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## Student-Athlete Request for Outside Participation

Participation on a high school sports team is a privilege and an option that you and your child have freely chosen. As coaches are required to adhere to county, conference and state rules governing athletics, student-athletes are required to adhere to those same rules including team and athletic department rules as a condition of participation.

Per COMAR Education Article, §§2-205 and 2-303(k), - ([Sec. 13a.06.03.02. Eligibility](#)):

Students, while participating on a school team, are permitted to participate on sports teams outside of school during the high school sport's season. This participation shall meet the following criteria:

1. The outside participation may not conflict with the practice or contests schedule of the school including district, regional, and State championship play unless prior written approval has been obtained from the school principal and coach;
2. Students who elect to participate on an outside team and do not participate and practice with the school team throughout the designated sport's season are ineligible to represent the school in all contests that determine a county, district, regional, or State championship during that sport season.

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**Interpretation:** Any factor of a non-school athletic activity that causes a student to miss any portion of a school practice or contest constitutes a conflict.

This would include but is not limited to:

1. Practice
2. Competition
3. Tryouts/qualifying
4. Travel to and from
5. Registration
6. Awards ceremony
7. Etc.

Note: It is expected that high school teams conduct practice for all members or engage in competition every day school is in session during the sports season. Saturdays may also be utilized for practices and/or competitions.

\*Please see page 2 for the form to request permission to participate on a sports team or sports event outside of the school team. The request should be submitted at the beginning of each season when possible or at a minimum of 2 weeks prior to any single event, practice or tournament.

# Student-Athlete Request for Outside Participation Form

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who attends \_\_\_\_\_

High School, I am requesting permission for my student-athlete to participate on a sports team or sports event outside of the school team. I understand that participation on a high school sports team is a privilege and the high school team should be the priority of my student-athlete. I fully understand that the principal and coach have the sole authority to approve or deny this request. Furthermore, I fully understand that there are local and state penalties and sanctions that may be placed on my student-athlete and the school team should outside participation occur without prior approval from the principal and coach.

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of outside athletic contest/event: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for my request: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*APPROVED \*DENIED

Principal's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:**

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