

## MIXED COMPETITION POLICY

Any school involved with Mixed Competition at any level should refer to:

1. NYSPHSAA, Inc. Handbook (current issue) Index; Mixed Competition
2. The State Education Department – Commissioner of Education guidelines for Mixed Competition in Interscholastic Athletic teams.

**Important Notice:** All school personnel are to be sure that all details and paperwork found in this section of the handbook are followed closely. Mixed Competition data reports must be filed for all situations of mixed competition for all levels. Failure to act in a timely fashion with complete data may cause your team to forfeit games or contests and may result in the declaration that “your” “mixed” student athlete is ineligible.

### SECTION IV PROCEDURES

1. No student athlete may participate in a Mixed Competition program until all parties involved with this process are notified prior to or no later than the date established for that sport season by the Athletic Council. Complete sets of student data must be sent to each of the following parties prior to the deadline date. (Seven calendar days from the day of the first practice for that sport.)

Data forms must be sent to all of the following parties on or before the deadline date:

- a. The Section IV Office  
Civic Center, Box 7  
21 Liberty Street  
Sidney, NY 13838
  - b. The Mixed Competition Chairperson  
David Garbarino  
Binghamton High School  
98 Oak Street  
Binghamton, NY 13905
  - c. All schools that the mixed team will compete against during the regular season.
2. Procedures and Forms found on pages MC-3, 4, 5 and 6 must be completed (all spaces must be filled in and the document signed by the required panel members before being submitted.) Incomplete forms will be sent back and the student declared ineligible until the forms are completed.

### 3. Mixed Competition Committee makeup:

The Section IV Mixed Competition Committee is made up of a Chairperson and one (1) representative from each league in Section IV. Each league will recommend a committee member and an alternate for approval.

The Section IV Executive Committee will approve the appointments to this committee in June.

The Mixed Competition Committee will convene to review a specific case or cases when or if an official challenge is received.

Upon receipt of an official challenge, the committee will set up a panel from among the committee representatives with no conflict of interest in the case. (eg., Panel members will not be from the same league from which the challenge is made.) The panel will include the Mixed Competition Chairperson or a designated Chairperson if a conflict exists.

#### **4. Mixed Competition Challenges:**

##### Time Lines

A School district, league or sport coordinator wishing to challenge a student's participation must do so in writing within the following challenge dates:

##### Final dates for challenge of Mixed Competition participant:

Fall Season - The first Wednesday after the first Saturday of September.

Winter Season - The first Wednesday after the first Saturday of December.

Spring Season - The first Wednesday after the first Saturday of April.

The challenge must be received on or before the cut-off date. All the cut-off dates would have the exception that the team has participated in at least two contests.

The challenge must be from a school, league or section and must be signed by a school official, league officer or section sport coordinator.

The two primary areas for review will be:

- A. Safety – the size, weight, strength, speed, etc., in relationship to the other players.
- B. Adverse affect upon the opportunity of females to participate successfully in interschool competition in a particular sport. The committee would review any factors that were considered to adversely affect the character or a girl's team. (ie. Number of boys on team, etc.)

Refer to NYSPHSAA, Inc. Handbook current issue - Mixed Competition: Regulation of the Commissioner of Education.

The Mixed Competition Committee will meet on the first Monday following the season challenge date, at which time the two parties should be prepared to present their case. Following a review, the Mixed Competition Committee will make a timely decision regarding the individual player. The player is eligible to participate until such time that they are declared ineligible.

5. The school or schools challenging must provide statistical and observation data including game films, statistics, etc. in support of their challenge. Challenges must not be based on assumption, but on facts. No challenge will be accepted prior to contests actually being played. If evidence of collusion on the part of the challenging schools or coaches occurs, this will be reason to declare the challenge/s invalid.

6. The result of the hearing will determine, from that point on, whether the “mixed” student athletes/s is eligible or ineligible.
7. Once a challenge is filed, the school districts involved shall designate one (1) spokesperson (AD, HS Principal, Superintendent) through whom all information and correspondences pertinent to the case will be directed.
8. All due process procedures will be afforded and adhered to for the student and his/her parents/s or guardian/s.

### **Mixed Competition Appeal Procedures:**

Following the Committee’s decision, either party may appeal the decision to the Section IV Appeals Committee, the Commissioner of Education or through the court system.

### **Special Notes:**

#### **For underclass mixed competitors:**

All statistics pertinent to those students participating under mixed competition should be kept at the league level and sent to the Section IV Executive Director at the conclusion of the season – for those underclassmen that may choose to participated a second year, in case a new challenge is filed.

### **Mixed Competition Testing:**

It is recommended that all Section IV schools test all students annually and use the results of these tests to determine appropriate placement of students in their athletic programs. This would reduce the pressure on the local professional staff to make a judgement based upon a single set of test scores. At a minimum, the school should test all students on the Mixed Competition team. (team sports only).

It has been the opinion of the committee that testing every student each Fall would provide valuable local comparison data and would make it easier for local school districts to make their decisions about mixed competition as well as selective classification.

## MIXED COMPETITION FORMS

### INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC PROFILE FOR MIXED COMPETITION

<b>PART I: School Information</b>	Date_____
District_____	Superintendent_____
City_____	Director of P.E._____
School Physician_____	
Family Physician_____	
Physical Education Teacher_____	

<b>PART II: Pupil Information</b>	Previous mixed competition? _____ YES _____ NO
Name_____	What sport and level?_____
Age_____ Grade_____	Sport and level being requested?_____

<b>PART III: Physical Education and Medical History</b>
Is the pupil enrolled in regular physical education without restrictions? ___ YES ___ NO
If NO, Explain_____
History of conditions, injuries or illness that would be restricting? ___ YES ___ NO
If YES, Explain_____

<b>PART IV: Physical Data</b>
Weight_____lbs. Height_____feet_____inches Maturity level_____
Body Type (check): Mesomorph_____ Endomorph_____ Ectomorph_____
Comments:_____
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**PART V: *Athletic Performance Test Scores and comparison with norms***

Shuttle Run \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

Long Jump \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

Flexed Arm Hang \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

Stomach Curls \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

50 Yard Dash \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Mile Run \_\_\_\_\_ Norms chart comparison score \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI: *Panel Decision***

Approved for tryout: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

***Panel Members:***

School Physician (print or type name) \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Education Teacher (print or type name) \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician (print or type name) \_\_\_\_\_

(if needed)

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

# **PREVIOUS ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE**

(Be Specific)

## **SCHOOL COMPETITION**

<b><u>SPORT / ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>LEVEL</u></b>	<b><u>YEARS PARTICIPATED</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>
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## **OUTSIDE COMPETITION**

<b><u>SPORT / ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>LEVEL</u></b>	<b><u>YEARS PARTICIPATED</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>
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**MIXED COMPETITION FORM**

**SCHOOL – LEAGUE – SECTION IV  
(Submit Prior to Competition)**

\_\_\_\_\_ has been approved to participate in

Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Sport & Level

Season & Year

by the \_\_\_\_\_ School Review Panel.

Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Athletic Director

\_\_\_\_\_ School Principal

\_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent

Cc: Section IV Office  
All Opponents  
Chairperson, Mixed Competition  
League Secretary