



**NATIONAL EVENTS
POINT OF EMPHASIS**

In order to encourage compliance within the spirit of NYSPHSAA and Commissioners Regulations this is to serve to guide school districts so that athletes can avoid being declared ineligible for high school competition.

High school aged athletes wishing to compete in unsanctioned events or so called "national" events may participate if they are not representing their high school and/or their high school is not sponsoring the event in any manner.

Clubs should have no affiliation with the school or school's athletic program. Coaches should be volunteers or compensated by club funds. Clubs should be self insured and not under the insurance policy of the school district. Clubs should establish a name different from the high school team and purchase separate uniforms for competition.

School uniforms may not be worn. According to NFHS Track and Field rules "School issued uniforms must be worn in competition". Therefore any uniform (regardless of purchaser) worn during high school competition must not be worn in unsanctioned events.

School district funds should not be used to fund entry fees, travel, meals, lodging, etc. School districts should not be linked with an athlete's participation in any manner.

Athletes should be encouraged to obtain a USATF card. Membership also includes insurance for the individual.