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This Official Notice contains all proposals to amend FHSAA Bylaws for consideration by the FHSAA Representative Assembly at its January 9-10, 2012 meeting. This publication contains all proposals properly sponsored by member school representatives, advisory committees, the FHSAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director.

A total of twenty-five (25) proposals have been submitted for consideration by the Representative Assembly. Eighteen (18) proposals are co-sponsored by the Executive Director and the Board of Directors. One (1) proposal is sponsored by the Board of Directors. Six (6) are sponsored by member schools, **which are not supported by the Board of Directors**. The proposals appear in order of citation. Each proposal is accompanied by the topical area of the proposal, intent of the proposal, the individual or group sponsoring the proposal, the text of the proposal, the effective date of the proposal if adopted, and the rationale for the proposal as stated by its sponsor.

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PROPOSAL NO. 2012-01

Topic: General terms

Intent: This proposal provides definitions of terms used globally throughout the FHSAA Handbook

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Delete current Bylaw 1.4.4, amend and renumber current Bylaw 1.4.5 as Bylaw 1.4.4, renumber all subsequent Bylaws, amend current Bylaw 1.4.23, amend current Bylaw 1.4.26 and add five (5) new Bylaws to read:

1.4.4. School Year — refers to the period of time that begins on July 1 and continues to June 30.

1.4.54 School Year / Academic year / Athletic Year – refers to the period of time which begins with the first day of practice for the fall sports or the first day of classes, whichever comes first for an individual school, and continues until the last day of classes for an individual school.

1.4.232 Residence – Residence as used throughout the rules and regulations of this association is used in two contexts; “school residence,” meaning the school at which student attends or represents and “physical residence,” meaning the location at which a student lives with his/her parent or guardian. A student and his/her parents cannot occupy a residence at more than one address, and only the student’s current residence may be used for eligibility purposes.

1.4.265 FHSAA Representative – An “FHSAA representative” is the school administrator representative who acts on behalf of ~~represents~~ the school in its relationship with the Association. The FHSAA representative is the principal, unless the principal delegates the task to an assistant principal or the athletic director. The principal, however, cannot delegate the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the school’s interscholastic athletic programs. (s. 1006.20(3)(b) Florida Statutes)

1.4.26 Calendar Week – A “calendar week” is the seven (7) consecutive days Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

1.4.27 School Week – A “school week” is the six (6) consecutive days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

1.4.28 Guardianship – Guardianship must be permanently appointed legally by a court of competent jurisdiction. (from 9.3.2.2(d))

1.4.29 Standard Student – Standard students are students who are enrolled in and physically attend the school at which they participate, except for Dual Enrolled or Early Admission students and Youth Exchange or International students (see Policy 12.2.1.1).

1.4.30 Non-Standard Student – Non-standard Students are students who are not enrolled in and physically attend the school at which they participate, including, but not limited to; Home Education students, certain Charter School students, Special School students, certain Non-Member Private School students and students enrolled in FLVS-FT Public Program, except for Youth Exchange or International students (see Policy 12.2.1.2).

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association uses terminology throughout the handbook and this provides a convenient means of locating those terms

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-02

Topic: Middle/Junior High and Combination Schools

Intent: This proposal provides a clearer definition of middle, junior high and combination schools

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 3.2.2.2 and Bylaw 3.2.2.3 to read:

3.2.2.2 Middle/Junior High School. A “middle/junior high school” is any traditional public school, charter school, private school or university laboratory school that provides instruction to students in middle school configurations (grades 6 through terminal grade of 6, 7 or 8) or junior high school configurations (grades 7 through terminal grade of 9).

