



IHSA Tennis Non-School Competition Information

3.106 To be eligible for a school team in a given sport, students must cease non-school practice and competition in that sport no later than seven (7) days after the date on which the school team engages in its first practice or tryout in that sport.

Q. Is there any circumstance in which special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event in or utilizing “the skill of the sport,” during the school season for the sport?

A. Yes. The Executive Director may make an exception under guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for competitions sanctioned by the National Governing Body for the sport. (By-law 3.101) A completed request form, and written verification from the National Governing Body for the sport indicating that the event has been officially sanctioned, must be submitted to the IHSA Office for the Executive Director’s review.

IHSA By-law 3.101 prohibits a student from participating on a non-school team or in non-school competition in the sport or any skill of a sport at the time the student is a member of a school team in that same sport. During the school term, special permission may be granted to permit a student to compete in a non-school event during the school season in competitions which are directly sanctioned by the national governing body for the sport or its official Illinois affiliate. **No student may participate in more than three (3) approved non-school competitions during a sports season.** This form is to be completed and submitted by fax to the IHSA Office **no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of any competition** for which a student seeks an exception to the restriction of By-law 3.101. It must be accompanied by the required written verification from the National Governing Body for that sport or its official Illinois affiliate indicating it is directly sanctioning the event.

http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/2013-14/2013-14_Non-School_Competition_Participation_Request.pdf