**2018 High School States Eligibility Exception Application**

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**Player Eligibility**

* 1. USA Ultimate High School Championship events are competitions for school-based teams. All players on teams participating in the event must meet the following guidelines for "High School Players".
	2. To be considered a High School Player, students must meet the following requirements:
		1. Students must be regular members of the school they represent, during the entire term during which the event is held, in order to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity.
			+ 1. Students are a "regular member" of a school if they are enrolled half time or more, exclusive of interscholastic athletic activities.
				2. In cases where schools can provide supporting documentation, USA Ultimate allows two or more schools meeting certain requirements to compete as a consortium (single-team from multiple schools) in the USA Ultimate High School division. More details can be [found here](https://www.usaultimate.org/assets/1/Page/USAU%20Youth%20Consortium%20Application%202016v1.docx).
		2. Students must be enrolled in ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade.
		3. Students ineligible under the above requirements and any of their state’s eligibility exceptions may apply for an eligibility exception. Please contact [your State](https://www.usaultimate.org/youth-contacts/) Youth Coordinator for an application.
		4. Students in seventh or eighth grade in states where there is no middle school playing opportunity available may play with their associated high school based on approval from the high school coach, the player’s parents, and the high school administration.
	3. Students must not turn 20 prior to June 1st of the current school year.
	4. Students who are home schooled will be considered eligible to participate on a team at a USA Ultimate Championship event as follows:
		1. If the student is part of a [USAU-recognized home school cooperative](https://www.usaultimate.org/assets/1/Page/Home%20School%20Cooperative%20Program%20Guidelines%202016.doc), they may participate as part of that cooperative’s Ultimate team, provided that team meets the state tournament participation requirements. This home school cooperative must be renewed every two years and may be reviewed by USA Ultimate at earlier intervals if needed.
		2. If the student is not part of a USAU-recognized home school cooperative, they may participate as part of the Ultimate team at the public high school that they would normally attend, provided that team meets the state tournament participation requirements.
		3. If a student is a regular member of a school they may not play with any other school, regardless of any homeschool designation.
	5. Players under the age of 18 must have a completed [Medical Authorization](https://www.usaultimate.org/assets/1/Page/Medical%20Authorization-V4.1.form.pdf) form onsite at the event with their coach or chaperone.

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Please read the excerpt above from the 2018 youth guidelines. If your circumstance falls under “c” please explain your situation below (using additional pages if necessary). For this exception to be considered this document will need to contain the player’s parent signature, the signature of the coach who they will be playing for, and a signature from a school administrator that the team represents. Upon completion, turn this form into your SYC for review.

List of SYCs: <http://www.usaultimate.org/youth-contacts/>

**Player Name:**

**Grade and School Player Currently Attends:**

**School Player Wishes to Represent:**

**Description of Circumstance:**

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Administrator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Position of School Administrator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For your Competition State Youth Coordinator to fill out:**

**The goals of any rulings are as follows:**

1. **To promote growth**
2. **To promote school based play**
3. **To promote fairness**
4. **To promote competitiveness**
5. **To track and remain aware of local circumstances**

**Ruling:**

With careful consideration to the goals of promoting fairness alongside the long term growth of school based play we have approved/denied your application for exception.

**Explanation:**

In unanimity with the Regional Youth Director and the Manager of Athletes and Competition,

Your Competition State Youth Coordinator,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_