
PETITIONS: Only the Official U.S.T.A. Petition Form will be considered for approval.

- I. In order to petition to another State Championship to qualify for Nationals, an athlete must file the Petition Form with the U.S.T.A. Technical Vice President under the current guidelines and time frames. In order to file a petition, an athlete must have competed in (and received scores) at least two U.S.T.A. sanctioned competitions during the current season and submit copies of two of their score sheets from those competitions.
- A). In a circumstance where **no** State Championship is held, a competitor or team may petition to compete and qualify in another state's championship.
- 1). If an athlete is granted a petition to enter another state's championship:
- a). the Technical Vice President will evaluate these petitions on a case by case basis. Their score cannot bump out any athlete from the host state from attending Nationals. Their score is to remain separate from the host state athletes' scores.
2. In order to petition to Nationals an athlete must file the Petition Form with the U.S.T.A. Technical Vice President under the current guidelines and time frames. In order to file a petition, an athlete must have competed in two U.S.T.A. sanctioned competitions during the current season and submit copies of two of their score sheets from those competitions. Those scores must be compared to the athlete's age/level/event at their state competition and fall within their state's national qualifiers.
- A). If an athlete is granted a petition directly to Nationals:
- 1). the athlete must pay entry fees to their state meet director.
- B). In the event an athlete is injured during their state meet and cannot compete, contact Technical Vice President, Gloria Herring, and/or an Executive Board member before the end of the state in order to meet petition eligibility.
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OFFICIAL U.S.T.A. PETITION FORM

TYPES OF PETITIONS THAT MAY BE FILED

1. To move back a competition level
2. To qualify for the USTA National Championships on the basis of documented injury, illness, and/or religion

All petitions will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Technical Vice President.

DATE OF APPLICATION _____ DATE OF ATHLETE'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS _____

ATHLETE'S NAME _____

ATHLETE'S USTA# _____

CLUB NAME _____ STATE _____

COACH FILING PETITION _____

COACH CONTACT INFO (include area code). HOME PH # _____

WORK PH # _____ CELL PH # _____

FAX PH # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

To expedite a petition, send: 1) this form; 2) a letter detailing type of petition, all pertinent information (including date of injury, nature of injury, length of time out of practice, etc.), 3) proof of reason for petition such as: a doctor's letter, any prescriptions written by the doctor, a clergyman's letter, dated certificate of First Communion, etc., 4) placement at last year's nationals, and 5) score sheets from at least two sanctioned USTA competitions competed in during the current year showing this year's performance. Do NOT send a list of meets that the athlete has attended and the athlete's score & placing. Copies of meet score sheets are required to prove actual participation and performance in competitions (available from meet directors, state chair or the USTA National Office).

Do not send originals of any document - only copies. For your protection, make and keep copies of all materials sent. Send petition by certified mail with a return receipt card or fax with a follow-up call.

IF MAILED, Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the petition.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION AND SUBMIT TO:

Mail to: Gloria Herring
USTA Technical Vice President
404 Washington Av, Bellefontaine, OH 43311
Email to: gloriastumbling@gmail.com
Fax to: Fax: 937-599-2545 ATTN: Rick Herring

Fax or Email is preferred with a follow-up call.

If you have any questions about petitioning contact Gloria Herring
Ph: 937-441-8365

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SECTION 1. PETITION TO ALLOW AN ATHLETE TO MOVE DOWN A COMPETITION LEVEL.

Only approved under VERY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Include Basis for Petition, All Pertinent Information, and all Documentation

SECTION 2. PETITION TO COMPETE AT THE U.S.T.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHOUT QUALIFYING THROUGH A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

1. Medical (injury or serious illness)
2. Illness
3. School (educational) schedule conflict which will result in loss of scholarship
4. Religion (schedule conflict for athlete only)
5. Death in the immediate family.

To be eligible to file a petition to compete in the USTA National Championships, an athlete must have competed in and received scores at a minimum of two USTA sanctioned competitions during the current competition season and the athlete's team must have competed at the previous year's National Championships.

In order to petition an athlete to Nationals, the coach must furnish the information required on this Petition Form and submit it to the U.S.T.A. Technical Vice President with all pertinent information under the following guidelines and time frames.

Petitions regarding emergencies must be submitted within 10 working days prior to the athlete's state championships to be considered (unless unforeseen circumstances which are to be approved by the Technical Vice President) and provide detailed information confirming the reason he/she is unable to attend their state championship. **NO** petitions will be granted if filed after the state championships unless an injury or illness occurs during the state championships. If an injury or illness occurs just prior to or at the state championships, call the Technical Vice President with notification of the situation and your intention to petition *IMMEDIATELY*. *In the event the athlete is injured or becomes ill the day of the state championship, notification must be made to the Technical Vice President the day of the state championship, the petition must be filed within 24 hours, and documentation provided within 72 hours of the state championship.*

Petitions will not be granted on conflict of schedule for events such as a prom, track meet, dance recital, clinics, etc., on the same day as athlete's state competition.

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