

PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
January 25, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ADM 1 – ADD A NEW ACTIVITY

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding the following to 1520:

____ ____
yes no

1520. CLASSIFICATION AND LEAGUE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

(i) Review and make a formal recommendation on the sanctioning of any new activity.

(j) Processes requests based on the following time lines:

1. In even years, collects school enrollments, establishes the enrollment ranges for all classifications of the next two-year cycle, and predicts placement of schools in classifications.
2. In odd years, collects school enrollments, establishes enrollment ranges by adjusting the enrollment predictions made the prior year for the next two-year-cycle, and places schools in classifications, to be presented to the Legislative Council in the following January.
3. November: Receives requests related to changes in the league or classification status of individual schools.
4. November: Holds annual business meeting to formulate recommendations for the Legislative Council.
5. January: CLOC chairperson presents recommendations for change of league and classification status to the Legislative Council. Requests not processed by the CLOC shall require a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Legislative Council members voting, even if the 30-day Legislative Council deadline is met.
6. May: Conducts informational meeting at which schools may discuss plans for change and notify the CLOC of possible proposals for the November meeting.

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ADM 2 – ELIGIBILITY REGAIN DATE MODIFICATION

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by editing the following bylaw 1710 (d) 2 which will read:

yes no

1710. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

2. Regaining Eligibility – Fall sports students who have not met the academic requirements at the close of a semester will be ineligible for varsity competition in the first 50% of the maximum regular season contests determined by that classification in any sport in which the student was a participant during the past 12 months. The student may regain eligibility if that student is academically eligible on that date. If the student does not regain eligibility the student remains ineligible for the remainder of the semester. Students who have not met the academic requirements at the close of the first a semester may regain academic eligibility on the ~~sixth Thursday following Labor Day for the first semester and on the~~ Friday immediately prior to March 10th for the second semester.

Exception: Winter sport athletes who have been declared ineligible for the first semester and did not participate in a fall sport shall use the mid-term grading period closest to the beginning of winter practice to determine if eligibility is regained.

Rationale There is an inherent inequity in the current rule for three fall sports participants. This would remove that, but still give credence to students completing work prior to participating. It makes the regain dates specific to sports schedules.

Pros Provides a common regain date for eligibility and transfers.

Creates an equitable consequence, yet allow students who previously could not regain eligibility in the regular season to do so.

Cons None

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ADM 3 – CLARIFYING AGE EXCEPTION

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 56

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

____ ____
yes no

1770.

AGE

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.

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ADM 4 – STATE STATUTE COMPLIANCE

(YWKC)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding the following to by-law 1790.2 which will read:

____ ____
yes no

1790. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

1790.2 The Colorado Revised Statutes (22-32-116.5) dictate the manner in which a student who is attending a school without a program may participate at another school (refer to state law for complete information).

In order to remain in compliance with state statutes, a school ~~may NOT:~~

- ~~May not~~ dictate to which school a student must go if his/her school does not offer a program;
- ~~Provide transportation to that school for the student(s);~~
- ~~May not~~ make an informal agreement between schools in regard to which school will offer a program and which will not;
- ~~Provide the receiving school with any funds, equipment, facilities, etc., for the student(s) going to play at that school.~~
- ~~Provide any physical support except to~~ **Must** provide transcripts for eligibility checks; Schools violating any portion of this by-law shall have the related sports program placed on a minimum of restriction.

Q1: May the sending school host an athletic contest at its facility?

A1: Varsity games must be played at the host school's primary site or a site designated as varsity in the case of a neutral site contest, but scrimmages and sub-varsity contests may be held at any site.

Rationale School districts should have local control to determine student transportation arrangements. The transportation clause goes beyond the overall intent of the amendment and is not in Colorado Revised Statutes (22-32-116.5) as stated in the CHSAA By-Laws. Colorado School Districts are diverse, and require flexibility for local administration and school boards to make decision to best protect students.

Funding decisions are also local control and the flexibility to make those decisions needs to be available to the schools. Finally, allowing the home district to maintain general upkeep and maintenance of equipment and facilities further encourages bringing programs back to the home school in the future. The remainder is explicitly outlined in statute.

