



Independent Status Petition

Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies, Independent Status in a Sport

(December 2016)

- A. OSAA member schools shall participate in the league adopted schedule for each sport they sponsor unless an "Independent Status Petition" has been granted by the OSAA Executive Board. A school granted independent status in a sport by the Board is not eligible to participate for District or State honors in that sport, regardless of win/loss record.
- B. A member school submitting an "Independent Status Petition" shall provide the following information for consideration by the Board:
 - 1) League record in the sport for the previous three years.
 - 2) Overall record in the sport for the previous three years.
 - 3) Yearly participation numbers in the sport for the previous three years.
 - 4) Coaching history for the previous three years.
 - 5) A letter of league support or non-support for the proposed independent status.
- C. A member school seeking independent status in a sport shall be required to complete and submit an "Independent Status Petition" to the OSAA according to the timelines listed below. A member school seeking independent status is also responsible for notifying all league members in writing of the "Independent Status Petition" according to these same timelines:
 - 1) **Fall Sports.** Prior to the December Executive Board Meeting.
 - 2) **Winter Sports.** Prior to the February Executive Board Meeting.
 - 3) **Spring Sports.** Prior to the May Executive Board Meeting.
- D. An "Independent Status Petition" in a sport shall be granted by the Executive Board for a minimum of two years.
- E. League playoff allocations to OSAA State Championships in a sport may be impacted if a school in a league is granted independent status by the Executive Board.

See OSAA Handbook, *Executive Board Policies, "Independent Status in a Sport"* for additional information.

Member School: _____ **Date:** _____

Administrator's Signature: _____

School year in which your school wishes to start independent status : _____

NOTE: Mark only those activities in which your school is seeking independent status:

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| Baseball | Football (11-player) | Swim - Girls |
| Basketball - Boys | Golf - Boys | Tennis - Boys |
| Basketball - Girls | Golf - Girls | Tennis - Girls |
| Cross Country - Boys | Soccer - Boys | Track & Field - Boys |
| Cross Country - Girls | Soccer - Girls | Track & Field - Girls |
| Football (6-player) | Softball | Volleyball |
| Football (8-player) | Swim - Boys | Wrestling |

NOTE: Please submit this form with all other required materials to the OSAA Office.

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