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BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD to authorize the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to determine that the school is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic programs.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education/GOVERNING BOARD is the final decision-making body for the schools in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, Interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and shall have the right to review and approve the eligibility of the school to participate in interscholastic athletic programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education/GOVERNING BOARD that the school is hereby designated as eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic programs.

Date of Resolution:

President of the Board of Education/GOVERNING BODY

(Signature)

Superintendent

(Signature)

Superintendent E-Mail:

RETURN NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2019
TOURNAMENT ENTRY
What You Agree To…

- All Tournament Regulations
- Site Played at
- Distance Traveled to a Tournament Contest
- Seeding Process and Opponent
- Officials Assigned to the Contest
- All ‘Calls’ Made by Officials
- All NFHS Playing Rules
THE BOARD RESOLUTION CARD

Now That You Agree….

HOW DO WE CHANGE THINGS?

Bylaws

- Through Board of Director’s Members
- Through District Board Members
- Through Allied Organizations (OIAAA, OASSA)
- Through PETITION
  * Constitution Article 8
THE BOARD RESOLUTION CARD

Now That You Agree....

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Sport Regulations

- Through Board of Director’s Members
- Through District Board Members
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HOW DO WE CHANGE THINGS?

Playing Rules

- Through OHSAA Sport Administrator
- Through NFHS Rule Change Proposals
- Through Officials’ Associations
- Through Respective Coaches Associations
GAME CONTRACTS
Bylaw 7

You SIGN ‘em – You PLAY ‘em

Final Decision – Not Tournament Eligible
2018-19 Junior High/Middle School Fee Paid by School

1 Year Agreement

OHSAA Pays High School Fee

Schools Pick up Junior High/MS Fee

Current Agreement Being Negotiated

- Multiple Years

- Attempting to keep both from Increasing
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
BY
DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARDS
• **Ballots**
  – Will be sent electronically to all principals to your email address and will be made available on **May 1, 2019**.

• **High School Principals**
  – Shall complete the ballot with e-signature no later than Wednesday, **May 15, 2019**, at 4:00 PM via email. **Voting is optional but return of the ballot is required**.

• **7-8th Grade Principals**
  – There are two issues presented to the Middle School Principals in 2019. The ballot will be submitted via email.

• **Share**
  – the ballot and accompanying script, which is posted at [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org), with all interested constituents within the school system.
Due to the strong interest in these changes, please consider:

• **Sharing** this information with parents, booster members, others members of your administrative team, coaches, students, etc.

• **Making** information available to the public via your school website and/or directing interested individuals to the OHSAA website

• **Reminding** everyone that the results of the referendum vote will be posted to the OHSAA website on **May 16, 2019**.
The Referendum Process

Outlined in Constitution Article 8

• **Referendum Items**
  – Approved by Board of Directors for Inclusion on Ballot
  – All items, if approved, become **effective August 1, 2019, unless otherwise specified by the Board.**
ELECTRONIC BALLOTING PROCESS

- Must have Principal email address in myOHSAA
- Reset if in RED
- Don’t forget 7-8th Grade!
Welcome to Cuyahoga Falls

District Athletic Board Elections

Click to Access District Board Election Ballots

OHSAA Referendum Voting

Click to Access Referendum Ballots

Exit Balloting - Proceed to Dashboard
IMPORTANT NOTE!

This presentation represents abridged referendum items and comments

Refer to the electronic copy which was sent to you in advance or go to the website at

ISSUES FOR 7-8TH GRADE PRINCIPALS
Issue 1B – Amend Bylaw 1-6-4 – Team Membership – Combining 7-8\textsuperscript{th} Grade Schools

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

Require the submission of the request to combine prior to beginning of each sports season on the form stipulated by the OHSAA.
• This change simply clarifies that the form shall be submitted annually at the beginning of each sports season.
Issue 2B – Amend Bylaw 4-4-5
Exception 2 - Scholarship

Effective Date: August 1, 2019
If passed, this amendment would:

1. Clarify that physician’s information in support of this exception must be contemporaneous with the time of the incident which caused the student to receive the Incomplete(s).

2. Require that the school have a Board policy on the restoration of Incompletes in order to use this exception.
• It is appropriate to require the physician’s information be contemporaneous with the time lost from school.

• If a school has no policy on Incompletes and the restoration of those Incompletes to grades, then the student shall not be able to use this exception.
ISSUES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
Issue 1C – Add Note to Constitution
3-2 - Initial Membership

• Effective Date: August 1, 2019
If passed, this amendment would:

• Permit the OHSAA to waive initial membership requirements when a district closes a school and reopens a school or schools under different names and IRN’s.