Pros Allows district to provide safe travel option when deemed appropriate

Economic hardship and the population of undocumented students is growing exponentially in

agricultural communities. Poverty impacts rural students' access to transportation. Providing transportation promotes equal opportunity for all non-cooperative students regardless of socioeconomic or citizenship status.

Allows districts to maintain local control to determine whether transportation is provided

Promotes a safe and viable option when the local district cannot provide for safety due to facilities, lack of coaches or student numbers.

Allows for the home district to maintain general upkeep and maintenance of equipment and facilities, which would further support bringing program back to home school in the future.

Allows host district to determine whether or not they choose to provide equipment to the non-cooperative students.

Prevents fiscal burden of providing equipment on host district.

Allows home school to host sub varsity games or scrimmage which maintains local interest and enthusiasm needed to maintain school pride for when the sport is reestablished in the home district.

Cons

May require school districts to develop guidelines or policies regarding local transportation decisions.

Host schools are liable for the equipment worn by non-cooperative players.

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ADM 6 – ELIMINATE OUTDATED BYLAW

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 64

Amend Rules by deleting the following Bylaw 1800.4:

____ ____
yes no

BONA FIDE MOVE

- 1800.4 ~~Each transfer student must provide the receiving school with an official declaration certifying that:~~
- ~~1. The student is transferring voluntarily;~~
 - ~~2. The student was not contacted and induced to transfer by the receiving school or any school representative (as defined in Bylaw 1900.2);~~
 - ~~3. A statement from the receiving school coach(es) that the student was not induced to attend the receiving school by that coach or any member of the coach's staff.~~
- ~~The declaration must be signed by the student and student's parents. The receiving school athletic director must also sign the form. This form must accompany the certificate of eligibility or any transfer waiver sent to the CHSAA office. Any time a potential violation has occurred the form must immediately be sent to CHSAA.~~

Rationale This bylaw was related to Form 7 which is no longer required. All the material here is found on the new transfer paperwork and this has become redundant.

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ADM 7 – ENROLLMENT WAITING LISTS

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding the following to read:

____ ____
yes no

MID YEAR TRANSFER & ATHLETIC TRANSFER

1800.6 Except as specifically provided in Bylaws through 1800.3, 1800.61, 1800.67, and 1800.7, any student who transfers schools after the beginning of the school year will not have varsity eligibility at the receiving school for the remainder of that school year and is subject to the provisions of Bylaw 1800.5 for the following school year for up to one calendar year after the school transfer. Any transfer substantially motivated by athletic considerations will cause the student to be ineligible for varsity competition for one calendar year from the date of the transfer in any sports(s) they participated in during the twelve months prior to the transfer.

EXCEPTION 1: A student, regardless of past participation as noted in 1800.62, who transfers schools at the beginning of the school year but after becoming a team member in a sport in any high school will be ineligible for varsity competition in that sport for the remainder of that sports season. A student becomes a team member when he/she reports for formal practice and is actively in contention for a position on the team.

For purposes of this rule, "the beginning of the school year" shall be defined as that period of time prior to a student's enrollment and attendance for 15 days or his/her participation in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage.

Students on an established enrollment waiting list at a school they wish to attend, but who have practiced at a different school prior to being accepted and enrolled at the school on whose waiting list they are listed may have eligibility through appropriate documentation from the new school's registrar that includes the date the student was placed on the waiting list and the date of acceptance at the new school.

Rationale Provides a way for the student who has been on a waiting list for enrollment into a "closed" school can continue to participate even if that student had enrolled in another school while waiting.

Pros Put kids on waiting lists on a level field with other students.
Provides for appropriate documentation on the transfer.