3.2.2.3 Combination School. A “combination school” is any traditional public school, charter school, private school or university laboratory school that provides instruction to students in both middle/junior high school grades and/or senior high school grades (i.e. K-12, K-8, 6-12, 7-12, etc.) under the direction of a single principal as defined in Bylaw 1.4.25. A combination school must hold membership as a middle/junior high school if its terminal grade is grade 6 through 8, as junior high school if its terminal grade

is grade 9, or as a senior high school if its terminal grade is grade 10 through 12.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association has member schools in numerous grade configurations and this helps to clarify how the association recognizes and categorizes the member school

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-03

Topic: Combination Middle School Program

Intent: This proposal provides a definition of a middle school program for combination schools

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Add a new Bylaw to read:

3.2.2.3.1 Combination Middle School Program. A combination senior high school that participates in middle school athletics must indicate such on its annual membership application. The middle school teams will be limited to grades 6 through 8. Middle school students who participate in the senior high school program in a sport may not return to participate in the middle school program in that sport for that athletic year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association has numerous combination schools with middle and senior high school grade levels and this provides guidance into athletic programs conducted at both levels

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-04

Topic: Combination Schools

Intent: This proposal provides regulations for combination schools with multiple campuses

Sponsors: The Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 3.2.2.3 to read:

3.2.2.3 Combination School. A “combination school” is any traditional public school, charter school,

private school or university laboratory school that provides instruction to students in both middle/junior high school grades and/or senior high school grades (i.e. K-12, K-8, 6-12, 7-12, etc.), under the direction of a single principal as defined in Bylaw 1.4.25 and located on the same campus, except for 9-12 high schools which have 9th grade centers at a separate location, with participation and enrollment based on a single campus site, unless appealed to the Executive Director for approval. A combination school must hold membership as a middle/junior high school if its terminal grade is grade 6 through 9 or as a senior high school if its terminal grade is grade 10 through 12.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association has some combination schools that utilize various campuses and this provides a means to regulate these schools while also providing for a means of appeal

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-05

Topic: Dates

Intent: This proposal provides a means to avoid the conflict of important association dates that fall on or during weekends, holidays, season breaks, testing periods, etc.

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 4.5.2.2, Bylaw 4.7.1.1, Bylaw 4.7.1.1.1, Bylaw 4.7.1.1.2, Bylaw 4.7.1.1.2.1 and Bylaw 5.1.1 to read:

4.5.2.2 Meetings. Each Sectional Appeals Committee will meet as needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities nine times each school year. These nine meetings must be held during the first 15 days of the months of August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April on such dates as adopted by the Board of Directors.

4.7.1.1 Positions Held by School Representatives. The FHSAA Office will conduct elections for school representative positions on the Representative Assembly, Board of Directors and Sectional Appeals Committees at such time as adopted by the Board of Directors each year in each administrative section as follows:

4.7.1.1.1 Declaration of Candidacy. The FHSAA Office ~~by February 1~~ will notify school representatives of elections that must be held, and will place on the Internet a declaration of candidacy form for each race. A school representative who wants to run in a particular race and is eligible to do so must download, complete and fax to the FHSAA Office the form for that race. The form must be completed, signed and received in the FHSAA Office ~~by February 10~~ to be valid. A school representative who is not a principal must have the form signed by his/her principal granting him/her permission to run. A school representative who wants to run in more than one race may do so, but must file the appropriate form for each race.

4.7.1.1.2 General Election. The FHSAA Office ~~by April 1~~ will provide each school representative who is eligible to vote in the general election a ballot. The ballot will list the names of all candidates in each race. The school representative may vote for only one candidate in each race, and will be allowed 5 business days from the date the ballot is first provided to complete and submit the ballot. The candidate in each race receiving the majority of votes cast will be the winner.

4.7.1.1.2.1 Provisional Member School Representatives. The representative of a school that is in its ~~two-year~~ provisional period of membership is not eligible to run for or vote in any election.

5.1.1 Submission. Each member school representative, the Board of Directors acting as a whole or as members acting individually, any advisory committee to be established by the Association acting as a whole, and the Association's Executive Director are empowered to propose amendments to the Bylaws. Any other individual may propose an amendment by securing the sponsorship of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Director ~~not less than sixty (60) days prior to~~ by such date as adopted by the Board of Directors for consideration by the Representative Assembly. All proposed amendments received by the deadline shall be submitted by the Executive Director directly to the Representative Assembly for its consideration.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The Board of Directors approves a calendar of important association dates each administrative year and this provides for the Board of

Directors to establish dates that will not fall on or during weekends, holidays, season breaks, testing periods, etc.

