

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

of the

**West Virginia Secondary School
Activities Commission**

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and

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WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

This organization shall be known as the West Virginia Secondary School Association, a voluntary organization.

Article II—Object

The object of this Association shall be to coordinate the functions of the two commissions hereinafter constituted.

Article III—Membership

This Association shall be composed of the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Membership in the Association shall be as provided in its two component commissions.

Article IV—Officers and Duties

Officers of the Association shall be a coordinating committee composed of the Chairman of the Association who shall be elected at large for a period of one year, the Presidents of the two Commissions and the Executive Secretary of the Activities Commission who shall be a member, ex-officio. All voting members of the coordinating committee shall be secondary school principals actively in charge of a member secondary school.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS COMMISSION CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission.

Article II—Aim

The aim of this Commission shall be the advancement of secondary education by providing a clearing house of discussion bearing on the problems of administration and supervision, by encouraging research, by upholding acceptable standards, and by formulating a working philosophy of secondary education. It further shall be the aim of this Commission to work continuously for the professional growth and personal welfare of West Virginia secondary school principals.

Article III—Membership

SECTION 1. Membership shall consist of two classes: active and associate, (retired).

SECTION 2. All individuals shall be eligible for active membership who are engaged in the administration and supervision of West Virginia junior and senior high schools and middle schools upon payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. All other persons interested in secondary education shall be eligible for associate membership upon payment of annual dues.

SECTION 4. Only active members shall have the privilege of voting or holding office.

SECTION 5. All members, both active and associate, shall receive the publications of the Commission.

Article IV—Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this Commission shall be a president, a president-elect, the immediate past president, a treasurer, and a coordinator.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected for one-year terms, except the treasurer, and the coordinator shall be chosen for three-year terms.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, two other members each elected for a term of two years, and an ex-officio member of the Board of Appeals to be selected by said board. Both junior and senior high schools shall be represented on the Executive Committee at all times. Also, there shall be an assistant-principal on the Executive Committee, chosen at the annual meeting of the assistant principals. Term of office shall be one year.

Article V—Executive Director

The Executive Committee of the Commission shall determine the need for an executive director. The term of office and the salary of the Executive Director shall

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be established by the Executive Committee. The term of office shall be no less than three years. Notification of termination of services shall be at least one year in advance.

THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE:

SECTION 1 To provide a continuity of operation for the affairs of the Commission.

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SECTION 2 To assist West Virginia secondary school principals in the promotion of sound programs of education for secondary school youth. This may include work-shops, seminars, drive-in conferences, and other methods for study of problems and dissemination of information concerning instructional programs, school organizations, school management, personnel relationships, and community activities.

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SECTION 3 To establish the secondary school principalship as a viable recognized and respected professional position.

SECTION 4 To work for the professional welfare of secondary school principals in all areas where planning, information, and persuasion are needed. This relates to salaries, working conditions, and fringe benefits.

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SECTION 5 To work closely with all professional educational organizations within the state including administrators, supervisors, and classroom teachers. A special effort will be made to coordinate the programs of the secondary schools.

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SECTION 6 To represent the Secondary School Principals Commission at all meetings in the state related to education in general and secondary education in particular. Attendance at such meetings will be at the discretion of the Executive Director and/or the advice of the President of the Commission.

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SECTION 7 To work closely with the Executive Secretary of the Activities Commission in order to coordinate programs of both organizations responsible to the secondary school principals.

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SECTION 8 To relieve the officers of the Commission in handling much of the detailed work of the Commission in order to free them to pursue the arduous task of the daily work of their principalships.

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Article VI—Elections, Committees

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SECTION 1 The election of officers shall take place at the regular annual meeting of the Commission, and at such time on the program as determined by the Executive Committee. The President shall, sixty days in advance of the annual meeting, appoint a nominating committee which shall report at said annual meeting.

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SECTION 2 The President shall appoint, with approval of the Executive Committee, those committees necessary to carry out the business of the association.

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Article VII—Finance

All bills of the Commission shall be paid by the Executive Director upon authorization of the Treasurer. An audit of the finances of this Commission shall be reported at the annual meeting.

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Article VIII—Meetings

The regular annual meeting of the Commission shall be held at a time designated by the Executive Committee. The place of the annual meeting shall be determined by a vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article IX—Amendments

The articles of this constitution pertaining to the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting of the Commission.

Article X—Bylaws

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Commission shall be regulated through bylaws passed by a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting of the Commission. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to maintain a record of these bylaws as a satisfactory continuity of the business affairs of the Commission.

SECTION 2. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern in all meetings of the Commission.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, a voluntary organization. Extracurricular activities of the students in the public secondary schools are controlled by the local county boards of education, pursuant to Chapter 18, Article 2 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and authority for the delegation of such control to said Commission is granted by statute.

Article II—Objects

SECTION 1. This Commission through the employment of the instrumentalities hereinafter established, shall supervise and control interscholastic athletics and band activities among member schools.

SECTION 2. In the performance of these functions it shall be the aim of the commission:

- (a) To stress the cultural values, the appreciations and skills involved in these interscholastic activities and to promote cooperation and friendship;
- (b) To limit these interscholastic programs as to both character and quantity so that such activities and such events may reasonably be looked upon as promoting the generally accepted objectives of secondary education and as such shall not unduly interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performance of their regular day to day school duties;
- (c) To encourage economy in the time that the student and the teacher-personnel devote to these interscholastic activities;
- (d) To encourage economy in expenses of these interscholastic activities;
- (e) To discourage long trips for large groups of students;
- (f) And, to establish minimum standards of conduct for both active and spectator participants, coaches, and all other school personnel at all interscholastic athletic events approved, sponsored, or controlled by this Commission.

Article III—Membership

SECTION 4. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be composed of the principals, or their representatives, of those secondary schools whose County Boards of Education have certified in writing to the State Superintendent of Schools that they have elected to delegate the control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities of the students in the public secondary schools in their respective counties to said Commission; the principals, or their representatives, of those Catholic secondary schools whose West Virginia Diocesan Board of Education has certified in writing to the Board of Appeals (hereinafter defined) that they have elected to delegate control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities of the students in said Catholic secondary schools to said Commission; and the principals or headmasters of those private secondary schools whose governing body has certified in writing to the Board of Appeals (hereinafter defined) that they have elected to delegate control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities in their respective schools to said Commission. (Here-

inafter in this Constitution and Bylaws "Secondary School" means a school consisting only of those grades above the sixth organized by departments, or the seventh and eighth grades of a school in which these grades are organized for instruction by departments and which has at least five teachers in these grades—Chapter 18, Article 9-A, Section 2, West Virginia Code. Furthermore, the term "member school" or any modification thereof refers to a school whose principals or headmaster is a member of this Commission. Membership is on a voluntary basis and rests in the sound discretion of each County Board of Education or governing body of the member school.

Membership in the Commission shall be predicated upon accepting the following conditions: (1) the principal or his successor is and shall be the sole representative of the school in all matters pertaining to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Commission; (2) the principal or his successor is and shall be responsible for conducting interscholastic athletic events and band activities of the school in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Commission which have been adopted by the Board of Control of the Commission for the governing of such activities; (3) pay the annual dues charged by the Commission; (4) the principal, or headmaster, or the successor of either, shall file a statement with the Executive Secretary of the Commission agreeing to abide by and support the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Control the Executive Secretary shall announce the names of the principals or headmasters who have become new members and who have met each of the several qualifications and requirements as defined above.

SECTION 2. A first class junior high school shall be a school consisting of grades seven and eight, or grades seven, eight and nine, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

A first class senior high school consists of grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve, or grades ten, eleven and twelve, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

A first class six-year high school shall consist of grades seven to twelve, inclusive, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

SECTION 3. A school, through its Principal, Coach or other official, is not permitted to enter into an agreement with any other school to waive the standards of eligibility of students, or waive or change any other requirement established in this Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Any member violating the Constitution and Bylaws of this Commission and refusing to abide by the decision of the Board of Appeals or the Review Board shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter set forth. (See Rule 36.)

Article IV—Administration

SECTION 1. The administration of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be vested in the secondary school principals heretofore defined as members and who shall constitute a Board of Control. Said Board of Control shall determine the regulation of interscholastic athletic events and band activities among the schools represented by the member of said Commission and shall have charge of all funds of said Commission; and in order to expedite the regulations of said activities shall delegate and assign to the Board of Appeals hereinafter constituted, and the Executive Secretary, hereinafter constituted and working through the Board of Appeals, authority to interpret and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws. Said Board of Control shall delegate and assign to the Board of

Trustees; hereinafter constituted, the power and authority, to hold title to and manage the property owned by said Commission. The Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission shall be the articles, rules, explanations and interpretations which have been voted upon and approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting of said Commission. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at said annual meeting.

SECTION 2. At all annual or called meetings of the Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission each member shall have one vote on each question or proposition under consideration. A member may appoint, by a written statement to the President of said Commission, his assistant principal or other member of his faculty to represent him at meetings of the Board of Control or the Board of Appeals, but no such representative shall have the right to hold office in the Commission and no such appointment shall absolve the member of his responsibility as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission.

SECTION 3. The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall, at its annual meetings, elect officers of the Commission and define their duties as provided in Article V of the Constitution. The officers so elected shall be members of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission with the powers and duties assigned to it by Article VII of the Constitution of said Commission. Said Board of Appeals shall be the executive body of the Commission and shall administer the Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission. Further, said Board of Appeals shall enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws through the application of penalties provided under Rule 36 and Rule 50. Adjudication of disagreements and disputes among members of the Commission shall be one of the chief duties of the Board of Appeals. Such adjudication may, however, be subject to review by the Review Board.

SECTION 4. The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall delegate and assign to the Board of Appeals, hereinafter constituted, the power and authority to define, devise and/or create five Administrative Districts in the State of West Virginia.

- (a) Effective July 1, 1971, and until such time as it is necessary to change the boundaries of such Districts, the five Administrative Districts shall be the same as those defined on page 16 of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Rules and Regulations HANDBOOK.
- (b) Any change in the boundaries of said Administrative Districts adopted by the Board of Appeals shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Control at its annual meeting. Such adopted change may be remanded to the Board of Appeals for further study and action only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting. If the adopted change in boundaries is not remanded for further study and action, it shall be considered approved.
- (c) Any adopted and approved changes in the boundaries of the Administrative Districts shall not be cause for reducing the length of the regular term of office of an incumbent officer-member.

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Article V—Officers and Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be five elected officer-members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, each of whom shall be a Principal of a secondary school in West Virginia.

- (a) The elected officer-members shall constitute the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) One officer-member shall be elected to a regular term each year at the Annual Meeting of said Commission. The runner-up candidate in each election shall be declared the alternate-officer-member and shall serve any portion of the officer-member's unexpired term which may occur. If the alternate-officer-member is not thus determined, then a separate election shall be held to do so. Said officer-member and alternate-officer-member shall be from the same Administrative District.
- (c) The regular term of an elected officer-member shall be a period of five years and said term shall begin immediately following the close of the annual meeting of which he was elected.
- (d) An elected officer-member shall not be eligible to serve more than one regular five-year term in succession. Neither shall a former officer-member be eligible to be appointed to nor elected to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term during the five-year period immediately following the expiration of his regular term. An alternate-officer-member who serves more than one year of an officer-member's unexpired term shall be ineligible to be elected to the next succeeding regular five-year term.
- (e) The election shall be by ballot when more than one candidate from the same administrative district in West Virginia is nominated for officer-member. When more than two candidates from the same Administrative District are nominated for officer-member, the balloting shall continue until one of said candidates shall receive a majority of the votes cast. The candidates with the least number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped from each subsequent ballot.
- (f) At the first meeting of the Board of Appeals following the close of the annual meeting of the Commission said Board of Appeals shall designate one of its elected officer-members to serve as President and one to serve as Vice President.

SECTION 2. Two or more members serving as principals of secondary schools located in the same Administrative District of West Virginia shall be ineligible to serve as officer-members at the same time.

SECTION 3. The term of an officer-member shall end immediately upon his agreement to accept a position that would make him ineligible to hold office in this Commission.

SECTION 4. The annual honorarium of the officer-members shall be \$250 each.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary shall act as Treasurer and shall pay out monies from the funds belonging to this Commission in payment of bills only upon order of the President.

SECTION 6. The President shall furnish bond in the amount of \$10,000. The Executive Secretary shall furnish bond in the amount of \$50,000. The premium for both of these bonds shall be paid by the Commission.

SECTION 7. The officers of the Commission may submit questions for discussion by mail and ascertain sentiment of the schools by means of questionnaires. No vote to alter the Constitution and Bylaws shall be taken except at the annual meeting of the Commission, except that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may, in case of emergency, with the consent of the Board of Appeals, enact and

adopt all necessary rules and regulations, whether by deletion, amendment, revision or addition, and which emergency rules and regulations shall be submitted at the next annual meeting of the Commission for formal adoption or rejection.

Article VI—Meetings

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be planned by the Executive Secretary and the Board of Appeals of said Commission.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by order of the President of the Commission. Fifty principals constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article VII—Board of Appeals

SECTION 1. The Board of Appeals shall have authority to administer the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 2. The State Superintendent of Schools or his representative designated by him to act in his stead, a representative selected by the West Virginia School Boards Association and a representative selected by the West Virginia School Administrators Association shall serve as appointive members of the Board of Appeals. Said appointive members shall be accorded full voting privileges but shall be ineligible to be elected or to serve as an officer of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

- (a) The President of the Secondary School Principals Commission shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Appeals. However, serving the one-year term as an ex-officio member shall not render said member ineligible to be elected to a regular five-year term as an officer-member provided he is otherwise eligible.

SECTION 3. The Board of Appeals shall have authority to appoint an Executive Secretary, except as hereinafter provided, and such additional assistance as may be necessary to assure efficient functioning of the work of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Furthermore, said Board of Appeals shall have authority to fix and to pay salaries to the Executive Secretary and to other staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Secretary. The Board of Appeals shall also have authority to devise a plan of retirement benefits for the Executive Secretary and other full-time staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Secretary.

- (a) At least one member of the staff personnel appointed to assist the Executive Secretary shall have the status of Assistant Executive Secretary. The procedure for making such appointment and the length of the contract term of office of the said Assistant Executive Secretary shall be the same as that prescribed for the Executive Secretary in ARTICLE X, Section 1 and Section 2. The said Assistant Executive Secretary shall not be removed during his contract term of office except for just and reasonable cause as prescribed in ARTICLE X, Section 3.

SECTION 4. The Board of Appeals shall have power by appointment to fill vacancies in its membership until the vacancies are filled regularly at the next annual meeting of the Commission.

SECTION 5. The Board of Appeals shall have power to decide all cases of eligibility of athletes and participants in band activities when their cases are not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 6. The Board of Appeals shall exercise whatever discretionary powers it may deem necessary for the furtherance of interscholastic athletic events and band activities in the secondary schools of West Virginia.

SECTION 7. The Board of Appeals shall appoint Deputy Board Members who will serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals.

SECTION 8. At the request of the Board of Appeals a Deputy Board Member shall investigate matters of eligibility and other violations of the rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Said Deputy Board Member shall submit to said Board of Appeals a written report of his findings and recommendations for disposition of the case(s).

SECTION 9. The Board of Appeals shall have the power to investigate through the Deputy Board Member, or in such other manner as may be found advisable, matters of eligibility and other violations of rules when the said Board deems it advisable to do so on the basis of information furnished, even though a formal protest is not filed.

SECTION 10. The Board of Appeals may divide the State into regions and sections for the purpose of administration and for tournaments or meets of any interscholastic athletic or band activity.

SECTION 11. The Board of Appeals shall approve or reject all emergency rules and regulations adopted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

SECTION 12. The Board of Appeals shall hold hearings and render decisions in all contested cases.

SECTION 13. The Board of Appeals shall have power to resolve disputes concerning the validity of any interscholastic athletic contest.

SECTION 14. Three officer-members present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Appeals shall constitute a quorum for said Board of Appeals to transact all business.

SECTION 15. The minutes of regular and special meetings of the Board of Appeals will be submitted to Principals of all member schools.

Article VIII—Funds

SECTION 1. The annual dues for members of this Commission shall be based upon the student enrollment of the school they represent.

- (a) A \$10.00 flat membership fee for all three and four-year schools on the first 100 students, or fraction thereof, enrolled in a school.
- (b) After the first 100 students enrolled, the membership fee will be \$5.00 per 100 additional students, or fraction thereof, up to 1,000 students.
- (c) For each 100 students above 1,000 an additional \$1.00 per 100 students, or fraction thereof, is to be added.
- (d) A six-year high school shall pay a flat fee of \$10.00 for grades seven and eight and \$5.00 per hundred, or fraction thereof, for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 up to 1,000 students and \$1.00 per hundred, or fraction thereof, above 1,000 students.
- (e) A \$10.00 fee is the ceiling for all regular junior high schools.

Dues for the year are payable on or before February 1 of each year. Membership in the Commission shall extend from July 1 to June 30 in any year, and shall be lapsed if dues are not paid on or before February 15. The enrollment figure to be used to determine the amount of dues shall be the gross enrollment of boys and girls at the close of the second month of the current school year. In case a membership has been allowed to lapse it may not be reinstated until the dues for the year of such lapsed membership, plus a penalty of \$5.00 reinstatement fee, has been paid to the Commission.

SECTION 2: The Board of Appeals may reduce the amount of the annual dues of the members for any year.

SECTION 3: The Board of Appeals is authorized to levy entry fees and assessments for the conducting of any interscholastic athletic event or band activity when it is not self-supporting. Funds from one activity division shall not be used for the support of another.

SECTION 4: The Commission shall determine the expenditures of money but special power is given to the Board of Appeals to use funds as are necessary to carry on its work.

SECTION 5: The fiscal year of this Commission extends from July 1 to June 30. All monies paid as dues to the Commission as well as all monies derived from any contest or other event sponsored by the Commission become quasi public funds and as such shall be subject to an annual audit by the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner. A written summary of the audit shall be a part of the Annual Report of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Control.

SECTION 6: In case of dissolution of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission all funds of said Commission shall be prorated equally and distributed to the County Boards of Education of the members of said Commission. Provided, however, that governing boards of those who become members of said Commission subsequent to January 1, 1968, shall be entitled to a prorated share of only that portion of the said Commission's funds which have been collected, earned, and accumulated between the inception of such membership and the actual dissolution of said Commission.

Article IX—Amendments

The articles, bylaws, rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may be amended as provided in the sections immediately following. Provisions for adoption of emergency rules and regulations are made in Article V, Section 7 and Article VII, Section 11 of this Constitution. Before any proposed amendment or regulation other than any emergency rule or regulation becomes effective it shall be approved by a majority vote of the members of said Commission present and voting at an annual or called meeting.

SECTION 1: A Constitution and Bylaws Committee, consisting of five members of the Commission, shall be appointed by and shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals. Said Board of Appeals shall designate one of the members so appointed to serve as the chairman of such committee.

SECTION 2: The Board of Appeals shall give due consideration to maintaining a fair balance of representation from the first class high schools as defined in Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution when making new appointments to the Constitution and Bylaws committee. However, an incumbent member of said committee shall not be ruled ineligible to continue to serve on said committee solely because he becomes principal of a type of first class high school different from that from which he was originally appointed.

SECTION 3 It shall be the function and purpose of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to provide continuity and cohesion in the rules and regulations governing the interscholastic athletic and band activity programs in West Virginia. Further, it shall be the function and purpose of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, in cases of emergency and with the consent of the Board of Appeals, to enact and adopt all necessary interim rules and regulations, whether by deletion, amendment, revision or addition and which emergency rules and regulations shall be submitted for formal adoption or rejection at the next annual or called meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 4 Expenses for authorized meetings of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be defrayed from the funds of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 5 Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by any member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Such proposed changes, whether by revision, addition or deletion, shall be submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by January 1 of each year in order to permit the committee to study such proposed changes and to submit them, by mail, to the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting of said Commission.

SECTION 6 At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission each, and only each, such proposed change received by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and those interim emergency rules and regulations enacted by the said Committee shall be presented to the membership of said Commission for discussion and formal adoption and rejection. Said Committee may accompany each presentment with an explanation of the effect of such proposed change upon the present rules and objectives of the Commission. Said Committee may also recommend adoption or rejection of said proposition.

SECTION 7 The President of the Commission shall appoint a parliamentarian to serve at the meetings of the Commission to decide questions of procedure during said meetings.

SECTION 8 An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not become effective until July 1 immediately following the annual meeting at which such amendment was adopted and such adoption is formally approved by the West Virginia State Board of Education.

SECTION 9 Nothing in this article shall be construed so as to limit or in any way effect the validity of emergency rules and regulations which have been duly adopted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Appeals in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of this Constitution. Emergency rules and regulations will be effective upon the date they are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia and remain in effect until the next meeting of the Commission.

Article X—Executive Secretary

SECTION 1 The Board of Appeals shall, if it desires to retain the services of the incumbent Executive Secretary, add two years to his present term of office, thereby making his present appointive term for a period of three years. At the expiration of each year (June 30) thereafter, the said Board of Appeals shall add one year to the contract term of the Executive Secretary, unless said Board of Appeals shall desire to change to another Executive Secretary. If a change is desired, said Board shall notify the Executive Secretary and the President of the West Virginia Secondary

Principals Commission, in writing, that a change is desired and the one year shall not be added to the term of the Executive Secretary. Unless said notice is given as stated, the year will be considered to be added automatically.

SECTION 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Executive Secretary during any three-year period, the Board of Appeals shall fill such vacancy by appointment, which appointment shall continue until the end of the regular three-year period (except that should a person serving as a member of the Board of Appeals, or one having served as a member of the Board of Appeals within a period of one year immediately preceding a vacancy in the position of Executive Secretary, become a candidate for that position, the authority to appoint the Executive Secretary shall be vested in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee).

SECTION 3. The Executive Secretary shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals but shall not be removed during his term of office except for just and reasonable cause, inefficiency, failure to cooperate with the Board of Appeals, immorality, and failure to carry out duties hereinafter set forth shall be deemed sufficient cause for removal of the Executive Secretary.

12 Article XI—Duties of the Executive Secretary

SECTION 1. The Executive Secretary shall carry on the work incident to the efficient functioning of the Activities Commission. The general management and administration of the program of officiating for the interscholastic athletic activities sponsored by this Commission is considered one and a proper function of said Commission.

(a) He shall be responsible for assigning general areas of responsibilities and directing the activities of the Assistant Executive Secretary as such responsibilities relate to the work of said Commission.

SECTION 2. The Executive Secretary shall receive complaints and make investigations concerning the eligibility of secondary school athletes and participants in band activities. He shall also receive complaints and make investigations concerning violations of the rules of the Commission.

SECTION 3. The Executive Secretary shall render decisions and impose penalties in athletic eligibility and other disputes subject to review by the Board of Appeals.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to make a full and complete written report to the County Board of Education regarding any disciplinary action taken by the Board of Appeals against a member school which is located in the county in which the said Board of Education has jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary shall attend State Meetings of the West Virginia Secondary School Association and report, when requested by the principals, on the work of his office.

SECTION 6. The Executive Secretary shall attend the meetings, when practicable, of the National Federation of State High School Associations and bring to the attention of the Commission and the Board of Appeals reports from the National Meeting.

SECTION 7. The Executive Secretary shall devote his full time to the work assigned to him by the Board of Appeals. He shall hold no other remunerative office or position. He shall not officiate at any interscholastic contest.

SECTION 8. The Executive Secretary shall represent West Virginia in conferences and controversies involving other states.

SECTION 9. The Executive Secretary shall exercise all rights and privileges pertaining to eligibility and to representation with the National Federation of State High School Associations, granted to members of the Board of Appeals and Principals by this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article XII—Review Board

SECTION 1.

(a) A West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Review Board is hereby established.

(b) Said Review Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the West Virginia State Board of Education upon recommendation by the State Superintendent of Schools. No person, other than a county superintendent of schools and a representative of the West Virginia Athletic Directors Association, shall be appointed or shall serve who is employed by the West Virginia State Board of Education or any County Board of Education. All members of the Review Board shall be residents of the State of West Virginia.

(c) Each of the following associations shall be requested to present three nominations to the State Superintendent of Schools for membership on the Review Board:

West Virginia Bar Association
West Virginia School Administrators Association
West Virginia State Committee of the North Central Association
of Colleges and Secondary Schools
West Virginia State Medical Association
West Virginia Sportswriters Association
West Virginia Athletic Directors Association
West Virginia Retired School Employees Association

(d) Members of the Review Board need not be members of the association which submitted their names in nomination and shall be appointed for a term of five years. Prior to the expiration date of the term of each member of the Review Board, the respective association will nominate three representatives to the State Superintendent of Schools who shall subsequently recommend one to the West Virginia State Board of Education.

(e) The term of office of each member of the Review Board will begin upon the acceptance of the appointment and will expire on June 30 of the year in which the term expires.

(f) The member with the shortest remaining tenure on the Review Board shall serve as its chairman. Each appointed member of said Review Board shall have equal voting privileges.

(g) In the same manner as prescribed in subparagraph (d) above, the West Virginia State Board of Education shall have power to fill any vacancy which occurs in the membership of the Review Board. Such appointments shall be made at the next regular or called meeting of said Board of Education following the existence of a vacancy and shall be for the unexpired term of the position vacated.

(h) Members of the Review Board shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incident to the performances of their duties upon presentation to the West Virginia State Department of Education an itemized sworn statement thereof. Costs shall be taxed by the Review Board at its discretion, not to exceed the actual expenses incurred, against the party who fails to prevail and the Review Board may, in its discretion, if it so desires, require any appealing party to post security for costs with the State Superintendent of Schools the sum of \$200.00.

(i) The Review Board will set for hearings within a reasonable time after the aggrieved party having a matter for review files an appeal, but not longer than thirty days after such appeal is filed, and at any such other times as the Review Board may determine, at the State Capitol in Charleston, or in such other place as the Chairman of said Review Board may elect.

SECTION 2.

(a) The West Virginia State Department of Education shall make available adequate and competent secretarial services to record the proceedings and transactions of each meeting of the Review Board and to prepare the official written report, required elsewhere in this Article, on each decision rendered by said Review Board.

SECTION 3.

(a) Any decision of the Board of Appeals involving a penalty, protest, or interpretation of the rules and regulations of this Commission governing interscholastic athletic or band activities may be appealed to the Review Board in the manner hereinafter described. Said appeal may be made by any member of the aggrieved party which is directly affected by the decision of the Board of Appeals and aggrieved by such decision of the Board of Appeals.

(b) Appeals must be filed with the State Superintendent of Schools of West Virginia within fifteen days after any final decision of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

(c) Upon receipt of said appeal, the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately notify each member of the Review Board of said appeal and the Chairman of said Review Board who shall forthwith set a date, time and place for hearing and shall immediately notify all interested parties, in writing, of the same.

(d) The filing of any appeal shall not stay enforcement nor act as a supersedeas thereto of the prior ruling or decision of the Board of Appeals. However, pending the hearing on any appeal, at its discretion, the Board of Appeals may grant a stay of enforcement upon such terms as it deems proper.

SECTION 4.

(a) Proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition, in quintuplicate, with the State Superintendent of Schools within fifteen days after the date upon which such party received notice of the final order or decision of the Board of Appeals. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission or its Executive Secretary and all other parties of record by registered or certified mail. The petition shall state whether the appeal is taken on questions of law or questions of fact, or both. No appeal bond shall be required to effect any such appeal.

(b) Within fifteen days after receipt of a copy of the petition by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, or its Executive Secretary, or within such further time as the Review Board may allow, said Commission or said Executive Secretary shall transmit to such Review Board, the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the proceedings under review, including a transcript of all testimony and all papers, motions, documents, evidence and records as were before the said Commission, all Commission staff memoranda submitted in connection with the case, and a statement of matters officially noted; but, by stipulation of all parties to the review proceedings, the record may be shortened. The expense of preparing such record shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the appeal. The appellant shall provide security for costs involved. Upon demand by any party to the appeal, said Commission shall furnish, at the cost of the party requesting same, a copy of such record. In the event the complete record is not filed with the Review Board within the time provided for in this section, the appellant may apply

to the Review Board to have the case docketed, and the Review Board shall order such record filed. Failure of the said Commission to file the record within the time stipulated shall automatically stay the enforcement of the order or decision of the Board of Appeals, in that particular case, and such stay shall continue until such record is filed.

