

# **Tournament Commitment to Participate**

**Preamble:** Organizing and running an MHSAA sanctioned tournament requires great time and energy. The MHSAA membership recognizes the work of the tournament host, as well as the value and importance of having tournaments for our athletes. In order to ensure the success of these tournaments, all MHSAA sanctioned tournaments require each team to submit this form to the tournament host. By filling out this form your school is committing to participate and pay for the tournament entry fee. Should your team drop out of the tournament for an unacceptable reason, your team will be required to pay the host school the entire tournament entry fee unless another team has taken over your spot in the tournament.

#### Process for tournament invitations:

- 1. The tournament host will send out email invitations to their respective tournament.
- 2. Teams interested in participating will respond to the email asking to be included in the tournament.
- 3. The tournament host will download the "Commitment to Participate" form from the MHSAA website and fill out the top portion.
- 4. The tournament host will then reply to all successful candidates by sending an email indicating that they have been accepted and attach the "Commitment to Participate" form for them to complete and return.
- 5. The "Commitment to Participate" form will be kept by the tournament host in the event of any issues.



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#### A. Tournament Information

(filled out by tournament host)

Sport: Classification: Gender: Category:

Start Date of Tournament: Number of Teams:

Tournament Venue: Tournament Contact (convenor):

Tournament Location (primary if multi-site):

Tournament Name: Tournament Fee:

## B. Confirmation of Team Acceptance

(filled out by the team accepted into the tournament)

School: School Division:

Coach/Supervisor Name: Coach/Supervisor email:

Coach/Supervisor Phone Number:

Do you agree to commit to participating in this tournament and pay for the tournament entrance fee?

Date at which you were sent your email acceptance and the requirement to fill in this form:

### C. Policy

- a. MHSAA understands that on occasion, extenuating circumstances arise that prevent teams from participating in an MHSAA sanctioned tournament that they have entered. However, in the event that a team who has been entered into a tournament drops out of the tournament for reasons deemed unsatisfactory by the tournament convenor, they will be subject to paying the entire tournament fee should an alternate team not become available prior to the tournament date.
  - Penalized teams may appeal this penalty through the MHSAA and explain their respective circumstance for tournament withdrawal.
  - MHSAA will have the final ruling on the matter and should the team choose not to comply with said ruling, their respective school may be subject to all sanctions as outlined in the MHSAA handbook.
- b. Your tournament acceptance will not be considered as complete until the MHSAA "Commitment to Participate" form has been submitted to the tournament convenor.
- c. By submitting this form, your team/school has entered into a binding agreement with the tournament/convenor/school and is subject to all rules and regulations pertaining.