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-06

Topic: Unsportsmanlike conduct

Intent: The proposal eliminates a conflict between this Bylaw and the Policy on Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Policy 30)

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 7.2.1.1 to read:

7.2.1.1 Penalty for Students. Students who are found to have committed unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition for a penalty period up to one or more calendar years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: There is a conflict in the language in this Bylaw and the current language in the Policy of Unsportsmanlike Conduct and this eliminates that conflict

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-07

Topic: Eligible contestants with which contests may be held

Intent: This proposal removes language that was overlooked when the "Approved Non-Member" status was removed from the Bylaws and adds some clarifying language

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 8.3.1 to read:

8.3.1 Eligible Contestants. Member schools may only engage in interscholastic contests with the following:

(a) Schools which are members of this Association;

~~(b) Nonmember schools located in Florida that have been approved by the Board of Directors for regular season dual team competition with member schools; or~~

(b) Out-of-state schools which are members in good standing of associations that are members of NFHS or affiliate members of NFHS and which regulate interscholastic athletics for schools within their state. They must follow comparable eligibility guidelines and the season for the sport involved must run concurrently with that of the Florida High School Athletic Association.

(c) Member schools shall not participate in athletic contests or contractually obligate themselves to participate in any tournament, meet or contest in which any schools which do not meet these criteria are scheduled to participate, or with non-school teams, ~~or groups or club teams.~~

(d) Competition in team sports involving middle/junior high schools, combination middle school programs and junior high schools must be between middle/junior high schools, combination middle school programs and junior high schools only.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association removed “Approved Non-Member” status making it necessary to remove part (a) of this policy and the added language clarifies the remaining parts of the bylaw that are associated with policy or other proposed revisions to bylaws

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-08

Topic: Participation by gender

Intent: The proposal eliminates a conflict between this Bylaw and the Policy on Mixed Gender Restrictions

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 8.6.4 to read:

8.6.4 State Series. In an team or individual sport, girls may not participate on boys’ teams in the state series when a sport is offered in the state series for girls.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: There is a conflict in the language in this Bylaw and the current language in the Mixed Gender Restrictions in the State Series policy and this eliminates that conflict

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-09

Topic: Definition of “Attend School”

Intent: This proposal modifies the current definition due to the increase in students who are participating for member schools and do not physically occupy a seat at the member school

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.1.1 to read:

9.2.1.1 Definition of “Attend School.” A student attends school if he/she is present in a school classroom on a regular basis or is legally registered as a home education a “non-standard” student participating for a member school. A student can attend only one school at a time for the purposes of interscholastic athletic eligibility.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognizes additional categories of students that do not physically occupy a seat at a school and this modified definition accommodates these additional categories

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-10

Topic: Students in Alternative or Special Schools

Intent: This proposal removes ambiguous wording

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.2.4 to read:

9.2.2.4 Students in Alternative or Special Schools. A student who attends an alternative school or other special school operated by a school district may participate at the school he/she would normally attend according to the school district attendance policy, provided the alternative or special school does not sponsor an interscholastic athletic program and the

superintendent or district athletic director has notified this Association which schools qualify to allow students to participate under this bylaw. The student must meet all other FHSAA eligibility requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The current bylaw uses ambiguous wording and this eliminates that ambiguity

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-11

Topic: Participation in summer athletic activities by students changing schools or entering for the first time

Intent: This proposal modifies the current to limit students from participating at multiple schools during the summer preceding a school year

Sponsor: Derrick Gaines, Middleton High School (Tampa)

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.2.5 to read:

9.2.2.5 Participation in Summer Athletic Activities by Students Changing Schools or Entering a Member School or Combination School for the First Time. A student may participate in athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a only one school during the summer period immediately preceding attendance in that school if the student has been assigned to or accepted by the school and no longer attends his/her previous school. The student will be considered to have established residence in that school and will not be eligible to participate in athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a school or competition at any other member school during that school year. This applies to each student the day following the last day of school for the student. A student who is assigned to and/or accepted by more than one school will be considered to have established residence in the school he/she first attends or participates in summer athletic activities prior to attendance, whichever comes first. A student awaiting the completion of the approval process for admittance to a school must not participate at any school. Participating with a school, including the school attended during the previous school year, limits athletic eligibility to only that school, even if approval to a different school is granted at a later date.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: Students use this loophole to “test out” schools and this will prevent this from occurring