(c) Appeals taken on questions of law, fact or both, shall be heard upon assignment of error filed in the cause or set out in the briefs of the appellant. Errors not argued by brief may be disregarded, but the Review Board may consider and decide errors which are not assigned or argued.

(d) The review shall be conducted by the Review Board without a jury and shall be upon the records made before the Commission, except that in cases of alleged irregularities in procedure before the Commission not shown in the record, testimony thereon may be taken before the Review Board. The Review Board may hear oral arguments and require written briefs.

SECTION 5

(a) After hearing all evidence and arguments, the Review Board shall render a decision in one of three forms: (1) sustaining the ruling of the Board of Appeals; (2) reversing the ruling of the Board of Appeals; or (3) remanding the matter to the Board of Appeals for further action. The Board of Review shall reverse, vacate or modify the order or decision of the Board of Appeals if the substantial rights of the petitioner or petitioners have been prejudiced because of the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, decisions or order are (1) in violation of constitutional or statutory provisions; or (2) in excess of the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the Commission; or (3) made upon unlawful procedures; or (4) affected by other error of law; or (5) clearly wrong in view of the reliable probative and substantial evidence on the whole record; or (6) arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

(b) Four members, present and voting, shall constitute a quorum for the Review Board to transact all business.

(c) A majority vote of those members of the Review Board in attendance at any hearing shall be required to render a decision. Such decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

(d) Within thirty (30) days from the date of any hearing, the Review Board shall make a written report of its decision, stating briefly therein its reasons for such a decision. Copies of the report shall be mailed to the State Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and, upon written request, to other interested parties.

SECTION 6

(a) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the Board of Appeals in performing its regular duties as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; in making investigations and initiating proceedings against any member of said Commission; in making interpretations of the rules of eligibility of student athletes or band members; or in imposing penalties for the violations of any rules, regulations, or bylaws of said Commission.

(b) Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution; Rule 36, Rule 37-1-0, Rule 38-3-0, and Rule 50 which infer or state that decisions of the Board of Appeals are final, are hereby modified only to the extent that such final ruling of the Board of Appeals may be appealed within the time limit in the manner prescribed elsewhere in this Article and affirmed, reversed or remanded by the Review Board.

Article XIII—Rules and Regulations

The Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are the rules and regulations of said Commission.

Article XIV—Board of Trustees

SECTION 1. The Board of Appeals shall appoint a five member Board of Trustees. Each Trustee shall be a Principal of a secondary school in West Virginia and each shall serve during the will and pleasure of said Board of Appeals. Two or more members serving as Principals of secondary schools located in the same Administrative District of West Virginia shall be ineligible to serve as Trustees at the same time.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees and their lawfully appointed successors shall hold title to all real estate and other property owned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission except as shall be directed otherwise by the Board of Control.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect from the membership thereof, to hold office for a term of one year or until a successor shall be elected, a Chairman, and if need requires a Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 4. The Board of Trustees shall serve without pay or honorarium.

SECTION 5. If it so elects, the Board of Control shall direct the Board of Trustees to incorporate in accordance with the pertinent laws of West Virginia and in such manner as will fully protect and exempt from any and all legal liability the individual officers and members jointly and severally, of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, for and on account of the debts and other obligations of every kind and description of said Commission.

SECTION 6. Should a Trustee withdraw from membership of the Commission or be excluded therefrom, his trusteeship therein shall automatically cease from the date of such withdrawal or exclusion.

SECTION 7. Should a Trustee refuse, within five days from the receipt thereof, to execute a legal instrument relating to any property of the Commission, when directed to do so by the Board of Control or the Board of Appeals, and when all legal requirements have been satisfied with reference to execution, the Board of Appeals may declare his membership on the Board of Trustees vacated.

SECTION 8. The Board of Control and/or the Board of Appeals may direct the Trustees with respect to the purchase, sale, mortgage, encumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling, and maintenance of any and all property of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and do any and all other things necessary to exercise such other powers and duties relating to the property, real and personal, as may be committed to said Trustees by said Board of Control or Board of Appeals.

SECTION 9. The Board of Trustees may intervene and take all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in all matters relating to property and rights of property of said Commission.

SECTION 10. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the President of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission at such times and places as shall be designated in a notice to each Trustee at a reasonable time prior to the appointed time of the meeting. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact matters of business which may rightfully come before it.

Section 1 General

1.1 Scope - These rules establish the provisions governing eligibility to participate in activities.

1.2 Authority - WV Code 18-2-25

1.3 Filing Date - Aug 31, 1987

1.4 Effective Date - Sept 30, 1987

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Section 2 note
~~PART A~~ **ATHLETICS**
PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: The word "student" used in these Rules of Eligibility refers to either a boy or a girl participant in interscholastic athletics. Therefore, according to correct grammatical usage, since the antecedent "student" can involve persons of both sexes, the masculine pronouns he and him used throughout these Rules of Eligibility will refer to either male or female participants.

Sec 3 ~~Rule 1~~ **Enrollment**

- 3.1 ~~1-0-0~~ Any person competing in interscholastic athletics must be a bona fide student of the member school of this Commission which he represents and must be enrolled in said school on or before the eleventh school day of the semester in which he competes.
- 3.2 ~~1-1-0~~ A student shall be ineligible for one year, in all sports, should he participate with a school's athletic team without enrolling in that school.
- 3.3 ~~1-1-1~~ Enrollment is accomplished by completion of the usual formalities of registration in the Principal's office.
- 3.4 ~~1-1-2~~ A student who has failed to enroll in a high school on or before the eleventh day of a semester would not be immediately eligible in another school to which he might transfer, even though there had been a change in residence to another school zone by the parents or guardians. If the student was ineligible in the school from which he was transferred, he would not be eligible in the school to which he transferred.

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Section 4 **Rule 2—Age**

- 4.1 ~~2-0-0~~ A student in a senior high school whose nineteenth birthday, and a student in a junior high school whose sixteenth birthday, occurs before September 1 shall be ineligible for all sports.

NOTE: Regulations governing the establishing of age for eligibility appears in 20-8-0 and 20-8-1 of these Bylaws.

Sec. 5 ~~Rules 3~~ **Team Membership**

- 5.1 ~~3-0-0~~ The following grades of member schools of this Commission are recognized as junior high schools, for athletic purposes: Grades seven and eight of two-year junior high schools; Grades seven, eight and nine of three-year junior high schools; Grades seven, eight and nine of six-year high schools; and grade nine of four-year senior high schools. Students enrolled

in said grades of said high schools may compete in junior high school interscholastic athletics which are sanctioned by this Commission, if they are otherwise eligible.

- 3.2 ~~3-1-0~~ A student who is enrolled in a grade below the ninth is ineligible to play on a Senior high school team.
- 3.3 ~~3-2-0~~ A student who is enrolled in a grade below the seventh, or above the ninth, is ineligible to play on a junior high school team.
- 3.4 ~~3-3-0~~ A student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of an approved junior high school is ineligible to play on a senior high school team.
- 3.5 ~~3-4-0~~ A student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of a four or six-year high school may participate as a member of either the junior high school or the senior high school team, provided, however, that after a ninth grade student in either of said schools becomes a member of the senior high school team he immediately becomes ineligible as a member of the junior high school team, in that sport.
- 3.6 ~~3-5-0~~ A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic events under Rule 7-1-0 shall not be permitted to practice with the school's athletic teams.
- 3.7 ~~3-6-0~~ Should a student, knowingly, or inadvertently violate any provision of these rules, the penalty shall be the loss of eligibility for the ensuing 365 days.
- 3.8 ~~3-6-1~~ A three-year junior high school, consisting of grades seven, eight and nine organized as a single educational unit, separate and apart from a senior high school, and administered by a principal who is not connected with a senior high school, is considered by the State Department of Education to be an approved junior high school; therefore, if a student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of an approved junior high school played on a senior high school team he would be in violation of Rule 1 because he would be representing a school in which he was not enrolled; however, since a student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of a four- or six-year high school is a bona fide member of a senior high school, he is eligible to play on the teams of that school.
- 3.9 ~~3-6-2~~ A student graduating at the end of a school term, is eligible to represent his school until the close of the school's season in baseball, track, tennis, golf, or other regular high school activities.
- 3.10 ~~3-7-0~~ Any person who has graduated from a senior high school, or a school of equal grade, is not eligible to participate in high school athletics, except as provided in Rule 3-6-2.

Sec 6 Rule 4—Seasons for Competition

- 6.1 ~~4-0-0~~ A student who is enrolled in grade seven, eight or nine of any junior or senior high school shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics more than three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in these grades.
- 6.2 ~~4-1-0~~ A student shall be considered to be in the seventh grade until he has passed at least one and one-half units of regular seventh grade work each semester. He shall be considered to be in the eighth grade until he has passed at least one and one-half units of regular eighth grade work each semester.
- 6.3 ~~4-2-0~~ A student in any high school who is enrolled in any grade of grades seven to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics more than three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in a member school of this Commission.
- 6.4 ~~4-2-1~~ Athletic participation by any student is limited to six seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in grades seven to twelve, inclusive. Therefore, a student may participate three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in an approved junior

high school and three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in a senior high school. A student who participates two seasons in each sport in grades seven and eight of any school may have four seasons of participation in each sport while he is enrolled in a senior high school.

Sec 7 Rule 5—Semester Rule

- 7.1 ~~5-0-0~~ A student who has been enrolled eight semesters in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible for further interscholastic competition while he is enrolled in any of these grades. The seventh and eighth semesters must be consecutive.
- 7.2 ~~5-1-0~~ A student enrolled in a fifth first semester or fifth second semester of grades nine to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible for any sport, the season of which falls wholly or in part of either of said semesters.
- 7.3 ~~5-2-0~~ Ten days of attendance shall constitute a semester.
- 7.4 ~~5-2-1~~ The number of semesters of athletic eligibility to which a student is entitled is determined by semesters of enrollment and attendance and not by semesters of participation. The intent of Rule 5 is to extend to each student the opportunity to enjoy eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility while he is enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive. A student who has been enrolled in grades seven and eight for four (4) consecutive semesters is ineligible for further participation while he is enrolled in grades seven and eight. A student who has been enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, for eight (8) semesters during four consecutive school terms is ineligible for further participation while he is enrolled in any grade from nine to twelve. It is the further intent of the foregoing to prevent any contradiction between the provisions of Rule 5 and the provisions of Rule 4.
- 7.5 ~~5-2-2~~ A student whose eligibility expires with the end of a semester will not become ineligible until the first day of the following semester. For example: should the first semester end on Friday and the second semester begin on the following Monday, a student who is eligible the first semester, but ineligible the second semester, would be eligible to participate on the Saturday between semesters. A student who is ineligible the first semester and becomes eligible the second semester would not be permitted to participate until the first day of the second semester. For example: should the first semester end on Friday and the second semester begin on the following Monday, the student who becomes eligible the second semester could not participate until that said Monday.
- 7.6 ~~5-2-3~~ Participation in any interscholastic athletic contest shall constitute a semester of participation in that sport.
- 7.7 ~~5-2-4~~ Enrollment means the same as attendance in determining a semester of attendance. The period of enrollment or attendance includes the day of enrollments, the last day of attendance, and the elapsed time between these two dates. If this period includes ten days in which school was actually in session, the pupil will be charged with a semester's attendance.
- 7.8 ~~5-2-5~~ Class Room, Home Room, and Monthly Register records may be required to establish periods of enrollment and attendance.

Sec 8 Rule 6—Scholarship Standing

- 8.1 ~~6-0-0~~ To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition a student must have earned a passing grade in at least four subjects, or their equivalent, which count as two units of credit toward meeting the specific or elective requirements for graduation. Said credit must have been earned at the end of the semester immediately preceding that in which the student desires to compete (unless said student has just been promoted to the ninth grade, in which

case Rule 6-1-1 would have the same effect). Said student must also be currently enrolled in not less than four subjects, or their equivalent, which count as two units of credit toward meeting the specific or elective requirements for graduation.

- 6-0-1 A minimum of two of the subjects must be in English-Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics or Science. Said two subjects may or may not be in the same content area. An exception, however, is to be made in the case of a "first-semester" Senior who has completed all of the specific requirements for graduation except the English-Language Arts. Said Senior may select his other three subjects from any area of the curriculum offered by the school.
- 6-0-2 A unit of credits that which is awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study. For a unit to be awarded a minimum of 8100 minutes of school time shall be allotted for teaching and learning.
- (Note: These 8100 minutes may be attained in a number of ways. Examples of how schools can schedule include, but are not limited to: one period daily of at least 45 minutes for 180 days; at least 225 minutes weekly for 36 weeks; 540 modules of at least 15 minutes for the school year of 36 weeks.)
- 6-0-3 One-half unit of credit shall be awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study provided a minimum of 4050 minutes of school time have been allotted for teaching and learning. These 4050 minutes are generally equivalent to one semester's work; examples would be one-half the duration of days quoted in the NOTE in Rule 6-0-2. One-quarter unit of credit shall be awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study provided a minimum of 2025 minutes of school time have been allotted for teaching and learning. These 2025 minutes are generally equivalent to nine weeks work; examples would be one-fourth of the duration of days quoted in the NOTE in Rule 6-0-2.
- (Note: The definition of unit of credit and examples above are taken from the West Virginia Department of Education GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS For West Virginia Public Schools: Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12) (March 1982).
- 6-0-4 Schools providing for planned programs of independent learning during the regular school term may not wish to require all students to attend classes a specific amount of time. In such instances the necessary credit may be awarded for satisfactory performance in administered proficiency examinations or for successful completion of curricular units, steps or phases which have been established by the school as comprising the equivalency of a unit of credit as defined above and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education.
- 6-0-5 Credit may be awarded for subjects taken in addition to those offered by the school as well as for experimental programs developed by the school itself. In each instance certain criteria must be met. Such criteria has been established by the West Virginia Department of Education and will be found on pages 14-15 of GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. Such credit must be earned during the regular school term.
- 6-0-6 A multiple period subject such as those pursued at a Vocational or Trade and Industrial Center for a full morning or a full afternoon session shall be counted as two subjects in meeting the requirement stipulated in Rule 6-0-0.
- 6-0-7 A student shall be ineligible if he did not earn, during the immediate preceding semester, credit for at least four subjects as prescribed in Rule 6-0-0 and Rule 6-0-1.
- 6-0-8 A student promoted to the seventh grade for the first time is considered to have satisfied scholastic requirements and is permitted to participate during the first semester of his initial enrollment in that grade, provided he is otherwise eligible.

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~~6-1-2~~ Scholastic deficiencies if made up in any manner after the close of a semester shall not render the student eligible for interscholastic participation during the following semester. Only that work which is given in regular school classes, except as noted in Rule 6-0-4 and Rule 6-0-5, shall be counted for credit. A further exception is noted and permitted in the case of a student whose final examinations and course credits were delayed beyond the end of a semester due to the student's illness which is verified by a physician. Work taken by a student from a tutor or a special instructor may not be counted for eligibility. Credit earned in summer school shall not count for or against a student's record for eligibility purposes.

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~~5-1-3~~ The purpose of Rule 6-1-0 is to exclude from interscholastic participation any student who has withdrawn from school until he has completed a semester of school work following his re-enrollment.

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~~6-1-4~~ A student who is expelled or suspended from school during any semester, without having completed the amount of work required for eligibility, cannot be eligible during the immediate subsequent semester.

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~~6-1-5~~ The eligibility of a student who attended another school during the preceding or current semester must be established by an official transcript or certificate signed by the principal of the school from which said student transferred.

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~~6-1-6~~ Credits or grades recorded in the established and approved school manner shall be regarded as official and final in determining eligibility.

Sec 9 Rule 7—Residence Requirements

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~~7-0-0~~ For the purpose of determining athletic eligibility there shall be in each county a geographic division (school zone) or territory from which each secondary school will receive students who reside or establish residence in said zone. A student whose parents reside, or who establish residence, within that zone shall be eligible in the secondary school, or other public secondary school located in the same or any other school zone or state, said student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for a period of 120 instructional days from the date of enrollment in the school of said student's home zone. The same rule would apply to those students transferring from a public secondary school to a member private or parochial school located in the same zone or any other West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission member secondary school. [Exceptions to this rule are provided in Rule 7-2-0 and Rule 7-5-0 of these Bylaws.]

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~~7-0-1~~ The geographic division (school zone) for public secondary schools shall be established either by official action of the Board of Education of the said county or by precedent. The geographic division (school zone) for Catholic secondary schools shall be defined by the West Virginia Diocesan Board of Education and approved by the Board of Appeals. The geographical division (school zone) for private secondary schools shall be defined by the governing body of said schools and approved by the Board of Appeals.

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~~7-0-2~~ A student who completes the highest grade of an elementary school or a junior high school and enrolls for the first time in the next succeeding grade of the junior high school or the senior high school located in his home zone shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided he is otherwise eligible.

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~~7-0-3~~ In broken home cases, the mother's residence shall be considered to be the legal residence of the student except where court action has previously established another person as having custody of the student. In cases where neither parent is able to establish a home for a student or both parents refuse to do so, or both abandon the student, the Board of Appeals shall use discretionary power to determine the status of the student's eligibility for interscholastic athletic partici-

pation. The proof of such status must be established by the student or by close relatives, and by the school or schools desiring to permit him to participate in interscholastic athletics. Any attempt to establish two homes shall be considered as an attempt to evade the rule.

- 9.5 ~~7-04~~ When the parents or guardians of a student have made a bona fide change of residence during the school term to a new school zone, the student is immediately as eligible in the school of the zone to which his parents or guardians move as he was in the school from which he withdrew. Should the student elect to remain in the school of the zone from which his parents moved, he may retain eligibility in that school only until the end of that school year. However, should such change of residence take place after the student's eleventh grade year (Junior), he may retain eligibility in that school during his twelfth grade year (Senior) provided he is otherwise eligible.
- 9.6 ~~7-05~~ An exception to the above provisions of the RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS shall be made in the case of an "AFS" or other Foreign-Exchange student who desires to participate in interscholastic athletic or band activities during his one year residence in the State. Said student must meet the other eligibility requirements. However, if said student is a "graduate" student, i.e., he has already graduated from a secondary school in his home country, he will not be eligible under any circumstances to participate in interscholastic athletic activities sponsored by this Commission.
- 9.7 ~~7-10~~ A student is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in any secondary school located outside his zone until he **has been enrolled in a member school** in that zone for a period of 120 instructional days, unless that student has been in attendance in that school zone for no less than three immediate preceding years (as a non-resident of that zone). There can be no change of residence to any other attendance zone at any time during this three year period. A student who has established eligibility in a junior high school of a particular zone shall not be required to forfeit a second year of eligibility upon his promotion to a senior high school in that same zone.
- 9.8 ~~7-11~~ School executives are reminded that the Activities Commission Transfer Forms are to be executed for all transfer pupils before the privilege of interscholastic competition is given in order that the participant's complete interscholastic record may be known.
- 9.9 ~~7-12~~ A supply of Transfer Blanks may be secured from the Executive Secretary's office. A transfer form must accompany the student to a new school.
- 9.10 ~~7-13~~ The fact that transfer has or has not been issued on the basis that the student pays or does not pay his tuition has no bearing on the interpretation of this rule.
- 9.11 ~~7-20~~ A student from a broken home who is in the care of the Department of Public Assistance of West Virginia shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as a member of the athletic teams of the high school in the zone in which said Department of Public Assistance places him in a home, provided he is otherwise eligible under the rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- 9.12 ~~7-30~~ Where a town or city is located partially in two counties, and where only one high school is available in the town or city, students living in the town, or city, are eligible in said high school irrespective of the county in which they live. If each of the counties maintains a high school in the town or city, the county line defines the zone of each school, except as provided in Rule 7-0-1 with respect to Catholic and private secondary schools.
- 9.13 ~~7-40~~ State lines are considered zone lines in interpretation of these rules.
- 9.14 ~~7-50~~ The Board of Appeals is authorized to grant exceptions to the provisions of Rule 7 when it finds the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended, or when it finds that the rule works an undue hardship upon the student.

Sec 10 Rule 8—Adoption and Guardianship

- 10.1 ~~8-0-0~~ The residence of parents by adoption shall constitute the residence of their adopted child for the purposes of these rules when, and only when, the student is legally adopted.
- 10.2 ~~8-0-1~~ The residence of a testamentary guardian shall constitute the residence of his ward when, and only when, (1) such testamentary guardian has been duly appointed by the last will and testament of the student's last surviving natural parent, (2) said testamentary guardian has duly qualified as such before the proper tribunal in West Virginia, and (3) the student is actually residing in the household of his testamentary guardian at the time of his sports participation.
- 10.3 ~~8-0-2~~ The residence of a guardian shall constitute the residence of his ward when, and only when, (1) the guardian has been appointed or approved as such by order of a circuit court of West Virginia or by a court of record in some other state, (2) such circuit court or court of record in some other state has in addition to such appointment or approval awarded or approved the awarding of the legal custody of such student to his guardian, and (3) the student is actually residing in the household of his guardian/custodian at the time of his sports participation.
- 10.4 ~~8-0-3~~ Except as provided in Rule 7-2-0, the residence of a person exercising the position of guardian but not custodian of a student or exercising the position of custodian but not guardian of a student shall not constitute the residence of such student under these rules.
- 10.5 ~~8-0-4~~ Effective retroactively orders of any circuit court or court of record of any other state shall not have the effect of retroactively establishing residence of a student under these rules.
- 10.6 ~~8-0-5~~ A person shall not be considered the guardian of a student for the purpose of these rules until he has qualified as such guardian by meeting all the prerequisites therefore as prescribed by law and the order of the appointing court of record.
- 10.7 ~~8-0-6~~ Any student is eligible to practice in any sport for any school he then attends regardless of residence, except as provided in Rule 3-5-0, but no student may compete for his school in any sport on the basis of the residence of his guardian/custodian unless written evidence of (1) a court record appointment or approval of his guardian, and (2) an order awarding custody or approving the award of custody to such guardian is furnished to the Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission before such sports participation. When a student has complied with the provisions of this rule, he becomes eligible immediately.

Sec 11 Rule 9—Undue Influence

- 11.1 ~~9-0-0~~ Any student who changes his place of residence and/or transfers to another school for athletic purposes through or by influence of any person and/or group of persons shall be ineligible in the school to which he transfers.
- 11.2 ~~9-1-0~~ Transferring of a student from one zone to another by a Board of Education may be cause for investigation of the reason for his transfer and if the Board of Appeals believes the rule has been violated the student shall be ineligible in the high school to which he transferred.
- 11.3 ~~9-2-0~~ On county borders where grade school graduates have been authorized by the two Boards of Education to enter a high school in a bordering county, choice of a school not in their home county shall not be considered undue influence unless there is evidence that the rule has been violated, but the school of original high school entry shall be considered to be in the home zone.

- 11.4 ~~9-3-0~~ Enrollment cases involving zone, county, or state lines, shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Appeals by the high schools and by the Board of Education or Boards of Education concerned with such transfers for approval before the right of competition is granted.
- 11.5 ~~9-4-0~~ Nothing in any part of Rule 9 shall abrogate any part of Rule 7.

Sec 12 ~~Rule 10~~—Definition of Undue Influence

- 12.1 ~~10-0-0~~ Undue influence means an act by any person or group connected with a school or not connected with a school to persuade a student to enroll in another member school or to persuade his parents or guardians to move to the zone of another school. Some specific examples of undue influence are (1) being asked to move by a member of a school's faculty, (2) being asked to move by booster organizations or members of such organization, (3) persuasion by any member of a school's team, (4) being given tuition, free textbooks, allowances for transportation, or consideration not accorded other students, athletic or non-athletic, (5) any other evidence that a transfer or enrollment was made because of athletic ability.

Sec 13 ~~Rule 11~~—Limited Team Membership

- 13.1 ~~11-0-0~~ During the school year and while a member of a school team, a student shall neither participate on any non-school team in the same sport, nor shall he compete as an individual unattached in non-school formally organized competition in the same sport. Violation of this provision shall cause the individual to be ineligible for further participation on his school team for that season in that particular sport. However, an exception may be made by the Board of Appeals if the student is trying out for or competing as a representative of the United States in Pan-American or Olympic activities.
- 13.2 ~~11-0-1~~ The provisions of Rule 11-0-0 do not apply to the following sports: Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Gymnastics.
- 13.3 ~~11-0-2~~ A student who has participated on a non-school team or as an individual unattached in non-school formally organized competition after the beginning practice date of that sport as specified in Rule 35-0-0 will be ineligible for participation on his school team for that season in that particular sport unless an exception has been made as is permitted in Rule 11-0-0 or Rule 11-0-1.

Sec 14 ~~Rule 12~~—Definition of a Game or Contest

- 14.1 ~~12-0-0~~ One or more of the following factors usually are present in a contest or game, any of which will serve to determine a contest: (1) Previous arrangement; (2) Advertisement; (3) Score and/or time kept; (4) Spectators present; (5) Regulation or modified rules followed; (6) Contest officiated; (7) Account of contest appearing in local paper; (8) Sufficient number of players to form two teams; (9) Admission charged.

Sec 15 ~~Rule 13~~—Awards

- 15.1 ~~13-0-0~~ Participants in interscholastic activities on an individual or team basis may accept a medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron, or any similar award given by his school or given by a non-school organization sponsoring an activity. Students who accept awards for participation in interscholastic activities, other than those approved in this rule, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities for 365 days. Any member school which gives awards in violation of the restrictions of this rule shall be subject to penalties imposed by the Board of Appeals.
- 15.2 ~~13-0-1~~ The rules governing awards apply to a student of a member school participating (as an individual or as a member of a team or group) in an activity or contest sponsored by members of this Commission or by non-school agencies or groups. The acceptance of awards (other than those approved in these rules) for participa-

tion in impromptu interscholastic contests, or activities sponsored by clubs, churches, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc., not approved by this Commission, shall be considered a violation of these rules.

- 15.3 ~~13-0-2~~ Awards from any source, which are not approved by this Commission, consist of wearing apparel (sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.), equipment (radios, television sets, etc.), athletic goods (batons, tennis rackets, golf bags, tennis or golf balls, etc.), or any other merchandise or money.
- 15.4 ~~13-0-3~~ Nothing in the awards rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievements.
- 15.5 ~~13-0-4~~ Purchase by students when any part of the purchase price is donated, paid by the school, or raised through methods similar to those mentioned above is regarded as a violation.
- 15.6 ~~13-0-5~~ The rules governing awards shall not apply during the summer months when school is not in regular session. However, students must still assume responsibility for maintaining their amateur standing as detailed in Rule 14.
- 15.7 ~~13-1-0~~ This Commission does not nominate or select "all-state" teams in any sport.
- 15.8 ~~13-2-0~~ Participants in conferences, meets, or tournaments shall not receive awards as members of all-star, all-conference, or all-tournament teams, provided, however, that participants in meets, conferences, and tournaments sponsored and approved by the Board of Appeals may receive awards for individual performance if such awards are presented by the school personnel approved by the Board of Appeals to direct the meet, conference, or tournament.
- 15.9 ~~13-2-1~~ Group action by auxiliary agencies, boosters clubs, and associations in the raising of funds for the purpose of awards by such means as dances, shows, entertainment, sales of refreshments, etc., shall be a violation of this rule.

