CON 1 - SPECIALIZED SPORTS TRAINING SCHOOLS

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS to read:

___ ___ Amend Article 6, Rule 600 by adding **600.7**, deleting and adding to **1860** to read:

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**600.7** SPECIALIZED SPORTS TRAINING SCHOOLS

Any public or private school that offers specialized sports training in any sport as part of its curricular or extra-curricular educational programs shall NOT be eligible for membership in the Colorado High School Activities Association due to the inherent competitive advantages derived from such programs.

**1860. TRANSFERS FOR SPECIALIZED SPORT TRAINING**

Any student who attends/transfers schools in order to take part in a specialized sport training school will not be eligible for interscholastic competition in that sport(s) at any CHSAA member school. Specialization sport training programs include, without limitation, non-school sponsored sports training academies or facilities that may or may not recruit participants for specialized training. Specialization sport training programs do not include club or municipal sports teams.

Rationale: The association needs to reflect the CHSAA’s educationally-based philosophy of participatory athletics. Schools that offer specialized training in specific programs create an inherent advantage in the training of athletes that will carry over to all aspects of competition regardless of sport.

Pros: Clarifies membership status for these types of schools in the future. Maintains an equitable playing field for member schools. CHSAA members may still compete against these schools.

Cons: Some public school districts have specialized sports training schools and this would not allow those schools to be members.