

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL**  
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 3 – CLARIFYING AGE EXCEPTION**

(Board of Directors)

**AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:**

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Amend Rules by editing the following bylaw 1770.1 which will read:

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yes    no

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**1770.**

**AGE**

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1770.1 AGE REQUIREMENTS -- A student is ineligible to enter interscholastic athletic competition if the date of birth is prior to August 1, 1998. The student may not participate in the upcoming school year if he/she reaches the 19th birthday prior to August 1.

~~Exception to Bylaws 1770.1 and 1770.2 may be appealed in accordance with bylaw Article 25. to the Commissioner in cases involving documented hardships supported by evidence acceptable to the Commissioner, the burden of proof to rest with the school requesting the hardship waiver. Waivers of Bylaw 1770.2 cannot be submitted for students who are in attendance; have the potential to earn credits; students who due to illness or injuries are unable to compete but are able to attend school with the potential to earn credits; or have failed to earn sufficient credits needed to graduate in eight consecutive semesters due to an expulsion.~~

1770.11 EXCEPTION: A student ~~who is a student~~ with a disability as defined in applicable federal and state law and who has exceeded the age requirement solely because he or she experienced a delayed start or interruption in his or her educational progression through the eighth grade due to his or her disabling condition, may be granted an exception for all or a part of a school year under the following conditions:

- The disability is defined in applicable federal and state law;
- The disabling condition caused the student to exceed the age requirement;
- The student experienced a delayed start in his/her educational progression prior to the eighth-grade due to the disabling condition;

The following procedures shall be applicable:

1. The Commissioner shall determine if the student meets the requirements for an exception stated above and, if so, upon examination of all documents and consideration of the student's individual circumstances and the purposes for this rule, may grant approval of the exception for any part of the school year. In making this decision, the Commissioner shall consider the student's age, size, and athletic ability, and whether granting the exception would be unfair to other students.
2. The principal/designee of the school, on behalf of the student, submits presents a formal request for an exception to the Commissioner together with all necessary supporting records support materials.

Under no condition may approval be granted for participation in more than four seasons in a specific activity or if the student requires an exception to the consecutive or total semester rule.

~~3. The hardship waiver provision of Article 2500.1 is not applicable to the Age Rule.~~

Rationale There is a conflict between paragraph 3 of Section 1770.11, which states that the hardship waiver provision is not applicable to the Age Rule, and Section 1770.4 which states that the Age Rule (Bylaw 1770.1) may be appealed on the basis of a "documented hardship."

Pros Solves conflicting bylaws in the Constitution  
Provides clarity to the age rule  
Limits the exceptions that can be approved for an age waiver

Cons None.