Sec 16 Rule 14—Violations of Amateur Practices

- 16.1 ~~14-0-0~~ Any student who has used, or is using, his athletic skill or knowledge of athletics for personal gain, who has contested with or against a professional in any match, game, or contest, or who has competed under an assumed name shall be ineligible for any contest.
- 16.2 ~~14-0-1~~ A student who has ceased to be an amateur athlete shall not be eligible to represent his school in any contest.
- 16.3 ~~14-0-2~~ A pupil having lost his amateur standing may be reinstated by the Board of Appeals after the lapse of one complete high school season, provided he has not persisted in breaking the amateur rule.
- 16.4 ~~14-0-3~~ An amateur athlete loses his amateur standing if he receives money for participating in any sport.
- 16.5 ~~14-0-4~~ A professional in one sport is considered a professional in all sports.
- 16.6 ~~14-0-5~~ Caddying for pay shall not be considered as a violation under this rule.
- 16.7 ~~14-0-6~~ This rule will be interpreted strictly in connection with all sports sponsored or promoted by outside groups. Interpretations for individual sport contests should be secured in advance.
- 16.8 ~~14-0-7~~ In order that students may not be denied the opportunity or the right to play summer baseball, golf, or tennis, the following exception to several provisions of

Rule 14 is hereby authorized:

A student may play summer baseball, golf or tennis, with or against professional players and still retain his amateur standing, so long as he does not receive pay for his services or his expenses. However, he may have his expenses paid.

~~14.9 14-0-0~~ Since high school students must assume responsibility for keeping their amateur standing above suspicion, that part of the exception which provides that a student may have his expenses paid but may not receive pay for his expenses, is intended to assist in safeguarding against the practice of padding an expense account to the extent that pay may actually be received for playing.

Sec 17 Rule 15—Ineligible Participants

~~14.1~~ 15-0-0 Any student who participates in an interscholastic athletic event as an ineligible player, either knowingly or inadvertently, shall be ineligible for further participation in any interscholastic athletic event for a period of 365 days from the last date of such participation as an eligible player.

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Legislative Rule

West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission

Series 3

Provisions governing contests

Section 1 General

1.1 Scope - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests.

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PART B—PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS**Sec 2 ~~Rule 16~~—Competition Limited to Eligibles**

- 2.1 ~~16-0-0~~ A member school of this Commission shall not enter any athletes or athletic teams in any contest whatsoever unless the athletes or athletic teams of such member school shall be eligible under Part A of the Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. This rule also applies to second or reserve teams.
- 2.2 ~~16-0-1~~ When contests are held which are part of the intramural programs of schools, such contestants need not be certified as eligible under provisions of Part A of the Bylaws.
- 2.3 ~~16-0-2~~ A pupil shall not be allowed on the field of play in the athletic uniform of his school if he is not eligible to participate.
- 2.4 ~~16-0-3~~ If a school maintains separate teams in the same or related sports (example: baseball or softball) for girls and boys during the school year, regardless of the sports season, girls may not participate on boys' teams and boys may not participate on girls' teams. However, should a school not maintain separate teams in the same or related sports for boys and girls, then boys and girls may participate on the same team except in contact sports such as football and wrestling.

Sec 3 ~~Rule 17~~—Responsibility of Principal

- 3.1 ~~17-0-0~~ The principal of each school, in all matters pertaining to the interscholastic athletic relations of his school, is responsible to this Commission. He may delegate some of these powers but such delegation shall not relieve him of responsibility for any infraction, by his school, or the Constitution and Bylaws of this Commission.
- 3.2 ~~17-1-0~~ A member of the faculty must accompany each team for its games away from home. He may be substituted for by a representative properly authorized by a written statement from his principal.

Sec 4 ~~Rule 18~~—Powers and Duties of Principal

- 4.1 The Principal shall have the following powers and duties:
- a ~~18-0-0~~ To have general local control over all interscholastic athletic relations and athletic contests in which his school participates. This applies to interscholastic athletics for both girls and boys.
- b ~~18-1-0~~ To exclude any contestant who, because of bad habits or improper conduct would not represent his or her school in a becoming manner; to exclude any contestant who fails to maintain satisfactory scholastic standing, as defined in Rule 6-0-0, while a sport season is in progress and also to exclude any contestant who has suffered serious illness or injury until that contestant is pronounced physically fit by the school physician or the attending physician and the parents or guardian of said contestant shall consent to the resumption of athletic participation. (Also see Rule 33).
- c ~~18-2-0~~ To sanction all contests in which his school participates.
- d ~~18-3-0~~ To be responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending contests conducted by his school. Penalties may be imposed upon a member school whose Principal fails to provide reasonable protection for officials and visitors at home games. If a game is played at a neutral place, the principals of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for this protection. In such a case, penalties may be imposed upon either or both schools.

- e ~~18-4-0~~ To see that all contracts for athletic contests in which his school participates are in writing and bear his signature.
- f ~~18-5-0~~ The Principal or his authorized representative shall accompany his team to all contests.
- u g ~~18-6-0~~ To be responsible for certifying in writing the eligibility of all contestants in accordance with the Bylaws of this Commission.
- h ~~18-7-0~~ The principal shall have such other powers concerning interscholastic athletics within his school as are in keeping with the growth and needs of the school and which are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

Sec 5 Rule 19-Contracts

- 5.1 ~~19-0-0~~ Arrangements for games between schools shall be governed and covered by a uniform contract of which this Constitution and Bylaws shall be a part.
- 5.2 ~~19-0-1~~ The Executive Secretary shall furnish official forms to all principals belonging to this Commission.
- 5.3 ~~19-0-2~~ All contracts shall be in writing and drawn up according to the official contract form. These should include specific dates, financial guarantee provisions and adequate forfeiture stipulations. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by the Board of Appeals.
- 5.4 ~~19-0-3~~ The suspension of a school's schedule of athletic contests in a particular sport shall render its contracts with other schools in that sport null and void.
- 5.5 ~~19-0-4~~ Contracts calling for two games—home and home games—cannot be annulled unless by agreement of both principals or by order of the Board of Appeals.
- 5.6 ~~19-0-5~~ If School C delivers to School D a signed contract for a game to be played on a specified date and the contract is not returned by School D within thirty days, then if School C should sign a new contract with another school for a game on the date specified in the contract sent to School D, School C shall not be penalized for so doing.
- 5.7 ~~19-0-6~~ The Board of Appeals, under the power granted in Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution, has the authority to annul a contract which has been signed by the official representatives of the two schools which are parties to the contract, if it deems such action necessary for the furtherance of interscholastic athletics in the secondary schools in West Virginia, or if provisions of the contract are contrary to the rules of the Commission.
- 5.8 ~~19-0-7~~ An athletic contest will be considered forfeited during regular season as per contracted or tournament play as per scheduled if contest stoppage is caused by a strike by teachers, support personnel, or school patrons acting as a striking body. In cases where both participating schools are on strike, it shall be considered no contest. Games or contests stopped during regular season may be re-scheduled during that same season by agreement of the involved parties and the Board of Appeals.

Sec 6 Rule 20-Exchange of Eligibility Certificates

- 6.1 ~~20-0-0~~ At the beginning of the season of each sport approved by this Commission, or prior to the first contest, the principal shall submit to all scheduled opponents and the Executive Secretary of the Commission a master eligibility certificate containing the names of all

students to the squad or playing group then eligible for the sport under the provision of the Constitution and Bylaws.

- 6.2 ~~20-5-3~~ Names shall be written the same as those on the permanent record cards. initials or nick names shall not be used.
- 6.3 ~~20-5-4~~ At the beginning of the second semester the principal shall certify to all scheduled opponents and the Executive Secretary the names of all students of the squad who are eligible to represent his school in basketball and wrestling during the second semester.
- 6.4 ~~20-5-5~~ The names of the players on all junior high school teams and teams from the ninth grade of the four-year high school and seven, eight and nine of a six-year high school shall be submitted on the master eligibility certificate prepared for use by the junior high school.
- 6.5 ~~20-5-6~~ Addition to the squad shall be certified at once to the Executive Secretary and competing schools in a similar manner on an additional master certificate.
- 6.6 ~~20-5-7~~ Failure to send the required certificates to the opponents in accordance with the provisions above shall render the offending school liable to a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) to be paid to each opponent to whom such certificates was not sent.
- 6.7 ~~20-5-8~~ Any school failing to send master eligibility certificates to the Executive Secretary at the required time shall, after two weeks notice by the Executive Secretary, be subject to the penalties imposed by the Board of Appeals.
- 6.8 ~~20-5-9~~ This rule shall apply to varsity or "A" teams, second or "B" teams or so-called junior teams, junior high school teams, and teams from the ninth grade of a four-year high school. Should a school have teams other than those specifically mentioned, which represent said school in interscholastic athletics, this rule shall apply to those teams.
- 6.9 ~~20-5-10~~ All athletic eligibility certificates shall be certified by the principals of competing schools. Certification shall be based on a birth certificate and complete information concerning the student's scholastic and athletic history. Questionable cases shall be approved by the Executive Secretary before privilege of participation is given.
- 6.10 ~~20-5-11~~ Questionable cases may arise if a birth certificate is not filed near the time of birth. In such case it is usually customary to accept grade school records. If these records are at variance, the earliest date of birth will be used. Original records of attending physician(s), baptismal records and entries made in family Bibles, if made near the time of birth, are acceptable evidence. However, statements or affidavits made by "friends" or even parents ten or more years after birth and based on memory are not acceptable if opposed by contrary written records. Furthermore, delayed birth certificates recorded after the student has entered the 7th grade are not acceptable if opposed by contrary written records.
- 6.11 ~~20-5-12~~ If a school knowingly or inadvertently permits an ineligible player to represent it in an interscholastic contest, all games in which such ineligible player participated shall be automatically forfeited. [NOTE: Should such violation occur during tournament play, the last team defeated would be named to proceed to subsequent games.]
- 6.12 ~~20-5-13~~ The Executive Secretary shall furnish master eligibility forms to all member principals of this Commission.
- 6.13 ~~20-5-14~~ The purpose of this section is to clarify eligibility in advance of contests rather than subsequently. The Commission will expect schools to check with care all certificates submitted and to report at once to the competing school any seemingly authentic information indicating the ineligibility of a player and will look with disfavor on protests made after games have been played unless it can be shown that evidence of ineligibility was not in hand or available before the contest.

- 6.14 ~~20-9-3~~ When a change is made in the record of age, number of semesters of attendance, or semester credits from that which has previously appeared on eligibility certificates and when such a change would be to the advantage of the student concerned, it shall not be accepted as official until permission has been secured from the Board of Appeals.
- 6.15 ~~20-9-4~~ If a student is ineligible at the time the eligibility certificate is due, his name may not be placed on the certificate. His promise to perform the required work before the hour of the game would not make him eligible because the eligibility statement is a pledge of what he has done rather than what he has promised to do.

Sec 7 Rule 21—Coaches

- 7.1 ~~21-0-0~~ Only a member of a school faculty, a substitute teacher, or a student teacher within a public, private or parochial school system shall be allowed to coach an athletic team within that school system's public, private or parochial schools.
- 7.2 ~~21-0-1~~ A member of a faculty shall be considered one who is a full-time teacher as defined by the West Virginia State Department of Education. A member of a faculty in one school may coach in another school in the same county only upon the approval of the said County Board of Education.
- 7.3 ~~21-0-2~~ A substitute teacher is defined as a person who has met the licensure requirements as specified by the West Virginia State Board of Education and has been approved as a substitute teacher of that county board of education, private or parochial school.
- 7.4 ~~21-0-3~~ A college student fulfilling teacher training responsibilities as a student teacher may be assigned certain coaching responsibilities during that period of training. This assignment will be administratively consistent with their role in the classroom and shall be approved by the county board of education, private or parochial schools. Said student teacher will work directly under the supervision of the appointed coach or assistant coach.
- 7.5 ~~21-0-4~~ Coaching shall be interpreted to mean instruction, direction or supervision of members of athletic teams, individually or as a group, for the purpose of developing ability or skill to perform in athletic contests.

Sec 8 Rule 22—Officials

- 8.1 ~~22-0-0~~ Officials for interscholastic contests shall be mutually agreed upon by the competing schools at least two weeks before the scheduled date of contest. Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools shall not officiate at the contest unless the consent of all competing schools is given.
- 8.2 ~~22-0-1~~ Schools which take their teams off the field or floor on account of alleged poor officiating may not expect to collect their expenses and guarantees. When the game begins, each school waives all of its rights as far as objecting to the officials is concerned. Any school which takes its team off the field or floor on account of dissatisfaction with the officiating renders itself liable to severe discipline by the Commission. In most states the penalty for this is suspension.
- 8.3 ~~22-0-2~~ The visiting school is responsible for selection of game officials to the extent that selection is made possibly by mutual agreement. The initiative is placed upon the host school by the rules. However, if names are not submitted in accordance with the rules the visiting school should take steps to secure agreement upon satisfactory officials.

5.4 ~~22-0-3~~ As the rules of this Commission do not give the Board of Appeals authority to order games replayed, protests arising from the decisions of officials will not be considered. Great care should be exercised to secure competent officials, then their decisions shall be accepted as final.

5.5 ~~22-0-4~~ The Executive Secretary shall be empowered to authorize the use of non-registered officials for athletic contests where work stoppages arising over wage disputes between registered officials and schools threaten the cancellation of said scheduled athletic contests.

5.6 ~~22-0-5~~ All officials registered with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are subject to and required to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in these bylaws and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Officials Handbook, which is revised and published yearly. Also, all WVSSAC registered officials are provided the same opportunity for appeal of any decision as set forth in these same bylaws.

Sec 9 **Rule 23—Game Officials Registration Plan**

9.1 ~~23-0-0~~ To improve athletic officiating and to secure acceptance of standard interpretations of rules and application of officiating techniques, a game officials registration plan shall be established, by the Board of Appeals. Officials used in interscholastic games and contests played in West Virginia must be registered with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, except in case of emergency, Rule 22-0-4 may be invoked. The use of at least one such registered official in interscholastic games and contests among junior high member schools of said Commission is recommended.

Sec 10 **Rule 24—Football Games and Practice**

10.1 ~~24-0-0~~ A high school football team shall not play a game of football until its school term has officially begun except as provided in Rule 24-1-0 and it has had a practice session on at least fourteen days prior to the first game. The one pre-season interscholastic scrimmage, permitted elsewhere in these rules, may be counted as a practice session. The school term for any football team begins on that date set by its County Board of Education for the official opening of school.

10.2 ~~24-1-0~~ The earliest playing date for football shall be the weekend prior to the Labor Day weekend.

10.3 ~~24-2-0~~ The following table establishes, for senior high schools, the earliest date organized football practice may begin, the first date to use pads with non-live contact, the first date to use pads with total contact allowed, and the earliest date the first football game may be played for the years so specified. However, in areas where a playing field is used by more than one high school to play its football games, upon written request, the Board of Appeals is authorized to grant permission for a football team to play its first game one day earlier than the date so specified below:

Year	First Date Organized Practice	First Date Pads No Live Contact*	First Date Live Contact Allowed	Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-A-Rama	Date For First Football Game	Date Season Must Be Completed
1964	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	A. 24/25	Nov. 10
1965	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 14	Aug. 17	A. 23/24	Nov. 9
1966	Aug. 1	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	A. 22/23	Nov. 8
1967	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	A. 28/29	Nov. 7
1968	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	A. 26/27	Nov. 5
1969	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	A. 25/26	Nov. 4
1970	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	A. 24/25	Nov. 3

Year	PLAY-OFF DATES		
	1st Round	2nd Round	Championship
1984	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
1985	Nov. 15/16	Nov. 22/23	Nov. 29/30
1986	Nov. 14/15	Nov. 21/22	Nov. 27/29
1987	Nov. 13/14	Nov. 20/21	Nov. 27/28
1988	Nov. 11/12	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 25/26
1989	Nov. 10/11	Nov. 17/18	Nov. 24/25
1990	Nov. 9/10	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24

*NOTE: This refers to no live contact between players; use of pads, shields and blocking dummies will be allowed. The purpose is to permit gradual adaptation of the players to carrying the weight of their pads prior to live contact with other players in humid temperatures.

- 10.4 ~~243-0~~ The following table establishes, for junior high schools, the earliest date organized football practice may begin and the dates for first live-contact, first game and end of season.

Year	First Organized Practice	First Date Pads - No Live Contact	Date - Live Contact Allowed Full Equip.	Date For First Game	Date Season Must Be Completed
1984	Aug. 8	Not Permitted	Aug. 24	Sept. 6	Nov. 3
1985	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 12	Nov. 9
1986	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 11	Nov. 8
1987	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 22	Sept. 10	Nov. 7
1988	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 24	Sept. 8	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 7	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 6	Nov. 3

- 10.5 ~~244-0~~ A member school of this Commission shall not engage in any form of out-of-season football practice.

- 10.6 ~~245-0~~ No football camps shall be permitted for member schools of this Commission. Football camps are interpreted to mean camps sponsored by schools or by others where football coaching and instruction is given.

- 10.7 ~~246-0~~ Not more than ten interscholastic football games shall be played in any season by a senior high school team. However, a football team may be permitted to participate in not more than one pre-season interscholastic scrimmage. Admission may be charged for such scrimmage. Such scrimmage shall not be conducted under game conditions. The use of registered officials to officiate such scrimmage shall not be considered a violation of the "game conditions" rule.

- 10.8 ~~246-1~~ A high school football team is permitted to participate in a Grid-O-Rama or to continue in the present pre-season football scrimmage that is now allowed. Admission may be charged. Teams desiring to participate shall be allowed to play two quarters of football time. The current rules that are in effect in the present pre-season scrimmage would also apply in the football Grid-O-Rama.

- 10.9 ~~247-0~~ The total number of quarters, in any season, in which a senior high school player may play on his school's football teams shall not exceed forty, exclusive of State Championship Play-off games which are sponsored by this Commission and directed by the Board of Appeals.

- 10.10 ~~248-0~~ Not more than eight interscholastic football games shall be played by a junior high school team; and the total number of quarters, in any season, in which a player on a junior high school team may play, shall not exceed thirty-two. An interscholastic scrimmage may be substituted for one of the allowable eight interscholastic games.

- 10.11 ~~248-1~~ Junior High School football teams may be permitted to play overtime periods in County or League Playoffs or when advancement to finals must be determined.

mined during County or League Championship Playoffs. A maximum of two overtime periods shall be permitted in accordance with the National Federation of Football Rules 10 yard overtime procedure.

10.12 ~~24.00~~ An organized or supervised conditioning program beginning on or after August 1 each year for senior high schools and August 8 each year for junior high schools, conducted by member schools for the purpose of preparing boys for the opening of football practice, shall not constitute a violation of this Commission's rules and regulations prohibiting out-of-season football practice. The use of football uniforms, protective equipment, tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices, is strictly prohibited. Such conditioning program shall not be conducted on Sundays.

(See NOTE at end of Chart in Rule 24-2-0).

10.13 ~~24.01~~ Interscholastic practice games or games in which teams representing a member school play against players or students who are not enrolled in said member school shall be counted in the maximum number of games a member school may play in any season.

10.14 ~~24.02~~ Football practice means any organized or supervised practice on the part of players or on the part of players and coaches or coaches' representatives. For instance, a group of three boys passing and kicking a football would not be considered organized practice. A group of three students following a definitely laid out plan of offensive and defensive line play, given them by a coach, would be considered as organized practice. Mapping out by a coach of a definite course of practice to be followed by small groups during the summer or spring would be considered as organized and supervised practice.

10.15 ~~24.03~~ Football practice shall be considered any type of sport organized to promote efficiency in any one of the various aspects of football. Rugby and Touch football featuring blocking, tackling, etc., shall be considered "Organized Football."

10.16 ~~24.04~~ Football training, on the football field or on the gymnasium floor, shall not be held during the prohibited practice season. Rumors, sometimes confirmed, have circulated that football coaches have boys report, during the winter or spring, or to have a center and the backs report for passing and information drills. This produces dissatisfaction on the part of coaches who hear these reports, but who are not allowed to avoid the rules by such subterfuge.

10.17 ~~24.05~~ The Commission intends by this rule to emphasize the desirability of participation in seasonal activities rather than in specialization on football at the expense of teaching such skills as tennis, golf, track, baseball, etc. The rule does not in any way interfere with the teaching of fundamental athletic skills in the regular physical education program of the school.

10.18 ~~24.06~~ All rules and regulations of these Bylaws pertaining to football are also applicable to six-man and eight-man football.

See 11 Rule 25—Basketball Games and Season

11.1 ~~25.00~~ The maximum number of interscholastic basketball games played in any one season by a member senior high school shall not exceed twenty, exclusive of games played in tournaments sponsored by this Commission. The total number of quarters in any season in which a senior high school player may participate on his or her school's basketball team shall not exceed eighty, exclusive of quarters played in tournaments sponsored by this Commission. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than four quarters in any one day. Any participation in a quarter, regardless of the length of time played, is to be considered one quarter. However, in any overtime game, the extra period or periods are to be considered an extension of the fourth quarter.

- 11.2 ~~25-0-1~~ A senior high school basketball team may be permitted to participate in not more than two pre-season interscholastic scrimmages. Such scrimmages shall not be conducted under game conditions. The use of registered officials to officiate such scrimmages shall not be considered a violation of the "game conditions" rule.
- 11.3 ~~25-0-2~~ A senior high school basketball team may participate in one holiday tournament with no more than four (4) teams participating. A team may not play more than two games in said tournament. The game(s) played shall count as one game only in the team's regular schedule.
- 11.4 ~~25-1-0~~ A senior high school basketball team for girls may begin organized practice for basketball on August 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held on each of at least 14 days prior to said first game. Organized practice sessions and play for basketball shall end at such time as said team is eliminated from sectional, regional, or state tournament play.
- 11.5 ~~25-1-1~~ A senior high school basketball team for boys may begin organized practice on November 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held for fourteen (14) days in December. Organized practice sessions and play for basketball shall end at such time as said team is eliminated from its sectional, regional or state tournament.
- 11.6 ~~25-2-0~~ The maximum number of interscholastic basketball games played in any one season by a member junior high school shall not exceed twenty, including all tournament games. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than four (4) quarters in one (1) day. Any participation in a quarter, regardless of the length of time played, is to be considered one quarter. However, in any over-time game, the extra period or periods are to be considered an extension of the fourth quarter. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than eighty (80) quarters in one season, including all tournament games. All tournament participation involving awards must be approved by the WVSSAC at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.
- 11.7 ~~25-2-1~~ A junior high school basketball team for girls may begin organized practice for basketball on the opening day of school. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions for basketball have been held on each of at least fourteen days prior to said first game. Organized practice sessions and play shall end for said junior high school basketball team when its schedule has been completed or when it has been eliminated from a tournament approved by the Board of Appeals.
- 11.8 ~~25-2-2~~ A junior high school team for boys may begin organized practice for basketball on November 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held for fourteen days in December. Organized practice sessions and play shall end for said junior high school basketball team when its schedule has been completed or when it has been eliminated from a tournament approved by the Board of Appeals.
- 11.9 ~~25-3-0~~ Tournament play on the state level for member junior high schools shall be prohibited.
- 11.10 ~~25-4-0~~ Interscholastic practice games or games in which teams representing a member school play against players or students who are enrolled in said member school shall be counted in the maximum number of games a member school may play in any season. Provided, however, that a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of that member school may meet in one game each season and such game shall not be considered a violation of any provision of these rules and such game shall not be counted as one of the maximum number of games a member school is permitted to play in any one season.

- 11.1 ~~25-4-1~~ A basketball game played between a team representing a member school and a team composed of members of the faculty of said school is permissible and such game shall not be counted as one of the maximum number of games a member school is permitted to play in any one season.
- 11.2 ~~25-4-2~~ A high school may have a complete schedule for the second team in any sport. Each school team shall be considered a representative of the high school and, as such, shall be governed by all of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission rules.
- 11.3 ~~25-4-3~~ It is not permissible for an "A" team or "first" team to be designated as a "B" team and thus evade the spirit of the games limitation rule. The wording of the rule and the spirit of the rule are clear and binding.

Sec 12 ~~Rule 26~~—Classification of Schools
(Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Track, and Baseball)

- 12.1 ~~26-0-0~~ There shall be three classes of schools for football, basketball and baseball: Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition between classes.
- 12.2 ~~26-1-0~~ Provisions for football, basketball and baseball as adopted by the Board of Appeals:
- 12.2.1 ~~26-1-1~~ There will be three classes of football, basketball and baseball: Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A.
- 12.2.2 ~~26-1-2~~ Classification shall be determined every two years on the even number years. Such classification shall be based on the second school month's enrollment of the immediately preceding odd numbered year. Said classification shall remain in effect for a two-year period.
- 12.2.3 ~~26-1-3~~ The enrollment standard for Rule 26-1-2 shall be the Active enrollment of students in grades 10, 11 and 12 at the end of the second month of the preceding odd numbered year.

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1. Class AAA — Active enrollment of 619 or more students
2. Class AA — Active enrollment of 318 to 618 students inclusive
3. Class A — Active enrollment of 317 students or less

- 12.2.4 ~~26-1-4~~ Options:
A Class AA school may choose to compete in Class AAA if it so desires. In so doing it becomes AAA for all point calculations.
A Class A school may choose to compete in Class AA. If so, it becomes AA for all point calculations.
Any choice of Classifications under the above regulations shall be made prior to April 1 of the even numbered years.

- 12.3 ~~26-2-0~~ Provisions for Commission Sponsored Region and State Track and Field Meets:
- 12.3.1 ~~26-2-1~~ There shall be two classifications for competition in track and field for boys. Class AAA and Class AA. Schools classified as Class AAA in football shall comprise Class AAA in track and field. Schools classified Class AA and Class A in football shall comprise Class AA in track and field.
- 12.3.2 ~~26-2-2~~ There shall be two classifications for competition in track and field for girls. Class AAA and Class AA. Schools classified as Class AAA in basketball shall comprise Class AAA in track and field. Schools classified as Class AA and Class A in basketball shall comprise Class AA in track and field.

12.4 ~~26-3-0~~ Classification of schools for wrestling.

- 4 ~~26-3-1~~ There shall be two classes for competition in wrestling: Class AAA and Class AA. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition in and between the two classes.
- 4 ~~26-3-2~~ Schools classified as AAA may compete only against AAA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments.
- C ~~26-3-3~~ Schools classified as AA may compete only against AA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments. However, if any school classified as AA chooses to compete against AAA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments it may do so provided such choice is registered with the Executive Secretary prior to the school's first contest of the wrestling season.
- d ~~26-3-4~~ Class AAA — Active enrollment of 619 or more students; Class AA — Active enrollment of 618 or less students.

Sec 13 ~~Rule 27~~—Football Rating Plan

- 13.1 ~~27-0-0~~ The Board of Appeals is authorized to adopt a point rating system for football for the purpose of determining a State Champion in all classes.
- 13.2 ~~27-1-0~~ The Point Rating Plan and an Eight-Team Play-off Plan as adopted by the Board of Appeals to determine the State Football Champion in each class will be found in a separate publication entitled:
 ← FOOTBALL—Play-Off Manual

- 13.3 ~~27-1-1~~ The general authority to conceive and adopt said plans is granted by statute (March 11, 1967). The aforementioned publication is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29-A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended. Therefore, the provisions of said rating and play-off plans shall be considered as part of the basic rules and the Bylaws and shall have the same force and effect as the rules and regulations found in this ~~Rules and Regulations HANDBOOK~~. *these rules* *

Sec 14 ~~Rule 28~~—Legal Opponents

- 14.1 ~~28-0-0~~ Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate in any interscholastic athletic contest, meet or tournament with any West Virginia secondary school which is not a member of this Commission, except as provided in Rule 28-0-1.
- 14.2 ~~28-0-1~~ Article III of the Constitution defines membership in this Commission. Rule 28-0-0 applies only to a member school participating in interscholastic athletic contests with secondary schools of this state whose principal or headmaster is eligible for membership but who is not a member of this Commission.
- 14.3 ~~28-0-2~~ With the exception of the restrictions in Rule 43 governing interscholastic athletic contests, nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit interscholastic athletic contests between member schools of this Commission and public, private or parochial secondary schools in this state or in other states which are not eligible for membership in this Commission.
- 14.4 ~~28-0-3~~ In an interstate contest, each school will play under its own rules of eligibility for players. All interstate contests should be contracted for on the National Federation Interstate Contract Forms, which may be obtained without cost from the Executive Secretary's office. West Virginia conferences that wish to admit schools

from other states, who make formal application for membership, may require them to abide by the rules as set forth in the HANDBOOK of the WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION under Part A, Provisions Governing Eligibility.