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-12

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal modifies the current bylaw due to the increase in students who are participating for member schools and do not physically occupy a seat at the member school

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.4 to read:

9.2.4 Participation in Non-School Athletic Activities Affiliated with a School. The FHSAA supports and endorses Florida’s philosophy of school of choice for academic purposes. However, if a student chooses to attend or participate for a school, public or private, in which the student participated in any non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school that the student does not attend or did not attend in the previous school year (in the case of ~~home education~~ non-standard students, does not participate for or did not participate for) and then establishes his/her school residence (in the case of ~~home education~~ non-standard students, he/she participates) at the affiliated school within one calendar year of such participation will not be eligible in the new school until the student has been in attendance at that school for one calendar year. Establishing such school residence is bona fide evidence that the student is attending the school in whole or in part for athletic reasons.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognizes additional categories of students that do not physically occupy a seat at a school and this modified bylaw accommodates these additional categories

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-13

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal will allow middle school students in combination schools and other underclassmen to be eligible at a sub-varsity level without having to appeal their cases

Sponsor: Matt Morris, The Bolles School

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.4 to read:

9.2.4 Participation in Non-School Athletic Activities Affiliated With a School. The FHSAA supports and endorses Florida's philosophy of school of choice for academic purposes. However, if a student chooses to attend or participate for a school, public or private, in which the student participated in any non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school that the student does not attend or did not attend in the previous school year (in the case of home education, does not participate for or did not participate for) and then establishes his/her school residence (in the case of home education students, he/she participates) ~~at the affiliated school within one calendar year of such participation will not be eligible in the new school until the student has been in attendance at that school for one calendar year. Establishing such school residence is bona fide evidence that the student is attending the school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. during the preceding calendar year to his/her enrollment or attendance at the school, he/she will be eligible for sub-varsity competition only at that school until the student has been in attendance at that school for one calendar year.~~

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: This would provide adequate enforcement of the original intent of the bylaw while eliminating excessive impact and consequences on student athletes

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-14

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal will exempt students coming from a non-member elementary or middle schools after reaching their terminal grade from the bylaw

Sponsor: Matt Morris, The Bolles School

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.4 to read:

9.2.4 Participation in Non-School Athletic Activities Affiliated With a School. The FHSAA supports and endorses Florida's philosophy of school of choice for academic purposes. However, if a student chooses to attend or participate for a school, public or private, in which the student participated in any non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school that the student does not attend or did not attend in the previous school year (in the case of home education, does not participate for or did not participate for) and then establishes his/her school residence (in the case of home education students, he/she participates) at the affiliated school within one calendar year of such participation will not be eligible in the new school until the student has been in attendance at that school for one calendar year. Establishing such school residence is bona fide evidence that the student is attending the school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. Bylaw 9.2.4 is not applicable to students who reach the terminal grade of school in a non-member elementary or middle school (public or private) and subsequently enroll in any FHSAA school (public or private).

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: Students who have never attended an FHSAA school should be eligible at the first member school they enroll in following the completion of the terminal grade of their previous school

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-15

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal creates an exception to the current bylaw that would allow for a natural progression from middle school to high school while allowing students to attend academic programs best suited for their talents

Sponsor: Rick Lankford, Vanguard High School

Proposal: Renumber the current Bylaw 9.2.4.1 and add new Bylaw 9.2.4.1 to read:

9.2.4.1 Exception. An exception to 9.2.4 would be granted for students whose previous grade was a terminal grade for that school, and student is accepted

into a school for an academic program with no connection to athletics (i.e. I.B., A.I.C.E., etc).

9.2.4.12 Non-School Athletic Activities Affiliated with a School...

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: Students participating in community activities prior to entering high school should not be penalized with ineligibility because of this participation

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-16

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal creates an exception to the current bylaw that would eliminate appeals when middle school students need to enter a new school

Sponsor: Norm Wein, Episcopal School of Jacksonville

Proposal: Add a new Bylaw to read:

9.2.4.2 Exception - Attendance after completion of Elementary Terminal Grade. A student that establishes residence at a new school after completion of his/her elementary terminal grade, 5th or 6th grade and who would otherwise be ineligible as described in Bylaw 9.2.4 above would be deemed eligible.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: Elementary school students who have completed their terminal grade must find another school

