POLICY PROPOSAL

(Requires majority vote of those voting)

POL 1 – SANCTIONING A NEW ACTIVITY

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding and deleting the following to bylaw 5000 to read:

yes no

5000.	GENERAL POLICIES
5000.1	The Legislative Council shall consider the following criteria when sanctioning any new activity. In order for the Legislative Council to consider the addition of a new activity, a league must first complete the piloting process and sanctioning process and ultimately, present the rationale for adding the specific new activity.
5000.2	Piloting Process: The Board of Directors must approve the piloting of a new activity. Considerations for approving a pilot include longevity and history of the activity, support from the activity's governing body, ability to host a coach's clinic on skills and safety (sports only), adequate number of officials (sports only), and any other considerations necessary. The activity must be piloted for one season/year prior to the sanctioning process begins and must continue through the sanctioning process. The piloted activity may be treated as a club during this two-year period and CHSAA eligibility requirements are not required.
5000.3	Sanctioning Process: The CLOC Committee, Sports Medicine Committee, Equity Committee, and Board of Directors must all support the new activity prior to the Legislative Council considering and voting on that activity. Approval by the CLOC and Equity Committees and the Board of Directors shall be by simple majority during the same school year.

5000.31 <u>Each step of the process listed below must be completed prior to moving the request forward:</u>

- 1. Review by the CLOC Committee in November
- o <u>In considering the new activity, the CLOC Committee shall review:</u>
 - Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining the adequate number of schools in a geographical area to complete a regular season and playoff schedule.
 - Any classification and league considerations based on number of schools indicating commitment to adding the new activity as well as number of schools interested in adding the new activity in the future.
 - Any other considerations within the Committee's role.
- 2. Review by the Equity Committee in January
- o <u>In considering the new activity, the Equity Committee shall review:</u>
 - Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining number of schools currently offering the program, practice and

- competition facility availability, availability of certified officials, availability of coaches, and student participation numbers.
- Positive and/or negative impacts to proportionality and Title IX considerations for the member schools and the Association.
- Any other considerations within the Committee's role.
- 3. Review by the Sports Medicine Committee prior to the Board of Directors Meeting
- o <u>In considering the new activity, the Sports Medicine Committee shall review:</u>
 - Any safety, liability, or health concerns for the activity.
- 4. Review by the Board of Directors in January/February
- o <u>In considering the new activity, the Board of Directors shall review:</u>
- o The recommendations of the CLOC, Equity, and Sports Medicine Committees.
 - Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining number of schools currently offering the program, student participation numbers, and potential for growth.
 - Cost estimates per school for start and maintenance for the activity.
 - Safety and liability issues involved with the new activity.
 - Availability of officials.
 - Any additional information regarding the impact the activity may have on the state as a whole.

Each committee must provide a formal letter to the sponsoring league letting them know the committee's opinion and rationale. The league may then submit a bylaw proposal to the Legislative Council in April to add the new activity.

Note: Any proposal adding a new activity will require the addition of a new Athletic/Activity Article or amendment to an existing bylaw.

- Results from a formal survey submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity (i.e. school support, funding, coaches availability, student participation).
- Recommendations from the Equity Committee regarding positive and/or negative impact to proportionality in our member schools.
- Adequate number of schools in a geographical area to complete a schedule.
- Practice and competition site availability.
- Availability of certified officials.
- -Cost estimates per school for start and maintenance for the activity.
- -Safety and liability issues involved with the new activity.

5000.11 The Board of Directors may approve sanction for sports on a temporary basis based on criteria it deems acceptable for the conduct of safe and educational programs for young people.

<u>Rationale</u> Every new activity looking to be sanctioned should have a clear, fair and consistent process when seeking approval.

<u>Pros</u> This clarifies and outlines a very specific process for the review and sanctioning of a new activity.

Cons Requires much time and effort to get a new activity sanctioned.