Sec 15 ~~Rule 29~~ **Participation Limited to Members**

- 15.1 ~~29-0-0~~ Participation in tournaments and meets, sponsored by this Commission and directed by the Board of Appeals, shall be limited exclusively to members of this Commission.
- 15.2 ~~29-0-1~~ Member junior high schools may participate in county tournaments with schools which are not eligible for membership in this Commission, provided, such schools are members of a local county conference or league and such tournaments have been approved by the Board of Appeals.

Sec 16 ~~Rule 30~~ **State Championships**

- 16.1 ~~30-0-0~~ The Board of Appeals may divide the state into sections and regions for the purpose of determining championships in the sports sponsored by this Commission. The Board of Appeals shall have charge of directing and making necessary arrangements for tournaments, meets and contests leading to and including state championships. However, the Principals of involved schools will be consulted and given the opportunity to participate in the alignment of schools for sectional and regional tournaments.
- 16.2 ~~30-0-1~~ The Board of Appeals shall have general control over sectional tournaments; the detailed management of these sectional tournaments, however, shall be under the control of the schools assigned to each respective section.
- 16.3 ~~30-0-2~~ All net earnings from tournaments conducted under the supervision of the Board of Appeals shall be turned over to the Commission unless otherwise specified by the Board of Control. Sectional assessments, or fees, shall not exceed the cost of the tournament trophy.
- 16.4 ~~30-0-3~~ The Board of Appeals may approve participation by member junior high schools in county, league or conference tournament. Tournament play on the state level for member junior high schools shall be prohibited.
- 16.5 ~~30-0-4~~ The Courtesy and Identification cards issued by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may be used for all tournament games prior to State Tournament.

Sec 17 ~~Rule 31~~ **Sunday Contests Banned**

- 17.1 ~~31-0-0~~ Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not engage in any contest, meet, or tournament on Sunday. This rule shall also apply to Sunday practice. However, in case of emergency, State Tournament baseball and softball games may be played on Sunday after 1:00 P.M.

Sec 18 ~~Rule 32~~ **Schools on Probation**

- 18.1 ~~32-0-0~~ A member school shall not compete in interscholastic athletics with another member school which has lost its privilege to participate in interscholastic athletic events as one of the provisions of having been placed on probation by the Board of Appeals (See Rule 36-1-2). Such restriction shall extend for the duration of the probation period. Member schools failing to obey this rule shall be subject to the same penalty.
- 18.2 ~~32-0-1~~ Member schools of this Commission shall not compete in interscholastic athletics with schools of other states which are under suspension or probation by their State Association, if the West Virginia Commission has received and published notice of such suspension or probation. Members of the West Virginia

Secondary School Activities Commission may ascertain whether or not out-of-state schools are members of their state Associations by writing to the office of the Executive Secretary.

Sec 19 **Rule 33—Physical Examination and Parental Permission**

- 14 1 1 ~~33-0-0~~ A student shall not be permitted to engage in practice for, or to play in an interscholastic contest, unless he shall have filed with his high school principal a certificate of physical fitness issued by a competent physician prior to the student's first practice or participation that school year.
- 19 2 ~~33-1-0~~ The parent's consent for the student to participate in interscholastic athletic competition, likewise, shall be presented to the high school principal and kept on file. After any lapse in practice or participation because of injury or illness, the principal shall secure a new physical fitness and parental consent permit.

Sec 20 ~~Rule 34~~ **Official Rules for Sports**

- 20 1 ~~34-0-0~~ The interscholastic editions of official rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, or by committees thereof, shall be used in contests, meets, and tournaments played by members of this Commission, except where the Board of Appeals may modify or prescribe special rules governing specific events or situations. In the latter case, the rules of the Board of Appeals as published in special bulletins or in THE INTERSCHOLASTIC shall apply.
- 22 1 ~~34-0-1~~ In the absence of publishing interscholastic editions for golf, tennis, and softball, and until such rules are published, the Board of Appeals may authorize competition under prevailing regulations and rules for amateur competition.
- 24 3 ~~34-1-0~~ Member schools of this Commission shall not engage in interscholastic boxing.

Sec 21 **Rule 35—Organized Practice Periods**

21 1 ~~35-0-0~~ The following table establishes the general period of time in which organized practice may be conducted and also establishes student participation limits for the various sports sponsored by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission:

SPORT	DATE SEASON BEGINS ¹	DATE SEASON ENDS	PARTICIPATION LIMIT (IN SEASON)	
			Team	Individual
Cross Country	August 15	State Finals	No Limit	No Limit
Football				
High School	August 1 ²	Play-Off Finals	2 10 Games	2 40 Quarters
Jr. High School	August 8 ⁴	(See Play-Off Manual)	8 Games	32 Quarters
Basketball				
GIRLS				
High School	August 15	Tournament Elimination	2 21 Games	2 84 Quarters (4 Quarters/Day)
Jr. High School	Date Teachers Report	Week-End Prior to High School Sectional	20 Games	80 Quarters (4 Quarters/Day)
BOYS				
High School	November 15	Tournament Elimination	2 21 Games	2 84 Quarters (4 Quarters/Day)
Jr. High School	November 15	Week-End Prior to High School Sectional	20 Games	80 Quarters (4 Quarters/Day)
Wrestling	November 15	State Finals	2 16 Matches	No Limit
Volleyball	December 1	State Finals	No Limit	No Limit
Track	March 1	State Finals	No Limit	No Limit (See Nat. Fed. Rule 4-2)
Swimming	November 1	March 1	No Limit	No Limit

SPORT	DATE SEASON BEGINS ¹	DATE SEASON ENDS	PARTICIPATION LIMIT (IN SEASON)	
			Team	Individual
Tennis			No Limit	No Limit
High School	March 1	State Finals	No Limit	No Limit
Jr. High School	No Set Season			
Baseball	March 1	Tournament Elimination	30 Games	No Limit (See Pitching Rule)
Softball	March 1	Tournament Elimination	25 Games	No Limit (See Pitching Rule)
Golf	August 15	Tournament Elimination	No Limit	No Limit
Gymnastics	Not Established		No Limit	No Limit
Soccer	August 15	Tournament Elimination	18 Matches	36 Halves
Rowing	Not Established		No Limit	No Limit
Riflery	Not Established		No Limit	No Limit

- ¹ Must have practiced 14 days before a contest (except golf)
² Does not include Tournaments or Play-Offs Sponsored By WVSSAC
³ See Rule 24-2-0
⁴ See Rule 24-3-0

- 1.2 ~~35-0-1~~ A statement of philosophy on out-of-season participation is as follows:
- Students shall be encouraged and provided the opportunity to participate in a variety of interscholastic activities. Student athletic specialization is not a goal of interscholastics.
 - Once a school team or squad in a sport has been determined, team members shall represent only that school during that particular sport season in that sport. Representing another team or individual participation other than on that school team during that season would be a violation. (See Rule 11)
 - The intent of rules and regulations regarding participation during summer and out-of-season activities is to provide students freedom of choice, without undue pressure.
- 1.3 ~~35-0-2~~ No school-organized out-of-season practice or school-organized summer camps shall be permitted.
- 1.4 ~~35-0-3~~ A coach (see Rule 21-0-4) or his surrogate shall not work with individuals in any form of drills or practice of his/her coaching appointment except during those dates specified by Rule 35-0-0 and Rule 35-0-4 or as set forth by the Board of Appeals.
- 1.5 ~~35-0-4~~ No coach may be present as an observer, lecturer, participant, staff member, or in any capacity, at any summer camp where the number of his/her athletes (students who would be under his or her coaching the next season in that sport) exceeds fifty percent of the number of persons designated as the starting line-up in a particular WVSSAC sponsored sport; i.e., basketball — two or less; football — five or less; wrestling — six or less; baseball — four or less.
- 1.6 ~~35-0-5~~ Students throughout the school year who are not participating in a school's athletic program may voluntarily participate in an off season conditioning program subject to the following provisions:
- Participation in the program must be open to all students enrolled in the school.
 - Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.
 - Participants will furnish their own clothing (sweat suit, shoes, etc.)
 - Activities will be limited to running, weight training and calisthenics. Agility drills that do not involve specific skills of a given sport are also permitted.
 - Specific equipment pertaining to a given sport may not be used. This includes such items as footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, wrestling mats, discus, etc.

(f) In those cases where schools schedule all athletes into the last period of the school day, the guidelines in items d and e above shall apply unless the class is considered a part of the physical education program and credit is given. If this class is part of the school's physical education program, those athletes whose sport is not in season may receive instructions in a given sport or activity as long as the different periods in the daily schedule include the same instruction. The teaching units in this physical education class shall be varied and include those activities taught in other physical education classes.

- 21.7 ~~35-0-6~~ Coaches may not promote, initiate, organize, supervise, or participate in out-of-season event(s) involving his or her athletes of the same sport as their coaching assignment. An exception to the above is where the local Board of Education or other agency employs and remunerates the coach to organize and/or supervise a recreation program involving students. However, this type of assignment must be recreational in nature and involve no coaching or instruction of that same sport as his/her school coaching assignment.

Title 127
 Procedural Legislative Rules
 West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission
 Section 4
 Violations of the Athletic Rules

Section 1 General

1.1 Scope - These rules govern the procedures for protests, contested cases, and waivers of rules.

1.2 Authority - WV Code 18-2-25

1.3 Filing Date - Aug 31, 1984

1.4 Effective Date - Sept 30, 1984

PART C—VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES (ATHLETIC)**Sec 2 Rule 36—Powers of the Board of Appeals to Impose Penalties**

- 2.1 ~~36-0-0~~ All violations of rules and questions of dispute are within the power of the Board of Appeals to investigate, through the Executive Secretary, or other authorized person or persons, and to impose such penalties as are prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution and Bylaws and as listed below.
- 2.2 ~~36-1-0~~ If the Board of Appeals finds a school guilty of violating the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, said Board of Appeals has the power to:
- 3.1 ~~36-1-1~~ Declare the school ineligible for championship honors for the current year in the sport in which the offense occurred.
- 3.2 ~~36-1-2~~ Place the school on probation for a period of time not to exceed 365 days from date of such finding. Such probation may include the loss of voting rights for the member and/or the loss of the privilege of the member school to participate in any or all interscholastic events which are sanctioned, controlled or sponsored by this Commission, and/or the imposition of other restrictive measures as the Board of Appeals may deem advisable.
- 3.3 ~~36-1-3~~ Assess such fines as are deemed necessary and just.
- 3.4 ~~36-1-4~~ Impose such other additional penalties as may seem justifiable in the particular case considered.

Sec 3 Rule 37—Method for Protests—Deputies

- 3.1 ~~37-0-0~~ If charges against any member of the Commission cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the Deputy Board Member in the region in which such charges originate, then the charges shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Appeals.
- 3.2 ~~37-1-0~~ If the Executive Secretary is unable to resolve the charges in a manner satisfactory to the schools concerned he shall submit the protest to the Board of Appeals and the decision of said Board shall be final except as provided in Article XII, Section 3(a) of the Constitution.
- 3.3 ~~37-2-0~~ In no case shall a protest be heard by said Board unless the principal bringing the charges notifies in writing the principal of the school being protested. A copy of such notification shall accompany the protest sent to the Executive Secretary.
- 3.4 ~~37-3-0~~ The principal of a school against which charges have been preferred shall be permitted to appear before the Board of Appeals in defense of his school if he so desires.

Sec 4 Rule 38—Method of Protests—Executive Secretary

- 4.1 ~~38-0-0~~ If the Executive Secretary has reason to believe that any member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission has or is violating the rules of the Commission he shall make such investigation as he deems necessary to determine the innocence or guilt of the suspected member.
- 4.2 ~~38-1-0~~ The Executive Secretary shall then report his findings to the principal of the offending school and set a time and place for a meeting with the principal of the school, at which meeting the principal shall be permitted to submit any pertinent evidence in defense of his school.
- 4.3 ~~38-2-0~~ If the principal is not then satisfied with the decision of the Executive Secretary, he may request a hearing before the Board of Appeals at such time and place as is convenient for both the principal and the Board.

4.4 ~~38-3-0~~ In no case shall the Board of Appeals hear charges and render a decision unless the principal is given an opportunity to appear in defense of his school. After all evidence has been submitted the Board of Appeals shall render a decision which shall be final except as provided in Article XII, Section 3(a) of the Constitution.

Important Notes ~~e~~

4.5 ~~38-3-1~~ Schools having information or doubt about the eligibility of players should have the facts investigated and established as early as possible in the season. It is not ethical or logical to withhold protests until serious problems are involved in so doing. Register protests before contests are played if possible.

4.6 ~~38-3-2~~ Protests arising from conditions of eligibility or game arrangements too late to be adjusted before the date of the game, as well as those above which cannot be adjusted between schools, should be filed in accordance with procedures established by Rules 37 and 38.

4.7 ~~38-3-3~~ Full responsibility for eligibility of his players rests with the Principal. He should not certify players unless he knows them to be eligible. If in doubt, a ruling should be obtained in advance.

Sec 5 Rule 39—Method of Protests—Contested Cases

5.1 ~~39-0-0~~ Commencement of an appeal in a contested case by an aggrieved party hereinafter named the petitioner, shall be instituted by the filing of a verified petition which shall contain:

- (a) The name and address of the petitioner.
- (b) The interest of the petitioner.
- (c) A statement of facts.
- (d) A statement of jurisdiction.
- (e) A designation of the applicable rule or rules involved.
- (f) An assignment of errors relied upon.
- (g) A statement of the relief requested.

5.2 ~~39-1-0~~ Petitions for appeal shall be served upon the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission by registered or certified mail.

5.3 ~~39-2-0~~ The Executive Secretary, or any other interested party, may file an answer, but failure to file an answer will be interpreted as a denial of the allegations contained in the petition. If they elect to file an answer, it shall contain the following:

- (a) Allegation of facts with denials, additional facts or other pertinent data.
- (b) A statement of other applicable rules and statutes.
- (c) A statement of objections, if any, to the parties or other portion of the petition.
- (d) Designation of other interested parties.

5.4 ~~39-3-0~~ All answers shall be filed with the Board of Appeals within five (5) days after receipt of the petition for appeal and shall be served upon the petitioner in the same manner as required in subparagraph 39-1-0 above.

5.5 ~~39-4-0~~ The Board of Appeals may at its election hold a pre-hearing conference with the parties to define the issues and to consider the informal disposition of such appeal without further hearing.

5.6 ~~39-5-0~~ In the event that the parties are unable to dispose of the issues without a hearing or if the Board of Appeals elects to proceed without a pre-hearing conference, the Executive Secretary shall notify all parties by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the date, time and place set for a hearing on the appeal. The notice shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance of the time set for the hearing and shall contain a short and plain statement of the issues involved. Said hearing shall be conducted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled

eting of the Board of Appeals. In this event, costs for such a meeting shall not be taxed against the Petitioner(s).

5-1 The matter may be heard at a special meeting of the Board of Appeals provided the Petitioner(s) agree in writing to pay all costs incidental to such hearing. Such costs shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred. The Board of Appeals, in its discretion, may require the Petitioner(s) to post adequate security for such costs with the Executive Secretary.

5-2 If the Petitioner's(s) appeal should prevail at the special meeting of the Board of Appeals or at a subsequent hearing before the Review Board, the security deposit or the posted costs shall be returned to the Petitioner(s).

6-0 All parties to any appeal may represent themselves or be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia.

7-0 Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. Objections to evidentiary offers shall be noted in the record. Any party to any such hearings may vouch for the record as to any excluded testimony or other evidence.

8-0 All evidence, including papers, records, Commission staff memoranda, and documents, in the possession of the Commission, of which it desires to avail itself, shall be offered and made a part of the record in the case. Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies of excerpts or by incorporation by reference.

9-0 Every party shall have the right of cross-examination of witnesses who testify, and all have the right to submit rebuttal evidence.

10-0 All of the testimony and evidence of any such hearing shall be reported by stenographic notes and characters or by mechanical means. All rulings on the admissibility of testimony and evidence shall also be reported. The Board of Appeals shall prepare an official record, which shall include reported testimony and exhibits in each contested case, and all Commission staff memoranda and data used in consideration of the case, but it shall not be necessary to transcribe the reported testimony unless required for purpose of appeal or review. Informal disposition may also be made of any contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order or default.

Sec 6 Rule 40—Game Protested

10-0 A game played under protest may, by action of the Board of Appeals, be declared null and void if the protest is sustained.

10-1 Protests arising during the progress of a contest and as a result of the officiating of said contest should be registered with the chief game official and the contest official at the time in order to receive consideration. After the start of a game only the game official can rule on the conduct of a game.

10-2 In general the protest of a game will not be allowed by the Board of Appeals when it is based on judgment decisions on the part of an official or even on misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules.

10-3 As the rules of this Commission do not give the Board of Appeals authority to order games replayed, protests arising from the decision of officials will not be considered.

Sec 7 Rule 41—Waiver of Rules

1-0-0 A member school, through its principal, coach, or other officials, is not permitted to enter into an agreement with any other member school to waive the eligibility of students or

to waive, or change, any other requirement established in the Constitution and Bylaws.

7.2 ~~41-0-1~~ This section shall in no way interfere with the Constitutional right of the member schools, through their principals, to amend this Constitution and Bylaws as prescribed by Article IX, "Amendments," of the Constitution.

7.3 ~~41-0-2~~ Mutual agreements to create the rules of this Commission shall result, upon conviction, in the suspension of all schools concerned.

Sec 8 **Rule 42—Travel and Sanction Rule**

8.1 ~~42-0-0~~ A member school shall not enter a meet or tournament involving more than three schools, or an interscholastic game involving a round-trip of more than 600 miles, unless it has been sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and, if more than one state is involved, by the National Federation.

8.2 ~~42-0-1~~ A school may enter track meets, volleyball and wrestling matches involving more than three schools if awards are not given.

Sec 9 **Rule 43—Invitation Meets or Tournaments**

9.1 ~~43-0-0~~ A member school shall not compete in any of the following contests unless such contest has been sanctioned by each of the interested states through the National Federation.

(a) Any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate;

(b) Any interstate two-school contest which involves a round-trip exceeding 600 miles;

(c) Any interstate contest (regardless of distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member high school of a state association affiliated with the National Federation.

9.2 ~~43-0-1~~ A member school of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not enter any kind of meet or tournament held outside the State, unless it has been approved both by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; and before entering such meets each member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission must make sure that the meet has received National sanction.

9.3 ~~43-0-2~~ A member school of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not enter any kind of meet or tournament held within the State, unless approved by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such activity.

9.4 ~~43-0-3~~ The underlying principle for the above regulation is that high school athletes are provided enough competition by their own conferences and interschool schedules.

Sec 10 **Rule 44—All-Star Contests**

10.1 ~~44-0-0~~ As a member of the National Federation, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission subscribes to its policy and disapproves of participation of any high school athlete in an all-star contest in any sport.

PART D — THE BYLAWS
BAND ACTIVITIES

Sec 2 **Rule 45 — Administration**

2.1 ~~45-0-0~~ The Board of Appeals shall have authority to enforce rules and regulations and apply penalties for violations of such rules and regulations as the secondary school principals may establish by the majority vote of a quorum of principals of member schools at an annual meeting. Proposed revisions of the rules and regulations governing interscholastic band activities shall be submitted and handled in accordance with Article IX, Section 5 and Section 6 of the Constitution of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

3.2 ~~45-1-0~~ The following regulations adopted by the Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are the conditions governing participation of school band activities sponsored by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Authority for participation by any secondary school, exercised by any person or parties other than the high school principal, and/or violations of the provisions and regulations of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered a voluntary termination of that school's group, or organizational right to participate in interscholastic band activities with like groups among member schools. On or before September 1 of each school year the Board of Appeals shall submit to each member school of this Commission, list of approved school-sponsored and non-school sponsored contests and activities in which bands of member schools may participate during the ensuing year. Additions to this list will not be made after September 1 of each school year. The Board of Appeals may approve participation in an activity which is not on said list. However, the request for approval of such participation must be filed with said Board of Appeals at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such activity.

Sec 3 **Rule 46 — Band Festivals**

3.1 ~~46-0-0~~ The Board of Appeals of the Activities Commission shall divide the state into sections and/or regions and/or areas for the purpose of band festivals, and shall have authority to place bands in sections or regions or areas, and determine the time, place and management of these events.

3.2 ~~46-1-0~~ All bands participating in region or area festivals shall be composed of bona fide students of secondary schools which are members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

3.3 ~~46-1-1~~ The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall obtain and appoint all adjudicators for State Band Festivals.

Sec 4 **Rule 47 — Classification of Schools (Band)**

4.1 ~~47-0-0~~ There shall be three classes of schools for bands: Class AAA, Class AA, Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class.

4.2 ~~47-0-1~~ Classification shall be determined every two years in the even numbered year and when established shall remain in effect for two school terms. Classification shall be based on the second month's enrollment of the previous odd numbered year.

4.3 ~~47-0-2~~ Enrollment standard for Rule 47-0-1 is based on the active enrollment of the total number of pupils in grades 10, 11, and 12 at the end of the second month of the odd numbered years as defined above and described in the following limits:

- Class AAA — Active enrollment of 619 or more students
- Class AA — Active enrollment of 318 to and including 618 students
- Class A — Active enrollment of 317 or less students

- 4.4 ~~47-0~~ Class AAA school bands will not be permitted to play music for the purpose of adjudication unless said music has a 5 rating. Class AA school bands will not be permitted to play music for the purpose of adjudication unless said music has at least a 3 rating. However, school bands may elect to perform in a classification higher than their enrollment indicates.
- 4.5 ~~47-1~~ Class B schools shall include junior high schools and first year music organizations. Class B schools are not eligible for Area State Festivals.

Sec 5 Rule 48—Approved Participation

- 5.1 ~~48-0~~ Secondary school bands may participate in activities which are approved by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. On or before September 1 of each school year, the Board of Appeals, through its Executive Secretary, shall submit to each member school of this Commission a list of approved school sponsored and non-school sponsored activities in which the bands may participate.
- 5.2 ~~48-1~~ The regulations above apply only during the regular school term.
- 5.3 ~~48-2~~ In order to qualify for approved participation in activities outside the home county and counties contiguous to the home county (including out-of-state), bands of member schools must have participated in the most recently conducted Area or Regional Band Festival.
- 5.4 ~~48-3~~ A school band shall not be absent from school more than 5 days each year for the purpose of participating in band activities.
- 5.5 ~~48-4~~ Bands of member schools may accept prizes and/or gratuities for participation in approved activities.
- 5.6 ~~48-5~~ The awards rule is in effect for individual participation in band activities.

Sec 6 Rule 49—Eligibility for Band Participants

- 6.1 ~~49-0~~ All members of secondary school bands shall be enrollees of the school unit of which they are members, i.e., 3-year, 6-year, or junior high school.
- 6.2 ~~49-1~~ Majorettes, Flag Corps, Drill Teams, etc., are considered an integral part of the band and shall be adjudicated and governed accordingly. Any performance by a majorette, member of a flag corps, or the drill team, without the band shall not be considered a band activity.
- 6.3 ~~49-2~~ Instrumental music students in 7th and 8th grades of feeder elementary schools or any grade of a feeder junior high school who receive their instruction from the band director of the senior high band in which said students will eventually enroll and which feeder school does not have a band of its own shall be eligible to participate in the band directed by their instructor.
- 6.4 ~~49-3~~ To be eligible for participation in band activities, a student must have earned a passing grade in at least four subjects, or their equivalent, which count as two units of credit toward meeting the specific or elective requirements for graduation. Said credit must have been earned at the end of the semester immediately preceding that in which the student desires to compete (unless said student has just been promoted to the ninth grade, in which case Rule 49-1-B would have the same effect). Said student must also be currently enrolled in not less than four subjects, or their equivalent, which count as two units of credit toward meeting the specific or elective requirements for graduation.
- 6.5 ~~49-4~~ A minimum of two of the subjects must be in English-Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics or Science. Said two subjects may or may not be in the same content area. An exception, however, is to be made in the case of a "first-semester"

Senior who has completed all of the specific requirements for graduation except the English-Language Arts. Said Senior may select his other three subjects from any area of the curriculum offered by the school.

- 4.6 ~~49-1-2~~ A unit of credit is that which is awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study. For a unit to be awarded a minimum of 8100 minutes of school time shall be allotted for teaching and learning.

(Note: These 8100 minutes may be attained in a number of ways. Examples of how schools can schedule include, but are not limited to: one period daily of at least 45 minutes for 180 days; at least 225 minutes weekly for 36 weeks; 540 modules of at least 15 minutes for the school year of 36 weeks.)

- 4.7 ~~49-1-3~~ One-half unit of credit shall be awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study provided a minimum of 4050 minutes of school time have been allotted for teaching and learning. These 4050 minutes are generally equivalent to one semester's work; examples would be one-half the duration of days quoted in the NOTE in Rule 49-1-2. One-quarter unit of credit shall be awarded for attainment of objectives from an area of study provided a minimum of 2025 minutes of school time have been allotted for teaching and learning. These 2025 minutes are generally equivalent to nine weeks work; examples would be one-fourth of the duration of days quoted in the NOTE in 49-1-2.

(Note: The definition of unit of credit and examples above are taken from the West Virginia Department of Education GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS For West Virginia Public Schools: Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12) (March 1982).

- 4.8 ~~49-1-4~~ Schools providing for planned programs of independent learning during the regular school term may not wish to require all students to attend classes a specific amount of time. In such instances the necessary credit may be awarded for satisfactory performance in administered proficiency examinations or for successful completion of curricular units, steps or phases which have been established by the school as comprising the equivalency of a unit of credit as defined above and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education.

- 4.9 ~~49-1-5~~ Credit may be awarded for subjects taken in addition to those offered by the school as well as for experimental programs developed by the school itself. In each instance certain criteria must be met. Such criteria has been established by the West Virginia Department of Education and will be found on pages 14-15 of GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. Such credit must be earned during the regular school term.

- 4.10 ~~49-1-6~~ A multiple period subject such as those pursued at a Vocational or Trade and Industrial Center for a full morning or a full afternoon session shall be counted as two subjects in meeting the requirement stipulated in Rule 49-1-0.

- 4.11 ~~49-1-7~~ A student shall be ineligible if he did not earn, during the immediate preceding semester, credit for at least four subjects as prescribed in Rule 49-1-0 and Rule 49-1-1.

- 4.12 ~~49-1-8~~ A student promoted to the seventh grade for the first time is considered to have satisfied scholastic requirements and is permitted to participate during the first semester of his initial enrollment in that grade, provided he is otherwise eligible.

- 4.13 ~~49-1-9~~ Scholastic deficiencies if made up in any manner after the close of a semester shall not render the student eligible for participation in band activities during the following semester. Only that work which is given in regular school classes, except as noted in Rule 49-1-4 and Rule 49-1-5, shall be counted for credit. A further exception is noted and permitted in the case of a student whose final

examinations and course credits were delayed beyond the end of a semester due to the student's illness which is verified by a physician. Work taken by a student from a tutor or a special instructor may not be counted for eligibility. Credit earned in summer school shall not count for or against a student's record for eligibility purposes.

- 49-1-10 The purpose of Rule 49-1-7 is to exclude from participation in band activities any student who has withdrawn from school until he has completed a semester of school work following his re-enrollment.
- 49-1-11 A student who is expelled or suspended from school during any semester, without having completed the amount of work required for eligibility, cannot be eligible during the immediate subsequent semester.
- 49-1-12 The eligibility of a student who attended another school during the preceding or current semester must be established by an official transcript or certificate signed by the principal of the school from which said student transferred.
- 49-1-13 Credits or grades recorded in the established and approved school manner shall be regarded as official and final in determining eligibility.
- 49-2-0 Participants in secondary school interscholastic band activities shall be eligible only for the number of years in which they are enrolled and attending a secondary school as undergraduates.
- 49-3-0 Participants in interscholastic band activities on an individual or team basis may accept a medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron, or any similar award given by his school or given by a non-school organization sponsoring an activity approved by this COMMISSION. Students who accept awards for participation in interscholastic activities, other than those approved in this rule, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities for 365 days. Any member school which gives awards in violation of the restrictions of this rule shall be suspended from the Commission.
- 49-3-1 The rules governing awards apply to a student of a member school participating (as an individual or as a member of a team or group) in an activity or contest sponsored by members of this Commission or by non-school agencies or groups. The acceptance of awards (other than those approved in these rules) for participation in impromptu interscholastic contests, or activities sponsored by clubs, churches, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc., not approved by this Commission shall be considered a violation of these rules.
- 49-3-2 Awards from any source, which are not approved by this Commission, consist of wearing apparel (sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.), equipment (radios, television sets, etc.), athletic goods (batons, tennis rackets, golf bags, tennis or golf balls, etc.), or any other merchandise or money.
- 49-3-3 Nothing in the awards rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievements.
- 49-3-4 Purchase by students when any part of the purchase price is donated, paid by the school, or raised through methods similar to those mentioned above is regarded as a violation.
- 49-3-5 Sponsors of parades, festivals or other types of multiple activities are urged to help defray the cost of travel or other expenses of bands attending such events.