Cons None

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ADM 8 – HARDSHIP CONSIDERATIONS

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding and deleting the following on 1800.71 and adding 1800.82 (h) to read:

____ ____
yes no

HARDSHIP

- 1800.7 When the definition of a hardship has been met, the Commissioner may grant varsity eligibility pursuant to the provisions of Article 25 of these Bylaws.
- 1800.71 "Hardship" means ~~an unforeseen, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, a situation,~~ condition or event that is beyond the control of the student or his/her family and that imposes a severe, non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. The Commissioner shall have broad discretion in applying this standard to specific cases. He/She may take into consideration not only the needs of the student and family directly involved, but also the best interest of member schools and interscholastic athletics/activities generally as he/she understands those interests.
- 1800.72 All transfer waiver applications shall be processed on forms approved by the CHSAA and in accordance with the following procedures:
- (a) A transfer waiver shall first be submitted to the principals at the student's sending and receiving schools. If either principal disapproves of the waiver, he/she shall state his/her reasons in writing.
 - (b) The transfer waiver, with the recommendations of the principals, shall then be submitted to the receiving school's league for a vote.
 - (c) The recommendation of the principals and the league and all other information that the applicant wished to be considered in support of the waiver application shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioner. The burden of proof to establish a hardship shall be upon the applicant.
 - (d) The Commissioner or his/her designee may conduct additional investigations as he/she deems necessary. The application and any additional information gathered by the Commissioner or his/her designee shall constitute the record of the proceeding. The Commissioner will make a timely written decision based on the information in the record.
 - (e) The Commissioner's decision may be appealed pursuant to Article 25 of these Bylaws.
 - (f) The decision of the Commissioner shall be upheld unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence in the record to be arbitrary or capricious.

- (g) Transfer waivers cannot be approved for a school transfer found to be substantially motivated by athletic considerations.
- (h) The following situations are not considered under the definition of hardship: reduction of personal income, transportation, undocumented statements of bullying and academic program comparisons.

Rationale The CHSAA permits school choice, but with that choice comes consequences if non-bona fide transfers occur. This clarification places all non-bona fide move transfers under the same criteria for consideration.

Pros -Encourages choice.
-Equitable consequences across the board for non-bona fide transfers

Cons None

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ADM 11 – SUNDAY CONTACT - SENIORS

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

Page 93

Amend Rules by adding the following to 2310.5:

____ ____
yes no

2310. PRACTICE

2310.5 EXCEPTION 3 – A coach may have contact with a senior athlete after completion of his or her senior sport season(s). If the student is a multi-sport athlete, they are not allowed to have Sunday Contact with their coach until they have completed their high school sport participation in that particular sport, so long as that coach doesn't also coach additional sports that athlete will participate in during the remainder of their senior year.

Q1: A senior volleyball player only competes in volleyball at the high school level. Can she have Sunday Contact with her coach(es) at the conclusion of her season?

A1: Yes.

Q2: When can she have Sunday Contact with her volleyball and basketball coach(es) if she participates in volleyball and basketball?

A2: She can have Sunday Contact with her volleyball coaches immediately following the completion of her volleyball season. She cannot have Sunday Contact with her basketball coaches until after the basketball season is complete.

Rationale This interpretation has been given out from the CHSAA office to member schools. The CHSAA would like clarity on how the membership wants seniors to be treated, so all members and all athletes are treated consistently and fairly.

Pros Will allow seniors to have Sunday contact with their coaches once their CHSAA "eligibility" is complete.

Cons Will allow seniors to be treated differently from the underclassman.

EXCEPTION 4 – Player who no longer have eligibility...

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ADM 12 – FOUNDATION BENEFIT CONTEST

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Rules by adding the following bylaw 2320.3 which will read:

____ ____
yes no

2320. SCRIMMAGES/FOUNDATION BENEFIT CONTEST

2320.3 Any school may schedule a “Foundation Benefit Contest” to their allotted game/contest limits, without penalty, under the following conditions:

1. Any Showcase must be sanctioned through the CHSAA Office (per contest, per level-see table below) with the host school responsible for seeking sanctioning:

Varsity	Sub-Varsity
1A - \$100	50% of Varsity Fee
2A - \$125	
3A - \$150	
4A - \$175	
5A - \$200	

2. Admission may be charged;
3. Registered officials are contracted and paid per Officials’ Fee Table;
4. Score is kept;
5. Results will not impact postseason/playoff consideration based on regular season performance;
6. Football teams not advancing to playoffs may hold Foundation Benefit Contests at the end of the season;
7. All individual sports safety rules apply.

Rationale This is an opportunity to compete/schedule within the season to benefit school rivalries, finances, and state programs.

