

The USA Ultimate Consortium Program

USA Ultimate offers a program that allows two or more schools meeting certain requirements to compete as a consortium (single-team from multiple schools) in the USA Ultimate High School division.

All schools in the proposed consortium **must**:

- have a prior academic consortium with each other
- have a history of athletic collaboration (between athletics other than ultimate)
- share the same athletic facilities (between athletics other than ultimate)

Schools in the proposed consortium must meet the above requirements in order to apply. Merely meeting the requirements does not guarantee that the consortium will be approved. In order to ensure fairness of competition and minimize the potential for abuse of the rules, consortium applicants will be evaluated against an extremely high standard in terms of meeting the above requirements.

To apply, schools must submit a single, unified consortium application in writing to the USA Ultimate Eligibility Committee by February 28 of the year preceding the spring season in which the schools wish to compete under single-team status. The proposal must include:

- completed application
- supporting documentation showing that all schools in the proposal meet the requirements

NOTE: USA Ultimate may reject a consortium proposal for insufficient information and/or documentation.

Consortiums are approved for two years, and upon expiration, the schools may re-apply for approval. The application for reapproval must be received by February 28. Status may be revoked at any time if any of the schools in the consortium no longer meet the required criteria, or the USA Ultimate deems such action beneficial to the growth of Ultimate.

Any school in a consortium may withdraw from the consortium if they make such a request in writing to the USA Ultimate Manager of Competition and National Team Programs by March 15 of the year in which they wish to compete separately. The request must include the reason for wishing to withdraw. Schools that withdraw from a consortium cannot apply for another consortium until the following year.

The withdrawal of one or more schools from a consortium does not dissolve the consortium of the remaining schools.

Without regard to the aforementioned rules, the status of any school (whether a member of a consortium or not) during the USA Ultimate High School Championships will remain the same throughout that year.

Please email electronic copies of your application and supporting documentation to youth_elig_chair@usultimate.org by the February 28 deadline. If hard copies of your application or supporting documentation are requested, please mail to:

USA Ultimate Youth Division
Attn: Single-team Consortium
c/o USA Ultimate
5825 Delmonico Dr.
Suite 370
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

USA Ultimate Consortium Application

Applicant Information:

- 1) Applicant's name and email address.
- 2) USA Ultimate Gender Division(s) or which this application is to apply {Open, Women, Both}.

School Information:

- 3) Please provide the school name and URL for all the schools that are applying for consortium.
- 4) Admissions Standards - what are the admissions standards at the two schools? Links to school or external websites with the information are sufficient.

Academic Consortium:

What you need to establish here is the existence of an officially recognized academic consortium between the schools. In most cases existing collaboration will be detailed in the online version of the school's handbook, and may involve programs offered which requires coursework from both institutions.

- 5) What academic consortium exists between the schools? Please detail the collaboration as well as provide evidence (in most cases a URL of the program) of this relationship.

Athletic Collaboration:

What you need to establish here is a precedent of collaboration of athletic programs (other than Ultimate) between the schools in which players from one of the schools is allowed to participate with the other school in athletic competition. A history of the two Ultimate clubs playing together at a tournament is not sufficient. Your school's club sports or athletic department may be able to let you know if there is a history of collaboration.

- 6) What athletic collaboration exists between the schools? Please detail the collaboration as well as provide evidence of this relationship (in most cases a letter from a school official detailing this collaboration).

Shared Athletic Facilities:

What you need to establish here is that the schools involved have a history of relationship in which there is sharing of some of the same athletic facilities (between athletics other than Ultimate). A history of the two Ultimate clubs using the same practice field is not sufficient. Your school's club sports or athletic department may be able to let you know if there is a history of collaboration.

- 7) What athletic facilities are shared between the two schools and for what official purpose? Please detail this sharing as well as provide evidence of this relationship (in most cases a letter from a school official detailing this collaboration).

Team History / Other Considerations:

- 8) Please outline the history of the Ultimate programs at each school. If this is a renewal application, please give us an update of the programs since your last application.
- 9) Viability of Independent Teams – is there a plan/timeline for the schools to be able to have independent teams?