(NOTE: For exception to above rules on awards please refer to Rule 13-0-5.)

~~PART E—VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES (BAND)~~*See 7* **Rule 50—Powers of the Board of Appeals**

~~50-0-0~~ If the Board of Appeals finds a school guilty of violating the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, said Board of Appeals has the power to:

~~50-0-1~~ Declare the school ineligible for band activities for the current school year.

~~50-0-2~~ Place the school on probation for a period of time not to exceed 365 days from such finding. Such probation may include the loss of voting rights for the member and/or loss of the privilege of the member school to participate in any or all of the interscholastic athletic events which are sanctioned, controlled or sponsored by this Commission, and/or the imposition of other restrictive measures as the Board of Appeals may deem advisable.

~~50-0-3~~ Assess such fines as are deemed necessary and just.

~~50-0-4~~ Impose such other or additional penalties as may seem justifiable in the particular case considered.

~~PART F—PROVISIONS GOVERNING CHEERLEADERS~~*See 5* **Rule 51—Cheerleaders**

~~51-0-0~~ Cheerleaders will be included under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as band members.

~~51-0-1~~ Cheerleaders shall be enrollees of the member school of this Commission which they represent.

~~51-0-2~~ Cheerleaders must meet the academic requirements as specified in Rule 6 and/or Rule 49-1-0 through 49-1-3.

~~51-0-3~~ Cheerleaders must comply with Rule 14 regarding Amateur Practices and Rule 43 regarding Meets and Tournaments.

PART G - PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT**Sec 2 Rule 52 - Sportsmanship**

(NOTE: ARTICLE II Section 7 of the Constitution of this Commission states that one of the objects of said Commission is:

"to establish minimum standards of conduct for both active and spectator participants, coaches, and all other school personnel at all interscholastic athletic events approved, sponsored or controlled by this Commission."

To help accomplish that objective the following Rule 52 was adopted by the Board of Control and approved by the West Virginia State Board of Education in 1981.)

16. 21 52-0-0 Member schools are required to conduct all relations with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Acts which are prima facie evidence of failure to abide by this rule are those which are noted below and others of similar nature which violate the accepted code of good sportsmanship.

22 52-0-1 It shall be the responsibility of the home school to take proper steps and precautions to insure that crowd and spectator control is handled reasonably at all interscholastic athletic contests. In addition to the spectators, attention must be directed to the safety, comfort, and security of the coaches, officials, and players. Their seating accommodations should protect them from spectator interference.

23 52-0-2 It shall be the responsibility of any team, player, coach, or attendant to remain in or a part of a contest until its normal end as provided by the National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The exception to the above would be provided by the same National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The penalty for a violation by a coach, player, or team attendant will not only involve ejection during that particular contest, but shall also involve that player, coach, or team attendant not being a part of that school's team for the next regular scheduled contest at that level of competition. The coach, athlete, or team attendant may practice in the days prior to the contest but may not dress or participate on the day of the contest.

24 52-0-3 Acts such as going onto the floor or field to interrupt a contest or not otherwise following the procedure as specified by the rules of that particular sport to seek a Coach-Official Conference shall be considered harassment of a game official by a coach. Also, conduct or public demonstrations invoking a penalty or extreme dissatisfaction with officiating by a coach, team member, or any individual in the official party of the team shall be considered as evidence of poor sportsmanship.

25 52-0-4 It shall be the responsibility of a member school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon its faculty, student body, team members, coaching staff, and officials the values of sportsmanship in preparation for the conduct and management of interscholastic contests.

26 52-0-5 It shall be the responsibility of an administrator, spectator, athlete, or coach to follow those directions provided for in the Code for Interscholastic Athletics:

Sec 3 CODE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

3.1 The School Administrator Shall:

- 1) Encourage and promote friendly relationships and good sportsmanship throughout the school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times, by acquainting students and others in the community with ideals of good sportsmanship and by so publicizing these concepts and attitudes that all members of the school and community will understand their meaning.

- 2) Insist upon implicit compliance with all rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, hereinafter referred to in this rule as the WVSSAC.
- 3) Secure qualified officials for all contests.
- 4) Insist upon adequate safety provisions for all activities, for both participants and spectators.
- 5) Approve only those activities and schedules which are educationally and physically sound for the school pupil.
- 6) Encourage all to judge the success of the athletic program on the basis of the education goals and the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than on the basis of the number of games won or lost.
- 7) Insist that the school cheerleaders exemplify the highest standards of good sportsmanship as a means of inculcating desirable spectator attitudes.
- 8) Provide adequate hygienic, sanitary, and attractive facilities for the dressing and housing of visiting teams and officials.
- 9) Review with staff the Sportsmanship Rule.

3.2 The Spectator Shall:

- 1) Realize that he represents the school just as definitely as does the member of a team, and, therefore, has an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- 2) Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- 3) Recognize that, since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
- 4) Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
- 5) Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 6) Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.

The Athlete Shall:

- 1) Be courteous to visiting teams and officials.
- 2) Play hard and to the limit of his or her ability. The true athlete does not give up, nor does he/she quarrel, cheat, bet or grandstand.
- 3) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman does not offer excuses for failures.
- 4) Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by observing team and training rules conscientiously.
- 5) Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing and by participating in and supporting other school activities.
- 6) Play for the love of the game.

- 7) Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- 8) Set a high standard of personal cleanliness.
- 9) Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without questions.
- 10) Respect the facilities of host schools and the trust entailed in being a guest.

3.3

The Coach Shall:

- 1) Exemplify behavior that is representative of the educational staff of the school and a credit to the teaching profession.
- 2) Demonstrate high ideals, good habits, and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and demand the same standards of the players.
- 3) Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly.
- 4) Be a modest winner and a gracious loser.
- 5) Maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or of dissatisfaction with the officials.
- 6) Cooperate with the school principal in the planning, scheduling, and conduct of sports activities.
- 7) Employ accepted educational methods in coaching, giving all players an opportunity to use and develop initiative, leadership, and judgment.
- 8) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of the players, refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his team's chances to win.
- 9) Teach athletes that it is better to lose fairly than win unfairly.
- 10) Prohibit gambling, profanity, abusive language, and similar violations of the true sportsman's code.
- 11) Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, or others associated with sports activities and discourage gossip and questionable rumors concerning them.
- 12) Properly supervise student athletes under his immediate care and specifically observe a coach's responsibilities in conjunction with state sponsored contests.

3.4

The Official Shall:

- 1) Attend a state sponsored clinic in the sport for which he or she is registered.
- 2) Attend four (4) local rules meetings.
- 3) Take Part I and Part II National Federation Rules Examinations in the sports where specified.
- 4) Abstain from intoxicating beverages on the day of the contest he is to officiate prior to, during, and after in the vicinity of the playing area of the contest.
- 5) Abstain from the use of illegal drugs.

- 1. Be fair, impartial, unbiased, professional, and competent in his officiating.
- 2. Be in and maintain proper physical, mental, dress and appearance condition.
- 3. Be at the site of the contest in adequate time to care for necessary pre-contest duties or as specified in the National Federation Rules.
- 4. Maintain self-control under all conditions.
- 5. Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team play, game situation, or fellow official.
- 6. So conduct the game as to enlist the cooperation of players, coaches, and spectators in the interest of good sportsmanship.

52-0-6 **Protection, Facilities, and Assistance**—The home team is expected to furnish adequate police protection. Outdoor facilities or playing facilities should be separated from the spectators by a restraining barrier (fence, wire, rope, etc.) Officials should be provided with a parking space, private dressing facilities not accessible to unauthorized personnel, and should be paid no later than half-time of a game. The use of trained, competent, adult assistant officials, i.e. scorers, timers, chain and down marker crews, etc. is strongly recommended.

52-0-7 **Statement of Policy**—In-so-far as unsportsmanlike actions by players, students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty, members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

- 1. The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of players or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or have the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- 2. Any athlete who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by his/her principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any athlete who strikes an opponent, coach or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year depending on the seriousness of the act. A coach, player, or team attendant ejected from a game, match, meet, or contest for unsportsmanlike action(s) shall be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition. The basis of this policy statement is that a member school shall not be represented by any student or coach whose conduct reflects discredit upon his/her school.
- 3. In case of spectators physically molesting an official, coach, or player, the school may be given one or two options: (1) take action against the offender(s) and (2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC.
- 4. The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- 5. A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike actions if he makes degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating his dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he has a

legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation. Such criticism or requests should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

3.7

52-0-8 Procedure—Unsportsmanship action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports the Executive Secretary and/or the Board of Appeals of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in ARTICLE VII, Section 8, Section 9, and ARTICLE VIII, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with Rule 36.

3.8

52-0-9 The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of the Sportsmanship Rule.

- 1) **Warning** A warning may be given by the Executive Secretary or Assistant Executive Secretary. It is official notice that an unexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanship action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.
- 2) **Probation** Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways. A school, coach, player, or team attendant on probation is being told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension. A school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events and all WVSSAC sponsored tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Secretary of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation. A stronger form of probation could provide that a school may not enter any competition toward sectional, regional, or state championship nor may the school enter any sanctioned events.
- 3) **Fine** A fine may be levied by the Executive Secretary. It may be levied in addition to a warning, probation, or suspension.
- 4) **Suspension** A school suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

3.9

52-0-10 Appeals All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, players, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with Rule 37 and Rule 38.

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RULES—REORGANIZATION—LEGALIZATION

Prior to 1952, the Bylaws, consisted of major rules to which had been added, over the years, explanations and rulings based upon interpretations and decisions of various Boards of Appeals. As a result of general acceptance and long usage, these explanations and interpretations acquired force and meaning comparable with the basic rules. Consequently, at the annual meeting of the Board of Control in 1952 official action was taken declaring that because of usage, explanations and interpretations under the rules are a part of the rule.

At the annual meeting in 1955 a constitution was adopted establishing authority for a reorganization to include all interscholastic activities and the changing of the name of the organization from the "West Virginia High School Athletic Association" to "The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission." The reorganization provided for a division of the Bylaws into two separate parts: "The Athletic Bylaws" and "The Non-Athletic Activities Bylaws."

An Act to amend Article 2, Chapter 18 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931 as amended by adding thereto a new section, designated Section 25, pertaining to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission was enacted into law by the West Virginia Legislature on March 11, 1967. The new law created the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission as a legal entity an arm of the county school boards. As such it is authorized by law to make rules and regulations and to adjudicate contested cases.

Prior to the enactment of the law in 1967, the Commission's scope of jurisdiction included supervision, control and regulation of all interscholastic extracurricular activities of the schools of its members. The law now limits the Commission's scope of jurisdiction to interscholastic athletic events and band activities.

The position of the Commission was further strengthened as the result of a decision rendered by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals in a case styled, WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION v HARVEY DAKLEY, JUDGE AND EDWARD LEE, dated September 1968.

The decision rendered is long and need not be recounted here in its entirety. However, a few very significant statements from that decision are important enough to be included in this section on LEGALIZATION. (Boldface is ours. Points not necessarily in order in the decision.)

1. As a general rule courts should not interfere with the internal affairs of school activities commissions or associations.
2. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission is still for all intents and purposes in the same position as it has been for the past fifty years, that is, that member schools eligible to participate may voluntarily

do so and after such participation they agree to comply with the rules and regulations that have governed such organization in the past and will govern in the future.

3. The organization has had rules for eligibility of students to participate in athletics or procedure for declaring such students ineligible to participate and for disciplinary procedures for member schools and for the review of such action or decision made by the officers of boards of the Association or Organization during its entire existence. Where such procedure is provided for in such organization or association the procedure must be followed and due process of law may be afforded administratively without the use of or application to the courts. (State ex. rel. Burchett v Taylor, 150 W.Va. 702, 149 S.E. 2d 234.)

The question as to whether a student's participation in interscholastic athletics is a CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT or a PRIVILEGE was answered in litigation in the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA, CHARLESTON in a Civil Action case No. 79-2497 Harris Vs. West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, et. al.

On September 2, 1981, Chief Judge Dennis R. Knapp ruled:

"The Supreme Court held that a student's legitimate entitlement to an education is a property interest protected by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. *Goss vs. Lopez*, 419 U.S. 754, 95 S.Ct. 729 (1975). However, participating in interscholastic athletics is only a mere expectation rather than a constitutionally protected claim of entitlement and, thus, falls outside the protection of due process. *Moreland v. Western Pennsylvania*, 572 F.2d 121 (3rd Cir. 1978). Even if the plaintiff's due process arguments were well founded, the WVSSAC, in both its rules and actions, provided plaintiff with a sufficient review procedure that ultimately resulted in the relief sought."

Judge Knapp's decision was appealed to the UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT in Richmond, Virginia. On May 2, 1982 Senior Circuit Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. and Circuit Judges H. Emory Widener, Jr. and Robert F. Chapman agreed with and affirmed the District Court's opinion.

Attention is directed to the map of the Administrative Districts of West Virginia. Definition of the Districts is essential to determine eligibility of members to be elected to and serve on the Board of Appeals.

A partial list showing the number of member schools from 1931:

1931—135	1943—214	1955—291	1967—332	1979—311
1932—193	1944—214	1956—296	1968—327	1980—313
1933—195	1945—214	1957—305	1969—317	1981—311
1934—198	1946—219	1958—318	1970—320†	1982—311
1935—196	1947—221	1959—320	1971—323	
1936—205	1948—222	1960—320	1972—318	
1937—212	1949—226	1961—318	1973—322	
1938—218	1950—228	1962—321	1974—322	
1939—215	1951—287*	1963—328	1975—320	
1940—219	1952—287	1964—333	1976—313	
1941—220	1953—289	1965—334	1977—312	
1942—221	1954—290	1966—333	1978—310	

* Hereafter this figure includes Junior High Schools as members.

† Hereafter this number also includes Private and Parochial School members.

BELIEFS AND OBJECTIVES

The Commission believes that a controlled activities program is a strong factor in the development of courage, personality, cooperation, and leadership. The Commission believes that representatives of a school should be good citizens of that school, hence the need for requirements and regulations governing eligibility that have been standardized.

The Commission is designed to provide means for the unbiased and amicable settlement of disputes regarding activities.

The Commission seeks to present proper ideals of sportsmanship so that coaches, players, school authorities, game officials, and spectators may combine to make any activity enjoyable and productive of physical and social benefits to both sides involved in the contest, with partisanship and prejudice eliminated as far as possible.

To accomplish these objectives the Commission asks the cooperation of its members, all lovers of clean wholesome activities, and all fans, young and old, who believe in our American system of interscholastics.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS

During the past several years, the Board of Appeals has been appreciative of the change in approach to questions of eligibility and conduct of contests, meets, and tournaments. The cooperation of the Deputy Board Members and the several tournament and meet Directors has produced a minimum of problems in the conduct of the events sponsored beyond the regular seasonal activities of the schools.

The greatest advancement has been in the attitude and approaches to the application of the rules. Formerly, many cases of inadvertent oversight were allowed to become serious problems because they were allowed to become matters for decision by the Board of Appeals. It is heartening to acknowledge that in most instances now, advance requests are received for information, interpretation, and guidance, with the result that the number of "celebrated cases" have been reduced to a very small number each year.

Constant attention to this matter of procedure may bring the day when it will not be necessary to apply penalties for violations. It should be recalled that the rules may be changed by the Board of Control or the members of the Commission, to correct any rule that is contrary to the belief of the majority of the representatives of the member schools. In the interim, acceptance of the written rules, and interpretations of the experienced authoritative officers of the Commission will solve most of the problems.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized June 17, 1916, during a meeting of the West Virginia State Education Association. The original draft of the Constitution and Bylaws as formulated by Mr. R. J. Gorman, Charleston, West Virginia, was submitted to the principals of the high schools by Principal W. C. McKee of Charleston High School.

The charter members were Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, (Washington Irving), Elkins, Fairmont West, Grafton, Huntington, Parkersburg, St. Marys, Sistersville, and Wheeling.

The first officers were: President, John G. Graham, Principal of Huntington High School; Vice President, Benjamin H. Williams, Principal of Beaver High School, Bluefield; and Secretary-Treasurer, H. P. Johns, Principal of Wheeling High School.

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Benjamin H. Williams (Bluefield), Vice President
H. P. Johns (Wheeling), Secretary-Treasurer

1917-19

John G. Graham (Huntington), President
Benjamin H. Williams (Bluefield), Vice President
George H. Colebank (Fairmont), Secretary-Treasurer

1919-20

John G. Graham (Huntington), President
John L. Stewart (Parkersburg), Vice President
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1920-22

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1922-23

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1923-25

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1925-26

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H. Y. Clark (Grafton), Secretary-Treasurer

1926-27

S. C. Grose (Welch), President
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1927-29

Leslie D. Moore (Spencer), President
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C. M. Stalnaker (Beckley), Secretary-Treasurer

1929-30

E. Q. Swan (Huntington), President
E. G. Kuhn (Farmington), Vice President
C. M. Stalnaker (Logan), Secretary-Treasurer

1930-31

E. G. Kuhn (Farmington), President
I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), Vice President
C. M. Stalnaker (Logan), Secretary-Treasurer

1931-32

I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), President
Vice President, Vacant—Appointed for each meeting
S. Key Dickinson (Clarksburg), Secretary-Treasurer

1932-34

I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), President
Rocco J. Gorman (Charleston), Vice President
S. Key Dickinson (Clarksburg), Secretary-Treasurer

1934-39

C. W. Jackson (Bluefield), President
C. A. Tesch (Salem), Vice President
I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), Secretary-Treasurer

1939-44

C. A. Tesch (Salem), President
George M. Speicher (Dunbar), Vice President
I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), Secretary-Treasurer

1944-46

George M. Speicher (Dunbar), President
Dan H. Perdue (Fayetteville), Vice President
I. E. Ewing (Wheeling), Secretary-Treasurer

1946-47

George M. Speicher (Dunbar), President
Dan H. Perdue (Fayetteville), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Secretary-Treasurer

1947-48

George M. Speicher (Dunbar), President
C. F. Walker (Wellsburg), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1948-53

C. F. Walker (Wellsburg), President
Jonathan Y. Lowe (Milton), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1953-59

Jonathan Y. Lowe (Milton and Beverly Hills), President
W. G. Eison (Charles Town), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1959-60

Jonathan Y. Lowe (Beverly Hills), President
John W. Saunders (Shady Spring), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1960-61

Jonathan Y. Lowe (Beverly Hills), President
Jake H. Moser (St. Albans Junior High), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1962-64

Jake H. Moser (St. Albans Junior High), President
Roy Coffman (Lewisburg), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Weston), Treasurer

1964-66

Roy Coffman (Alderson), President
Larney R. Gump (Barrackville), Vice President
Fred P. Wehl (Berkeley Springs), Treasurer

1966-68

Fred P. Wehl (Berkeley Springs), President (1967)
Scott H. Davis (Morgantown), 1967
Larney R. Gump (Barrackville), Vice President
Alva T. Ball (Dunbar), Member (1967)
E. F. Garrity (DuPont Junior High), Member
Charles W. Dean, Jr. (Gary), Member
Liff West (Wayne), Member

1968-70

Liff West (Wayne), President
Charles W. Dean, Jr. (Gary), Vice President
Edwin M. Bartrug (Marmet Junior High), Member
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1970-71

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C. W. Dean (Gary), Member
Jackson L. Flanigan (Charles Town), Member
Ray H. Watson (Wirt County), Member
Robert H. Kidd, State Department of Education (Charleston), Member
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1971-72

Edwin M. Bartrug (Marmet Junior High), President
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Jackson L. Flanigan (Charles Town), Member
Acie B. Stewart (Herndon), Member
Robert H. Kidd, State Department of Education (Charleston), Member
Orlan C. Fowler, State School Boards Assoc. (Clarksburg), Member

1972-73

Ray C. Watson (Wirt County), President
Jackson L. Flanigan (Jefferson), Vice President
Acie B. Stewart (Herndon), Member
Keith L. Holt (East Fairmont), Member
C. P. Wells (Nicholas County), Member
Robert H. Kidd, State Department of Education (Charleston), Member
Orlan C. Fowler, State School Boards Assoc. (Clarksburg), Member

1973-74

Keith L. Holt (East Fairmont), President
William G. Griffith (Horace Mann Junior High), Vice President
Ray H. Watson (Wirt County), Member
Acie B. Stewart (Herndon), Member
Ray Waldo, Jr. (Martinsburg Senior), Member
Robert H. Kidd, State Department of Education (Charleston), Member
Orlan C. Fowler, State School Boards Assoc. (Clarksburg), Member

1974-75

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Ray H. Watson (Wirt County), Member
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1975-76

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1976-77

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1977-78

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1978-79

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1979-80

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 George W. Keatley (Princeton), Member
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1960-81

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1981-82

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Warren L. Carter (Jefferson), Member
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James T. Lane (Northfork), Member
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1982-83

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As stated elsewhere in this Handbook, the West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized June 17, 1916. The original draft of the Constitution and Bylaws by Mr. Gorman of Charleston was submitted by Mr. W. C. McKee, Principal of Charleston High School.

The officers of the association were to be three in number; namely, a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer.

After a few minor changes of the original draft, the eleven charter member schools met and adopted the Constitution and Bylaws by a unanimous vote.

During the same meeting the following officers were elected: President, John G. Graham, Principal of Huntington High School, Vice President, B. H. Williams, Principal of Beaver High School of Bluefield, and Secretary-Treasurer, H. P. Johns, Principal of Wheeling High School.

The Association grew very rapidly during the ensuing years, and the work on the part of the secretary-treasurer especially became very burdensome. During these years on three or four occasions moves were made to employ a full time executive secretary, a step that had been taken in several other states. However, on each occasion, such proposal was defeated.

It was not until 1946 that the Board of Control of the Association realized that a principal of a member school could not serve his school in an acceptable manner and at the same time serve as secretary-treasurer of the High School Athletic Association.

As a result at a meeting of the Board of Control held in Bluefield, West Virginia, on April 6, 1946, "the report of the Committee on the Executive Secretary was distributed to the members in mimeographed form, and on motion of Principal W. C. Whaley, East Fairmont, and seconded by Principal Robert L. Bryan, South Charleston, the report was accepted by a majority vote."

The report accepted was as follows:

"The President, vice president and treasurer shall constitute a board of appeals, which board shall have authority to appoint an executive secretary to serve for a period of four years or during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals. The beginning salary of the executive secretary shall be three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400) to four thousand dollars (\$4,000)."

Shortly after the meeting in Bluefield, the Board of Appeals met and employed William R. Fugitt as the first executive secretary of the West Virginia High School Athletic Association, and Mr. Fugitt immediately set up his office in Beckley, West Virginia.

Mr. Fugitt came into his new position well prepared for the work ahead. A graduate of Marshall College (AB) and the University of Cincinnati (AM), Mr. Fugitt began his career as an elementary principal. He then taught and coached at Proctorville, Ohio, and Dunbar, West Virginia, after which he served for four years as a high school principal in Beckley. From 1933 to 1937 Mr. Fugitt was Assistant County Superintendent of Raleigh County Schools.

During Mr. Fugitt's tenure as Executive Secretary of the Secondary School Activities Commission, he was elected president of the National Federation of State High School Associations, an organization in which some 20,000 senior and junior high schools hold membership.

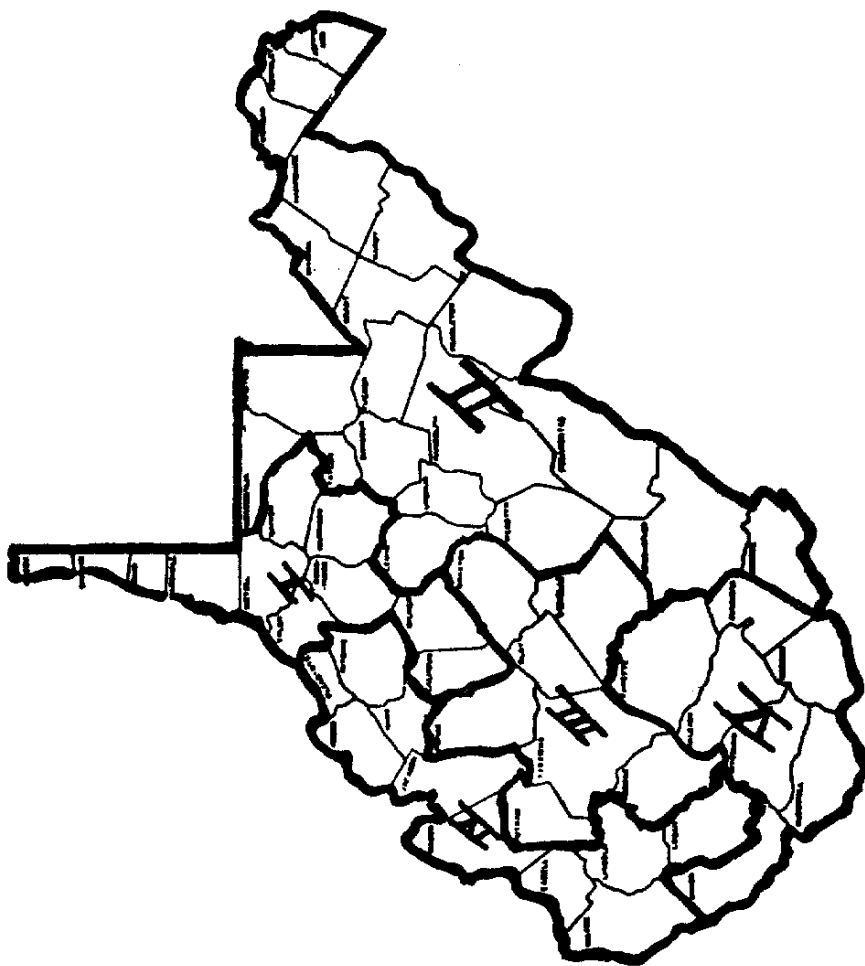
During Mr. Fugitt's tenure in office, the name of the Association was changed to that of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. This took place in 1955.

Mr. Fugitt passed away on November 3, 1959, and was succeeded by W. Gordon Eison who, at that time, was a member of the Board of Appeals.

Mr. Eison, a graduate of Glenville State College (AB) and West Virginia University (MA), came into the position well prepared for the chores ahead. He served the Wirt County Board of Education for a period of 14 years as teacher, coach, principal, and county superintendent of schools before moving on to the principalship of Charles Town High School in Jefferson County.

Mr. Eison was in his 12th year as principal at Charles Town when appointed to the executive-secretary position. During his tenure as executive secretary, he, like Mr. Fugitt, was elected president of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Mr. Eison retired September 1, 1975, and was succeeded by Mr. Sam Williams, who, at the time, was serving as West Virginia's first assistant executive secretary. Mr. Bill Hanlin became assistant executive secretary in 1975.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

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| <p>1st: Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, and Wetzel.</p> | <p>3rd: Boone, Braxton, Clay, Kanawha, Nicholas, Putnam, and Roane.</p> |
| <p>2nd: Barbour, Berkeley, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Lewis, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster.</p> | <p>4th: Cabell, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wayne, Wirt, and Wood.</p> <p>5th: Fayette, Mercer, Mingo, McDowell, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming.</p> |

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**CONSTITUTION****Article I—Name**

This organization shall be known as the West Virginia Secondary School Association, a voluntary organization.

Article II—Object

The object of this Association shall be to coordinate the functions of the two Commissions hereinafter constituted.

Article III—Membership

This Association shall be composed of the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Membership in the Association shall be as provided in its two component Commissions.