Allows for teams to showcase their teams, while providing a service to a worthwhile cause that benefits Colorado educational activities. This is a common practice in other states to help support high school activities at the local and state level. For instance, the Foundation Showcase will be used to help raise funds for school programs. All sports are included.

Pros -This is a voluntary opportunity to schedule a competition with no rankings win/loss involved.
 -Only permits head to head competition at each level.
 -Serves as an additional training opportunity for officials.
 -Impacts all sports.
 -Creates opportunities for “contests” that may have been eliminated due to playoff format changes.
 -The sanctioning fee will be used to support the Foundation for Colorado High School Student Activities, CHSAA Hall of Fame and CHSAANow.

Cons An additional game/competition.

Note: Specific guidelines and recommendations will be provided should this bylaw pass.

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ADM 13 – STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 102

Amend Rules bylaw 2500.11 to read:

____ ____
yes no

2500. STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

2500.1 Except as specifically provided in any other eligibility rule, all student appeals must be based upon showing of "hardship."

2500.11 "Hardship" means ~~an unforeseen, unavoidable and uncorrectable act,~~ a situation, condition or event that is beyond the control of the student or his/her family and that imposes a severe, non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. The Commissioner shall have broad discretion in applying this standard to specific cases. He/She may take into consideration not only the needs of the student and family directly involved, but also the best interest of member schools and interscholastic athletics/activities generally as he/she understands those interests.

with high school baseball becoming more relevant and competitive enables players to want to continue to play for their high school teams.

Cons

Additional costs include umpires and travel. Weather could be a challenge in the spring.

ATHLETIC PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ATH 2 – SEASON OF SPORT - FOOTBALL

(CENTENNIAL)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 116

Amend Rules by deleting bylaw 3300.1 and replacing to read:

yes no

3300. SEASON OF SPORT

~~3300.1 The football season sports season shall begin 9 days (exclusive of Sundays) prior to the competitive season. Competition shall be from the second Thursday prior to Labor Day until the final state championship.~~

3300.1 The football sports season shall begin in alignment with the NFHS calendar.

Rationale With an increase in games during the first weekend of allowed competition, it would allow for non-padded and non-contact practice before the first week of practice. It also aligns the state with other states in terms of the NFHS calendar.

Pros Increased practices for player safety. Allows for better pad fitting, adjustments, and better instruction. Players have more time to acclimate before playing games. Players who do not begin practice on time have a margin of error in being ready for the first game, in terms of the required number of practices. States are moving toward the NFHS calendar. This allows for better safety and an increased alignment with other states.

Cons Earlier start for administrators and athletic departments. Shorter summer for families. May impact the timing of summer camps going up to July 31.

ATHLETIC PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ATH 3 – EQUIPMENT DATES - FOOTBALL

(TRI PEAKS LEAGUE)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 117

Amend Rules by adding and deleting to bylaw 3310, 6. to read:

yes no

3310. EQUIPMENT DATES

6. ~~Camps held at individual high schools will be allowed one scrimmage date with up to THREE other schools who are conducting an individual team camp. The schools must be in days 8-10 of their own camps. The same period of time as the college/university camp guidelines listed above. They will follow the same progression prior to attending, by developing a four-day camp which includes, two days in helmets, one day full pads with no player to player contact, and once day of full pads and full contact.~~

Rationale None.

Pros Changing up the way it is written will clear up any misinterpretation of the way it is written. It will make sure that all of the schools are on the same page with any camp they attend.

Cons Bring up more questions? If schools didn't know they could host like a college, it could take away fundraising for colleges because more schools will want to host, but could also save our kids and programs money as well.

POLICY PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

POL 1 – SANCTIONING A NEW ACTIVITY

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 136

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 Each step of the process listed below must be completed prior to moving the request forward:
1. Review by the CLOC Committee in November
 - o In considering the new activity, the CLOC Committee shall review:
 - 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 In considering the new activity, the Equity Committee shall review:
 - 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
 - In considering the new activity, the Sports Medicine Committee shall review:
 - Any safety, liability, or health concerns for the activity.
- 4. Review by the Board of Directors in January/February
 - In considering the new activity, the Board of Directors shall review:
 - 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-~~

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

Pros 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.

