of required reporting per the form on the website](#).
- _____ The coach has addressed any uniform modifications and received written waivers from the OHSAA authorizing the modification. Copies of this letter are available for meet referees prior to the beginning of the meet.
- _____ The athlete has trained both physically and mentally for the events being entered.
- _____ The athlete has verified the functioning of all equipment required for competition.
- _____ The athlete has met the qualifying times in the 100M, 400M, and/or 800M (These times must be FAT).
- _____ The coach has verified that meet management has forwarded all FAT qualifying times to the [OHSAA \(OATCCC\) MileSplit](#) result collection site.
- _____ Coaches with athletes listed on the performance list have followed the declaration process of entering their athlete in the OHSAA State Championship. All deadlines MUST be met.
- _____ Coaches and athletes have verified the final entry / acceptance.
- _____ Coaches and athletes have planned ahead for a GREAT weekend in Columbus!

Meet Manager Check List

- _____ We have considered the parking and/or drop-off areas for handicapped athletes and their drivers.

- _____ We have considered restroom facilities and/or specialized temporary restroom management for wheelchair accessibility.

- _____ Any special instructions at the coaches' meeting?

- _____ The coach has addressed any uniform modifications and received written waivers from the OHSAA authorizing the modification. Copies of this letter are available for meet referees prior to the beginning of the meet.

- _____ The Meet Referee understands the guidelines for wheelchair competition Officials in wheelchair events understand the event rules.

- _____ The Starter knows the commands to be given in all wheelchair events.

- _____ The FAT finish line people know that the front axle of the wheel is where we mark the finish time.

- _____ The Meet Director has verified that meet management has met all standards set by the OHSAA for performances to qualify, has submitted~~forwarded~~ all FAT qualifying times to ~~the OHSAA (OATCCC) MileSplit result collection site~~ and have completed the needed form on the OHSAA website.

- _____ The Meet Director has verified that meet management has forwarded all FAT qualifying times to the USOC Paralympic Division upon request of the wheelchair athlete and/or their coach.

- _____ Consideration has been given as to how to present the awards to these athletes—the podium doesn't work.

- _____ Media contacts have been notified.

Appendix A

Track & Field Seated Event Eligibility Rules & Regulations

PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

This Appendix details the description of physical impairments which qualify athletes to compete in OHSAA sanctioned track and field events. For the purpose of consistency in participation in Adapted Sport competition as well as uniformity of vocabulary, the OHSAA has modeled this Appendix after the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classifications Rules and Regulations Manual. For further elaboration and/or competition requirements, attention is directed to the IPC website at <http://ipc-athletics.paralympic.org> It is divided into three parts:

- 1.0 Introduction: Offers an overview of the process for determining eligibility for competition in OHSAA track & field wheelchair events.
- 2.0 Eligibility: Identifies the types of impairments that are eligible for OHSAA track & field wheelchair events, as well as minimal disability criteria.
- 3.0 Appeals Process: A description of the appeals process by which an athlete not described in “Section 2: Eligibility” may be granted an OHSAA Participation Waiver.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

2.0

- 1.1 Prior to participation in OHSAA adapted sports events, an athlete must demonstrate the presence of a qualifying permanent physical impairment that meets the eligibility criteria set forth by the OHSAA (see Section 2.0).
- 1.2 The OHSAA Adapted Sport Division is based on the straightforward concept that eligibility for wheelchair events in track and field potentially affords students with physical impairments the experience of interscholastic competition previously unavailable in Ohio.
- 1.3 When these OHSAA Track & Field eligibility rules are silent on the methods that apply for setting eligibility and minimal disability criteria, provisions in the Appeals Process shall apply (see Section 3.0).

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND MINIMAL DISABILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1 At the time the OHSAA Adapted Sport Division was enacted (2012), the eligibility and minimal disability criteria listed in the 2011 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classifications Rules and Regulations Manual were used to formulate this section. As the IPC continues to issue revisions, the OHSAA reserves the right to update and modify these standards at any time and without notice.
- 2.2 The following impairment types are eligible for competition in OHSAA Track & Field wheelchair events:
 - 2.21 Hypertonia Health conditions which cause hypertonia include, but are not limited to Cerebral Palsy (CP), stroke, acquired brain injury, and multiple sclerosis (MS).