Article IV—Officers and Duties

Officers of the Association shall be a coordinating committee composed of the Chairman of the Association who shall be elected at large for a period of one year, the Presidents of the two Commissions and the Executive Secretary of the Activities Commission who shall be a member, ex-officio. All voting members of the coordinating committee shall be secondary school principals actively in charge of a member secondary school.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS COMMISSION CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission.

Article II—Aim

The aim of this Commission shall be the advancement of secondary education by providing a clearing house of discussion bearing on the problems of administration and supervision, by encouraging research, by upholding acceptable standards, and by formulating a working philosophy of secondary education. It further shall be the aim of this Commission to work continuously for the professional growth and personal welfare of West Virginia secondary school principals.

Article III—Membership

SECTION 1. Membership shall consist of two classes: active and associate, (retired).

SECTION 2. All individuals shall be eligible for active membership who are engaged in the administration and supervision of West Virginia junior and senior high schools and middle schools upon payment of annual dues.

SECTION 3. All other persons interested in secondary education shall be eligible for associate membership upon payment of annual dues.

SECTION 4. Only active members shall have the privilege of voting or holding office.

SECTION 5. All members, both active and associate, shall receive the publications of the Commission.

Article IV—Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this Commission shall be a president, a president-elect, the immediate past president, a treasurer, and a coordinator.

SECTION 2. The officers shall be elected for one-year terms, except the treasurer, and the coordinator shall be chosen for three-year terms.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, two other members each elected for a term of two years, and an ex-officio member of the Board of Appeals to be selected by said board. Both junior and senior high schools shall be represented on the Executive Committee at all times. Also, there shall be an assistant-principal on the Executive Committee, chosen at the annual meeting of the assistant principals. Term of office shall be one year.

Article V—Executive Director

The Executive Committee of the Commission shall determine the need for an executive director. The term of office and the salary of the Executive Director shall

be established by the Executive Committee. The term of office shall be no less than three years. Notification of termination of services shall be at least one year in advance.

THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE:

SECTION 1. To provide a continuity of operation for the affairs of the Commission.

SECTION 2. To assist West Virginia secondary school principals in the promotion of sound programs of education for secondary school youth. This may include work-shops, seminars, drive-in conferences, and other methods for study of problems and dissemination of information concerning instructional programs, school organizations, school management, personnel relationships, and community activities.

SECTION 3. To establish the secondary school principalship as a viable recognized and respected professional position.

SECTION 4. To work for the professional welfare of secondary school principals in all areas where planning, information, and persuasion are needed. This relates to salaries, working conditions, and fringe benefits.

SECTION 5. To work closely with all professional educational organizations within the state including administrators, supervisors, and classroom teachers. A special effort will be made to coordinate the programs of the secondary schools.

SECTION 6. To represent the Secondary School Principals Commission at all meetings in the state related to education in general and secondary education in particular. Attendance at such meetings will be at the discretion of the Executive Director and/or the advice of the President of the Commission.

SECTION 7. To work closely with the Executive Secretary of the Activities Commission in order to coordinate programs of both organizations responsible to the secondary school principals.

SECTION 8. To relieve the officers of the Commission in handling much of the detailed work of the Commission in order to free them to pursue the arduous task of the daily work of their principalships.

Article VI—Elections, Committees

SECTION 1. The election of officers shall take place at the regular annual meeting of the Commission, and at such time on the program as determined by the Executive Committee. The President shall, sixty days in advance of the annual meeting, appoint a nominating committee which shall report at said annual meeting.

SECTION 2. The President shall appoint, with approval of the Executive Committee, those committees necessary to carry out the business of the association.

Article VII—Finance

All bills of the Commission shall be paid by the Executive Director upon authorization of the Treasurer. An audit of the finances of this Commission shall be reported at the annual meeting.

Article VIII—Meetings

The regular annual meeting of the Commission shall be held at a time designated by the Executive Committee. The place of the annual meeting shall be determined by a vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Article IX—Amendments

The articles of this constitution pertaining to the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Commission may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting of the Commission.

Article X—Bylaws

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Commission shall be regulated through bylaws passed by a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting of the Commission. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to maintain a record of these bylaws as a satisfactory continuity of the business affairs of the Commission.

SECTION 2. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern in all meetings of the Commission.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION CONSTITUTION

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, a voluntary organization. Extracurricular activities of the students in the public secondary schools are controlled by the local county boards of education, pursuant to Chapter 18, Article 2 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and authority for the delegation of such control to said Commission is granted by statute.

Article II—Objects

SECTION 1. This Commission through the employment of the instrumentalities hereinafter established, shall supervise and control interscholastic athletics and band activities among member schools.

SECTION 2. In the performance of these functions it shall be the aim of the commission:

- (a) To stress the cultural values, the appreciations and skills involved in these interscholastic activities and to promote cooperation and friendship;
- (b) To limit these interscholastic programs as to both character and quantity so that such activities and such events may reasonably be looked upon as promoting the generally accepted objectives of secondary education and as such shall not unduly interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performance of their regular day to day school duties;
- (c) To encourage economy in the time that the student and the teacher-personnel devote to these interscholastic activities;
- (d) To encourage economy in expenses of these interscholastic activities;
- (e) To discourage long trips for large groups of students;
- (f) And, to establish minimum standards of conduct for both active and spectator participants, coaches, and all other school personnel at all interscholastic athletic events approved, sponsored, or controlled by this Commission.

Article III—Membership

SECTION 1. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be composed of the principals, or their representatives, of those secondary schools whose County Boards of Education have certified in writing to the State Superintendent of Schools that they have elected to delegate the control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities of the students in the public secondary schools in their respective counties to said Commission; the principals, or their representatives, of those Catholic secondary schools whose West Virginia Diocesan Board of Education has certified in writing to the Board of Appeals (hereinafter defined) that they have elected to delegate control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities of the students in said Catholic secondary schools to said Commission; and the principals or headmasters of those private secondary schools whose governing body has certified in writing to the Board of Appeals (hereinafter defined) that they have elected to delegate control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities in their respective schools to said Commission. (Here-

inafter in this Constitution and Bylaws "Secondary School" means a school consisting only of those grades above the sixth, organized by departments, or the seventh and eighth grades of a school in which these grades are organized for instruction by departments and which has at least five teachers in these grades—Chapter 18 Article 9-A, Section 2, West Virginia Code. Furthermore, the term "member school" or any modification thereof refers to a school whose principals or headmaster is a member of this Commission.) Membership is on a voluntary basis and rests in the sound discretion of each County Board of Education or governing body of the member school.

Membership in the Commission shall be predicated upon accepting the following conditions: (1) the principal or his successor is and shall be the sole representative of the school in all matters pertaining to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Commission; (2) the principal or his successor is and shall be responsible for conducting interscholastic athletic events and band activities of the school in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Commission which have been adopted by the Board of Control of the Commission for the governing of such activities; (3) pay the annual dues charged by the Commission; (4) the principal, or headmaster, or the successor of either, shall file a statement with the Executive Secretary of the Commission agreeing to abide by and support the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Control the Executive Secretary shall announce the names of the principals or headmasters who have become new members and who have met each of the several qualifications and requirements as defined above.

SECTION 2. A first class junior high school shall be a school consisting of grades seven and eight, or grades seven, eight and nine, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

A first class senior high school consists of grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve, or grades ten, eleven and twelve, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

A first class six-year high school shall consist of grades seven to twelve, inclusive, established by law and approved by the State Department of Education.

SECTION 3. A school, through its Principal, Coach or other official, is not permitted to enter into an agreement with any other school to waive the standards of eligibility of students, or waive or change any other requirement established in this Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 4. Any member violating the Constitution and Bylaws of this Commission and refusing to abide by the decision of the Board of Appeals or the Review Board shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter set forth. (See Rule 36.)

Article IV—Administration

SECTION 1. The administration of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be vested in the secondary school principals heretofore defined as members and who shall constitute a Board of Control. Said Board of Control shall determine the regulation of interscholastic athletic events and band activities among the schools represented by the member of said Commission and shall have charge of all funds of said Commission; and in order to expedite the regulations of said activities shall delegate and assign to the Board of Appeals hereinafter constituted, and the Executive Secretary, hereinafter constituted and working through the Board of Appeals, authority to interpret and enforce the Constitution and Bylaws. Said Board of Control shall delegate and assign to the Board of

Trustees; hereinafter constituted, the power and authority to hold title to and manage the property owned by said Commission. The Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission shall be the articles, rules, explanations and interpretations which have been voted upon and approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting of said Commission. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at said annual meeting.

SECTION 2. At all annual or called meetings of the Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission each member shall have one vote on each question or proposition under consideration. A member may appoint, by a written statement to the President of said Commission, his assistant principal or other member of his faculty to represent him at meetings of the Board of Control or the Board of Appeals, but no such representative shall have the right to hold office in the Commission and no such appointment shall absolve the member of his responsibility as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission.

SECTION 3. The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall, at its annual meetings, elect officers of the Commission and define their duties as provided in Article V of the Constitution. The officers so elected shall be members of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission with the powers and duties assigned to it by Article VII of the Constitution of said Commission. Said Board of Appeals shall be the executive body of the Commission and shall administer the Constitution and Bylaws of said Commission. Further, said Board of Appeals shall enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws through the application of penalties provided under Rule 36 and Rule 50. Adjudication of disagreements and disputes among members of the Commission shall be one of the chief duties of the Board of Appeals. Such adjudication may, however, be subject to review by the Review Board.

SECTION 4. The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall delegate and assign to the Board of Appeals, hereinafter constituted, the power and authority to define, devise and/or create five Administrative Districts in the State of West Virginia.

- (a) Effective July 1, 1971, and until such time as it is necessary to change the boundaries of such Districts, the five Administrative Districts shall be the same as those defined on page 14 of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Rules and Regulations HANDBOOK.
- (b) Any change in the boundaries of said Administrative Districts adopted by the Board of Appeals shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Control at its annual meeting. Such adopted change may be remanded to the Board of Appeals for further study and action only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting. If the adopted change in boundaries is not remanded for further study and action, it shall be considered approved.
- (c) Any adopted and approved changes in the boundaries of the Administrative Districts shall not be cause for reducing the length of the regular term of office of an incumbent officer-member.

Article V—Officers and Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be five elected officer-members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, each of whom shall be a Principal of a secondary school in West Virginia.

- (a) The elected officer-members shall constitute the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) One officer-member shall be elected to a regular term each year at the Annual Meeting of said Commission. The runner-up candidate in each election shall be declared the alternate-officer-member and shall serve any portion of the officer-member's unexpired term which may occur. If the alternate-officer-member is not thus determined, then a separate election shall be held to do so. Said officer-member and alternate-officer-member shall be from the same Administrative District.
- (c) The regular term of an elected officer-member shall be a period of five years and said term shall begin immediately following the close of the annual meeting of which he was elected.
- (d) An elected officer-member shall not be eligible to serve more than one regular five-year term in succession. Neither shall a former officer-member be eligible to be appointed to nor elected to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term during the five-year period immediately following the expiration of his regular term. An alternate-officer-member who serves more than one year of an officer-member's unexpired term shall be ineligible to be elected to the next succeeding regular five-year term.
- (e) The election shall be by ballot when more than one candidate from the same administrative district in West Virginia is nominated for officer-member. When more than two candidates from the same Administrative District are nominated for officer-member, the balloting shall continue until one of said candidates shall receive a majority of the votes cast. The candidates with the least number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped from each subsequent ballot.
- (f) At the first meeting of the Board of Appeals following the close of the annual meeting of the Commission said Board of Appeals shall designate one of its elected officer-members to serve as President and one to serve as Vice President.

SECTION 2. Two or more members serving as principals of secondary schools located in the same Administrative District of West Virginia shall be ineligible to serve as officer-members at the same time.

SECTION 3. The term of an officer-member shall end immediately upon his agreement to accept a position that would make him ineligible to hold office in this Commission.

SECTION 4. The annual honorarium of the officer-members shall be \$250 each.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary shall act as Treasurer and shall pay out monies from the funds belonging to this Commission in payment of bills only upon order of the President.

SECTION 6. The President shall furnish bond in the amount of \$10,000. The Executive Secretary shall furnish bond in the amount of \$50,000. The premium for both of these bonds shall be paid by the Commission.

SECTION 7. The officers of the Commission may submit questions for discussion by mail and ascertain sentiment of the schools by means of questionnaires. No vote to alter the Constitution and Bylaws shall be taken except at the annual meeting of the Commission, except that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee may, in case of emergency, with the consent of the Board of Appeals, enact and

adopt all necessary rules and regulations, whether by deletion, amendment, revision or addition, and which emergency rules and regulations shall be submitted at the next annual meeting of the Commission for formal adoption or rejection.

Article VI—Meetings

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be planned by the Executive Secretary and the Board of Appeals of said Commission.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by order of the President of the Commission. Fifty principals constitute a quorum to transact business.

Article VII—Board of Appeals

SECTION 1. The Board of Appeals shall have authority to administer the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 2. The State Superintendent of Schools or his representative designated by him to act in his stead, a representative selected by the West Virginia School Boards Association and a representative selected by the West Virginia School Administrators Association shall serve as appointive members of the Board of Appeals. Said appointive members shall be accorded full voting privileges but shall be ineligible to be elected or to serve as an officer of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

(a) The President of the Secondary School Principals Commission shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Appeals. However, serving the one-year term as an ex-officio member shall not render said member ineligible to be elected to a regular five-year term as an officer-member provided he is otherwise eligible.

SECTION 3. The Board of Appeals shall have authority to appoint an Executive Secretary, except as hereinafter provided, and such additional assistance as may be necessary to assure efficient functioning of the work of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Furthermore, said Board of Appeals shall have authority to fix and to pay salaries to the Executive Secretary and to other staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Secretary. The Board of Appeals shall also have authority to devise a plan of retirement benefits for the Executive Secretary and other full-time staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Secretary.

(a) At least one member of the staff personnel appointed to assist the Executive Secretary shall have the status of Assistant Executive Secretary. The procedure for making such appointment and the length of the contract term of office of the said Assistant Executive Secretary shall be the same as that prescribed for the Executive Secretary in ARTICLE X, Section 1 and Section 2. The said Assistant Executive Secretary shall not be removed during his contract term of office except for just and reasonable cause as prescribed in ARTICLE X, Section 3.

SECTION 4. The Board of Appeals shall have power by appointment to fill vacancies in its membership until the vacancies are filled regularly at the next annual meeting of the Commission.

SECTION 5. The Board of Appeals shall have power to decide all cases of eligibility of athletes and participants in band activities when their cases are not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 6. The Board of Appeals shall exercise whatever discretionary powers it may deem necessary for the furtherance of interscholastic athletic events and band activities in the secondary schools of West Virginia.

SECTION 7. The Board of Appeals shall appoint Deputy Board Members who will serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals.

SECTION 8. At the request of the Board of Appeals a Deputy Board Member shall investigate matters of eligibility and other violations of the rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Said Deputy Board Member shall submit to said Board of Appeals a written report of his findings and recommendations for disposition of the case(s).

SECTION 9. The Board of Appeals shall have the power to investigate through the Deputy Board Member, or in such other manner as may be found advisable, matters of eligibility and other violations of rules when the said Board deems it advisable to do so on the basis of information furnished, even though a formal protest is not filed.

SECTION 10. The Board of Appeals may divide the State into regions and sections for the purpose of administration and for tournaments or meets of any interscholastic athletic or band activity.

SECTION 11. The Board of Appeals shall approve or reject all emergency rules and regulations adopted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

SECTION 12. The Board of Appeals shall hold hearings and render decisions in all contested cases.

SECTION 13. The Board of Appeals shall have power to resolve disputes concerning the validity of any interscholastic athletic contest.

SECTION 14. Three officer-members present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Appeals shall constitute a quorum for said Board of Appeals to transact all business.

SECTION 15. The minutes of regular and special meetings of the Board of Appeals will be submitted to Principals of all member schools.

Article VIII—Funds

SECTION 1. The annual dues for members of this Commission shall be based upon the student enrollment of the school they represent.

- (a) A \$10.00 flat membership fee for all three and four-year schools on the first 100 students, or fraction thereof, enrolled in a school.
- (b) After the first 100 students enrolled, the membership fee will be \$5.00 per 100 additional students, or fraction thereof, up to 1,000 students.
- (c) For each 100 students above 1,000 an additional \$1.00 per 100 students, or fraction thereof, is to be added.
- (d) A six-year high school shall pay a flat fee of \$10.00 for grades seven and eight and \$5.00 per hundred, or fraction thereof, for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 up to 1,000 students and \$1.00 per hundred, or fraction thereof, above 1,000 students.
- (e) A \$10.00 fee is the ceiling for all regular junior high schools.

Dues for the year are payable on or before February 1 of each year. Membership in the Commission shall extend from July 1 to June 30 in any year, and shall be lapsed if dues are not paid on or before February 15. The enrollment figure to be used to determine the amount of dues shall be the gross enrollment of boys and girls at the close of the second month of the current school year. In case a membership has been allowed to lapse it may not be reinstated until the dues for the year of such lapsed membership, plus a penalty of \$5.00 reinstatement fee, has been paid to the Commission.

SECTION 2. The Board of Appeals may reduce the amount of the annual dues of the members for any year.

SECTION 3. The Board of Appeals is authorized to levy entry fees and assessments for the conducting of any interscholastic athletic event or band activity when it is not self-supporting. Funds from one activity division shall not be used for the support of another.

SECTION 4. The Commission shall determine the expenditures of money, but special power is given to the Board of Appeals to use funds as are necessary to carry on its work.

SECTION 5. The fiscal year of this Commission extends from July 1 to June 30. All monies paid as dues to the Commission as well as all monies derived from any contest or other event sponsored by the Commission become quasi public funds and as such shall be subject to an annual audit by the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner. A written summary of the audit shall be a part of the Annual Report of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Control.

SECTION 6. In case of dissolution of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission all funds of said Commission shall be prorated equally and distributed to the County Boards of Education of the members of said Commission. Provided, however, that governing boards of those who become members of said Commission subsequent to January 1, 1968, shall be entitled to a prorated share of only that portion of the said Commission's funds which have been collected, earned, and accumulated between the inception of such membership and the actual dissolution of said Commission.

Article IX—Amendments

The articles, bylaws, rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may be amended as provided in the sections immediately following. Provisions for adoption of emergency rules and regulations are made in Article V, Section 7 and Article VII, Section 11 of this Constitution. Before any proposed amendment or regulation other than any emergency rule or regulation becomes effective it shall be approved by a majority vote of the members of said Commission present and voting at an annual or called meeting.

SECTION 1. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee, consisting of five members of the Commission, shall be appointed by and shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals. Said Board of Appeals shall designate one of the members so appointed to serve as the chairman of such committee.

SECTION 2. The Board of Appeals shall give due consideration to maintaining a fair balance of representation from the first class high schools as defined in Article III, Section 2 of this Constitution when making new appointments to the Constitution and Bylaws committee. However, an incumbent member of said committee shall not be ruled ineligible to continue to serve on said committee solely because he becomes principal of a type of first class high school different from that from which he was originally appointed.

SECTION 3. It shall be the function and purpose of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to provide continuity and cohesion in the rules and regulations governing the interscholastic athletic and band activity programs in West Virginia. Further, it shall be the function and purpose of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, in cases of emergency, and with the consent of the Board of Appeals, to enact and adopt all necessary interim rules and regulations, whether by deletion, amendment, revision or addition and which emergency rules and regulations shall be submitted for formal adoption or rejection at the next annual or called meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 4. Expenses for authorized meetings of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be defrayed from the funds of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

SECTION 5. Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by any member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Such proposed changes, whether by revision, addition or deletion, shall be submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by January 1 of each year in order to permit the committee to study such proposed changes and to submit them, by mail, to the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting of said Commission.

SECTION 6. At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission each, and only each, such proposed change received by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and those interim emergency rules and regulations enacted by the said Committee shall be presented to the membership of said Commission for discussion and formal adoption and rejection. Said Committee may accompany each presentation with an explanation of the effect of such proposed change upon the present rules and objectives of the Commission. Said Committee may also recommend adoption or rejection of said proposition.

SECTION 7. The President of the Commission shall appoint a parliamentarian to serve at the meetings of the Commission to decide questions of procedure during said meetings.

SECTION 8. An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not become effective until July 1 immediately following the annual meeting at which such amendment was adopted and such adoption is formally approved by the West Virginia State Board of Education.

SECTION 9. Nothing in this article shall be construed so as to limit or in any way effect the validity of emergency rules and regulations which have been duly adopted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Appeals in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of this Constitution. Emergency rules and regulations will be effective upon the date they are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia and remain in effect until the next meeting of the Commission.

Article X—Executive Secretary

SECTION 1. The Board of Appeals shall, if it desires to retain the services of the incumbent Executive Secretary, add two years to his present term of office, thereby making his present appointive term for a period of three years. At the expiration of each year (June 30) thereafter, the said Board of Appeals shall add one year to the contract term of the Executive Secretary, unless said Board of Appeals shall desire to change to another Executive Secretary. If a change is desired, said Board shall notify the Executive Secretary and the President of the

West Virginia Secondary Principals Commission, in writing, that a change is desired and the one year shall not be added to the term of the Executive Secretary. Unless said notice is given as stated, the year will be considered to be added automatically.

However, in no case shall the Executive Secretary, Assistant Executive Secretary, or member of their office staff, serve beyond the attainment of their 65th chronological year of age, except to complete the fiscal year ending June 30th in which the 65th year of age is attained.

SECTION 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Executive Secretary during any three-year period, the Board of Appeals shall fill such vacancy by appointment, which appointment shall continue until the end of the regular three-year period (except that should a person serving as a member of the Board of Appeals, or one having served as a member of the Board of Appeals within a period of one year immediately preceding a vacancy in the position of Executive Secretary, become a candidate for that position, the authority to appoint the Executive Secretary shall be vested in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee).

SECTION 3. The Executive Secretary shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals but shall not be removed during his term of office except for just and reasonable cause. Inefficiency, failure to cooperate with the Board of Appeals, immorality, and failure to carry out duties hereinafter set forth shall be deemed sufficient cause for removal of the Executive Secretary.

Article XI—Duties of the Executive Secretary

SECTION 1. The Executive Secretary shall carry on the work incident to the efficient functioning of the Activities Commission. The general management and administration of the program of officiating for the interscholastic athletic activities sponsored by this Commission is considered one and a proper function of said Commission.

(a) He shall be responsible for assigning general areas of responsibilities and directing the activities of the Assistant Executive Secretary as such responsibilities relate to the work of said Commission.

SECTION 2. The Executive Secretary shall receive complaints and make investigations concerning the eligibility of secondary school athletes and participants in band activities. He shall also receive complaints and make investigations concerning violations of the rules of the Commission.

SECTION 3. The Executive Secretary shall render decisions and impose penalties in athletic eligibility and other disputes subject to review by the Board of Appeals.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to make a full and complete written report to the County Board of Education regarding any disciplinary action taken by the Board of Appeals against a member school which is located in the county in which the said Board of Education has jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary shall attend State Meetings of the West Virginia Secondary School Association and report, when requested by the principals, on the work of his office.

SECTION 6. The Executive Secretary shall attend the meetings, when practicable, of the National Federation of State High School Associations and bring to the attention of the Commission and the Board of Appeals reports from the National Meeting.

SECTION 7. The Executive Secretary shall devote his full time to the work

assigned to him by the Board of Appeals. He shall hold no other remunerative office or position. He shall not officiate at any interscholastic contest.

SECTION 8. The Executive Secretary shall represent West Virginia in conferences and controversies involving other states.

SECTION 9. The Executive Secretary shall exercise all rights and privileges pertaining to eligibility, and to representation with the National Federation of State High School Associations, granted to members of the Board of Appeals and Principals by this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article XII—Review Board

SECTION 1.

(a) A West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Review Board is hereby established.

(b) Said Review Board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the West Virginia State Board of Education upon recommendation by the State Superintendent of Schools. No person, other than a county superintendent of schools, and a representative of the West Virginia Athletic Directors Association, shall be appointed or shall serve who is employed by the West Virginia State Board of Education or any County Board of Education. All members of the Review Board shall be residents of the State of West Virginia.

(c) Each of the following associations shall be requested to present three nominations to the State Superintendent of Schools for membership on the Review Board:

West Virginia Bar Association
West Virginia School Administrators Association
West Virginia State Committee of the North Central Association
of Colleges and Secondary Schools
West Virginia State Medical Association
West Virginia Sportswriters Association
West Virginia Athletic Directors Association
West Virginia Retired School Employees Association

(d) Members of the Review Board need not be members of the association which submitted their names in nomination and shall be appointed for a term of five years. Prior to the expiration date of the term of each member of the Review Board, the respective association will nominate three representatives to the State Superintendent of Schools who shall subsequently recommend one to the West Virginia State Board of Education.

(e) The term of office of each member of the Review Board will begin upon the acceptance of the appointment and will expire on June 30 of the year in which the term expires.

(f) The member with the shortest remaining tenure on the Review Board shall serve as its chairman. Each appointed member of said Review Board shall have equal voting privileges.

(g) In the same manner as prescribed in subparagraph (d) above, the West Virginia State Board of Education shall have power to fill any vacancy which occurs in the membership of the Review Board. Such appointments shall be made at the next regular or called meeting of said Board of Education following the existence of a vacancy and shall be for the unexpired term of the position vacated.

(h) Members of the Review Board shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incident to the performances of their duties upon presentation to the West Virginia State Department of Education an itemized sworn statement thereof. Costs shall be taxed by the Review Board at its discretion, not to exceed the actual expenses incurred, against the party who fails to prevail and the Review Board may, in its discretion, if it so desires, require any appealing party to post security for costs with the State Superintendent of Schools the sum of \$200.00.

(i) The Review Board will sit for hearings within a reasonable time after the aggrieved party having a matter for review files an appeal, but not longer than thirty days after such appeal is filed, and at any such other times as the Review Board may determine, at the State Capitol in Charleston, or in such other place as the Chairman of said Review Board may elect.

SECTION 2.

(a) The West Virginia State Department of Education shall make available adequate and competent secretarial services to record the proceedings and transactions of each meeting of the Review Board and to prepare the official written report, required elsewhere in this Article, on each decision rendered by said Review Board.

SECTION 3.

(a) Any decision of the Board of Appeals involving a penalty, protest, or interpretation of the rules and regulations of this Commission governing interscholastic athletic or band activities may be appealed to the Review Board in the manner hereinafter described. Said appeal may be made by any member of the aggrieved party which is directly affected by the decision of the Board of Appeals and aggrieved by such decision of the Board of Appeals.

(b) Appeals must be filed with the State Superintendent of Schools of West Virginia within fifteen days after any final decision of the Board of Appeals of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

(c) Upon receipt of said appeal, the State Superintendent of Schools shall immediately notify each member of the Review Board of said appeal and the Chairman of said Review Board who shall forthwith set a date, time and place for hearing and shall immediately notify all interested parties, in writing, of the same.

(d) The filing of any appeal shall not stay enforcement nor act as a supersedeas thereto of the prior ruling or decision of the Board of Appeals. However, pending the hearing on any appeal, at its discretion, the Board of Appeals may grant a stay of enforcement upon such terms as it deems proper.

SECTION 4.

(a) Proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition, in quintuplicate, with the State Superintendent of Schools within fifteen days after the date upon which such party received notice of the final order or decision of the Board of Appeals. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission or its Executive Secretary and all other parties of record by registered or certified mail. The petition shall state whether the appeal is taken on questions of law or questions of fact, or both. No appeal bond shall be required to effect any such appeal.

(b) Within fifteen days after receipt of a copy of the petition by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, or its Executive Secretary, or within such further time as the Review Board may allow, said Commission or said Executive Secretary shall transmit to such Review Board, the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the proceedings under review, including a transcript of all testimony and all papers, motions, documents, evidence and records as were

before the said Commission, all Commission staff memoranda submitted in connection with the case, and a statement of matters officially noted; but, by stipulation of all parties to the review proceedings, the record may be shortened. The expense of preparing such record shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the appeal. The appellant shall provide security for costs involved. Upon demand by any party to the appeal, said Commission shall furnish, at the cost of the party requesting same, a copy of such record. In the event the complete record is not filed with the Review Board within the time provided for in this section, the appellant may apply to the Review Board to have the case docketed, and the Review Board shall order such record filed. Failure of the said Commission to file the record within the time stipulated shall automatically stay the enforcement of the order or decision of the Board of Appeals, in that particular case, and such stay shall continue until such record is filed.