POLICY PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote of those voting)

POL 2 – STATE STATUTES APPLICATION

(Board of Directors)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Page 139

Amend Rules by adding the following 5060 to bylaw 5000 to read:

yes no

NOTE: May need to move 1790.2 here?

ARTICLE 50

5060. STATE STATUTES APPLICATION

5060.1 Each district shall have on file with the CHSAA office a policy for placing students competing under state law. This includes students at schools without a specific program and students enrolled in home-based educational programs.

Q1: A home school student, who lives next to School A, registers with a multi-high school district and requests to participate at School B. Must the district honor the request?

A1: No. The district should have a policy, on file with CHSAA, which details the school placement of such students. If the policy states that the student must participate at the school closest to his residence, then the student must participate at School A.

Q2: May the policy on file with CHSAA state that the student may participate at the school of his/her choice?

A2: Yes.

5060.2 Students who have participated at another school, but whose school adds a varsity program, must return to the school where they are enrolled to participate.

Rationale This holds the standard of the state statute. Allows schools to plan new programs when they feel they can support them.

Pros Maintains integrity of state statutes.
Allows schools to plan for new programs, without fear of not have a full contingent.
Students will be playing for the school they are enrolled in if those schools have programs.

Cons May create decisions for students to transfer to schools where they had been playing.

5060.3 Any transfer of athletic programs by a home-based education student or student at a school without a program, shall be defined as a transfer for athletic purposes and CHSAA Transfer Rules shall be applied.

Rationale In general, logic dictates that the only reasons a home-based education student or a student who is participating at a different school because his/her school does not have a program is for athletics. Extenuating circumstances are addressed through other CHSAA bylaws, such as a bona fide family move, hardship considerations, etc.

Pros Keeps all students on a relatively level playing field.

Cons None

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2a – Greeley Central to play up in 4A classification
in the following sports:**

(Northern)

Cross Country, Football, Girls' Tennis, Track and Field and Wrestling

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

_____ We are not requesting a change in the language of the bylaw. We are requesting a
procedural process at the January 2018 Legislative Council meeting, to address a
requirement set forth at the November 7, 2017 CLOC meeting regarding Greeley Central
High School and their approved reclassification by the CLOC.
yes no

Rationale At the November 7, 2017 CLOC meeting, Greeley Central, for the second time, was granted a 'RECLASSIFICATION' or 'PLACE-DOWN' based on the criteria outlined in bylaw 1500.21. Because of a change in the administration of this bylaw, from the 2015 CLOC meeting, Greeley Central is requesting that 5 sport reports be "opened" to allow GCHS to be placed UP, from the 3A classification to 4A in these 5 sports. In 2015, ALL sports were "reclassified" to 4A. The CLOC committee has required us to request the opening of the following sports reports (cross country, football, girls tennis, track & field, and wrestling) at the January 2018 Legislative Council meeting, to have these 5 sports reclassified/placed UP to the 4A Classification, from 3A.

The change in administration of bylaw 1500.21 by CLOC, resulted in each sport being "reclassified" down one classification from where they would be placed, based solely on student count. These 5 sports are "currently" in the 3A Classification, based on the recent CLOC Committee meeting, pending approval by the Legislative Council in January of that committee report.

It was never Greeley Central's intent or desire to have any sport participate in the 3A Classification. First and foremost, from a competitive/equity perspective, we do not believe it would be the appropriate placement for these sports to compete at the 3A level. We do not believe it is in the best interest of anyone to have Greeley Central compete in any sport at the 3A level. We request that the sport reports be opened, for the purpose of placing/reclassifying Greeley Central HS UP to the 4A classification, from 3A, in these 5 sports.

Pros -Puts Greeley Central HS in 4A for all sports/classifications.
-Ensures that Greeley Central does not have an unfair competitive advantage playing in 3A.
-Maintains the integrity of the Northern League, of which Greeley Central is a long-standing member.
-The Northern League fully supports this required amendment/reclassification/place-up.
-The reclassification of Greeley Central in 2015, for the 2016-2018 cycle to 4A, proved to be an appropriate and correct decision by the CLOC.

