

~~3. Students may not accept merchandise prizes given because of their athletic ability. To do so is a violation of this amateur rule.~~

~~_____ (c) Having competed under an assumed name in any athletic activity.~~

~~_____ (d) Having accepted an award in non-school athletic activities which he/she has converted into cash by sale or by pawning.~~

~~_____ (e) Having signed a professional athletic contract.~~

~~2000.14 If a student participates in a CHSAA approved sport, in other than CHSAA competition at any time during the calendar year, the student's amateur status is determined by the rules of the amateur governing body of that sport.~~

Q1: May a high school volleyball player compete in a summer league against a team composed of high school coaches and officials?

A1: Yes.

Q2: May a student accept a savings bond or other form of delayed payment? ~~and still be in compliance with Bylaw 2000.13?~~

A2: No.

Q3: May a high school athlete receive a fee for officiating in a recreation league in his/her sport?

A3: Yes.

Q4: May a high school diver accept money to perform a diving exhibition in a restaurant?

A4: No. ~~if the diver has been employed because of athletic ability.~~

Q6: A school enters into a corporate agreement with a local merchant who wants to put his company's name on the school's baseball jersey. Is this permissible?

A6: Yes. Schools are cautioned to review the National Federation uniform rules in each sport if they are considering advertising on a uniform. Advertising per se is not against any policy within the CHSAA but schools are encouraged to continue to publicize the school related association with athletics **activities along with** rather than the commercial aspect.

2010.

AWARDS

2010.1 Individuals **Student-athletes** participating in any **CHSAA sanctioned** interscholastic athletic **activities** ~~activity~~ sponsored and/or approved by the Association shall **only accept award(s) that have no intrinsic value and cost less than \$100, exclusive of engraving. The student-athlete may accept meals, lodging, transportation and merchandise for participating in a non-CHSAA sanctioned sport or event, as**

determined by the national governing body of that sport. ~~not accept cash or merchandise awards. Awards must be symbolic in nature with no functional or intrinsic value such as, but not limited to, letters, plaques, trophies, medals, ribbons, certificates and letter adornments and shall not exceed \$50.00 in value exclusive of engraving.~~

~~Note: "Cash" includes such things as, but not limited to, remuneration in any form such as cash, money orders, gift certificates, scholarships (cash/check payment to school of choice is approved, but not to student recipient), free or reduced price meals.~~

~~"Merchandise" awards include such things as, but not limited to, jackets, sweaters, blazers, windbreakers, jogging suits, blankets, rings, etc.~~

EXCEPTION: A corporate entity, restaurant, or other vendor that is not associated with the school(s) may provide an award for players on one or more teams that exceeds the \$100 limit. ~~Individual, statewide awards that have been formally recognized by the CHSAA's Board of Directors are exempt from this Bylaw. "Individual, statewide award" is defined as any award that recognizes excellence in athletics, scholarship or citizenship and whose potential recipient is any student within the membership of the CHSAA.~~

EXCEPTION 2: Student-athletes may fundraise for personal items that exceed the \$100 limit.

2010.11 ~~If unapproved awards are offered and accepted by the participants, such participants shall jeopardize their eligibility to represent their school in any interscholastic activity, and further **penalties may ensue as determined by the Commissioner.**, such acceptance shall jeopardize standing of the school in the Association and may result in the suspension of the school.~~

~~2010.2 It is the policy of the Board of Directors to approve the awarding of small, inexpensive emblems to be attached to the regular school letter, in lieu of awarding additional letters.~~

~~2010.3 Fund raising by booster clubs and other outside groups to be used to purchase for high school participant's personal awards in excess of \$50 (exclusive of engraving) shall be regarded as a violation of this rule.~~

~~2010.4 Fund raising by the high school participants themselves to purchase personal items (letter jackets, championship rings, etc.) in excess of \$50 is permissible.~~

Q1: May a school award a student a trophy valued at \$100 and an engraved plate valued at \$3 to be affixed to the trophy?

A1: Yes.

Q2: May a school hold for a student an award valued at more than \$50, then give it to the student after he/she graduates?

A2: No.

Q3: May a school or group approved by the school award a **\$100** savings bond?

A3: No.

Q4: May the booster club buy the student a state championship ring?

A4: No. **Yes, but the funds must be approved by the school and/or school district administrator per Bylaw 1640.12.**

Q5: May a student accept a **reasonable** meal **or a gift card** at a local restaurant for being named the team MVP for that week?

A5: No. **Yes, as long as it's under \$10**

Q6: May a school or group approved by the school award more than one symbolic award? i.e. a certificate and trophy?

A6: Yes.

Q7: May an outside organization donate to a school's general athletic/activity fund on behalf of a student athlete?

A7: Yes. The funds must be given directly to the school's athletic/activity fund and not ever to the individual.

Q7: When does the CHSAA Amateur Bylaw apply?

A7: The CHSAA Amateur Bylaw applies during the season of the sport in question. Outside the dates of the sports season, the amateur rules of the National Governing body of that sport apply.

RATIONALE: Simplifies the amateur rule. Places the responsibility on the student if they are participating in a non-school athletic activity. Aligns with national governing bodies and the NCAA.

PROS: Allows school sponsored organizations to provide a reasonable meal or certificate for the player of the week, game, etc. Bolsters community involvement.

CONS: None.