

OHIO UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS



UNATTACHED/OPEN COMPETITION PERMISSION FORM

COACHES & STUDENT-ATHLETES: This form must be completed and approved prior to any student-athlete participating in an outside or unattached competition. If there is any additional documentation regarding the student-athlete's participation (e.g., National Team letter, meet entry, etc.), please attach it to this permission form.

NCAA Bylaw 14.7.1.5 Competition as an Individual/Not Representing Institution. *It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.*

NAME OF COMPETITION	LOCATION OF COMPETITION	DATE(S) OF COMPETITION

- Will the competition be scored for any of the institutions present? Yes No
- Will any student-athletes score points for any team? Yes No
- Is the event open to non-collegiate competitors? Yes No

Please complete all the necessary information below:

Student-Athletes	Eligible		Representing (Club, National Team, Ohio, Unattached, etc.)	Receiving Expenses From (please list the organization providing expenses, if any)
	Yes	No		

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

APPROVAL

I hereby certify that I have fully completed this form and informed the above named student-athletes of rules regarding outside competitions. I affirm that I have fully complied with all NCAA, Mid-American Conference, and institutional rules regarding outside and unattached competitions, and provided the necessary information to the Ohio University Compliance Office.

Head Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Compliance Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNATTACHED or OPEN COMPETITION RULES

NCAA Bylaw 13.11.1.3 states that an institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an established outside team (e.g., non-scholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for permissible contests while on a foreign tour, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the United States national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. (See also *NCAA Interpretation 04/17/07*).

(a) **Limits on participation** – An ineligible student-athlete, redshirt, or eligible student-athlete who participates as an “unattached” competitor may not compete in...

1. An intercollegiate meet
2. An open event in an intercollegiate meet in which the University's team is competing
3. A meet that involves individuals or teams from collegiate institutions participating in a competition to score points for the represented institutions.
4. An event that involves team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in the same scoring category.
5. A meet in which the institution's varsity team members directly compete (e.g., in the same heat, flight, pairing) against high school prospects who are representing an outside team.

(b) **Prior approval** – A student-athlete must obtain prior written approval from the Ohio University Compliance Office to compete as an unattached individual.

(c) **Important points to remember** (*NCAA Ed. Column, November 17, 2005*)

1. A University student-athlete may participate in an open meet where University student-athletes are representing the University, so long as the meet is open to the general public, is not held in conjunction with an intercollegiate competition, and no team scoring occurs.
2. No University gear may be worn (e.g., uniforms) or utilized (e.g., golf clubs) during the competition.
3. The student-athlete may not earn points for the University.
4. No expenses (e.g., housing, meals, etc.) may be paid by the University.
5. Use of institutional athletic trainers is not permissible.
6. No transportation may be provided.
7. Coaching may not be provided inasmuch as the NCAA has determined that a student-athlete who receives the benefit of coaching is considered to be representing the University. Therefore, the student-athlete's participation would not be considered “unattached” and would trigger the individual competition limits, travel squad limits, as well as the use of a season of eligibility. Also, student-athletes ineligible for off-campus practice or competition (i.e., a non-qualifier or transfer serving a year in residence) are never eligible to receive coaching at an off-campus site.
8. A student-athlete participating in unattached competition may not accept cash and or prizes for their athletics performance without jeopardizing their eligibility for intercollegiate competition.