



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
 SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
 March 2012



Due Date: April 3, 2012

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Athletic Class and Open Gym Bylaws

57 Favor
15 Do Not Favor

Consider revising the Athletic Class/Open Gym and out of season coaching bylaws to read “Seven and one half hours of total contact time in a school week, inclusive of sports specific and sports specific conditioning classes beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.”

Questions and Answers Regarding this Bylaw

Q1: Our school is on a 4X4 block schedule which has an athletic class that meets for 1.5 hours per day. Do I get any time to work with my athletes after school?

A1: No. The athletic class consumes the allowable out of season practice time; therefore you are afforded no further contact with your athletes after school.

Q2: Does the 7.5 hours per week allowed during the off season include “open gym”?

A2: The 7.5 hours per week allowed during the off-season includes “open gym.” Having the gym opened by parents, volunteer coaches, and/or staff members is not permissible unless you count it within the 7.5 hours of allowable contact time.

Q3: School is not in session on President’s Day. Do I then have 7.5 hours, including athletic class, the rest of the week during school days?

A3: Yes. Contact with your athletes is not allowed on days when school is not in session; however, you may work with your athletes for a total of 7.5 hours for the remainder of the week.

Q4: I would like to have “open gym” on Saturday. Is that permissible?

A4: No. You may only have contact with your athletes on Monday thru Friday and only on the days when school is in session. On Saturday, you cannot have “open gym” for your athletes even if someone other than a member of your coaching staff is organizing it.

Q5: We do not have an athletic class. Can I use the allowable 7.5 hours in different increments or must I practice a minimum of one hour each day, Monday thru Friday?

A5: You can use the 7.5 hours in various increments; for example, working with your athletes for 2 hrs. and 30 min. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

Q6: I have an athletic class that meets for 1 hour per day. I understand that I have 2.5 more contact hours during the week with my athletes. For the freshmen that are not in class, do I still have 7.5 hours a week with them?

A6: No. The 7.5 hours is all inclusive. Therefore, a coach does not distinguish between who is in athletic class and who is not to determine his/her 7.5 hours per week.

Q7: Can a baseball coach work with the football players for 7.5 hours a week if they have already been with the football coach 7.5 hours?

A7: It is up to the school as to how they want to share athletes. A coach has 7.5 hours per week for their program, all inclusive.

Q8: If I have utilized my 7.5 hours of contact time with my athletes during the off season, can they have extra time to work with one of my junior high coaches?

A8: No. The 7.5 hours of contact time includes time spent with any member of your coaching staff, inclusive of volunteer coaches.

Q9: I am the head baseball coach at my school and also own and operate a baseball academy in our community. If members of my team(s) wish to come to my business and pay to take batting practice from me during the off season, does this count against their contact time with me?

A9: Yes. You have a maximum of 7.5 hours of contact time per week with your athletes during the off season to work on their skill development for your sport.

Q10: Can a coach in your program (grades 7 thru 12) coach a club (American Legion, AAU, etc.) team consisting of athletes from his/her program?

A10: No. Coaches (head, assistant, and volunteer) involved with your program cannot coach a club team consisting of his/her athletes during the off season during the school year. They may however, coach club teams during the summer.

Q11: Can I work with my athletes (within the 7.5 hours allowable contact time) on a snow day?

A11: No. During the off season you may work with your athletes only on days when school is in session.

Q12: Can I supervise a "junior league" club program during the off-season?

A12: You may supervise a junior club program for student athletes grades 6 and below at your discretion. Working with student athletes grades 7 and above in any format will count against your 7.5 allowable hours per week.

This box must be completed by all member schools.

_____ Print Name of Official Voter	_____ Signature of Official Voter
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NMAA Bylaw 6.7 (Boarding School Students)

58 Favor
10 Do Not Favor

Consider the elimination of NMAA Bylaw 6.7 (Boarding School Students). Require Boarding School Students to abide by the same rules and regulations as any other student attending non-attendance zone schools.

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Member Middle School Representation on the NMAA Commission

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Consider adding the chairperson of the middle school committee as a representative on the NMAA Commission.

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