• Use business rules to determine participation opportunities.
1. We have found several public school districts that have effectively closed a school that has been a long-time member.

2. This provision would allow us to preserve participation and membership when new schools are created after the closing of a member school.
Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

1. Require a non-member school in a multi-high school/7-8th grade school district that has been a non-member for at least a year and is seeking membership, to follow the initial membership requirements found in Constitution.
WHY?

• When non-member schools were automatically added to the board resolution card by districts, the OHSAA has found that the transition to compliance has been more difficult than with the opening of a new school in the district.

• The one year period of required compliance is deemed a reasonable stipulation to facilitate an effective transition to full membership and to ensure that all students are eligible.
Issue 3C – Constitution – 3-3-2 - Notification of Change of School’s IRN

• Effective Date: August 1, 2019
If passed, this amendment would:

• Require the superintendent or other administrative head to notify the OHSAA office whenever a school’s IRN (Information Retrieval Number) changes
1. The OHSAA has encountered difficulty when schools combine with other non-member schools and/or change their IRN.
2. To avoid problems, the office is requesting notification when this IRN change occurs.
Issue 4C – Constitution 3-3-4, 3-3-5, 3-3-6 – Clarification of Membership Requirements

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would revise to:

1. **Require** both high schools and 7th-8th grade schools to sponsor two sports per season.

2. **Encourage** participation in 50% of the maximum allowable contests in individual sports and **require** participation in 50% of the maximum allowable contests in team sports.
4C, Continued

3. Schools that fail to sponsor the minimum two sports per season shall be placed on probation for three consecutive seasons beginning with the immediate ensuing sports season.

4. Note that probation has a different meaning than suspension from membership.
WHY?

• It is difficult to audit the “50%” contest rule in individual sports. Therefore, the requirement is changed to an encouragement.

• Schools that fail to adhere to these requirements will not be removed during the current sports season but will start probation at the next sports season.

• Changing the probationary period to three consecutive seasons is fairer than the current penalty.
Issue 5C – Amend Constitution 5-6-1 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

1. Stipulate that the Board employs just the Executive Director and the Senior Director of Finance.

2. Also stipulate that the Board shall evaluate both the ED and the SDF annually.
WHY?

1. As all other employees are hired by the ED, stipulating the Board’s function in hiring just the ED and Sr. Director of Finance is appropriate.

2. Conducting the annual performance review for these two positions is also appropriate.
Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

- Codify current practice of the Executive Director making recommendations of employment to the Board and then being responsible for the annual review of those employees.
1. It is important for our Constitution to reflect current business practices.
2. Currently, the ED recommends all other appointments, the Board approves and the ED or another administrator conducts the yearly review.
Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

1. Delete all reference to “Classification of Schools” and move this Bylaw 2-1-3 to the Constitution 5-7-4.

2. Move “Organization of Schools” to Bylaw 1 and add a disclaimer regarding inability to waive, modify or amend the bylaws to new 1-1-6.
Issue 1B, continued

• Rename Bylaw 2 as “Divisions and Tournament Assignments” and add that as a new section 1.

• Reference the requirement to compete where and when assigned in 2-1-1
Issue IB, continued

• Reference that assignment to divisions is made in accordance with the enrollment report from ODE, the OHSAA business rules, plus the Adjusted Enrollment Count in applicable sports.

• In a multi-high school district where a non-traditional or non-member comprehensive high school becomes a member, make division assignments to all schools based on the number of boys and girls in grades 10-12 as of Sept. 10.
1. Classification (A, AA, AAA) is used only for governance so it belongs in the Constitution.

2. Bylaws relating to the coverage and organization of schools make more sense in Bylaw 1.

3. New Section 1 in Bylaw 2 now relates exclusively to division assignments for tournaments.
Issue 2B – Change in Additional Roster Count Makeup – Bylaws 2-2-2, 2-2-6

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• In SO, VB, SB and BB, include only those students who are on the tournament roster or play in a varsity contest in the initial roster count.

• In FT include students in grades 10-12 plus any 9th grader who plays in a varsity contest.

• Change the Tier 2 factors from 2 to 3 in FT and from 5 (6 in SO) to 7 in all other sports.
COMMENTS

• Current system of counting everyone is not a true representation of “impact” participants
• The increase in Tier 2 factor is necessary to assure some movement.
• May help smaller schools and reduce the attractiveness of cutting students or failing to sponsor more levels of teams.
• Will mean AD’s will have to be more diligent in tracking participation.
Comments

- Concerns have surfaced in Football (FT) re. how to consider kicker’s participation and how to track participation in sports in which there is no recorded scorebook such as soccer.
Issue 3B – Bylaw 2-2-4 – Change in Tiering of Non-Enrolled Student

Effective Date: May 16, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Move the non-enrolled student who is participating in one of the competitive balance sports from Tier 2 to Tier 1.
1. The Competitive Balance Committee recommended this change from 2 to 1 as members felt that the Tier 2 assessment was too punitive for students who are required to participate at the residential public high school.

