

**NEW YORK STATE FEDEDERATION
OF
SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS**

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR CONTEST

LETTER OF INTENT

I, _____, will participate in the following contest:

NAME OF CONTEST	<u>CHSFL SENIOR BOWL</u>
SPORT TO BE CONTESTED	<u>FOOTBALL</u>
DATE OF CONTEST	<u>DECEMBER 4, 2016</u>
SITE OF CONTEST	<u>MITCHEL STADIUM 1:30 PM</u>

I fully understand the rules, regulations, guidelines and laws, governing participation in such a contest as printed in the CRITERIA on page 1 of this letter. I also understand that I am permitted to participate in **ONLY ONE** approved **Exceptional Senior Contest** in the above sport.

I have not played in any non-approved **Exceptional Senior Contests** in the last year.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Athlete)

Witness-signed _____
(School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants)

Parent or Legal Guardian – signed _____

Attach to roster of game participants and mail with post-game report.

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CRITERIA**

Applications for approval of an Exceptional Senior Contest shall be submitted to the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations by any member association.

Approval will be granted if all the required forms are properly completed and all of the following provisions satisfied:

- 1) The contestants shall be seniors who have completed their secondary school eligibility in that sport.
- 2) School personnel only shall be responsible for the screening and selection of contestants for participation in the contest.
- 3) School personnel only shall be responsible for the screening and selection of coaches for conducting the contest.
- 4) A contestant may participate in no more than one approved Exceptional Senior contest in the same sport during the same school year.
- 5) A coach may coach no more than one approved Exceptional Senior contest in the same sport during the same school year.
- 6) All participants and personnel involved in an approved Exceptional Senior contest must sign a letter of intent developed by the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations.
- 7) All contestants must be bona-fide students from athletic associations who are members of the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations and such contests must be conducted in New York State.
- 8) The contest shall have an established charitable or educational purpose, the financial arrangements of the contest shall reflect an accomplishment of that purpose, and all net receipts from the contest shall be utilized for such purpose. Net receipts shall be gross receipts less expenses directly connected with the administration and conduct of the contest. Gross receipts shall include all revenues derived from the contest. Financial records must be clearly specified in the application for approval according to the terms of the agreement and meet the criteria as approved by the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations.
- 9) Applications must meet guidelines as to safety, number of practices prior to contest, insurance, Commissioner's Regulations, awards and other requirements determined by the New York State Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations and the individual Association.
- 10) All contests must be conducted within the approved sport season or no later than two weeks after the end of the approved sport season.
- 11) Commercial sponsors should be discouraged and should not be necessary for the student of a viable Exceptional Senior Contest.
- 12) All awards from school or non-school groups must be in agreement with school league, section and association standards, reasonable in cost and symbolic in nature.
- 13) All Exceptional Senior Contests must be conducted to benefit the participants not the sponsor. No contests can be approved that do not contribute to the mental, physical, and emotional welfare of the athletes or interferes with the academic program or interscholastic programs of the school and the athlete.