

STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN-SEASON PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

If you are in high school, the guidelines below for your state will help you adhere to the eligibility requirements in your home state. If your state is not listed, refer to the website for your state's high school activities association.

Participation guidelines will potentially affect your ability to compete in the following tournaments:

- Freak Show (Las Vegas, NV): October, 3rd weekend
- Monster Match (Denver, CO): November, 1st weekend
- Grand Canyon (Scottsdale, AZ): November, 4th weekend
- Who's Bad? (Denver, CO): December, 4th weekend
- USA Showcase (Anaheim, CA): January, 1st weekend (HS Girls, Boys 15U)
- NM Nationals (Rio Rancho, NM): January, 2nd weekend (15U)
- Wild West (Gillette, WY): February, 1st weekend (15U)

Coaches, Athletes, & Parents:

Listed here are states which have shared their in-season eligibility requirements with RMN Events. This is not meant to be a complete list, but it will answer certain questions you may have. To have a complete understanding, you are encouraged to contact your high school coach; if you have further questions, research your state association online. If you find information not listed here, please help others by sharing the missing details at info@rmnevents.com.

RMN Events has gone through extensive research to offer a clear answer for those wrestlers who want to compete without it affecting your eligibility status. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope you will consider encouraging high school wrestlers to compete as we make each weekend of wrestling truly special ...

Sincerely, Ed Gutierrez – CEO RMN Events

It is each participant's responsibility to be fully informed prior to participating in an RMN Tournament. RMN Events will not be held liable for any rules violations or eligibility issues.

ALASKA

ASAA has no limitations on students participating on non-school wrestling teams while they are members of a school wrestling team. The dates for the 2017-18 season are: September 27, 2017 – First Practice; October 12, 2017 – First Contest; December 9, 2017 – Last Contest (Regular Season or Conference Championship); December 15-16-State Championships. Teams may ask ASAA to extend their season. ASAA may grant a post season extension when requested in a timely manner by a member school, for the sole purpose of out-of-state competition.

ARIZONA

The rule below was forwarded to us in reference to the Grand Canyon Nationals. According to the AIA, an Arizona High School Wrestler may compete under these guidelines:

1. Arizona High School wrestler(s) may not represent his/her school with a school singlet or name.
2. The high school may not pay for the Arizona high school wrestler's registration fee.
3. A high school coach may not coach his wrestlers or team.
4. A high school coach cannot make the tournament mandatory.

RULING from AIA:

14.1 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

1. A student who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin with the first regularly scheduled game and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.
2. Attendance at summer activities shall be voluntary and no student athlete shall be prohibited from participating on athletic teams for failing to attend the summer activities.

14.2 INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

1. A student competing as an individual and in his/her name shall not be coached by, transported by, financed by, or chaperoned by the school or school personnel. He/She shall not be identified as a representative of the school. He/She shall not wear any school equipment when competing.

CALIFORNIA

Below is the CIF Bylaw 600-601 regarding outside competition. All of the tournaments listed above fall into the CIF season of sport for wrestling and the athletes would only be allowed to attend fully sanctioned high school meets representing their team. The athlete is able to compete unattached in certain types of competitions. Please refer to the bylaws below for further clarification.

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team, in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport (See Bylaw 504.A).

G. Unattached Competition in Individual Sports

(1) An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or "outside" team. Any violation shall be considered an infraction of Bylaw 600.

(2) Unattached competition is permissible for a student in other than school contests during the season of sport provided the student enters in the individual sports of badminton (singles and doubles), cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming and diving (including unattached entry on relays), tennis (singles and doubles), track and field (including unattached entry on relays) and wrestling.

(3) Certification of Unattached Athletes

No official recognition or certification on the part of the CIF member school or personnel of the CIF member school may be given in order that unattached athletes may participate in contests.

(4) Representation in CIF Competition

Unattached competition is not permitted in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 503.D.). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.

601. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 600

A. Individual

(1) First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student participated.

(2) Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for one (1) year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.

(3) Appeals

Upon written appeal to the Section commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.

HS Girls Division Dual Meet Competitors please note: (specific to USA Showcase)

- 1) CA HS girls may only compete against girls from an official HS team (not a club).
- 2) Each competitor must meet minimum academic and school eligibility requirements.
- 3) Maximum of 5 matches in a day per competitor (does not include forfeits).

