



Youth Member Rule 300(h) Waiver to compete in Association of Non-Residence Overview



USATF Regulation 4 indicates *an athlete shall be considered a member of the Association in which the athlete is a bona fide resident except as otherwise provided in Regulation 4-B* (note: Regulation 4 indicates that *“Except as provided in the USATF Competition Rules governing Youth Athletics, USATF shall permit an athlete to transfer membership to an Association other than the one in which the athlete resides.”*)

The Competition Rules (as of January 2010) do not permit youth athlete members to transfer their membership to another Association.

Below is Rule 300(h) which provides the exact language on this matter and also provides for three exceptions for which a youth athlete may be eligible to compete in (not become a member of) an Association of Non-Residence.

USATF Competition Rule 300(h)

A Youth Athlete must compete in the Association of residence in which they permanently reside. ‘Permanent Residency’ is defined as the address of residence of the youth athlete’s parent/legal guardian on the day of the close of registration. Proof of residency can be provided by Tax Statements, or utility bills at the place of residency. Youth athletes can compete in their Association of Permanent Residency as an unattached athlete or as a member of a club and represent the said club by wearing a team uniform and participating on a relay. The following are exceptions to this rule:

- i. Athletes that live with one custodial parent/legal guardian in the summer in one Association and another custodial parent/legal guardian in another Association during the school year, shall be considered permanent residents of both Associations. These athletes may choose to only have one membership number under one Association, but will have the right to run with a different club in the residence of summer and have all rights and privileges of that Association. Proof of legal guardianship may be requested for proof of residency. It shall be the sole responsibility of the applying athlete to secure and furnish all necessary documentation to substantiate any request for consideration of an application of this rule.
- ii. Athletes that have no parent/legal guardian residing in an Association may compete in that Association for ‘just cause’ with the approval of both the Youth Chair and Membership Chair of both the Association of ‘Permanent Residency’ and the association of ‘Non-Residency’. Non-Residence athletes may not represent a club or wear a club uniform in the Association of ‘Non-Residency’.
- iii. Athletes that have no parent/legal guardian residing in an Association may compete in a bordering Association for ‘just cause’ with the approval in writing of both the Youth Chair and Membership Chair of both the Association of ‘Permanent residency’ and the Association of ‘Non-Residency’, and placed on file in the National office.

Prior to being eligible to compete in Association of Non Residence the attached waiver form must be submitted and the necessary approvals have been granted. Note, this process may take up to 30 days to complete.

COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE BY:

- Fax: 800-833-1466 Attn: Youth Programs
- Email to youthprograms@usاتف.org (This email is used for the collection of Rule 300(h) waivers only. Any information sent to this address that does not relate to Rule 300(h) will be discarded).



**Youth Member Rule 300(h)
Waiver to compete in Association of Non-Residence
Application**

1. Athlete's Name: _____
2. Current USATF Membership #: _____
3. USATF Association of Residency: _____
4. USATF Association of Non-Residency: _____
(this is the Association the athlete is applying to be eligible to compete in)
5. Last Sanctioned Competition: _____
Competition Name: _____
Date: _____
Club Represented: _____
6. Reason for request to compete in Association of non-residence:
7. Select the applicable Rule 300(h) exception below:
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I understand that by submitting this application that a final approval must be made by the Youth Chairs and Membership Chairs in the two Associations. I also understand that all USATF Regulations and Competition Rules will be in effect including the "90 day club transfer regulation" (USATF Regulation 4).

Parent/Guardian Signature

Submission Instructions: Please submit this completed form to your Association Youth Chair of current residence. For a list of Association Youth Chairs, visit the [Youth Division Directory](#) of the USATF website.

Note: Final approval may take up to 30 days

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Association of Residence
Youth Chair Approval: _____

Association of Non-Residence
Youth Chair Approval: _____

Membership Chair Approval: _____

Membership Chair Approval: _____