Minimal Disability Criteria

Minimally affected diplegic, spasticity grade 1; hemiplegic, spasticity grade 1; monoplegia; minimal athetoid/ataxic athlete. Must have clear evidence of spasticity, involuntary movement and/or ataxia. As a guide, clear evidence should include at least 1 major sign and 1 minor sign from the list below:

Major

- Clear uni-or bilateral Babinski
- Clear uni-or bilateral clonus (e.g. 4 beats)
- Noticeably brisk reflexes or clear difference in reflexes between right and left
- Clear evidence of athetosis or ataxia

Minor

- Stiffness or rigidity in 1 or more limbs
- Mild atrophy or shortening of a limb

- 2.22 Lower Extremity Loss of a Limb or Limb Deficiency Loss of a lower extremity (below the waist) limb at any point as a result of trauma- related amputation or congenital limb deficiency (dysmelia)

Minimal Disability Criteria

Beginning with the hip socket and through or above the ankle joint, any amputation.

- 2.23 Limb-length difference, such as results from congenital dysgenesis or trauma.

Minimal Disability Criteria

At least 7cm difference between left and right leg. Measurements to be taken from the inferior aspect of the anterior superior iliac spine to the most medial tip of medial malleolus on the same side

- 2.24 Impaired muscle power or mobility impairment, whether congenital or a result of trauma, which prohibits standing and/or walking. The causes may include (but are not limited to) spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injury, spina bifida, post-polio, or Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Minimal Disability Criteria

Permanently confined to a wheelchair.

- 2.30 Permanent physical disabilities identified in Section 2.2 must be verified by a licensed physician using the OHSAA Adapted Sports Verification Form (see Appendix B). A copy must be sent to the OHSAA and the original maintained on file by the Board designated athletic administrator or the athlete's district.

- 2.40 Athletes must meet all other OHSAA eligibility guidelines as listed in the OHSAA Handbook and available at the OHSAA website, <http://www.ohsaa.org> Appeals to items in the OHSAA Handbook must follow the appeals process outline therein. This appeal to OHSAA eligibility guidelines is not related to the appeal identified in 2.30

3.0 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

3.10 Protests

- 3.11 The term “Protest” refers to the procedure by which a formal objection made to an athlete’s physical eligibility to compete as a wheelchair athlete in OHSAA Track and Field events is made and subsequently resolved.
- 3.12 The athlete in question may continue to compete while the Protest is considered.
- 3.13 The OHSAA reserves the right to examine the documentation of the athlete in question and make a non-medical decision based on the evidence presented. There may be an administrative cost for this investigation including legal counsel which shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.
- 3.14 The OHSAA may request additional assistance in this determination in the form of either a medical evaluation and/or an Athlete Evaluation conducted by a registered National Federation Classifier. The cost of any such procedure shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.
- 3.15 The decision of the OHSAA shall be presented in writing. The decision is final and no further Protests can be made against the athlete in the course of the season in which the Protest occurred.
- 3.16 If the Protest goes against the athlete, the athlete is ineligible for further competition as a wheelchair athlete. An athlete may appeal the decision following the procedures listed in Appeals, Sections 3.30 and 3.40

3.20 Protest Procedures

- 3.21 Protests must be entered on the OHSAA Adapted Sport Protest Form and submitted to the OHSAA. The form must be filled out in its entirety. (See Appendix B)
- 3.22 Upon submission of the Protest to the OHSAA, a review shall be conducted to determine if there is a valid reason for a Protest and if all of the necessary information is included. If it is determined that there is no valid reason for the Protest or the Protest form is incomplete, the Protest shall be declined and all relevant parties will be notified in writing of the decision and explanation. The OHSAA will retain the Protest fee.
- 3.23 If the Protest is accepted, the OHSAA reserves the right to seek legal, medical, and sport or scientific expertise in reviewing the Protest. All costs associated with this process shall be borne by the individual and/or the institution filing the Protest.
- 3.24 Upon completion of the review of the Protest, the OHSAA shall render a decision in writing to all relevant parties. The decision is final and not subject to further Protest.

3.30 Appeals

- 3.31 The term “Appeal” refers to the procedure by which a formal objection is made to (1) the results of a Protest ruling against the athlete’s physical eligibility to compete as a wheelchair athlete in OHSAA Track and Field event, or (2) a request for an OHSAA Participation Waiver in respect to “Exceptional Circumstances” as they relate to an omission in Section 2.2 and the resolution of that Appeal.
- 3.32 The athlete in question may not continue to compete while the Appeal is considered.
- 3.33 The OHSAA reserves the right to examine the documentation of the athlete in question and make a non-medical decision based on the evidence presented. There may be an administrative cost for this investigation including legal counsel which shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Appeal.
- 3.34 The OHSAA may request additional assistance in this determination in the form of either a medical evaluation and/or an Athlete Evaluation conducted by a registered National Federation Classifier. The cost of any such procedure shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Appeal.
- 3.35 The decision of the OHSAA shall be presented in writing. The decision is final and no further Appeals can be made on behalf of the athlete in the course of the season in which the Appeal occurred.
- 3.36 If the Appeal goes against the athlete, the athlete is ineligible for further competition as a wheelchair athlete for that season.

