

IPFW

PERMISSION FOR OUTSIDE/UNATTACHED COMPETITION

Compliance Office

STUDENT-ATHLETE: This form, when completed, permits you to participate in outside competition. Such permission must be obtained **BEFORE the event is held.**

NCAA Bylaw 14.7.1.4 Competition as 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.

NCAA Bylaw 16.10.2.4 Sponsors

An individual (e.g., tennis player or golfer) who is not representing an educational institution during participation in athletics competition may not accept any expenses, or any other form of compensation, to participate in the competition from any sponsor other than an individual upon whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent or the organization (other than a professional sports organization) that is sponsoring the competition.

NCAA Bylaw 16.10.2.5 Expenses Based on Place Finish

Receipt of expenses is prohibited when the amount received is based on the individual's place finish achieved in the competition (e.g., tennis, golf, track and field).

NCAA Bylaw 16.1.1.3 Student-Athlete Not Regularly Enrolled

Awards received by a student-athlete participating in an event while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or received during the summer while not representing his or her institution, shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates, but may not include cash.

Name of Student-Athlete	Sport	Representing (e.g., self, IPFW, club, country)	Receiving Expenses From

Name of Competition	Location of Competition	Date(s) of Competition

Is the competition scored for any institutions present? Yes No

APPROVAL

<u>Signature of Head Coach</u>	<u>Date</u>

<u>Signature of Athletic Director or Designee</u>	<u>Date</u>

<u>Signature of Representative from Athletic Compliance</u>	<u>Date</u>

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UNATTACHED OR OUTSIDE COMPETITION AND NCAA RULES

For an IPFW student-athlete to participate in unattached competition, NCAA rules require:

1. **Exhibitions – Open Events.** An exhibition or open event within a meet must be counted as intercollegiate competition. It may be held within a scheduled intercollegiate meet as long as the open event is scheduled, publicized, and notice is given to the Compliance Office 30 days in advance.
2. **Limitations on Participation.** An ineligible student-athlete, redshirt, or eligible student-athlete who participates as an “unattached” competitor may not compete in the following:
 - A. An intercollegiate meet.
 - B. An open event in an intercollegiate meet in which the University’s team is competing.
 - C. A meet that involves individuals or teams from collegiate institutions participating in a competition to score points for the represented Institutions.
3. **Important Points to Remember:**
 - A. A University student-athlete may participate unattached in an open meet where University student-athlete's are representing the University, as long as the meet is open to the general public, is not held in conjunction with an intercollegiate competition, and no team scoring occurs.
 - B. No University gear or equipment may be worn (e.g., uniforms) or utilized (e.g., golf clubs) during the competition.
 - C. The student-athlete may not earn points for the University.
 - D. No expenses (e.g., housing, meals) may be paid by the University.
 - E. No transportation may be provided.
 - F. 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 individual competition limits as well as the use of a season of eligibility. Also, student-athletes ineligible for off-campus practice or competition (i.e., a nonqualifier, partial qualifier, or transfer serving a year in residence) are never eligible to receive coaching at an off-campus site. As regular competition, it must occur during a sport's playing and practice season, and be included in the student-athlete's 20-hour athletically-related activities limit.
 - G. A student-athlete participating in unattached competition **may not accept cash, expenses, and or prizes** for their athletics performance without jeopardizing their eligibility for intercollegiate competition.