(c) Appeals taken on questions of law, fact or both, shall be heard upon assignment of error filed in the cause or set out in the briefs of the appellant. Errors not argued by brief may be disregarded, but the Review Board may consider and decide errors which are not assigned or argued.

(d) The review shall be conducted by the Review Board without a jury and shall be upon the records made before the Commission, except that in cases of alleged irregularities in procedure before the Commission not shown in the record, testimony thereon may be taken before the Review Board. The Review Board may hear oral arguments and require written briefs.

SECTION 5.

(a) After hearing all evidence and arguments, the Review Board shall render a decision in one of three forms: (1) sustaining the ruling of the Board of Appeals; (2) reversing the ruling of the Board of Appeals; or (3) remanding the matter to the Board of Appeals for further action. The Board of Review shall reverse, vacate or modify the order or decision of the Board of Appeals if the substantial rights of the petitioner or petitioners have been prejudiced because of the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, decisions or order are (1) in violation of constitutional or statutory provisions; or (2) in excess of the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the Commission; or (3) made upon unlawful procedures; or (4) affected by other error of law; or (5) clearly wrong in view of the reliable probative and substantial evidence on the whole record; or (6) arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

(b) Four members, present and voting, shall constitute a quorum for the Review Board to transact all business.

(c) A majority vote of those members of the Review Board in attendance at any hearing shall be required to render a decision. Such decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

(d) Within thirty (30) days from the date of any hearing, the Review Board shall make a written report of its decision, stating briefly therein its reasons for such a decision. Copies of the report shall be mailed to the State Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and, upon written request, to other interested parties.

SECTION 6.

(a) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the Board of Appeals in performing its regular duties as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; in making investigations and initiating proceedings against any member of said Commission; in making interpretations of the rules of eligibility of student athletes or band members; or in

imposing penalties for the violations of any rules, regulations, or bylaws of said Commission.

(b) Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution; Rule 36, Rule 37-1-0, Rule 38-3-0, and Rule 50 which infer or state that decisions of the Board of Appeals are final are hereby modified only to the extent that such final ruling of the Board of Appeals may be appealed within the time limit in the manner prescribed elsewhere in this Article and affirmed, reversed or remanded by the Review Board.

Article XIII—Rules and Regulations

The Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are the rules and regulations of said Commission.

Article XIV—Board of Trustees

SECTION 1. The Board of Appeals shall appoint a five member Board of Trustees. Each Trustee shall be a Principal of a secondary school in West Virginia and each shall serve during the will and pleasure of said Board of Appeals. Two or more members serving as Principals of secondary schools located in the same Administrative District of West Virginia shall be ineligible to serve as Trustees at the same time.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees and their lawfully appointed successors shall hold title to all real estate and other property owned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission except as shall be directed otherwise by the Board of Control.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees shall elect from the membership thereof to hold office for a term of one year or until a successor shall be elected, a Chairman, and if need requires a Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 4. The Board of Trustees shall serve without pay or honorarium.

SECTION 5. If it so elects, the Board of Control shall direct the Board of Trustees to incorporate in accordance with the pertinent laws of West Virginia and in such manner as will fully protect and exempt from any and all legal liability the individual officers and members jointly and severally, of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, for and on account of the debts and other obligations of every kind and description of said Commission.

SECTION 6. Should a Trustee withdraw from membership of the Commission or be excluded therefrom, his trusteeship therein shall automatically cease from the date of such withdrawal or exclusion.

SECTION 7. Should a Trustee refuse, within five days from the receipt thereof, to execute a legal instrument relating to any property of the Commission, when directed to do so by the Board of Control or the Board of Appeals, and when all legal requirements have been satisfied with reference to execution, the Board of Appeals may declare his membership on the Board of Trustees vacated.

SECTION 8. The Board of Control and/or the Board of Appeals may direct the Trustees with respect to the purchase, sale, mortgage, encumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling, and maintenance of any and all property of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and do any and all other things necessary to exercise such other powers and duties relating to the property, real and personal, as may be committed to said Trustees by said Board of Control or Board of Appeals.

SECTION 9. The Board of Trustees may intervene and take all necessary legal steps to safeguard and protect the interests and rights of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in all matters relating to property and rights of property of said Commission.

SECTION 10. The Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the President of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission at such times and places as shall be designated in a notice to each Trustee at a reasonable time prior to the appointed time of the meeting. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum to transact matters of business which may rightfully come before it.

Action taken by the Board of Control provides that explanations and interpretations under basic rules of the Bylaws shall have the same force and effect as the rules.

**THE WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**

THE BYLAWS

Athletics

PART A—PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY

NOTE: The word "student" used in these Rules of Eligibility refers to either a boy or a girl participant in interscholastic athletics. Therefore, according to correct grammatical usage, since the antecedent "student" can involve persons of both sexes, the masculine pronouns he and him used throughout these Rules of Eligibility will refer to either male or female participants.

Rule 1—Enrollment

1-0-0 Any person competing in interscholastic athletics must be a bona fide student of the member school of this Commission which he represents and must be enrolled in said school on or before the eleventh school day of the semester in which he competes.

1-1-0 A student shall be ineligible for one year, in all sports, should he participate with a school's athletic team without enrolling in that school.

1-1-1 Enrollment is accomplished by completion of the usual formalities of registration in the Principal's office.

1-1-2 A student who has failed to enroll in a high school on or before the eleventh day of a semester would not be immediately eligible in another school to which he might transfer, even though there had been a change in residence to another school zone by the parents or guardians. If the student was ineligible in the school from which he was transferred, he would not be eligible in the school to which he transferred.

Rule 2—Age

2-0-0 A student in a senior high school whose nineteenth birthday, and a student in a junior high school whose sixteenth birthday, occurs before September 1 shall be ineligible for all sports.

NOTE: Regulations governing the establishing of age for eligibility appears in 20-8-0 and 20-8-1 of these Bylaws.

Rules 3—Team Membership

3-0-0 The following grades of member schools of this Commission are recognized as junior high schools, for athletic purposes: Grades seven and eight of two-year junior high schools; Grades seven, eight and nine of three-year junior high schools; Grades seven, eight and nine of six-year high schools; and grade nine of four-year senior high schools. Students enrolled

in said grades of said high schools may compete in junior high school interscholastic athletics which are sponsored by this Commission, if they are otherwise eligible.

3-1-0 A student who is enrolled in a grade below the ninth is ineligible to play on a Senior high school team.

3-2-0 A student who is enrolled in a grade below the seventh, or above the ninth, is ineligible to play on a junior high school team.

3-3-0 A student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of an approved junior high school is ineligible to play on a senior high school team.

3-4-0 A student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of a four or six-year high school may participate as a member of either the junior high school or the senior high school team, provided, however, that after a ninth grade student in either of said schools becomes a member of the senior high school team he immediately becomes ineligible as a member of the junior high school team, in that sport.

3-5-0 A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic events under Rule 7-1-0 shall not be permitted to practice with the school's athletic teams.

3-6-0 Should a student, knowingly, or inadvertently violate any provision of these rules, the penalty shall be the loss of eligibility for the ensuing 365 days.

3-6-1 A three-year junior high school, consisting of grades seven, eight and nine organized as a single educational unit, separate and apart from a senior high school, and administered by a principal who is not connected with a senior high school, is considered by the State Department of Education to be an approved junior high school; therefore, if a student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of an approved junior high school played on a senior high school team he would be in violation of Rule 1 because he would be representing a school in which he was not enrolled; however, since a student who is enrolled in the ninth grade of a four- or six-year high school is a bona fide member of a senior high school, he is eligible to play on the teams of that school.

3-6-2 A student graduating at the end of a school term, is eligible to represent his school until the close of the school's season in baseball, track, tennis, golf, or other regular high school activities.

3-7-0 Any person who has graduated from a senior high school, or a school of equal grade, is not eligible to participate in high school athletics, except as provided in Rule 3-6-2.

Rule 4—Seasons for Competition

4-0-0 A student who is enrolled in grade seven, eight or nine of any junior or senior high school shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics more than three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in these grades.

4-1-0 A student shall be considered to be in the seventh grade until he has passed at least fifteen hours, each semester, of regular seventh grade work. He shall be considered to be in the eighth grade until he has passed at least fifteen hours, each semester, of regular eighth grade work.

4-2-0 A student in any high school who is enrolled in any grade of grades ten to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics more than three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in a member school of this Commission.

4-2-1 Athletic participation by any student is limited to six seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in grades seven to twelve, inclusive. Therefore, a student may participate three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in an approved junior

high school and three seasons in each sport while he is enrolled in a senior high school. A student who participates two seasons in each sport in grades seven and eight of any school may have four seasons of participation in each sport while he is enrolled in a senior high school.

Rule 5—Semester Rule

5-0-0 A student who has been enrolled eight semesters in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible for further interscholastic competition while he is enrolled in any of these grades. The seventh and eighth semesters must be consecutive.

5-1-0 A student enrolled in a fifth first semester or fifth second semester of grades nine to twelve, inclusive, shall be ineligible for any sport, the season of which falls wholly or in part of either of said semesters.

5-2-0 Ten days of attendance shall constitute a semester.

5-2-1 The number of semesters of athletic eligibility to which a student is entitled is determined by semesters of enrollment and attendance and not by semesters of participation. The intent of Rule 5 is to extend to each student the opportunity to enjoy eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility while he is enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive. A student who has been enrolled in grades seven and eight for four (4) consecutive semesters is ineligible for further participation while he is enrolled in grades seven and eight. A student who has been enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, for eight (8) semesters during four consecutive school terms is ineligible for further participation while he is enrolled in any grade from nine to twelve. It is the further intent of the foregoing to prevent any contradiction between the provisions of Rule 5 and the provisions of Rule 4.

5-2-2 A student whose eligibility expires with the end of a semester will not become ineligible until the first day of the following semester. For example: should the first semester end on Friday and the second semester begin on the following Monday, a student who is eligible the first semester, but ineligible the second semester, would be eligible to participate on the Saturday between semesters. A student who is ineligible the first semester and becomes eligible the second semester would not be permitted to participate until the first day of the second semester. For example: should the first semester end on Friday and the second semester begin on the following Monday, the student who becomes eligible the second semester could not participate until that said Monday.

5-2-3 Participation in any interscholastic athletic contest shall constitute a semester of participation in that sport.

5-2-4 Enrollment means the same as attendance in determining a semester of attendance. The period of enrollment or attendance includes the day of enrollments, the last day of attendance, and the elapsed time between these two dates. If this period includes ten days in which school was actually in session, the pupil will be charged with a semester's attendance.

5-2-5 Class Room, Home Room, and Monthly Register records may be required to establish periods of enrollment and attendance.

Rule 6—Scholarship Standing

6-0-0 To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, a student must have earned a passing grade in at least 15 semester hours or 1 ½ Carnegie Units of credit which count toward meeting the prescribed or elective requirements for graduation. Said credit must have been earned at the end of the semester preceding that in which said student desires to

compete (unless said student has just been promoted to the ninth grade; in which case Rule 6-1-1 would have the same effect).

6-0-1 A minimum of 10 of the semester hours or a minimum of one Carnegie Unit must be in Language Arts, Practical Arts, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies. Said hours or unit may not be in the same foregoing subject matter areas.

6-0-2 A semester hour is the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a course which meets one period per week for one semester of at least 18 weeks. A Carnegie Unit is the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a course which meets five days per week for at least 40 minutes daily or the equivalent amount of time throughout one school year of at least 36 weeks.

NOTE: Schools providing for planned programs of independent learning during the regular school term may not wish to require all students to attend classes a specific amount of time during a semester. In such instances credit may be granted for satisfactory performance in administered proficiency examinations or for successful completion of curricular units, steps or phases which have been established by the school as comprising the equivalency of a unit of work and approved by the State Board of Education.

6-0-3 A multiple period subject, such as those pursued at a Vocational or Trade and Industrial Center for a full morning or a full afternoon session, may be counted as 10 semester hours or one unit per semester.

6-1-0 A student shall be ineligible if he did not earn during the immediate preceding semester at least fifteen hours of credit (1½ units) as prescribed in Rule 6-0-0.

6-1-1 A student promoted to the seventh grade, for the first time, is considered to have satisfied scholastic requirements and is permitted to participate during the first semester of his initial enrollment in that grade, provided he is otherwise eligible.

6-1-2 Scholastic deficiencies if made up in any manner after the close of a semester shall not render a student eligible for interscholastic participation during the following semester. Only that work which is given in regular school classes shall be counted for credit. Work taken by a student from a tutor or special instructor, or in summer school, may not be counted for eligibility qualification.

6-1-3 The purpose of Rule 6-1-0 is to exclude from interscholastic participation any student who has withdrawn from school until he has completed one semester of school work following his re-enrollment.

6-1-4 A student who is suspended or expelled during any semester, without having completed the amount of work required for eligibility, cannot be eligible during the immediate subsequent semester.

6-1-5 The eligibility of a student who attended another school during the preceding or current semester must be established by an official transcript or certificate signed by the principal of the school from which the student transferred.

6-1-6 Credits or grades recorded in the established and approved school manner shall be regarded as final in determining eligibility.

Rule 7—Residence Requirements

7-0-0 For the purpose of determining athletic eligibility there shall be in each county a geographic division (school zone) or territory from which each secondary school will receive students who reside or establish residence in said zone. A student whose parents

reside, or who establish residence, within that zone shall be eligible in the secondary school which receives its students from the designated school zone. However, should a student enroll in a West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission member school of his home zone after having attended a private, parochial, or other public secondary school located in the same or any other school zone or state, said student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for a period of 120 instructional days from the date of enrollment in the school of said student's home zone. The same rule would apply to those students transferring from a public secondary school to a member private or parochial school located in the same zone or any other West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission member secondary school. [Exceptions to this rule are provided in Rule 7-2-0 and Rule 7-5-0 of these Bylaws.]

7-0-1 The geographic division (school zone) for public secondary schools shall be established either by official action of the Board of Education of the said county or by precedent. The geographic division (school zone) for Catholic secondary schools shall be defined by the West Virginia Diocesan Board of Education and approved by the Board of Appeals. The geographical division (school zone) for private secondary schools shall be defined by the governing body of said schools and approved by the Board of Appeals.

7-0-2 A student who completes the highest grade of an elementary school or a junior high school and enrolls for the first time in the next succeeding grade of the junior high school or the senior high school located in his home zone shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided he is otherwise eligible.

7-0-3 In broken home cases, the mother's residence shall be considered to be the legal residence of the student except where court action has previously established another person as having custody of the student. In cases where neither parent is able to establish a home for a student or both parents refuse to do so, or both abandon the student, the Board of Appeals shall use discretionary power to determine the status of the student's eligibility for interscholastic athletic participation. The proof of such status must be established by the student or by close relatives, and by the school or schools desiring to permit him to participate in interscholastic athletics. Any attempt to establish two homes shall be considered as an attempt to evade the rule.

7-0-4 When the parents or guardians of a student have made a bona fide change of residence during the school term to a new school zone, the student is immediately as eligible in the school of the zone to which his parents or guardians move as he was in the school from which he withdrew. Should the student elect to remain in the school of the zone from which his parents moved, he may retain eligibility in that school only until the end of that school year. However, should such change of residence take place after the student's eleventh grade year (Junior), he may retain eligibility in that school during his twelfth grade year (Senior) provided he is otherwise eligible.

7-0-5 An exception to the above provisions of the RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS shall be made in the case of an "AFS" or other Foreign-Exchange student who desires to participate in interscholastic athletic or band activities during his one year residence in the State. Said student must meet the other eligibility requirements. However, if said student is a "graduate" student, i.e., he has already graduated from a secondary school in his home country, he will not be eligible under any circumstances to participate in interscholastic athletic activities sponsored by this Commission.

7-1-0 A student is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in any secondary school located outside his zone until he has been in residence in that zone for a period of 120 instructional days, unless that student has been in attendance in that school zone for no less than three immediate preceding years. There can be no change of residence

to any other attendance zone at any time during those three years. A student who has established eligibility in a junior high school of a particular zone shall not be required to forfeit a second year of eligibility upon his promotion to a senior high school in that same zone.

7-1-1 School executives are reminded that the Activities Commission Transfer Forms are to be executed for all transfer pupils before the privilege of interscholastic competition is given in order that the participant's complete interscholastic record may be known.

7-1-2 A supply of Transfer Blanks may be secured from the Executive Secretary's office. A transfer form must accompany the student to a new school.

7-1-3 The fact that transfer has or has not been issued on the basis that the student pays or does not pay his tuition has no bearing on the interpretation of this rule.

7-2-0 A student from a broken home who is in the care of the Department of Public Assistance of West Virginia shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as a member of the athletic teams of the high school in the zone in which said Department of Public Assistance places him in a home, provided he is otherwise eligible under the rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

7-3-0 Where a town or city is located partially in two counties, and where only one high school is available in the town or city, students living in the town or city, are eligible in said high school irrespective of the county in which they live. If each of the counties maintains a high school in the town or city, the county line defines the zone of each school, except as provided in Rule 7-0-1 with respect to Catholic and private secondary schools.

7-4-0 State lines are considered zone lines in interpretation of these rules.

7-5-0 The Board of Appeals is authorized to grant exceptions to the provisions of Rule 7 when it finds the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended, or when it finds that the rule works an undue hardship upon the student.

Rule 8—Legal Guardian and Adoption

8-0-0 Guardians are recognized only when legal evidence of appointment has been made.

8-0-1 So-called "guardians" are not recognized for students having a parent whose authority is recognized and acknowledged, nor shall mere assumption of maintenance expense constitute guardianship.

8-0-2 Before a person may be recognized as a legal guardian he must meet the legal qualifications of guardianship which, in West Virginia, are as follows:

"A guardian in this state must be a citizen of West Virginia and of the United States, he must be appointed by a last will and/or testament or by the action of a court and in either case give bond before he becomes legally "qualified."

8-0-3 A student becomes eligible under guardianship 365 days after the guardianship is established.

8-0-4 When a student is legally adopted he becomes eligible on the date adoption is legalized.

Rule 9—Undue Influence

9-0-0 Any student who changes his place of residence and/or transfers to another school for

athletic purposes through or by influence of any person and/or group of persons shall be ineligible in the school to which he transfers.

9-1-0 Transferring of a student from one zone to another by a Board of Education may be cause for investigation of the reason for his transfer and if the Board of Appeals believes the rule has been violated the student shall be ineligible in the high school to which he transferred.

9-2-0 On county borders where grade school graduates have been authorized by the two Boards of Education to enter a high school in a bordering county, choice of a school not in their home county shall not be considered undue influence unless there is evidence that the rule has been violated, but the school of original high school entry shall be considered to be in the home zone.

9-3-0 Enrollment cases involving zone, county, or state lines, shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Appeals by the high schools and by the Board of Education or Boards of Education concerned with such transfers for approval before the right of competition is granted.

9-4-0 Nothing in any part of Rule 9 shall abrogate any part of Rule 7.

Rule 10—Definition of Undue Influence

10-0-0 Undue influence means an act by any person or group connected with a school or not connected with a school to persuade a student to enroll in another member school or to persuade his parents or guardians to move to the zone of another school. Some specific examples of undue influence are (1) being asked to move by a member of a school's faculty, (2) being asked to move by booster organizations or members of such organization, (3) persuasion by any member of a school's team, (4) being given tuition, free textbooks, allowances for transportation, or consideration not accorded other students, athletic or non-athletic, (5) any other evidence that a transfer or enrollment was made because of athletic ability.

Rule 11—Limited Team Membership

11-0-0 During the school year and while a member of a school team, a student shall neither participate on any non-school team in the same sport, nor shall he compete as an individual unattached in non-school formally organized competition in the same sport. Violation of this provision shall cause the individual to be ineligible for further participation on his school team for that season in that particular sport. However, an exception may be made by the Board of Appeals if the student is trying out for or competing as a representative of the United States in Pan-American or Olympic activities.

11-0-1 It is the purpose of this rule to limit a student's athletic participation to his school team only, during a sport season.

11-0-2 Class, intramural, or club teams playing within a school are not regarded as "other teams."

11-0-3 Any "other team" is one which engages in the same athletic activity as that sponsored by the school. These usually include such teams as independent, recreation, school, alumni, Y.M.C.A., and industrial.

11-0-4 An "outside or other" team does not necessarily need to: (1) Be definitely organized; (2) Have a name; or (3) Represent an organization or a community.

Rule 12—Definition of a Game or Contest

12-0-0 One or more of the following factors usually are present in a contest or game, any of

which will serve to determine a contest: (1) Previous arrangement; (2) Advertisement; (3) Score and/or time kept; (4) Spectators present; (5) Regulation or modified rules followed; (6) Contest officiated; (7) Account of contest appearing in local paper; (8) Sufficient number of players to form two teams; (9) Admission charged.

Rule 13—Awards

13-0-0 Participants in interscholastic activities on an individual or team basis may accept a medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron, or any similar award given by his school or given by a non-school organization sponsoring an activity. Students who accept awards for participation in interscholastic activities, other than those approved in this rule, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities for 365 days. Any member school which gives awards in violation of the restrictions of this rule shall be subject to penalties imposed by the Board of Appeals.

13-0-1 The rules governing awards apply to a student of a member school participating (as an individual or as a member of a team or group) in an activity or contest sponsored by members of this Commission or by non-school agencies or groups. The acceptance of awards (other than those approved in these rules) for participation in impromptu interscholastic contests, or activities sponsored by clubs, churches, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc., not approved by this Commission, shall be considered a violation of these rules.

13-0-2 Awards from any source, which are not approved by this Commission, consist of wearing apparel (sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.), equipment (radios, television sets, etc.), athletic goods (batons, tennis rackets, golf bags, tennis or golf balls, etc.), or any other merchandise or money.

13-0-3 Nothing in the awards rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievements.

13-0-4 Purchase by students when any part of the purchase price is donated, paid by the school, or raised through methods similar to those mentioned above is regarded as a violation.

13-0-5 The rules governing awards shall not apply during the summer months when school is not in regular session. However, students must still assume responsibility for maintaining their amateur standing as detailed in Rule 14.

13-1-0 This Commission does not nominate or select "all-state" teams in any sport.

13-2-0 Participants in conferences, meets, or tournaments shall not receive awards as members of all-star, all-conference, or all-tournament teams, provided, however, that participants in meets, conferences, and tournaments sponsored and approved by the Board of Appeals may receive awards for individual performance if such awards are presented by the school personnel approved by the Board of Appeals to direct the meet, conference, or tournament.

13-2-1 Nothing in the athletics awards rule shall be interpreted to affect recognition of scholarship.

13-2-2 Group action by auxiliary agencies, boosters clubs, and associations in the raising of funds for the purpose of awards by such means as dances, shows, entertainment, sales of refreshments, etc., shall be a violation of this rule.

13-2-3 Purchase by students when any part of the purchase price is donated, paid by the school, or raised through methods similar to those mentioned above is regarded as a violation.

Rule 14—Violations of Amateur Practices

14-0-0 Any student who has used, or is using, his athletic skill or knowledge of athletics for personal gain, who has contested with or against a professional in any match, game, or contest, or who has competed under an assumed name shall be ineligible for any contest.

14-0-1 A student who has ceased to be an amateur athlete shall not be eligible to represent his school in any contest.

14-0-2 A pupil having lost his amateur standing may be reinstated by the Board of Appeals after the lapse of one complete high school season, provided he has not persisted in breaking the amateur rule.

14-0-3 An amateur athlete loses his amateur standing if he receives money for participating in any sport.

14-0-4 A professional in one sport is considered a professional in all sports.

14-0-5 Caddying for pay shall not be considered as a violation under this rule.

14-0-6 This rule will be interpreted strictly in connection with all sports sponsored or promoted by outside groups. Interpretations for individual sport contests should be secured in advance.

14-0-7 In order that students may not be denied the opportunity or the right to play summer baseball, golf, or tennis, the following exception to several provisions of Rule 14 is hereby authorized:

A student may play summer baseball, golf or tennis, with or against professional players and still retain his amateur standing, so long as he does not receive pay for his services or his expenses. However, he may have his expenses paid.

14-0-8 Since high school students must assume responsibility for keeping their amateur standing above suspicion, that part of the exception which provides that a student may have his expenses paid but may not receive pay for his expenses, is intended to assist in safeguarding against the practice of padding an expense account to the extent that pay may actually be received for playing.

Rule 15—Ineligible Participants

15-0-0 Any student who participates in an interscholastic athletic event as an ineligible player, either knowingly or inadvertently, shall be ineligible for further participation in any interscholastic athletic event for a period of 365 days from the last date of such participation as an eligible player.

PART B—PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

Rule 16—Competition Limited to Eligibles

16-0-0 A member school of this Commission shall not enter any athletes or athletic teams in any contest whatsoever unless the athletes or athletic teams of such member school shall be eligible under Part A of the Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. This rule also applies to second or reserve teams.

16-0-1 When contests are held which are part of the intramural programs of schools, such contestants need not be certified as eligible under provisions of Part A of the Bylaws.

16-0-2 A pupil shall not be allowed on the field of play in the athletic uniform of his school if he is not eligible to participate.

16-0-3 If a school maintains separate teams in the same or related sports (example: baseball or softball) for girls and boys during the school year, regardless of the sports season, girls may not participate on boys' teams and boys may not participate on girls' teams. However, should a school not maintain separate teams in the same or related sports for boys and girls, then boys and girls may participate on the same team except in contact sports such as football and wrestling.

Rule 17—Responsibility of Principal

17-0-0 The principal of each school, in all matters pertaining to the interscholastic athletic relations of his school, is responsible to this Commission. He may delegate some of these powers but such delegation shall not relieve him of responsibility for any infraction, by his school, or the Constitution and Bylaws of this Commission.

17-1-0 A member of the faculty must accompany each team for its games away from home. He may be substituted for by a representative properly authorized by a written statement from his principal.

Rule 18—Powers and Duties of Principal

The Principal shall have the following powers and duties:

18-0-0 To have general local control over all interscholastic athletic relations and athletic contests in which his school participates. This applies to interscholastic athletics for both girls and boys.

18-1-0 To exclude any contestant who, because of bad habits or improper conduct would not represent his or her school in a becoming manner; to exclude any contestant who fails to maintain satisfactory scholastic standing, as defined in Rule 6-0-0, while a sport season is in progress and also to exclude any contestant who has suffered serious illness or injury until that contestant is pronounced physically fit by the school physician or the attending physician and the parents or guardian of said contestant shall consent to the resumption of athletic participation. (Also see Rule 33).

18-2-0 To sanction all contests in which his school participates.

18-3-0 To be responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending contests conducted by his school. Penalties may be imposed upon a member school whose Principal fails to provide reasonable protection for officials and visitors at home games. If a game is played at a neutral place, the principals of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for this protection. In such a case, penalties may be imposed upon either or both schools.

18-4-0 To see that all contracts for athletic contests in which his school participates are in writing and bear his signature.

18-5-0 The Principal or his authorized representative shall accompany his team to all contests.

18-6-0 To be responsible for certifying in writing the eligibility of all contestants in accordance with the Bylaws of this Commission.

18-7-0 The principal shall have such other powers concerning interscholastic athletics within his school as are in keeping with the growth and needs of the school and which are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

Rule 19-Contracts

19-0-0 Arrangements for games between schools shall be governed and covered by a uniform contract of which this Constitution and Bylaws shall be a part.

19-0-1 The Executive Secretary shall furnish official forms to all principals belonging to this Commission.

19-0-2 All contracts shall be in writing and drawn up according to the official contract form. These should include specific dates, financial guarantee provisions and adequate forfeiture stipulations. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by the Board of Appeals.

19-0-3 The suspension of a school's schedule of athletic contests in a particular sport shall render its contracts with other schools in that sport null and void.