2. Note this issue is separate from 4B dealing with the J1 student.
Issue 4B – Bylaws 2-2-4 & 5 – Change in Tiering for J1 Visa Students

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Move the international exchange students who are here for one year only from a Tier 2 to a Tier 1.
1. Many schools have expressed concern that Tier 2 is too punitive as the students on J1 visas are here for just one year and often do not contribute in these CB sports.

2. This revision would not include students on F1 visas who may attend an Ohio non-public school from more than one year.
Issue 5B – Bylaw 4-2-5 – New Exception to Change how Non-Public Schools with Defined Geographic Boundaries Tier Students

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• In Non-public systems that assign students based on location of the residence, re-designate the Tiers taking into consideration both location and history of attendance.
Issue 5B, continued

• Assign Tier 2 to students who did not attend the same system of education since grade 7 no matter where they live.
WHY?

• There is one non-public system that assigns students to its schools based on where the students live. As such, these assignments are more comparable to a multiple high school public school district.

• The administrator still has to determine continuous enrollment in the same system since grade 7 and then look to residence to determine Tier 0 or Tier 1.

• This exception would remove the “feeder school” analysis.
WHY?, continued

- If approved, impacted systems would have to submit to the OHSAA their attendance zones every two years aligning with the collection of enrollment numbers.
- If the student receives an attendance zone waiver, if available, to attend another school, Tier 1 is available only if the student has been in the same system since grade 7.
Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

1. Require the submission of medical documentation from a physician contemporaneous with the incident which caused the student to receive Incompletes.

2. Reaffirm that if a district does not have a policy relative to Incomplete restoration, a student would not be able to use this exception.
WHY?

• It is important for the office to receive medical confirmation of an absence(s) that aligns contemporaneously with the incident that caused the need for the Incomplete(s).

• Stating that if a school district or school has no policy relating to Incompletes when the exception is requested, the student cannot use the exception, should be indicated within the exception.
If passed, this amendment would:

1. Add a note reminding the reader that students may be affected by other bylaws including those in the transfer and international student sections.

2. Add the words “any of its territories” to exceptions 2 (new), 11 and 12 (renumbered).

3. Separate out the section in exception 1 into new exception 2, which addresses a legal guardian or custodian who has had custody/guardianship of the student for at least a year BEFORE becoming a bona fide resident of Ohio.
7B Continued…

4. Stipulate in exception 2, if the custodian/guardian has had custody or guardianship of the student for less than two years, the transfer bylaw will attach.
WHY?

• References to guardianship have been added editorially to comply with the ORC in exception one.

• The phrase “or any of its territories” has been added to exception 1, 2, 11 and 12 to reinforce the OHSAA’s long-standing interpretation that the United States refers to all 50 states, D.C. and ALL US territories.
WHY?

• Exception 1 has been split into two exceptions for clarity.
• We want to advise schools that even though a student may meet a residence exception in 4-6-3, the student must meet all other bylaws including transfer if applicable.
Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Include four definitions of transfer
  – From one school to another school
  – From a school to home schooling or vice versa
  – From a school-sponsored team where not enrolled back to a school
  – To and from participation opportunities accorded under state law – non-public schools, STEM and Community Schools
Issue 8B, Continued

• Allows transfers to and from STEM, Community and non-public schools to and from member schools sponsoring the sport the student wants to play without transfer consequences.

• Stipulates that in-season changes are affected by Bylaw 4-7-3.

• Sets the standard for determining when the 50% sit out begins based on the varsity schedule.
1. There is always a need to codify what we are doing in practice which is why the definitions of transfer have been expanded and certain types of transfer excluded from any consequence.

2. Revising the method of determining when the sit-out period begins to examining just the varsity schedule regardless of the levels the student plays should make this determination easier.
Issue 9B- Bylaw 4-7-2 Ex. 9 – Transfer – Addressing the Non-Enrolled Student

Effective Date August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Require approval from the ED’s Office

• Amend three notes to:
  – Require assignment/transfer to the high school in the attendance zone or closest to the parents’ residence when entering a multi-high school district
– Affirm that a student who has custodial parents in two different public school districts may choose either high school as long as eligibility has not been established in either district.