3.40 Appeal Procedures

- 3.41 Appeals must be entered on the OHSAA Adapted Sport Appeal Form and submitted to the OHSAA. The form must be filled out in its entirety. (See Appendix B)
- 3.42 Upon submission of the Appeal to the OHSAA, a review shall be conducted to determine if there is a valid reason for an Appeal and if all of the necessary information is included. If it is determined that there is no valid reason for the Appeal or if the Appeal form is incomplete, the Appeal shall be declined and all relevant parties will be notified in writing of the decision and explanation. The OHSAA will retain the Appeal fee.
- 3.43 If the Appeal is accepted, the OHSAA reserves the right to seek legal, medical, and sport or scientific expertise in reviewing the Appeal. All costs associated with this process shall be borne by the individual and/or the institution filing the Appeal.
- 3.44 Upon completion of the review of the Appeal the OHSAA shall render a decision in writing to all relevant parties. The decision is final and not subject to further Appeal.

Appendix B

Track & Field Seated Event Forms

PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

This Appendix contains the forms necessary to document an athlete's eligibility and/or the process by which that eligibility might be protested and/or appealed. For the purpose of consistency in participation in Adapted Sport competition as well as uniformity of vocabulary, the OHSAA has modeled this Appendix after the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classifications Rules and Regulations Manual. For further elaboration and/or competition requirements, attention is directed to the IPC website at <http://ipcathletics.paralympic.org>

There are three forms:

THE ADAPTED SPORTS VERIFICATION FORM

The purpose of this form is to declare an athlete's eligibility for OHSAA wheelchair track and field events in accordance with Section 2.0 of Appendix A, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria (see pp. 11-12). A copy of this form must be sent to the OHSAA and the original kept on permanent file with the athlete's high school.

PROTEST FORM

The purpose of this form is for a school to challenge the right of an athlete from another school to participate in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events based on a perceived violation of or a failure to conform to Section 2.0 of Appendix A, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria (see pp. 11-12).

APPEAL FORM

This form serves two purposes:

- (1) To allow an athlete the opportunity to appeal a Protest decision which changed the eligibility of the athlete in a manner that disallows participation in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events.
- (2) To allow an athlete to appeal a disability which is not listed in Appendix A under Section 2.0, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria (see pp. 11-12), for the purpose of competing in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events.

Adapted Sports Verification Form

The purpose of this form is to declare an athlete's eligibility for OHSAA wheelchair track and field events in accordance with Section 2.0 of Appendix A, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria (see pp. 11-12). A copy of this form must be sent to the OHSAA and the original kept on permanent file with the athlete's high school.

PART ONE: ATHLETE INFORMATION

Name _____ Gender _____ Grade _____
Last First MI

Address _____, OH _____
Street City State Zip

PART TWO: HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name _____ Head Coach _____

Address _____, OH _____
Street City State Zip

I certify that the above named athlete meets all OHSAA eligibility requirements of age, residency, and academics.

_____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature of HS Principal OR Athletic Director

PART THREE: PHYSICIAN'S / CLASSIFIER'S CERTIFICATION (May not be a relative of the athlete)

I certify that the above athlete applicant was examined by myself on _____ (Date) and meets the OHSAA Minimal Disability Criteria listed in Appendix A, Section 2.0 (pages 11-12) of the OHSAA Wheelchair Event Eligibility Rules and Regulations.

Diagnosis: _____

Printed name of Physician OR Classifier

Signature of Physician OR Classifier

Address _____, _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Adapted Sports Protest Form

The purpose of this form is for a school to challenge the right of an athlete from another school to participate in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events based on a perceived violation of or a failure to conform to Section 2.0 of Appendix A, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria

PART ONE. SCHOOL FILING THE PROTEST

School _____ Principal _____
Print

I certify, that on behalf of my high school and athletic department, I am protesting the participation of the athlete identified in Part Two on the basis of the evidence provided in support of this document. I understand the following stipulations under Section 3.0 of Appendix A, Track & Field wheelchair Event eligibility Rules and Regulations:

- 3.13 The OHSAA reserves the right to examine the documentation of the athlete in question and make a non-medical decision based on the evidence presented. There may be an administrative cost for this investigation including legal counsel which shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.
- 3.14 The OHSAA may request additional assistance in this determination in the form of either a medical evaluation and/or an Athlete Evaluation conducted by a registered National Federation Classifier. The cost of any such procedure shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.

I personally guarantee the payment of the costs identified above to the OHSAA upon completion of this Protest.