Cons None.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2b – Montezuma-Cortez to stay in 3A classification for Cross Country (Intermountain)
Track and Field and Wrestling
except football which would remain 2A**

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

___	___	Amend the CLOC meeting recommendation for Montezuma-Cortez to be placed down a classification. Montezuma-Cortez would like to amend the following:
yes	no	Cross Country to stay in 3A classification and not drop to 2A
		Football to stay in 2A classification and not drop to 1A
		Track to stay in 3A classification and not drop to 2A
		Wrestling to stay in 3A classification and not drop to 2A

This would allow us to continue to keep our schedules in a reasonable region for travel and also within competition.

Rationale During the CLOC meeting, permission was granted for Montezuma-Cortez to be placed down a classification as a school. During the meeting, I agreed to keep certain sports at their current classification. I do believe that for the overall benefit for our programs would be to stay in their current 3A classification. This would also assist in our reduction of travel for our teams, which in turn would help our budget stay consistent.

Pros

- Overall budget concerns for our athletic programs would be able to be stable.
- Competition level would be at an appropriate level for our players.
- Travel would remain the same as the previous 2 years.

Cons We would continue to be in multiple leagues.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2c – Skyline HS is asking to play up in the 4A classification
in the following sports**

(TRI VALLEY LEAGUE)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

Amend the CLOC report to read:

<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Skyline High School is asking to play up in the 4A classification in the following sports: Cross Country Football Golf – both boys' and girls' Spirit Girls' Tennis Girls' Swimming Track and Field Wrestling
yes	no	

Rationale We are requesting this because we asked to be reclassified down to 4A at CLOC from 5A for all team sports which moved us from 4A to 3A in many of our other individual sports and a few team sports that were at the 4A classification. We would like to be at the 4A level for all sports to compete during the next 2-year cycle 2018-2020.

Pros Keeps us at one classification as we requested at CLOC and honors our commitment to CLOC to do this for the next 2-year cycle (2018-2020) for all activities.

Cons None.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2d – Golden View Academy remove probation status
Victory Prep Academy remove probation status**

(Board of Directors)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

___ ___
yes no Remove Golden View Academy and Victory Prep Academy from probation

Rationale According to the CHSAA bylaws, a “school shall formally apply for membership to the Commissioner before the November CLOC meeting” (600.51), which GVCA did last year. GVCA was granted probationary membership. The bylaws do not say anything about attending additional CLOC meetings in order to gain full membership.

Nothing about GVCA and how they have been conducting themselves has been out of compliance.

Pros GVCA and VPA would be full fledged CHSAA members.

Cons None.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2e – Fort Lupton placed down to 3A for team sports
except football which would remain 2A**

(COLORADO 7 LEAGUE)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

Amend the November 7, 2017 Sport Committee reports to include Fort Lupton as being placed down into 3A for team sports for the 2018-2020 cycle for team sports. All sports would be in 3A classification except football which would remain 2A for the 2018-2020 cycle to read:

___ ___
yes no

Rationale

The Colorado 7 League is already a 4A/3A combination league and Fort Lupton made it known to CHSAA that its desire was to be placed in the 3A classification and that enrollment would be close but did not initially apply because the bylaw was interpreted that being placed down would be for all sports programs. However, Fort Lupton meets all of the Equity Consideration Factors for all of its team sports and should be considered 3A in all team sports.

Consideration Factors (Fort Lupton)

- Socio Economics of the school population (Free and Reduced Lunch Rate) – 67% of population
- Demographics of the schools population (ELL/Special Education/Transition Programs) – 9.2% SPED, 43% ELL
- School's participation rate in CHSAA sponsored activities (CHSAA Participation Survey) – no growth for 3 years
- All sports have been sub .500 over past 3 years except 1 year baseball 10-9, softball 2 year at .500 all others on average are sub .500.

Pros

Upholds consistency and integrity of the bylaw 1500.21 being applied uniformly, by allowing schools that meet all of the equity consideration factors to be placed down prior to the 2018-2020 cycle.

Keeps equity and competitive balance based on the socio economic, participation, enrollment trends, competitive history and demographics of requested place down requests previously approved on November 7, 2017.

