



# 8th Grade Play on Varsity Level Request

Complete this form and submit to the Chairperson of the applicable committee

TAIAO Rules (Section 236:F) outline the circumstances under which a 14 year old (as of Sept 1) may participate on the High School level without affecting the athlete's 4 years of eligibility.

**F. Younger Students:** Due to safety concerns;

1. "Playing Up"; Only students in the smallest division will be allowed to participate at the High School level without affecting their high school eligibility (See Subsection 236. E. above). Playing up will only be allowed if the Member Organization cannot field the minimum number of players required plus 2 for all sports other than football and plus 3 for football to begin the event, contest, game or match for the sport in question. The sole purpose of "Playing Up" a student shall be to allow the Member Organization to participate in the sport in question and shall not be for the purpose of allowing the team in question to be more competitive. This shall apply to any event, contest, competition or game including, without limitation, against both TAIAO and non-TAIAO opponents.

2. Any student playing on a member organization's High School team MAY NOT participate on the Middle School team during the same week.

3. No student 13 years or younger as of September 1st in the year of participation may play on any TAIAO High School team.

(In Track and Field, athletes may only "play up" without losing eligibility in relay events and only if the High School Team has less than 4 total athletes competing in the meet)

There are two basic circumstances in which this section can be applied. **FIRST — PERMANENT MOVE UP** — This assumes a 14 year old athlete will play on the High School level for the entire season. In this case the athlete cannot play on the middle school level at all. **SECOND — TEMPORARY MOVE UP** — This assumes a 14 year old athlete will play on the High School level for a limited number of games. In this case the athlete can play on the middle school level for any weeks in which they are not involved in a High School Game.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGANIZATION COACH OR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH/AD: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Sept 1: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ # of High School Players Available W/O athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

We Request a PERMANENT move for the entire \_\_\_\_\_ (enter year) season.

We request a TEMPORARY move for \_\_\_\_\_ Games/Contests during the \_\_\_\_\_ (enter year) season.

Coach/AD Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ATHLETES PARENT/GUARDIAN**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby give permission for our athlete to participate on the High School level in accordance with the terms outlined above. We understand and assume any risks of injury and agree to hold the organization and TAIAO harmless. We also understand that TAIAO's rules allowing 14 year olds to play at the high school level MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED by other leagues, including TAPPS, TCAL, TCAF, and UIL. TAIAO cannot be held responsible if the student transfers to another organization in another league, and his/her eligibility for the year in question is challenged.

PARENT Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICABLE SPORT COMMITTEE**

The Request has been reviewed and is approved.

The request has been reviewed and is denied. Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_