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Modify Pre-Competition Practice Requirement

Remove the words "or physical education" from bylaw 7.6.19 C since physical education class does not always prepare a student physically for the rigors of sports competition.

7.6.19 Pre-Competition Practice Requirement

C. Waiver of Practice Days (part or all) - Up to five (5) days of the requirement may be waived by the Director based upon participation in an athletics ~~or physical education~~ class (winter and spring sports only). **Exception:** Individuals participating in a sport during the most immediate previous season are exempt from this requirement (winter and spring sports only).

97 Favor
6 Do Not Favor

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9th GRADE PARTICIPATION AT MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

This proposal would eliminate 9th grade participation at the middle school level in the 3A-6A classifications. A 9th grader can participate at the middle school level in A or AA, as long as there is mutual agreement between the participating schools.

76 Favor

27 Do Not Favor

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Participant Third Ejection

Bylaw 7.7.2 NMAA Game/Contest Ejection Policy would be modified so that consequences for a third ejection would be spelled out as follows:

Participant – Third Ejection

1. Student-athlete is removed from athletic competition for 180 school days / 365 calendar days.
2. Attend a meeting with the NMAA Executive Director/designee prior to participation, if applicable.

<p>98 Favor</p> <p>5 Do Not Favor</p>

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Violations of Rules and Regulations

This proposal would add **School Personnel** to bylaw 6.20.1 as follows:

6.20.1 Violations of Rules and Regulations by Participants, Fans, Students or School Personnel

Violations of any of the rules and regulations of the Association may subject a school or any individual to sanctions, including suspension and fines. In addition, the Director has the authority, after investigation, to suspend a school or individual for violations of the Code of Ethics, Undue Influence, or other serious offenses against the goals and philosophy of the Association.

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Football Practice Regulations

This proposal would modify bylaw sections 7 and 9 regarding full contact during football practices:

Week 1 – The first two days of practice should be in shorts and helmets (no pads). During days three and four players should be in shorts, shoulder pads, and helmets (“shells”). Full pads can then be worn during days five and six – during this time full contact is allowed but should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player on each day.

***Weeks 2-3** – Full contact is allowed for a total of no more than 120 minutes per player per week. Also, on a single day, full contact should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player. In addition, one intra-squad or scrimmage would be allowed.

**NOTE – Per NMAA Bylaws, schools are allowed ONE scrimmage. In addition, players must participate in a minimum of 10 days of practice prior to participating in a game.*

Weeks 4-End of Season – Full contact is allowed for a total of no more than 90 minutes per player per week. Also, on a single day, full contact should be limited to no more than 30 minutes per player.

73 Favor
13 Do Not Favor

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Soccer Regular Season Tie Games

This proposal would allow regular season games, including district, to end in a tie (invitational tournaments excluded). The soccer bylaws would be modified as follows (changes/additions are underlined):

7.17.1 F - Length of Game. Games are (2) halves of forty (40) minutes each as per the National Federation rulebook. Varsity regular season games, including district play, which are tied after the completion of regulation play shall be resolved in the following manner: The teams shall play two ten-minute sudden victory overtime periods. If no goals are scored during the two ten-minute sudden-victory overtime periods the game shall remain a tie. Exceptions: 1. All Junior Varsity games shall remain tied at the end of regulation time and 2. Regular season tournament games may, at the option of the tournament host, be settled by kicks from the mark (shootout) and 3. State Tournament games will be settled by kicks from the mark (shootout) as per 7.17.1 K.

7.17.1 J - District Tie-breaking Procedures to Determine Placement. For district games teams earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. **NOTE:** The rest of this section of the bylaw will remain as it is currently written.

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Swimming / Diving Meet Limitations

This proposal would remove the exception for swimming / diving from bylaw 6.13.2 Dual Participation as follows:

- A. Participating on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season is discouraged. If a Student is allowed by the school, through the permission of his/her coach or administrator, to participate in this manner, the Student's sport event limit may not be exceeded cumulatively.
- B. Game limitations in interscholastic sports are not to be exceeded.
 - 1. Pre-season scrimmage does not count toward game limits.
 - 2. All competition and/or games played (school and/or non-school, individual and/or team) from the first day of permissible legal practice to the final day of their school schedule in that sport count toward the allowable limit. Exception: Golf, Tennis, ~~Swimming and Diving~~, and Spirit.
 NOTE: Since swimming/diving is classified as a "year round" sport, meet limitations would be in effect from the start of the NMAA competitive season (Monday of week #19) through the completion of the school's final regular season meet.

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Use of Range Finders

This proposal will modify NMAA golf bylaws to allow the use of distance measuring devices (i.e. range finders) at all NMAA golf events (regular and post season). NOTE: Cell phone use will not be allowed.

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