Cons

None as all other schools who met same criteria have already been approved for being placed down within the approved CLOC report (Cortez, Greeley Central and Skyline)

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

**ADM 2f – Allow Holly to join the Santa Fe League for
basketball and volleyball**

(ARKANSAS VALLEY LEAGUE)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

Amend the CLOC report to read:

yes no Holly to move to the Santa Fe League for basketball and volleyball as they have been
classified a 2A school.

Rationale None.

Pros None.

Cons None.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL
(Require majority vote of those voting)

ADM 2g – Enrollment change for Lake County

(FRONTIER LEAGUE)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

Amend the CLOC report to read:

___ ___
yes no

The count number I presented to CHSAA for 2018-2020 cycle was 264. The CDE count number sent in by our district for Lake County High School was 307.

Only 264 students at LCHS are eligible for CHSAA competition for 2017-2018 school year and beyond. The additional 43 students are part of the DOOR Alternative program that is housed at LCHS.

This alternative program has always been a part of LCHS count in years past, however, this year we are transitioning this program to an AEC (Alternative Education Campus) and the students are not eligible to compete in CHSAA activities.

I was unable to get the official CDE count number of 307 until after the deadline and had given an approximate estimate.

When I found out this CDE number of 307, I contacted Rhonda and have been in communication with her on next steps.

Ultimately, I believe the 264 count number is accurate and if given a choice, would like to keep I there.

Rationale

Last year LCSD Board of Education passed a new graduation pathway for our alternative program. This changed the program from credit recovery to competency based. In years past they have always been a part of our CHSAA count as they could prove CHSAA eligibility (LCHS is under option A). At the beginning of this year, we began our transition of making our alternative program its own alternative campus. Part of this transition is the competency based curriculum. This consists of online curriculum and competency tests. With this new program and lack of credits, we informed the students in this program they would not be eligible to compete in CHSAA at the beginning of this year. We plan to keep this standard for the program. With this new transition, I have not included these 43 students on any eligibility lists. I had asked our District Office for a count number several times so I could meet CHSAA count deadline. In order to get a number in for CLOC, I was forced to give the estimate of 264. When I received the email from our district the second week in November with 307 as the CDE number, I was surprised and confused. When I asked for an explanation and why it was 264, they informed me that until our alternative program gets an official school code, those students must be reported for funding purposes to CDE under the LCHS school code.

Pros

If it is decided to stay with 264 count, Lake County High School will be in the appropriate size classification. 264 is the accurate number for eligible students at LCHS for 2018-2020 cycle. Regardless of decision, the 43 students in alternative program will not be eligible to compete.

Cons

None.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

ADM 2h – St. Mary’s High School to 2A in baseball (TRI PEAKS LEAGUE)
(League voted unanimously against approving this amendment)

Amend the CLOC Committee Report to read:

Amend the CLOC report to read:

___ ___
yes no

St. Mary’s High School requests a change from 3A to 2A in baseball, for the upcoming cycle. 2A is our classification based on the size of our school.

Rationale

St. Mary’s initially decided to play up to the 3A classification. After continued discussion with coaches and administration, we feel it is in the best interest of the school to play in 2A competition, where our district naturally qualifies.

Pros

Our initial decision to play in 3A was done in good faith. However, we want to be as competitive as possible. After more in depth look at our numbers, we feel it would be in the best interest of the student athletes, school and league to play at the 2A level.

Cons

The only con we can think of is that we are requesting this change late in the game.

COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSAL

(Require majority vote of those voting)

ATH 3a – Class 2A Cross Country – minimum number of runners per team, three per gender for regional and state (SAN JUAN BASIN LEAGUE)

Amend the Cross Country Committee Report to read:

Amend the Cross Country report to read:

___ ___
yes no

For Class 2A Cross Country, the minimum number of runners to constitute a team shall consist of three per gender for Regional and State competition.

Rationale

The number of schools in the 2A grouping runs in the proposed enrollment window from 1-303. In order to keep the smallest schools as viable components of this large spread, the minimum number of three to constitute a team is fair, and contributes to wider representation of schools and individuals throughout the state.

Pros

Will help maintain programs of the smaller schools in this classification, and thus will keep a solid number of teams comprising the pool of representation at State.

Cons

None.