– Permit this exception for the non-enrolled student in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-1 exceptions 4 or 6.
WHY?

• Clarify what it means to reside in a district for at least one year and require a ruling.

• Clarify in note 1 that this exception can only be used in multi-HS districts at the high school in the attendance zone of the parents or to the closest high school.

• Clarify that when a student transfers to a STEM, Community or non-traditional school, this exception may apply.
Issue 10B – Amend 4-7-3 – Mid-Season Transfer

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Add a second provision to permit a mid-season transfer restoration of eligibility when there is a custody change involving Children’s services or an emergency removal, and the two schools are more than 50 miles apart.
1. Currently the only way to approve a mid-season transfer is with a bona fide move of the family and with the two schools at least 50 miles apart.

2. This provision would allow us discretion when there is an emergent situation requiring the student to be transferred via the courts/Children’s Services.

3. Non-enrolled students are also subject to this restriction.
Issue 11B – Bylaw 4-7-4 – intra-districts transfers - Clarifications

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Change the exceptions in this intra-district bylaw to be more consistent with the exceptions in inter-district bylaw 4-7-2
1. Consistency is achieved when exception 1 requires the affidavit of bona fide residence just like exception 1 in 4-7-2, and exception 2 requires the submission of a form and court documents.

2. Other editorial changes are made to clarify and new exception six will be added if Issue 12B passes.
Issue 12B – Bylaw 4-7-4 – New Exception 6 – Anti-Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

- Permit the superintendent in a multi-high school district or system to transfer a student within the district/system when there has been evidence of student-on-student bullying, harassment or intimidation.
1. This change tracks exception 7 in 4-7-2 identically and gives the superintendent this discretion.
2. Still requires approval in the Executive Director’s Office.
Issue 13B – Bylaw 4-7-5 Transfer – Poor Performing Schools

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Identify the new procedure for determining a Poor Performing School in Ohio

• Use the ODE’s List of Priority Schools as the determining list.

• Clarify that a student cannot transfer out using this bylaw and then back into the same school during high school.
1. There is a need to adapt to the ODE’s method of identifying academically poor performing schools.
2. This change reinforces that transferring back to the same poor performing school will not result in the waiver of the transfer consequence.
Issue 14B – Bylaws 4-7-6 & 7 – Intra-district/system Transfer Clarifications.

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Clarify that reassignment (as opposed to “transfer”) must take place after the conclusion of the previous school year and prior to the new school year.

• Require the student to be enrolled and attending on day one of the new school year.
1. These changes reflect the original intention of these bylaws when adopted over 10 years ago.

2. The student’s reassignment by the superintendent after the school year shall result in his or her attendance at the beginning of the new school year.

3. Transfer eligibility shall still be predicated on the criteria expressed in the current bylaws.
Issue 15B – Delete Bylaw 4-7-8 - Transfer

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

• Delete Bylaw 4-7-8 which currently requires the transfer student to be listed on the eligibility certificate at the first round of the tournament to eligible to participate.
1. There is no need for this bylaw as other bylaws within the transfer section govern mid-season transfers.
Issue 16B – Amend 4-9-4 #8 – Recruiting – Rebuttable Presumption

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

If passed, this amendment would:

1. No longer require a school to rebut the presumption of recruiting students from the coach’s former school once the coach has been on staff for one calendar year from the date of employment/approval.

2. Still restrain the coach from engaging in recruiting activities that are prohibited in Bylaw 4-9.
WHY?

1. Adding this statement clarifies that this rebuttable presumption is only required during the first full year of the coach’s tenure at a member school.

2. Once the one year anniversary has passed, the school is no longer obligated to refute the presumption of recruiting unless requested to do so by the ED’s office.
OHSAA SPORTS MED UPDATES

• Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training - https://ohsaa.org/medicine

• Summary of all Coaching Requirements - http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits

  – Reminder to complete the Emergency Contact Form to represent all Board approved and credentialed coaches in all sports
• Emergency Action Plans - http://www.anyonecansavealife.org/
• Please Review Referendum Items Prior to Vote
• New Eligibility Guidance, forms and videos will be posted to the website and a reminder sent to all administrators after the referendum vote.
• Please discard old forms from 2018-19
• OHSAA Handbook for 2019-20 will be mailed in July
• Fall Regional Meetings will be conducted – Sites and Dates TBD
• Voting is electronic this year. You will receive another reminder!

• Referendum results: posted on May 16, 2019, and will get an email reminder to take a look
Thank You!

For Your Attention
&
Your Commitment

GOT QUESTIONS?