



REQUEST FOR SANCTION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC MEET OR TOURNAMENT FOR VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOLS

IMPORTANT: Sanction form **MUST** include fee(s): **\$50** processing fee or \$100 fee if 15 or less days prior to event.

LEAGUE SANCTION RULE (27-4-1) -- "No member school shall permit its teams or individual representatives to compete in any type of athletic meet or tournament in which three or more schools participate unless that meet or tournament has been expressly sanctioned by the Executive Director." (Exceptions: Contests, meets or tournaments sponsored by districts or regions as part of the League program, or outdoor track, indoor track, wrestling, gymnastics, cross country and golf involving no more than four schools.)

NOTE: VHSL cannot sanction events involving club teams.

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print and submit one (1) copy to the Executive Director at the VHSL office no less than 16 days in advance of meet.

Date of Event: _____

Check here if request for sanction is for a girls athletic event. ☐

Check here if request for sanction is for a boys athletic event. ☐

Name and Kind (Basketball, track, etc.): _____

Location: _____

Field or Gymnasium: _____

Date and beginning hour of each session:

	Date	Hour		Date	Hour
1 st	_____	_____	3 rd	_____	_____
2 nd	_____	_____	4 th	_____	_____

Sponsoring Educational Institution: _____

Address: _____

Meet or Tournament Director: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Officials will be provided by: _____

(Name of VHSL recognized officials' association)

LIMITATIONS: Sanction approval will be considered if the tournament or meet does not exceed the following limits on number of games or matches allowed each team in the competition:

<u>Contest Limitations</u>				<u>Contest Limitations</u>
Baseball	20	Swim/Dive		10
Basketball	22	Tennis	3 "traditional" matches/day or four "8-game pro-set" matches per day	16
Cheer	5		See VHSL Handbook, Section 84-3-1	
Cross Country	10	Track/Field	15 total sets in a tournament	10
Field Hockey	16	Volleyball		20 dual matches; or 18 duals plus one invitational; or 16 duals plus two invitationals
Golf	12			12
Gymnastics (girls)	10			
Indoor Track	See VHSL Handbook, Section 76-1-1 & 76-1-2			
Lacrosse	14	Wrestling	2 days, 5 matches/day	
Soccer	16		Individual limit – 60 mat appearances	
Softball	20		prior to culminating district tournament	

The following Virginia public or nonpublic schools will be invited:

1. _____	5. _____	9. _____
2. _____	6. _____	10. _____
3. _____	7. _____	11. _____
_____	_____	_____

4. _____

8 _____

12. _____

Awards which will be offered:

	Description	Appropriate Cost
School awards		\$
Individual awards		\$
Entry Fees	\$	

Was admission charged for this event? Yes _____ Amount \$ _____ No _____

STANDARDS FOR SANCTIONING MEETS OR TOURNAMENTS

This application shall be completed, in detail, and submitted no less than 15 days in advance of the date for the meet or tournament, along with the \$50 processing fee. A \$100 fee will be assessed for sanctions submitted later than 15 days or less prior to the tournament. Meets and tournaments which receive League sanction will be announced in a League publication. Each request for sanction will be evaluated in light of established League policies. Factors such as distance to be traveled, time lost from school, number of games required per day, commercial exploitation of competing teams, and similar items will be considered in the evaluation of each contest, meet or tournament. Sanction will not be granted to meets or tournaments:

1. Which do not conform to standards listed on this form.
2. Which conflict with League-sponsored events or are scheduled after the culminating activity in that sport.
3. In which non-high school teams are invited to participate unless satisfactory entrance requirements are established and enforced.
4. Which are sponsored or conducted by other than educational institutions, unless the event was sanctioned prior to 1970.
5. In which any school denied participation in sanctioned events has been invited.

If sanction is granted, I obligate the sponsoring education institution to comply with the following conditions for sanction:

1. To admit to this meet or tournament only such Virginia public secondary schools as are members in good standing of the Virginia High School League or those schools which agree to comply with the individual eligibility requirements of the League, or schools which follow regulations governing nonpublic schools when engaging in contests with VHSL member schools. If any Virginia non-public schools invited to this event do not agree to the preceding conditions, we will advise all VHSL schools in advance so that they may decide whether or not to compete.
2. To conduct the meet or tournament in accordance with Virginia High School League rules and regulations.
3. Officials for sanctioned meets: Officials for varsity baseball, basketball, cheer, field hockey, football, winter gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, wrestling, and either the starter or the referee in outdoor track shall be on the authorized officials' list of the assistant director (27-6-1 – Officials Rule). **In addition, officials must be assigned through a VHSL recognized officials' association.**
4. To limit awards to those which are permitted under Virginia High School League rules.
5. To furnish the Executive Director of the Virginia High School League, if requested, such information concerning the meet or tournament as he may deem necessary for record or for further sanction consideration.

Signed _____ Official Position _____
(Agent for host educational institution)

Business address: _____
Business Telephone No. _____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION

The Virginia High School League Executive Director has GRANTED / WITHHELD
sanction for this meet or tournament by action dated _____

The meet director must identify Virginia private schools that do not follow VHSL Appendix B rules **at least one week prior to the date of the event** so that VHSL schools can decide well in advance if they want to compete with these non-member schools entered in the meet.

REMARKS:

By: _____
John W. "Billy" Haun, Ed. D.

Executive Director