



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
By and Between
Cuyahoga Community College District
and
United States Sports Academy

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is entered into on this 12th day of June, 2008 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Cuyahoga Community College District (the “College”), with an address at 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2878; and United State Sports Academy (“USSA”), with an address at One Academy Drive, Daphne, AL 36526. The College is an institution of higher education established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code, and USSA is a post secondary institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College and USSA desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of the College would be eligible for articulated course credits at USSA, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

This Agreement seeks to clarify the status and treatment of student who chose to transfer from the College to USSA upon completion of the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree program at the College.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. *Description of Articulation Program.*

- a. Definitions. Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits are defined on Attachment A.
- b. Articulation Benefits to Students.
 - 1) USSA will provide the Articulation Benefits at no charge to past and present students of the College who meet the Articulation Criteria.
 - 2) USSA shall waive the application fee of any student applying for admission to USSA who has successfully completed an A.A., A.S., or A. A.S. degree.
- c. Accreditation of the College. The College warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The College will notify USSA if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- d. Accreditation of USSA. USSA warrants that it is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. USSA will notify the College if such accreditation ceases to exist.

- e. Admissions Processing. For those past or present students who meet Articulation Criteria 1(a-b), USSA will consider their applications for admission in accordance with standard USSA admission application evaluation criteria, while favorably recognizing students' accomplishments at the College.
- f. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.
- g. Advising. Upon execution of this agreement, USSA will work with the College to develop strategies to provide College students and graduates current information about program opportunities and degree requirements. USSA and the College will assign a staff member to serve as a liaison and to assure continued communication between the two institutions on matters relating to this agreement.

2. *Term and Termination.*

- a. Term. This Agreement will run from the Effective Date until the end of the last day of the 2012 academic term of the College, at which time this Agreement will automatically expire.
- b. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party, effective upon the later date to occur of (i) the end of the next admissions application and review period of USSA, or (ii) the date that is 90 days after the notice that includes a description of the breach; *provided* in either case that the breaching party shall be allowed until said effective date to cure said breach, and if the breach is so cured the termination notice will be of no effect.
- c. Post-Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, College students previously accepted by or admitted to USSA shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement.

3. *Miscellaneous.*

- a. Severability. If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- b. Jurisdiction; Venue. The parties to this Agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof. Venue for any dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof will be in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio or in the state courts of Ohio sitting in Cuyahoga County.
- c. Survival. Sections 2(c) and this Section 3 will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

- d. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received in accordance with this Section 3(e) and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice in the manner specified in this Section) with, in the case of the College, an additional copy addressed to “General Counsel”:

For USSA:
Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich
President

One Academy Drive
Daphne, AL 36526

For Cuyahoga Community College:
Linda Simmons
Vice President Academic and Student
Affairs
700 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

- e. Waivers and Amendments. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both parties.
- f. Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section would be null and void.
- g. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- h. Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- i. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- j. Compliance with Laws. The parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this Agreement, each party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, or color.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT:**

USSA:

By: _____
Dr. Linda Simmons
Vice President, Academic and Student
Affairs

By: _____
Dr. Thomas P. Rosandich
President

**Attachment A
To The
Articulation Agreement Dated June 12, 2008
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Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits

- 1. *The articulation criteria (“Articulation Criteria”) are:***
 - a. Graduation from the College with an A.A., A.S. or A.A.S. degree.
 - b. Students transferring from the College must meet the following prerequisites for admission into USSA’s program:
 - 30 semester hours of core education requirement including:
 - 6 credit hours in English, English Arts, Composition
 - 6 credit hours in Fine Arts/Humanities
 - 12 credit hours in Mathematics/Natural Sciences
 - 6 credit hours in History/Social and Behavioral Sciences

- 2. *The articulation benefits (“Articulation Benefits”) are:***
 - a. Certain College course credits will transfer towards USSA’s Bachelor Degree in Sports Coaching or Sports Management. See Appendices A and B.
 - b. USSA will provide the articulation benefits at no charge to past and present students of the College who meet the Articulation Criteria.
 - c. Both the application fee and the transcript evaluation fee will be waived for any student graduating from CCC into the USSA’s BSS program with an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree.

