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**OHSAA CROSS COUNTRY COACH'S  
VERIFICATION OF SPORTING CONDUCT/LEGAL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS  
FOR USE IN REGULAR SEASON AND OHSAA TOURNAMENT COMPETITION**

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS \_\_\_\_\_ GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OHSAA standards require contest officials to enforce all NFHS rules relating to sporting conduct, ethical behavior and legal uniforms and equipment. Acts that intend to demean opposing competitors, team members, spectators and officials are not in keeping with the ideals of interscholastic athletics and will not be tolerated. Let this competition reflect mutual respect!

NFHS track and field and cross-country rules require the referee to meet with the head coach and captains to explain the expectations of good sportsmanship throughout this competition. In addition, the head coach is responsible for verifying to the referee/starter that all competitors are properly equipped (i.e. legal uniforms, legal equipment) in compliance with NFHS rules.

In all OHSAA tournament competition and in any multi-team or invitational competition that would make it difficult for the referee to meet personally with all coaches and captains, all coaches shall agree to this given information.

**PLEASE NOTE: District Boards and the OHSAA do not sanction an "Open Race" at the conclusion of the District, Regional, or State competition tournaments. Please be advised that coaches permitting athletes from their schools to participate in such an event are financially liable for any injury that may occur. The OHSAA Catastrophic Insurance is NOT in effect for an event that is not sanctioned by contract. Please do not permit your athletes to participate in an open race that is not authorized.**

**COACH'S VERIFICATION**

I certify to the tournament referee that all contestants under my supervision are legally equipped, attired in legal uniforms in accordance with NFHS rules. **Numbers on the back of the uniform are no longer required.** I further certify that all student-athletes and other team personnel have been advised of their responsibilities relative to good sporting conduct during this competition.

Coach's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL AT THE TIME OF  
PACKET PICK-UP.**