Weights:

101, 106, 111, 116, 121, 126, 131, 137, 143, 150, 160, 170, 189, HWT

COLORADO

CHSAA has a winter prohibition period, where no coach or faculty member may have contact with student athletes from the school. This year, those dates are December 24-27 and January 1st. Additionally, coaches cannot have contact with athletes on any Sunday.

Outside of that, if a student is participating in RMN events, and it is during the scholastic season, those athletes should get written permission to participate in a non-school event from their coach and AD or principal. That can be documented on [CHSAA Form 24](#) and that form should be kept on file at the school.

Coaches who coach both club and high school should be aware of the CHSAA bylaws and how those may affect athletes if a high school athlete chooses to transfer schools to be in the same school as his/her coach is. There are eligibility implications in the case of every transfer that happens, so coaches and athletes should read up on those bylaws and discuss a possible transfer with the AD prior to the transfer happening.

CONNECTICUT

The CIAC permits wrestlers competing on a member schools wrestling team to participate in four events on an "unattached" basis. Prior to a given school's first scheduled wrestling match, a wrestler on that school's team may participate in any event he/she chooses. After the school's first match, then that student-athlete may participate in four events on an unattached basis. That four-meet limitation starts with a school's first wrestling event and goes to that individual's final match for that season. After an individual student-athlete's last wrestling event, he/she may again participate in any outside event chosen.

For the 2017-2018 wrestling season, practices may officially begin on November 27 and the first allowable match may take place on December 11, 2018. Schools may opt to have their first match any time after December 10, 2018.

IDAHO

Idaho high school athletes can only participate in IHSAA sanctioned events against students from member schools from other states. The season runs from November 13, 2017 through February 24, 2018.

ILLINOIS

Wrestlers competing for IHSA member school teams would not be able to participate in events dated November 13, 2017 through your last tournament listed above. The same would be true for corresponding dates in years to come.

KANSAS

Student / Athletes are not permitted to compete in outside competition, during the school season. Once a member of the school team, then you are not permitted to compete in an outside event until the school season has concluded. Girls competing for their high school are under the same requirements, as they are members of the school team.

MICHIGAN

Five of the events listed are during the MHSAA (Michigan) wrestling season: Grand Canyon through Wild West. Attached is a link to a brochure with a summary of MHSAA eligibility regulations that may assist. It is also linked below from our website. Three quick points that may assist:

- 1) Under the MHSAA Limited Team Membership Rule, in wrestling, once a student wrestles in a contest for their school, a student is allowed two non-school events, during the season, where they are **not connected** to their school or coach. A student could attend an event (or two) under this allowance.
- 2) None of the five events appear to be National High School Championship Event or All-Star Event which are not permitted under the rules at any time for students who wish to continue eligibility.
- 3) We remind participants that they should also follow the amateur stats and awards rule. No valuable consideration (merchandise, negotiable certificates, or gear) that is not included in the entry fee. A symbolic award may not exceed \$ 25 plus engraving or embroidery. A T-shirt or clothing has been considered a symbolic award for the purpose of this rule.

<https://www.mhsaa.com/Portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/eligibility%20summary.pdf?ver=2017-06-29-095452-290>

MISSOURI

The high school season start date is October 30 and the end date is February 17. This defines the "during the season" period for our state. A high school wrestler may participate in a maximum of 2 non-school competitions during the season with approval from their school administration. This allowance would allow high school wrestlers in Missouri to participate in two non-school wrestling competitions during the wrestling season in which they are representing their school team.

If the school administration does not approve a wrestler to participate in said non-school competition, then the student cannot attend. A school coach cannot coach on their wrestlers at a non-school competition during the high school season.

MONTANA

The starting date for the MHSА wrestling season is November 16, 2017 and the season ends on February 10, 2018. All of the events you have listed on your events occur during the MHSА wrestling season, so the following rules would apply to MHSА teams and their participants.

Because RMN events are not sanctioned by the NFHS, MHSА wrestling teams would not be allowed to attend these events. Also, teams are not allowed to attend a club event where they are coached by the same high school coach or coaching staff. This is a circumvention of several MHSА rules and would not be allowed.

As far as individual Montana wrestlers who are competing for MHSА high schools, they are allowed to attend your events during their season as long as the follow requirements are followed: the student-athlete must complete unattached to any school.