Appendix A
Bachelor Degree - Sports Coaching or Sports Management
Associate of Arts to Baccalaureate Option

I. General Education Requirements (GERs):

- A. Communication—9 sem. hrs. required, exclusive of 09xx, ENG-1000 and ESL courses. 6 sem. hrs. must be taken in college-level English composition, ENG-1010/101H & 1020/102H. Additional hrs. may be selected from:
 ASL—ENG—For. Lang.—JMC—SPCH. Placement Test results indicate where to begin in ENG.
- B. Mathematics & Sciences—10 sem. hrs. required, exclusive of 09xx, Special Topics and Independent Research/Study courses. Must include 3 sem. hrs. of college-level math (MATH-1000 or higher) and one (1) science course with a related lab. Placement Test results indicate where to begin in MATH.
 Mathematics—Biology—Chemistry—Earth Science—Physical Science—Physics
- C. Social & Behavioral Sciences—10 sem. hrs. required. Coursework must be selected from at least two (2) of the following disciplines:
 Anthropology—Economics—Education—Geography—History—Political Science—Psychology—
 Social Science—Sociology—Urban Studies—Women’s Studies-1510
- D. Arts & Humanities—10 sem. hrs. required. Coursework must be selected from at least two (2) of the following disciplines:
 American Sign Language—Art—Dance—English (2000-level lit.)—Foreign Languages (each Foreign Lang. considered a separate discipline)—Humanities—Journalism & Mass Communications—Music—
 Philosophy— Religious Studies—Speech Communication—Theatre Arts—Women’s Studies-1520
- E. Competencies & Skills—One course required in each of the following C&S areas.
 Courses taken for General Education or Elective Requirements may also be counted to fulfill C&S areas.
 For additional details please consult the Cuyahoga Community College catalog at www.tri-c.edu.

II. Comprehensive Graduation Requirements:

- A. The satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester hours (exclusive of P.E.) at the 1000-level or higher.
- B. The achievement of a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00.
- C. The completion of a minimum of 20 of the 60 semester credit hours at the 2000-level.
- D. The completion of no fewer than 20 of the required 60 semester hours while in attendance at Cuyahoga Community College.

The chart below lists the 60 hours of sports-specific courses required for Sports Coaching or Sports Management.

Sports Coaching	Sports Management
Core Requirements	Core Requirements
SAB 334 Ethics in Sports	SAB 334 Ethics in Sports
SAB 361 Contemporary Issues in Sports	SAB 361 Contemporary Issues in Sports
SAM 340 Organization and Management in Sports	SAM 340 Organization and Management in Sports
SAM 400 Leadership Principles in Sports	SAM 400 Leadership Principles in Sports
Major Requirements	Major Requirements
SAB 305 Sociology of Sports	SAM 322 Foundations of Amateur and Prof. Sports
SAB 368 Psychology of Sports	SAM 342 Personnel Management in Sports
SAB 371 Sports Coaching Methodology	SAM 344 Sports Marketing
SAB 373 Scientific Principles of Coaching	SAM 445 Sports Managerial Accounting
SAD 320 Applied Sports Performance Analysis	SAM 448 Sports Promotion and Event Planning
SAD 346 Sports Medicine	SAM 449 Sports Public Relations
SAD 356 Sports Nutrition	SAM 450 Fund Raising in Sports
SAM 322 Foundations of Amateur and Prof. Sports	SAM 482 Sports Facilities Management
SAR 332 Sports Strength and Conditioning	SAM 486 Sports Law and Risk Management
Elective 15 semester hours of Sports Coaching Electives	Elective 15 semester hours of Sports Management Electives
SAM 599 Mentorship(Culminating Experience)	SAM 599 Mentorship(Culminating Experience)

Appendix B
Bachelor Degree - Sports Coaching or Sports Management
Associate of Science to Baccalaureate Option

I. General Education Requirements (GERs):

- A. Communication—9 sem. hrs. required, exclusive of 09xx, ENG-1000 and ESL courses. 6 sem. hrs. must be taken in college-level English composition, ENG-1010/101H & 1020/102H. Additional hrs. may be selected from:
 ASL—ENG—For. Lang.—JMC—SPCH. Placement Test results indicate where to begin in ENG.
- B. Mathematics— 6 sem. hrs. required, at the 1400-level or higher, exclusive of Special Topics and Independent Research/Study courses. Placement Test results indicate where to begin in MATH.
- C. Sciences – 8 sem. hrs. required, including one (1) science course with a related lab.
 Biology—Chemistry—Earth Science—Physical Science— Physics
- D. Social & Behavioral Sciences—10 sem. hrs. required. Coursework must be selected from at least two (2) of the following disciplines:
 Anthropology—Economics—Education—Geography—History—Political Science—Psychology—
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