Principal's Signature (Must be the same name as identified previously) Phone _____ Date _____

PART TWO. PROTESTED ATHLETE INFORMATION

Name of athlete _____ High School _____

Event (Circle all that apply): 100M | 400M | 800M | Shot Put

Grounds for Protest:

Attach all documents, facts and expert witnesses, and other evidence to be offered in evidence in support of the Protest.

Proposed remedy to the protest:

Adapted Sports Appeal Form

This form serves two purposes:

- (1) To allow an athlete the opportunity to appeal a Protest decision which changed the eligibility of the athlete in a manner that disallows participation in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events.
- (2) To allow an athlete to appeal a disability which is not listed in Appendix A under Section 2.0, Eligibility and Minimal Disability Criteria (see pp. 11-12), for the purpose of competing in OHSAA wheelchair track and field events.

PART ONE. SCHOOL FILING THE APPEAL

School _____ Principal _____
Print

I certify, that on behalf of my high school and athletic department, I am appealing the participation of the athlete identified in Part Two on the basis of the evidence provided in support of this document. I understand the following stipulations under Section 3.0 of Appendix A, Track & Field wheelchair Event eligibility Rules and Regulations:

- 3.13 The OHSAA reserves the right to examine the documentation of the athlete in question and make a non-medical decision based on the evidence presented. There may be an administrative cost for this investigation including legal counsel which shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.
- 3.14 The OHSAA may request additional assistance in this determination in the form of either a medical evaluation and/or an Athlete Evaluation conducted by a registered National Federation Classifier. The cost of any such procedure shall be borne by the individual and/or institution filing the Protest.

I personally guarantee the payment of the costs identified above to the OHSAA upon completion of this Protest.

Principal’s Signature (Must be the same name as identified previously) Phone Date

PART TWO. ATHLETE INFORMATION

Name of athlete _____ High School _____

Event (Circle all that apply): 100M | 400M | 800M | Shot Put

Grounds for Appeal:

Attach all documents, facts and expert witnesses, and other evidence to be offered in evidence in support of the Appeal.

Proposed remedy to the protest:



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION: Students with Disabilities – 2022-2023

It is the policy of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to support playing rules modifications, where appropriate, to accommodate students with disabilities so that they are able to participate in the interscholastic athletics programs sponsored by the member schools. To that end, the OHSAA shall receive requests for modifications to the interscholastic athletics programs in the sports sponsored by the Association for students with disabilities, including those with hearing, visual and physical disabilities.

The OHSAA commends and supports these students who wish to compete in the sports that are sponsored by the OHSAA, and sincerely desires to work with the member schools to enable students with disabilities to enjoy participation opportunities.

The following procedures have been developed by the OHSAA to examine each individual case to ensure that a request for modification does not give the student with the disability an advantage in the competition or put other competitors at a disadvantage or at risk. The OHSAA must consider the needs of all students involved in the competition.

INSTRUCTIONS: A member school administrator shall contact the OHSAA if a student in need of an accommodation desires to compete in an OHSAA-sponsored sport. Please make your request using the below form as far in advance as possible.

If the OHSAA approves a modification, it is the coach’s responsibility to provide a copy of the OHSAA approval notification to all affected schools competing in the event and to the head contest official. **Only one response letter from the OHSAA is necessary for the modification to be permitted for all interscholastic contests in that sport or event for the current school year.** If the student advances to Regional or State tournament competition, it is the responsibility of the member school to notify the OHSAA.

Please direct your request to the OHSAA sport administrator in charge of the sport in which the student is seeking the modification. See the document “Who to Contact” on the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org for a reference.

1. **Name of Member School:** _____

2. **Address/City/Zip:** _____

3. **Name of Student:** _____

4. **Gender:** _____ **Sport:** _____

5. **Please identify the exact nature of the requested modification in as much detail as possible** *(use additional paper as necessary):*

6. **Has student previously participated in this sport at an OHSAA member school?** YES NO

7. **Would the modification fundamentally alter the nature of the event?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

8. **Is the requested modification reasonable under the circumstances?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

9. **Is the requested modification necessary for the student to compete?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

10. **Can the student compete at the same time as the other participants?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

11. **Would the requested modification give the student an advantage over other competitors?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

12. **Would the requested modification cause the other participants to be at a disadvantage or at risk?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

13. **Would the requested modification pose a safety risk to the students and/or any other participants in the event?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

14. **Would additional costs be involved, and if so, how would those costs be met?** YES NO

Additional Comments (optional): _____

Administrator Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

FOR OHSAA OFFICE USE ONLY: Date of Decision - _____

Approved by Executive Director's Office

For Sport Season: _____

Denied by Executive Director's Office

