

**MEMORANDUM: Cross Country Wheelchair and Para-Athlete Authorization Form**  
**TO: Athletic Director / Cross Country Coach**  
**FROM: Justin Kesterson**  
**SUBJECT: Wheelchair and Para-Athlete Divisions State Cross Country Championships**

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The WIAA member schools and the state cross country meet management are excited to offer a Para-Athlete exhibition division again at the 2023 State Cross Country meet in Pasco. It is important that these athletes have an opportunity to compete in interscholastic activities within our schools. To this end it is imperative that each school sending a competitor take the time to make sure that each athlete is eligible under both WIAA and school rules. All athletes are required to demonstrate compliance with those rules of eligibility in Article 18 of the WIAA Handbook and any corresponding school rules and regulations.

**\*A wheelchair athlete is anyone with a permanent physical disability. A statement of disability must be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school.**

**\*An ambulatory athlete shall have a permanent intellectual, orthopedic, neuromuscular or other physical disability. The ambulatory division will include Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Amputees and similar physical disabilities. Permanent orthopedic and intellectual impairment shall be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school.**

**Please Submit by October 7, 2023**

Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WIAA Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ WIAA District: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal / Athletic Director \_\_\_\_\_



**Wheelchair Division**



**Ambulatory Division**

*All para-athletes must qualify to the state meet through the qualifying meet procedure. The para-athlete must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the WIAA during the season. The standards are as follows:*

2-mile race = 24:00 minutes

3-mile race = 39:00 minutes

5k race = 40:18 minutes

Completed applications should be mailed or e-mailed to the WIAA:

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