The student-athlete must follow the MHSА Amateur and Awards Rule. The amateur rule states they cannot receive any monies over and above the actual expenses for the trip and they must document all the expenses. The MHSА Awards rule states they cannot receive any awards over \$100 in value per event and never can receive cash.

The school and/or booster club cannot have any involvement with financing this student-athlete. The local school may have a policy for their team member about competition during the season for a club team. You would want to ensure each athlete has approval from their coach to attend.

Thanks for your email and if you have any questions, please contact Brian Michelotti: (406) 442-6010, bmichelotti@mhsa.org.

NEBRASKA

During the high school season, separate from team-scheduled events, wrestlers are allowed to compete in outside competition. The stipulation is that they would not be able to represent their respective high school and the school could not provide support to that individual.

NEVADA

Nevada High School Athletes

- May compete as an individual or with a club, but not as a representative of ANY school team.
- May not wear any singlet or other piece of equipment which identifies a participant with a school.
- May need permission of high school coach to participate if it is during the high school season which begins November 11, 2017.

NEW MEXICO

The high school athletic winter season is October 30, 2017 – Feb 17, 2018. Anything outside of this (excluding summer – roughly Memorial Day thru mid-August), our coaches cannot coach them due to our out-of-season coaching regulations.

In-season there are no coaching regulations; however, any individual non-school competition that coincides with our regular season counts against the individual's competition limits.

OKLAHOMA

Any collegiate style wrestling open tournament held after November 30 and until the completion of the state wrestling tournament in which a school coach is coaching either directly or indirectly a school team or members of a school team would count against the school's and/or individual's regular

season schedule. A violation of this rule could cause a student to lose eligibility and a coach to be suspended.

A student-athlete competing unattached in a non-sanctioned event would be out of the state association's jurisdiction. Any such participation must be independent of their school and/or school program which would include being coached by school personnel. The OSSAA Wrestling Manual is available on the OSSAA website.

OREGON

Wrestlers in Oregon may participate in the events listed as an "unattached" competitor:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "UNATTACHED"?

A participant is unattached if:

- Participant is not designated as representing a member school within entry or results reports.
- Participant pays all entry fees, meals, lodging, and other expenses related to the event.
- Participant is responsible to arrange and pay costs associated with transportation to and from the event.
- Participant does not wear a school uniform during competition.

Specific OSAA policy related to this topic is listed below:

4. ATTACHED AND UNATTACHED COMPETITION / EXHIBITION

(Revised

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Following is the policy regarding attached and unattached competition:

- A. A high school team shall not compete against an unattached team (e.g., club team).
- B. Students representing a high school shall not compete against unattached individuals.
- C. Students shall not represent a high school and participate in a competition or exhibition as unattached on the same day at the same venue/facility.

Competition between unattached and "attached" individuals is an OSAA rule violation and we do fine our member schools when these interactions occur, regardless of reason.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SDHSAA by-laws strictly regulate non-school participation. Any athlete who is part of a SDHSAA High School program would have to forfeit 4 weigh-ins (4 events) for participation in any one of these events, and a second event participated in would end their HS season eligibility.

UTAH

Wrestling Season Dates: November 6th - February 10th.

SECTION 12: Limited Team Membership

A student, while participating as a member of a high school team, may not **compete** on a team not sponsored by his or her school in the same activity during the same season. A student may compete in a non-school sponsored contest as an individual, not a team member, while a member of a high school team during an activity season.

Interpretations & Guidelines 1.12.1: LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP

1. No member of a high school team may compete in any organized competition on any outside team for a particular sport after the competition start date in a given season. One-day auditions or try outs are allowed during the season so long as no high school practices or games are missed and provided there is no coaching involved.

WASHINGTON

Any coach from Washington who has questions regarding WIAA rules and regulations is asked to contact Assistant Executive Director Brian Smith at bsmith@wiaa.com.

<http://www.wiaa.com/conDocs/Con1690/SportRulesandRegs.pdf>

<http://www.wiaa.com/conDocs/Con1690/Eligibility.pdf>

<http://www.wiaa.com/conDocs/Con1690/Coaches.pdf>

<http://www.wiaa.com/conDocs/Con1690/SpecificSportRules.pdf>

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin allows athletes to compete in two non-school competitions with school approval during the regular season.

WYOMING

Wyoming athletes are allowed to attend a non-school tournament as long as they have permission from their high school. Non-school or open tournaments count toward their 7-tournament limit for the season.