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-17

Topic: Participation in non-school athletic activities affiliated with a school

Intent: This proposal is meant to provide terminal grade students the ability to attend schools of choice without suffering from not being able to participate during their first year in whatever school of choice they make

Sponsor: James “Jody” Phillips, Forest High School (Ocala)

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.2.4 to read:

9.2.4.1.1 EXCEPTION. A student that participates in non-school activities affiliated with a school (as defined by FHSAA Bylaws 9.2.4 and 9.2.4.1.) or with representatives of a school’s athletic interest (as defined by Bylaw 1.4.18 and Policy 36.2.1.1) but has reached a terminal grade in their current school attended followed by establishment of school residence at an affiliated school will NOT be deemed ineligible to participate the year following completion of their terminal grade, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: Many appeals could be eliminated when students have to enter a new school and there truly has not been an infraction of the intent of the bylaw

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-18

Topic: Transfer Exception; Necessary relocation to residence of another individual

Intent: This proposal removes part (d) of the current language as that has been proposed to be moved to Bylaw 1.4 as one of the associations General Terms and adds the removed part (d) to the last sentence of part (c)

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.3.2.2 to read:

9.3.2.2 Exception – Necessary Relocation to Residence of Another Individual. A student who transfers because he/she has to move into the residence of another person who lives at a residence that makes it necessary for the student to attend a different school and meets all other eligibility requirements as provided in Article 9 will be eligible at the new school subject to Bylaw 9.3.3. This exception applies only to the following specific situations:

- (a) One of the persons with whom the student has been living dies; or
- (b) One of the persons with whom the student has been living is imprisoned or committed by court order to a mental facility; or

(c) The student is made a ward of the court or state and is placed in a foster home by a court of legal jurisdiction. In this case, a certified copy of the court order, a copy of the petition upon which the order was based, and other evidence the court had to consider in issuing the order must be provided to the FHSAA Office. Permanent guardianship must be appointed legally by a court of competent jurisdiction.

~~(d) Guardianship must be appointed legally by a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association has proposed adding part (d) of this bylaw to Bylaw 1.4 as one of the association's "General Terms" thus removing it from this bylaw as a separate part but adding it to part (c) for emphasis

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-19

Topic: Transfer Exception; Transfer of schools within the first twenty days

Intent: This proposal modifies the Transfer Exception, with condition, for students who transfer schools within the first twenty (20) school days of the school year

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.3.2.5 to read:

9.3.2.5 Exception – Transfer of Schools within the First Twenty Days. A student who transfers schools within the first twenty (20) school days of the academic school year and meets all other requirements as provided in Article 9 will be eligible at the new school subject to Bylaw 9.3.3 provided:

- (a) The student applied to attend a particular school or particular school program prior to July 1; and
- (b) The student has not engaged in any athletic activities affiliated with either school prior to the transfer; and
- (c) The student has not been recruited; and
- (d) The student is not transferring in whole or in part for athletic reasons; and
- (e) The student is not transferring because of disciplinary reasons and/or misconduct; and

(f) The losing school principal communicates and verifies with the new school principal that 9.3.2.5 (a)-(e) have been met by the student.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognizes that there instances in which a student may have applied to attend a particular school but due to circumstances beyond to control of the student started at another school before being accepted and transferring and this provides an exception to the transfer rule for those reasons

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-20

Topic: Transfer Exception; Transfer of schools after the first twenty days

Intent: This proposal provides for a Transfer Exception, with condition, for students who transfer schools after the first twenty (20) school days of the school year but prior to the start of a sport season

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Renumber current Bylaw 9.3.2.6 and add a new Bylaw 9.3.2.6 to read:

9.3.2.6 Exception – Transfer of Schools after the First Twenty Days. A student who transfers schools after the first twenty (20) school days of the academic school year and meets all other requirements as provided in Article 9 will be eligible at the new school subject to Bylaw 9.3.3 provided, the losing school principal communicates with the new school principal and verifies in writing on a form to be provided by the Association that (a)-(e) below have been met by the student. The losing school principal is not required to verify any of the items (a)-(e) nor is the losing school principal obligated to sign this form:

- (a) The student transfers and begins attending the new school prior to the first date of the sport's season as established in the FHSAA Calendar;
- (b) The student has not engaged in any athletic activities affiliated with either school prior to the transfer; and
- (c) The student has not been recruited; and
- (d) The student is not transferring in whole or in part for athletic reasons; and
- (e) The student is not transferring because of disciplinary reasons and/or misconduct.

