REQUEST FOR RETENTION OF AMATEUR STATUS

Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-10-2 may permit a student to compete in the amateur division within a competition where prize money is available if he/she signs a written declaration prior to the competition in which the student agrees that he or she will not accept any prize money or remuneration.

Those who wish to protect their status as amateurs must sign this sheet and email it to the OHSAA, Attn: Roxanne Price – rprice@ohsaa.org, no later than 10 days before the event. The OHSAA will consider any entrant who does not sign this sheet to have forfeited his/her amateur status, and in no way or manner may he/she rescind their declaration with respect to accepting prize money. He/she also understands that, having signed this declaration, the sponsor shall not award to him/her any prize money and he/she agrees to that as a condition of entry.

PARTICIPANT NAME: ____________________________ SPORT: ____________________________

SCHOOL NAME: ____________________________ DATE(S) OF COMPETITION: ____________________________

NAME OF COMPETITION: _____________________________________________________________

SPONSOR OF COMPETITION AND CONTACT INFORMATION: _____________________________________________________________

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NOTE: A student may accept allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses provided that these expenses are not contingent upon the student’s individual or a team’s finish or performance or given as an incentive to achieve a specific goal or performance. Receipt of expenses received by the athlete shall be reported to the OHSAA so as to determine whether or not the expenses are in excess of those reasonable amounts for travel, meals and lodging. See Page 2.

I, the undersigned, declare that I understand the requirements for amateurism as set forth and outlined in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Handbook; that I am an amateur according to these rules; that I participate and have always participated in sport solely for the purpose of deriving the physical, mental and social benefits organized sports competition has to offer; that I will not accept any prize money or other remuneration in the event that I am among the winners of this competition; and that no other individual will accept any prize money on my behalf. I also understand that this declaration must be returned to the OHSAA 10 days prior to tournament play; that the OHSAA will provide an acknowledgment of receipt of this form; and that this form cannot be accepted at any time after the actual start of tournament play.

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Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Participant (Please Print)

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Name of Principal or Athletic Director

Signature of Principal or Athletic Director

Date

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Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-10-2 states that “A student may accept allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses provided that these expenses are not contingent upon the student’s individual or a team’s finish or performance or given as an incentive to achieve a specific goal or performance.” In order to determine whether an athlete has received excessive benefits, as opposed to allowable expenses, the OHSAA requires each athlete who submits a Request for Retention of Amateur Status form to also complete a Receipt of Expenses form. The OHSAA strongly recommends declining ANY form of remuneration that could be seen as contingent upon your finish /performance, as any perceived “excessive benefits” will cause forfeiture of your athletic eligibility.

Please list all expenses that were provided as “allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses.” If no expenses were provided, simply list “None” and return to the OHSAA no later than 10 days after the event.

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I, the undersigned, declare that I did not accept any prize money or remuneration in excess of what would be considered “allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses” at the tournament I just competed in; that I understand the OHSAA has the authority to deem any of the above listed expenses as “excessive” if it finds them contingent upon my finish/performance in the tournament; and that all the information provided above is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this receipt of expenses must be returned to the OHSAA no later than 10 days after tournament play concludes; that the OHSAA will provide an acknowledgment of receipt of this form; and that this form will be reviewed and used to determine the future status of my athletic eligibility.

Name of Participant (Please Print)                                               Signature of Participant                                                Date

School