



**NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM  
January 3, 2022



**Due Date: January 18, 2022**

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**Bylaws 6.1.2 & 9.3.R – Eligibility (Student Transferring to Follow a Coach)**

This proposal would help to clarify the intent of current eligibility bylaws pertaining to students that transfer to follow a coach.

**Proposal:**

Add underlined verbiage and remove strikethrough text within Bylaws 6.1.2 & 9.3.R as listed below:

*The transfer/residency requirement is implemented as a means to discourage recruitment and reduce the opportunity for undue influence.*

*Beginning with the summer prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, if a student participates on/with a any ~~non-school~~ team (i.e. **Interscholastic**, AAU, American Legion, club settings, summer program, etc.) that is affiliated with or coached by a coach associated with that same sport at a school other than the one the Student attends or has attended, and then transfers to that school, regardless of change in bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the Student has been recruited to attend that school or transferred to that school for athletic reasons, and the Student will be ineligible for all high school athletic participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days. If the Student transfers to a school that his/her coach has relocated to, regardless of change in the Student's bona fide residence, it will be assumed that the Student transferred to that school for athletic reasons and he/she will be ineligible there for all high school athletic participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days.*

**Rationale:** Clarifies that the following-a-coach rule is intended to apply any time a student transfers to a school in which the student has previously participated with one or more acting school coaches in that sport any time after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This would include participation on both non-school teams as well as school-based teams.

**46 Favor**

**1 Do Not Favor**

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**This box must be completed by all member schools.**

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**Bylaw 7.21.3.B – Tennis Seeding/Selection**

This proposal would require the use of Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) by NMAA-member tennis schools during the 2021-2022 school year to study possible seeding/selection application in the future.

**Proposed Change:**

Add the following note to Bylaw 7.21.3.B:

*NOTE – Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) shall be used by member schools during the 2021-2022 school year. This will not impact actual seeding/selection for the State Championships, but data collected will be used to study the possible application of these ratings in the future.*

**Rationale:** Potential tool to assist with seeding/selection in team and individual tennis. Use by NMAA-member tennis schools during 2021-2022 will provide necessary data to evaluate efficacy and possible utilization in the NMAA seeding/selection process in the future. Pilot will be for data collection only and ratings will not be utilized for seeding/selection during the 2022 State Championships. UTR has partnered with MaxPreps, the NMAA's official score partner, and has also been endorsed by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

**34 Favor**

**1 Do Not Favor**

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