9.3.2.67 Need to Attend a Different School Defined....

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognizes that there instances, which must not be athletically motivated, that a student needs to transfer schools and this provides an exception to the transfer rule for those reasons

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-21

Topic: Academic records for transfer students

Intent: This proposal modifies the language of the current policy to avoid misinterpreting the intent of the bylaw

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.3.3.1 to read:

9.3.3.1 Transfer Student Must Provide Academic Records. A student who transfers to a member school from a nonmember school after beginning high school must provide the member school with an official sealed transcript showing all grades he/she has received at all schools attended since beginning eighth grade. The student must also provide the school with all information the school needs to ~~convert~~ determine the student's grades eligibility using the scale in Bylaw 9.4.2. The student cannot be declared academically eligible by the member school until all such information is received to its satisfaction. Final grades previously earned by the student shall not be converted using the scale in Bylaw 9.4.2.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognized that the current language was being misinterpreted from the intent of the original bylaw

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-22

Topic: Senior high school limit of eligibility

Intent: This proposal clarifies the original language

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.5.1 to read:

9.5.1 High School Student Has Four Years of Eligibility. A student ~~has~~ is limited to four consecutive calendar years of eligibility from the date he/she begins ninth grade for the first time. This does not imply that the student has four years of participation. After four consecutive years, the student is permanently ineligible. ~~A student becomes permanently ineligible four consecutive calendar years from the date he/she begins ninth grade for the first time.~~

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association modified the current language of the bylaw to emphasize the intent of the bylaw

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-23

Topic: Middle and Junior High School age limit application

Intent: This proposal removes language that was being misinterpreted from the intent of each of the original bylaws

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 9.6.2.1 and Bylaw 9.6.3.1 to read:

9.6.2.1 When Junior High Age Limit Applies. The 16 year 9 month junior high school age limit applies to a participating student only when:

- (a) Teams representing junior high schools compete against each other; or
- (b) Teams representing the junior high school departments of combination junior-senior high schools compete against each other.
- (c) ~~If a junior high school team competes against a senior high school team or the varsity team of a combination junior senior high school, the high school age limit of 19 years 9 months will apply to all participating students.~~

9.6.3.1 When Middle School Age Limit Applies.

The 15 year 9 month middle school age limit applies to a participating student only when:

- (a) Teams representing middle schools compete against each other; or
- (b) Teams representing the middle school departments of combination middle-senior high schools compete against each other.
- ~~(c) If a middle school team competes against a senior high school team or the varsity team of a combination middle senior high school, the high school age limit of 19 years 9 months will apply to all participating students.~~

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The association recognized that the current language was being misinterpreted from the intent of the original bylaws

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-24

Topic: Forfeiture of contest

Intent: This proposal modifies the language of the original bylaw as it relates to forfeiture of a relay event

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 10.2.1.1 to read:

10.2.1.1 Team or Individual Sports. In team sports, the contest and honors shall be forfeited. In individual sports, the points won by the ineligible student, individually or as the member of a relay team shall be forfeited. If an ineligible student participates on a relay team, the relay team shall be disqualified.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The current bylaw did not address the effect of a forfeiture of a relay event due to the use of an ineligible student on the relay and this provides for that event

PROPOSAL NO. 2012-25

Topic: Cost of appeals

Intent: This proposal clarifies the language of the current bylaw as is currently being practiced by the association

Sponsors: Executive Director Roger Dearing and the Board of Directors

Proposal: Amend Bylaw 10.5.1 to read:

10.5.1 Cost of Appeal. The cost of an appeal, if any, including the Association's attorney fees, shall be borne by the person or entity making the appeal if the finding of the Executive Director or the penalty imposed is upheld or if the request for waiver is denied as in Bylaw 10.4.1.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Rationale: The current bylaw did match the current practice of the association and this clarifies the language to match the current practice of the association