



NMAA OFFICIAL BALLOT
SENIOR HIGH REFERENDUM
June 11, 2018



Due Date: June 25, 2018

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Bylaw 7.6.6.B – Maximum/Minimum Number of Games/Contests Permitted

This proposal would change the requirement of a school playing each district member a minimum of once in order to be eligible for state to each district member completing its entire district schedule (as determined by the district) to be eligible for state.

*NEW VERBIAGE FOR BYLAW 7.6.6.B: Schools must compete within the assigned district (as determined by the NMAA) **and must complete their entire district schedule, as determined by the district, in order to qualify for the post season.** Districts must minimally schedule to play each school in the assigned district one time. Exception: Golf, Spirit and Swimming and Diving. District play must be completed prior to state tournament seeding and selection.*

Rationale: The current regulation only requires schools to compete once against each district member to be post-season eligible. This allows schools to forfeit any remaining district games while still maintaining their post-season eligibility. Not only is this practice unfair to opposing district teams who are unable to play those games or schedule additional games, it puts the NMAA in a precarious position of seeding/selecting schools that may not have the capability of participating at the state tournament.

70 Favor
5 Do Not Favor

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Print Name of Superintendent/Head of School	Signature of Superintendent/Head of School
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School	District/Classification

Due date is June 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

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Bylaw 7.7.4 – Crowd Control

This proposal would update Bylaw 7.7.4 regarding sportsmanship/crowd control.

NEW VERBIAGE FOR BYLAW 7.7.4: A school is responsible for the conduct of its team, coaches, students, and fans at any interscholastic event in which the school is participating. The Executive Director may invoke penalties upon a member school for actions which violate the principles of “Compete with Class.” These actions include, but are not limited to, hindering the normal progress of an event, creating situations that may lead to the restriction or discontinuance of interscholastic competition, or endangering or threatening the personal safety of any individuals involved. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, students, and or spectators may cause the school or individual to be placed on probation or suspension for 180 school days/365 calendar days.

Rationale: The Association currently has limited means to penalize member schools, and/or individuals associated with member schools, which display severe or consistent unsporting-like behavior. Providing the Association with the ability to penalize individuals/fans for unruly behavior, or member schools who have consistent sportsmanship issues, would assist in addressing and correcting this behavior in our state.

63 Favor
12 Do Not Favor

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Bylaws 1.8, 6.1.3, 7.4.3 – Undue Influence of a Student

This proposal would adjust bylaws pertaining to Undue Influence of a Student so that it applies to all individuals associated with a school, even if they are not directly part of the school staff.

NEW VERBIAGE FOR: *The use of any of the following inducements **by any person directly or indirectly associated with a student or school, including adults and parents, to secure or encourage the attendance of a student for athletic purposes constitutes undue influence, resulting in ineligibility for all high school athletic participation for 180 school days/365 calendar days:***

Note that the list of inducements (A-L) would not change.

Rationale: Since coaches are aware of the undue influence bylaw, they are beginning to use parents and club coaches to recruit athletes to their schools/programs. Also, there has been an increase in parents and club coaches “shopping around” their student-athlete, which can put coaches in a compromising position.

61 Favor
13 Do Not Favor

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