



OFFICIAL U.S.T.A. PETITION FORM

TYPES OF PETITIONS THAT MAY BE FILED

1. To move back a competition level
 2. To compete in another state's championships
 3. To qualify for the USTA National Championships on the basis of 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 NAME _____

ATHLETE'S USTA# _____ ATHLETE'S AAU# _____

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 Dana Johnson,
 USTA Technical Vice President
 4305 Suntane Road, Del City, OK 73115

If you have any questions about
 petitioning contact Dana Johnson.
 Ph: 405-672-3953; Fax: 405-672-3953
 Email: dana.johnson@cox.net

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 ALLOW AN ATHLETE TO COMPETE IN AND QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS IN A STATE OTHER THAN THEIR OWN TO QUALIFY FOR THE U.S.T.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

To be eligible to file a petition to compete in the USTA National Championships, an athlete must have competed in at least and received scores at two USTA sanctioned competitions during the current competition season.

Petitions must be postmarked prior to the athlete's state championships. NO petitions will be granted after the state championships unless an injury or illness occurs during the state championships. Petitions must be applied for in a timely and professional manner. 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.*

NOTE: If an athlete is granted a petition to enter another state's championship, the athlete must pay entry fees to both their state meet director and the meet director of the state petitioning to.

NOTE: If an athlete is granted a petition to enter another state's championship, their score on any event will have their scores compared to those athletes in their own state competition before being considered for qualification to Nationals. 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.

NOTE: A club may not petition their entire team into another state meet, exceptions must be granted by the Technical Vice President.

_____. Athlete cannot participate in their own state competition on the grounds of conflict of schedule for events such as a prom, track meet dance recital, clinic, attendance at a family member's activities such as First Communion of a sibling, or family reunion, etc.

_____. If no State Competition is held in the athlete's state, a competitor or team may petition to compete and qualify in another state championship.

_____. Injury. Include proof of injury (doctor letter, etc.)

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

Continued...

SECTION 3. 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 at least and received scores at 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.

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.

Again - 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 grounds 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).