



**MANDATORY FORM**

**Notification of Foreign Exchange Student Participation  
In Athletic Events Sanctioned by IGHSAU or IHSAA**

Notification is hereby provided that the following foreign exchange student desires to participate in interscholastic athletic contests and competitions on behalf of the school named below.

Iowa Code section 256.46 was amended, effective July 1, 2006, to now state that foreign exchange students (those with J-1 visas) shall have immediate eligibility to participate “unless undue influence was exerted to place the child for primarily athletic purposes.”

In accordance with this change, the IGHSAU and IHSAA, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Education, have developed this form for high schools to use to report their foreign exchange students who desire to participate in an athletic contest or competition sanctioned by the Union or Association. [As with all secondary students, foreign exchange students must also be under 20 years of age, not have completed eight consecutive semesters of high school following the entry of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or its equivalent for the first time, possess an appropriate physical examination report, and be eligible under the scholastic rule.]

Please complete one Notification Form for each foreign exchange student who desires to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity (one form per student). If the student is female, fax the form to the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union at 515/284-1969; forms for male students are to be faxed to the Iowa High School Athletic Association at 515/432-2961.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Exchange Program \_\_\_\_\_

Sports (list all) that the student desires to compete in for your school

Describe all communication with or about the student about athletic participation in the U.S by any of your school officials, students, parents of students, or host family members. (Use reverse side if necessary.)

**[The IGHSAU and IHSAA reserve the right to make further inquiry about this student.]**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of High School Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE: Failure to submit this form before competition starts for the above student's first sport shall result in ineligibility of the student.**