19-0-4 Contracts calling for two games—home and home games—cannot be annulled unless by agreement of both principals or by order of the Board of Appeals.

19-0-5 If School C delivers to School D a signed contract for a game to be played on a specified date and the contract is not returned by School D within thirty days, then if School C should sign a new contract with another school for a game on the date specified in the contract sent to School D, School C shall not be penalized for so doing.

19-0-6 The Board of Appeals, under the power granted in Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution, has the authority to annul a contract which has been signed by the official representatives of the two schools which are parties to the contract, if it deems such action necessary for the furtherance of interscholastic athletics in the secondary schools in West Virginia, or if provisions of the contract are contrary to the rules of the Commission.

19-0-7 An athletic contest will be considered forfeited during regular season as per contracted or tournament play as per scheduled if contest stoppage is caused by a strike by teachers, support personnel, or school patrons acting as a striking body. In cases where both participating schools are on strike it shall be considered no contest. Games or contests stopped during regular season may be re-scheduled during that same season by agreement of the involved parties and the Board of Appeals.

Rule 20-Exchange of Eligibility Certificates

20-0-0 At the beginning of the season of each sport approved by this Commission, or prior to the first contest, the principal shall submit to all scheduled opponents and the Executive Secretary of the Commission a master eligibility certificate containing the names of all

students to the squad or playing group then eligible for the sport under the provision of the Constitution and Bylaws.

20-1-0 Names shall be written the same as those on the permanent record cards. initials or nicknames shall not be used.

20-2-0 At the beginning of the second semester the principal shall certify to all scheduled opponents and the Executive Secretary the names of all students of the squad who are eligible to represent his school in basketball and wrestling during the second semester.

20-3-0 The names of the players on all junior high school teams and teams from the ninth grade of the four-year high school and seven, eight and nine of a six-year high school shall be submitted on the master eligibility certificate prepared for use by the junior high school.

20-4-0 Addition to the squad shall be certified at once to the Executive Secretary and competing schools in a similar manner on an additional master certificate.

20-5-0 Failure to send the required certificates to the opponents in accordance with the provisions above shall render the offending school liable to a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) to be paid to each opponent to whom such certificates was not sent.

20-6-0 Any school failing to send master eligibility certificates to the Executive Secretary at the required time shall, after two weeks notice by the Executive Secretary, be subject to the penalties imposed by the Board of Appeals.

20-7-0 This rule shall apply to varsity or "A" teams, second or "B" teams or so-called junior teams, junior high school teams, and teams from the ninth grade of a four-year high school. Should a school have teams other than those specifically mentioned, which represent said school in interscholastic athletics, this rule shall apply to those teams.

20-8-0 All athletic eligibility certificates shall be certified by the principals of competing schools. Certification shall be based on a birth certificate and complete information concerning the student's scholastic and athletic history. Questionable cases shall be approved by the Executive Secretary before privilege of participation is given.

20-8-1 Questionable cases may arise if a birth certificate is not filed near the time of birth. In such case it is usually customary to accept grade school records. If these records are at variance, the earliest date of birth will be used. Original records of attending physician(s), baptismal records and entries made in family Bibles, if made near the time of birth, are acceptable evidence. However, statements or affidavits made by "friends" or even parents ten or more years after birth and based on memory are not acceptable if opposed by contrary written records. Furthermore, delayed birth certificates recorded after the student has entered the 7th grade are not acceptable if opposed by contrary written records.

20-9-0 If a school knowingly or inadvertently permits an ineligible player to represent it in an interscholastic contest, all games in which such ineligible player participated shall be automatically forfeited. (NOTE: Should such violation occur during tournament play, the last team defeated would be named to proceed to subsequent games.)

20-9-1 The Executive Secretary shall furnish master eligibility forms to all member principals of this Commission.

20-9-2 The purpose of this section is to clarify eligibility in advance of contests rather than subsequently. The Commission will expect schools to check with care all certificates submitted and to report at once to the competing school any seemingly authentic information indicating the ineligibility of a player and will look with disfavor on protests made after games have been played unless it can be shown that evidence of ineligibility was not in hand or available before the contest.

20-9-3 When a change is made in the record of age, number of semesters of attendance, or semester credits from that which has previously appeared on eligibility certificates and when such a change would be to the advantage of the student concerned, it shall not be accepted as official until permission has been secured from the Board of Appeals.

20-9-4 If a student is ineligible at the time the eligibility certificate is due, his name may not be placed on the certificate. His promise to perform the required work before the hour of the game would not make him eligible because the eligibility statement is a pledge of what he has done rather than what he has promised to do.

Rule 21—Coaches

21-0-0 Only a member of a school faculty, a substitute teacher, or a student teacher within a public, private or parochial school system shall be allowed to coach an athletic team within that school system's public, private or parochial schools.

21-0-1 A member of a faculty shall be considered one who is a full-time teacher as defined by the West Virginia State Department of Education. A member of a faculty in one school may coach in another school in the same county only upon the approval of the said County Board of Education.

21-0-2 A substitute teacher is defined as a person who has met the licensure requirements as specified by the West Virginia State Board of Education and has been approved as a substitute teacher of that county board of education, private or parochial school.

21-0-3 A college student fulfilling teacher training responsibilities as a student teacher may be assigned certain coaching responsibilities during that period of training. This assignment will be administratively consistent with their role in the classroom and shall be approved by the county board of education, private or parochial schools. Said student teacher will work directly under the supervision of the appointed coach or assistant coach.

21-0-4 Coaching shall be interpreted to mean instruction, direction or supervision of members of athletic teams, individually or as a group, for the purpose of developing ability or skill to perform in athletic contests.

Rule 22—Officials

22-0-0 Officials for interscholastic contests shall be mutually agreed upon by the competing schools at least two weeks before the scheduled date of contest. Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools shall not officiate at the contest unless the consent of all competing schools is given.

22-0-1 Schools which take their teams off the field or floor on account of alleged poor officiating may not expect to collect their expenses and guarantees. When the game begins, each school waives all of its rights as far as objecting to the officials is concerned. Any school which takes its team off the field or floor on account of dissatisfaction with the officiating renders itself liable to severe discipline by the Commission. In most states the penalty for this is suspension.

22-0-2 The visiting school is responsible for selection of game officials to the extent that selection is made possibly by mutual agreement. The initiative is placed upon the host school by the rules. However, if names are not submitted in accordance with the rules the visiting school should take steps to secure agreement upon satisfactory officials.

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22-0-3 As the rules of this Commission do not give the Board of Appeals authority to order games replayed, protests arising from the decisions of officials will not be considered. Great care should be exercised to secure competent officials, then their decisions shall be accepted as final.

22-0-4 The Executive Secretary shall be empowered to authorize the use of non-registered officials for athletic contests where work stoppages arising over wage disputes between registered officials and schools threaten the cancellation of said scheduled athletic contests.

22-0-5 All officials registered with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are subject to and required to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in these bylaws and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Officials Handbook, which is revised and published yearly. Also, all WVSSAC registered officials are provided the same opportunity for appeal of any decision as set forth in these same bylaws.

Rule 23—Game Officials Registration Plan

23-0-0 To improve athletic officiating and to secure acceptance of standard interpretations of rules and application of officiating techniques, a game officials registration plan shall be established, by the Board of Appeals. Officials used in interscholastic games and contests played in West Virginia must be registered with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, except in case of emergency. Rule 22-0-4 may be invoked. The use of at least one such registered official in interscholastic games and contests among junior high member schools of said Commission is recommended.

Rule 24—Football Games and Practice

24-0-0 A high school football team shall not play a game of football until its school term has officially begun and it has had a practice session on at least fourteen days prior to the first game. The one pre-season interscholastic scrimmage, permitted elsewhere in these rules, may be counted as a practice session. The school term for any football team begins on that date set by its County Board of Education for the official opening of school.

24-1-0 A school may not play a game of football later than the Saturday immediately preceding Thanksgiving, provided, however, that the Board of Appeals may authorize State Championship games at later dates.

24-2-0 The following table establishes, for senior high schools, the earliest date organized football practice may begin, the first date to use pads with non-live contact, the first date to use pads with total contact allowed, and the earliest date the first football game may be played for the years so specified. However, in areas where a playing field is used by more than one high school to play its football games, upon written request, the Board of Appeals is authorized to grant permission for a football team to play its first game one day earlier than the date so specified below:

Year	First Date Organized Practice	First Date Pads No Live Contact*	First Date Live Contact Allowed	Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-A-Rama	Date For First Football Game	Date Season Must Be Completed
1982	Aug. 2	Aug. 11	Aug. 17	Aug. 23	Sept. 3	Nov. 13
1983	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Nov. 12
1984	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 23	Aug. 31	Nov. 10
1985	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 6	Nov. 9
1986	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 5	Nov. 8
1987	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 21	Sept. 4	Nov. 7
1988	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 1	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 31	Nov. 3

Year	PLAY-OFF DATES		
	1st Round	2nd Round	Championship
1982	Nov. 19/20	Nov. 26/27	Dec. 3/4
1983	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 25/26	Dec. 2/3
1984	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
1985	Nov. 15/16	Nov. 22/23	Nov. 29/30
1986	Nov. 14/15	Nov. 21/22	Nov. 28/29
1987	Nov. 13/14	Nov. 20/21	Nov. 27/28
1988	Nov. 11/12	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 24/25
1989	Nov. 10/11	Nov. 17/18	Nov. 24/25
1990	Nov. 9/10	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24

*NOTE: This refers to no live contact between players, use of sleds, shields and blocking dummies will be allowed. The purpose is to permit gradual adaptation of the players to carrying the weight of their pads prior to live contact with other players in humid temperatures.

24-3-0 The following table establishes, for junior high schools, the earliest date organized football practice may begin and the dates for first live-contact, first game and end of season.

Year	First Organized Practice	First Date Pads - No Live Contact	Date - Live Contact Allowed Full Equip.	Date For First Game	Date Season Must Be Completed
1982	Aug. 9	Not Permitted	Aug. 24	Sept. 9	Nov. 6
1983	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 8	Nov. 5
1984	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 24	Sept. 6	Nov. 3
1985	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 12	Nov. 9
1986	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 11	Nov. 8
1987	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 22	Sept. 10	Nov. 7
1988	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 24	Sept. 8	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 7	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 8	N/P	Aug. 23	Sept. 6	Nov. 3

24-4-0 A member school of this Commission shall not engage in any form of out-of-season football practice.

24-5-0 No football camps shall be permitted for member schools of this Commission. Football camps are interpreted to mean camps sponsored by schools or by others where football coaching and instruction is given.

24-6-0 Not more than ten interscholastic football games shall be played in any season by a senior high school team. However, a football team may be permitted to participate in not more than one pre-season interscholastic scrimmage. Admission may be charged for such scrimmage. Such scrimmage shall not be conducted under game conditions. The use of registered officials to officiate such scrimmage shall not be considered a violation of the "game conditions" rule.

24-6-1 A football team is permitted to participate in a Grid-O-Rama or to continue in the present pre-season football scrimmage that is now allowed. Admission may be charged. Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two quarters of football time. The current rules that are in effect in the present pre-season scrimmage would also apply in the football Grid-O-Rama.

24-7-0 The total number of quarters, in any season, in which a senior high school player may play on his school's football teams shall not exceed forty, exclusive of State Championship Play-off games which are sponsored by this Commission and directed by the Board of Appeals.

24-8-0 Not more than eight interscholastic football games shall be played by a junior high school team, and the total number of quarters, in any season, in which a player on a junior high school team may play, shall not exceed thirty-two.

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24-8-1 Junior High School football teams may be permitted to play overtime periods in County or League Playoffs or when advancement to finals must be determined during County or League Championship Playoffs. A maximum of two overtime periods will be permitted in accordance with the National Federation Football Rules 10 yard line overtime procedure.

24-9-0 An organized or supervised conditioning program beginning on or after August 1 each year for senior high schools and August 8 each year for junior high schools, conducted by member schools for the purpose of preparing boys for the opening of football practice, shall not constitute a violation of this Commission's rules and regulations prohibiting out-of-season football practice. The use of football uniforms, protective equipment, tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices, is strictly prohibited. Such conditioning program shall not be conducted on Sundays.

(See NOTE at end of Chart in Rule 24-2-D).

24-9-1 Interscholastic practice games or games in which teams representing a member school play against players or students who are not enrolled in said member school shall be counted in the maximum number of games a member school may play in any season.

24-9-2 Football practice means any organized or supervised practice on the part of players or on the part of players and coaches or coaches' representatives. For instance, a group of three boys passing and kicking a football would not be considered organized practice. A group of three students following a definitely laid out plan of offensive and defensive line play, given them by a coach, would be considered as organized practice. Mapping out by a coach of a definite course of practice to be followed by small groups during the summer or spring would be considered as organized and supervised practice.

24-9-3 Football practice shall be considered any type of sport organized to promote efficiency in any one of the various aspects of football. Rugby and Touch football featuring blocking, tackling, etc., shall be considered "Organized Football."

24-9-4 Football training, on the football field or on the gymnasium floor, shall not be held during the prohibited practice season. Rumors, sometimes confirmed, have circulated that football coaches have boys report, during the winter or spring, or to have a center and the backs report for passing and information drills. This produces dissatisfaction on the part of coaches who hear these reports, but who are not allowed to avoid the rules by such subterfuge.

24-9-5 The Commission intends by this rule to emphasize the desirability of participation in seasonal activities rather than in specialization on football at the expense of teaching such skills as tennis, golf, track, baseball, etc. The rule does not in any way interfere with the teaching of fundamental athletic skills in the regular physical education program of the school.

24-9-6 All rules and regulations of these Bylaws pertaining to football are also applicable to six-man and eight-man football.

Rule 25—Basketball Games and Season

25-0-0 The maximum number of interscholastic basketball games played in any one season by a member senior high school shall not exceed twenty, exclusive of games played in tournaments sponsored by this Commission. The total number of quarters in any season in which a senior high school player may participate on his or her school's basketball team shall not exceed eighty, exclusive of quarters played in tournaments sponsored by this Commission. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than four quarters in any one day. Any participation in a quarter, regardless of the

length of time played, is to be considered one quarter. However, in any overtime game, the extra period or periods are to be considered an extension of the fourth quarter.

25-0-1 A senior high school basketball team may be permitted to participate in not more than two pre-season interscholastic scrimmages. Such scrimmages shall not be conducted under game conditions. The use of registered officials to officiate such scrimmages shall not be considered a violation of the "game conditions" rule.

25-0-2 A senior high school basketball team may participate in one holiday tournament with no more than four (4) teams participating. A team may not play more than two games in said tournament. The game(s) played shall count as one game only in the team's regular schedule.

25-1-0 A senior high school basketball team for girls may begin organized practice for basketball on August 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held on each of at least 14 days prior to said first game. Organized practice sessions and play for basketball shall end at such time as said team is eliminated from sectional, regional, or state tournament play.

25-1-1 A senior high school basketball team for boys may begin organized practice on November 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held for fourteen (14) days in December. Organized practice sessions and play for basketball shall end at such time as said team is eliminated from its sectional, regional or state tournament.

25-2-0 The maximum number of interscholastic basketball games played in any one season by a member junior high school shall not exceed twenty, including all tournament games. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than four (4) quarters in one (1) day. Any participation in a quarter, regardless of the length of time played, is to be considered one quarter. However, in any over-time game, the extra period or periods are to be considered an extension of the fourth quarter. A member of a school's basketball team shall not be permitted to participate in more than eighty (80) quarters in one season, including all tournament games. All tournament participation involving awards must be approved by the WVSSAC at least thirty (30) days prior to the event.

25-2-1 A junior high school basketball team for girls may begin organized practice for basketball on the opening day of school. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions for basketball have been held on each of at least fourteen days prior to said first game. Organized practice sessions and play shall end for said junior high school basketball team when its schedule has been completed or when it has been eliminated from a tournament approved by the Board of Appeals.

25-2-2 A junior high school team for boys may begin organized practice for basketball on November 15. Said basketball team shall not play a regular season interscholastic basketball game until organized practice sessions have been held for fourteen days in December. Organized practice sessions and play shall end for said junior high school basketball team when its schedule has been completed or when it has been eliminated from a tournament approved by the Board of Appeals.

25-3-0 Tournament play on the state level for member junior high schools shall be prohibited.

25-4-0 Interscholastic practice games or games in which teams representing a member school play against players or students who are enrolled in said member school shall be counted in the maximum number of games a member school may play in any season. Provided, however, that a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of that member school may meet in one game each season and such game shall not be

considered a violation of any provision of these rules and such game shall not be counted as one of the maximum number of games a member school is permitted to play in any one season.

25-4-1 A basketball game played between a team representing a member school and a team composed of members of the faculty of said school is permissible and such game shall not be counted as one of the maximum number of games a member school is permitted to play in any one season.

25-4-2 A high school may have a complete schedule for the second team in any sport. Each school team shall be considered a representative of the high school and, as such, shall be governed by all of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission rules.

25-4-3 It is not permissible for an "A" team or "first" team to be designated as a "B" team and thus evade the spirit of the games limitation rule. The wording of the rule and the spirit of the rule are clear and binding.

Rule 26—Classification of Schools

(Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Track, and Baseball)

26-0-0 There shall be three classes of schools for football and basketball: Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition between classes.

26-1-0 Provisions for Football and Basketball as adopted by the Board of Appeals:

26-1-1 There will be three classes of Schools for Football and Basketball: Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A.

26-1-2 Classification shall be determined every two years on the even number years. Such classification shall be based on the second school month's enrollment of the immediately preceding odd numbered year. Said classification shall remain in effect for a two-year period.

26-1-3 The enrollment standard for Rule 26-1-2 shall be the Active enrollment of boys in grades 10, 11, and 12 at the end of the second month of the preceding odd numbered year.

FOOTBALL

1. Class AAA — Active enrollment of 621 or more students
2. Class AA — Active enrollment of 330 to 620 students inclusive
3. Class A — Active enrollment of 329 students or less

BASKETBALL

1. Class AAA — Active enrollment of 621 or more students
2. Class AA — Active enrollment of 330 to 620 students inclusive
3. Class A — Active enrollment of 329 students or less

26-1-4 Options:

A Class AA school may choose to compete in Class AAA if it so desires. In so doing it becomes AAA for all point calculations.

A Class A school may choose to compete in Class AA. If so, it becomes AA for all point calculations.

Any choice of Classifications under the above regulations shall be made prior to April 1 of the even numbered years.

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26-2-0 Provisions for Commission Sponsored Region and State Track and Field Meets:

26-2-1 There shall be two classifications for competition in track and field for boys, Class AAA and Class AA. Schools classified as Class AAA in football shall comprise Class AAA in track and field. Schools classified Class AA and Class A in football shall comprise Class AA in track and field.

26-2-2 There shall be two classifications for competition in track and field for girls, Class AAA and Class AA. Schools classified as Class AAA in basketball shall comprise Class AAA in track and field. Schools classified as Class AA and Class A in basketball shall comprise Class AA in track and field.

26-2-3 Class AAA schools may compete only in Class AAA meets in track and field.

26-2-4 Class A schools may compete only in Class AA meets in track and field.

26-2-5 Class AA schools may compete in Class AA meets in track and field, or—if any Class AA school chooses to compete in Class AAA track and field meets it may do so, provided such choice is registered with the Executive Secretary prior to the school's first meet of the track and field season.

26-3-0 Classification of schools for baseball.

26-3-1 There shall be two classes of schools for baseball: Class AAA and Class AA. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition in and between classes.

26-3-2 Class AAA — Active enrollment of 500 or more students; Class AA — Active enrollment of 499 or less students.

26-4-0 Classification of schools for wrestling.

26-4-1 There shall be two classes for competition in wrestling: Class AAA and Class AA. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition in and between the two classes.

26-4-2 Schools classified as AAA may compete only against AAA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments.

26-4-3 Schools classified as AA may compete only against AA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments. However, if any school classified as AA chooses to compete against AAA opponents in Regional and State Tournaments it may do so provided such choice is registered with the Executive Secretary prior to the school's first contest of the wrestling season.

26-4-4 Class AAA — Active enrollment of 621 or more students; Class AA — Active enrollment of 620 or less students.

Rule 27—Football Rating Plan

27-0-0 The Board of Appeals is authorized to adopt a point rating system for football for the purpose of determining a State Champion in all classes.

27-1-0 The Point Rating Plan and an Eight-Team Play-off Plan as adopted by the Board of Appeals to determine the State Football Champion in each class will be found in a separate publication entitled:

FOOTBALL—Play-Off Manual

27-1-1 The general authority to conceive and adopt such plans is granted by statute (March 11, 1967). The aforementioned publication is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29-A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended. Therefore, the provisions of scheduling and play-off plans shall be considered as part of the basic rules and the Bylaws and shall have the same force and effect as the rules and regulations found in this: Rules and Regulations HANDBOOK.

Rule 28—Legal Opponents

28-0-0 Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate in any interscholastic athletic contest, meet or tournament with any West Virginia secondary school which is not a member of this Commission, except as provided in Rule 28-0-1.

28-0-1 Article III of the Constitution defines membership in this Commission. Rule 28-0-0 applies only to a member school participating in interscholastic athletic contests with secondary schools of this state whose principal or headmaster is eligible for membership but who is not a member of this Commission.

28-0-2 With the exception of the restrictions in Rule 43 governing interscholastic athletic contests, nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit interscholastic athletic contests between member schools of this Commission and public, private or parochial secondary schools in this state or in other states which are not eligible for membership in this Commission.

28-0-3 In an interstate contest, each school will play under its own rules of eligibility for players. All interstate contests should be contracted for on the National Federation Interstate Contract Forms, which may be obtained without cost from the Executive Secretary's office, West Virginia Conferences that wish to admit schools from other states, who make formal application for membership, may require them to abide by the rules as set forth in the HANDBOOK of the WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION under Part A, Provisions Governing Eligibility.

Rule 29—Participation Limited to Members

29-0-0 Participation in tournaments and meets, sponsored by this Commission and directed by the Board of Appeals, shall be limited exclusively to members of this Commission.

29-0-1 Member junior high schools may participate in county tournaments with schools which are not eligible for membership in this Commission, provided, such schools are members of a local county conference or league and such tournaments have been approved by the Board of Appeals.

Rule 30—State Championships

30-0-0 The Board of Appeals may divide the state into sections and regions for the purpose of determining championships in the sports sponsored by this Commission. The Board of Appeals shall have charge of directing and making necessary arrangements for tournaments, meets and contests leading to and including state championships. However, the Principals of involved schools will be consulted and given the opportunity to participate in the alignment of schools for sectional and regional tournaments.

30-0-1 The Board of Appeals shall have general control over sectional tournaments; the detailed management of these sectional tournaments, however, shall be under the control of the schools assigned to each respective section.

30-0-2 All net earnings from tournaments conducted under the supervision of the

Board of Appeals shall be turned over to the Commission unless otherwise specified by the Board of Control. Sectional assessments, or fees, shall not exceed the cost of the tournament trophy.

30-0-3 The Board of Appeals may approve participation by member junior high schools in county, league or conference tournament. Tournament play on the state level for member junior high schools shall be prohibited.

30-0-4 The Courtesy and Identification cards issued by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may be used for all tournament games prior to State Tournament.

Rule 31—Sunday Contests Banned

31-0-0 Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not engage in any contest, meet, or tournament on Sunday. This rule shall also apply to Sunday practice.

Rule 32—Schools on Probation

32-0-0 A member school shall not compete in interscholastic athletics with another member school which has lost its privilege to participate in interscholastic athletic events as one of the provisions of having been placed on probation by the Board of Appeals (See Rule 36-1-2). Such restriction shall extend for the duration of the probation period. Member schools failing to obey this rule shall be subject to the same penalty.

32-0-1 Member schools of this Commission shall not compete in interscholastic athletics with schools of other states which are under suspension or probation by their State Association, if the West Virginia Commission has received and published notice of such suspension or probation. Members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may ascertain whether or not out-of-state schools are members of their state Associations by writing to the office of the Executive Secretary.

Rule 33—Physical Examination and Parental Permission

33-0-0 A student shall not be permitted to engage in practice for, or to play in an interscholastic contest, unless he shall have filed with his high school principal a certificate of physical fitness issued by a competent physician prior to the student's first practice or participation that school year.

33-1-0 The parent's consent for the student to participate in interscholastic athletic competition, likewise, shall be presented to the high school principal and kept on file. After any lapse in practice or participation because of injury or illness, the principal shall secure a new physical fitness and parental consent permit.

Rule 34—Official Rules for Sports

34-0-0 The interscholastic editions of official rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, or by committees thereof, shall be used in contests, meets, and tournaments played by members of this Commission, except where the Board of Appeals may modify or prescribe special rules governing specific events or situations. In the latter case, the rules of the Board of Appeals as published in special bulletins or in THE INTERSCHOLASTIC shall apply.

34-0-1 In the absence of publishing interscholastic editions for golf, tennis, and softball, and until such rules are published, the Board of Appeals may authorize competition under prevailing regulations and rules for amateur competition.

34-1-0 Member schools of this Commission shall not engage in interscholastic boxing.

Rule 35—Organized Practice Periods

35-0-0 The following table establishes the general period of time in which organized practice may be conducted for the various sports sponsored by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission:

SPORT	Organized Practice Begins Not Before:	Organized Practice and Play Ends on Day of:
Football	See Rule 24-2-0	Playoff Championship
Cross Country	August 10th	State Tournament Finals
Wrestling	November 1st	State Tournament Finals
Swimming	November 1st	March 1st
Senior High Basketball (Girls)	August 15th	Tournament Elimination
Senior High Basketball (Boys)	November 15th	Tournament Elimination
Junior High Basketball (Girls)	School Opening	Until tournaments approved by Board have been conducted
Junior High Basketball (Boys)	November 15th	State Tournament Finals
Senior High Tennis	March 1st	State Tournament Finals
Baseball	March 1st	State Tournament Finals
Track	March 1st	State Track Meet
Volleyball	December 1st	Tournament Elimination or End of Regular Season
Golf	No Established Season	No Established Season
Softball	No Established Season	No Established Season
Gymnastics	No Established Season	No Established Season
Rowing	No Established Season	No Established Season
Riflery	No Established Season	No Established Season
Soccer	No Established Season	No Established Season

PART C—VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES (ATHLETIC)

Rule 36—Powers of the Board of Appeals to Impose Penalties

36-0-0 All violations of rules and questions of dispute are within the power of the Board of Appeals to investigate, through the Executive Secretary, or other authorized person or persons, and to impose such penalties as are prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution and Bylaws and as listed below.

36-1-0 If the Board of Appeals finds a school guilty of violating the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, said Board of Appeals has the power to:

36-1-1 Declare the school ineligible for championship honors for the current year in the sport in which the offense occurred.

36-1-2 Place the school on probation for a period of time not to exceed 365 days from date of such finding. Such probation may include the loss of voting rights for the member and/or the loss of the privilege of the member school to participate in any or all interscholastic events which are sanctioned, controlled or sponsored by this Commission, and/or the imposition of other restrictive measures as the Board of Appeals may deem advisable.

36-1-3 Assess such fines as are deemed necessary and just.

36-1-4 Impose such other additional penalties as may seem justifiable in the particular case considered.

Rule 37—Method for Protests—Deputies

37-0-0 If charges against any member of the Commission cannot be satisfactorily resolved by the Deputy Board Member in the region in which such charges originate, then the charges shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Appeals.

37-1-0 If the Executive Secretary is unable to resolve the charges in a manner satisfactory to the schools concerned he shall submit the protest to the Board of Appeals and the decision of said Board shall be final except as provided in Article XII, Section 3(a) of the Constitution.

37-2-0 In no case shall a protest be heard by said Board unless the principal bringing the charges notifies in writing the principal of the school being protested. A copy of such notification shall accompany the protest sent to the Executive Secretary.

37-3-0 The principal of a school against which charges have been preferred shall be permitted to appear before the Board of Appeals in defense of his school if he so desires.

Rule 38—Method of Protests—Executive Secretary

38-0-0 If the Executive Secretary has no reason to believe that any member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission has or is violating the rules of the Commission he shall make such investigation as he deems necessary to determine the innocence or guilt of the suspected member.

38-1-0 The Executive Secretary shall then report his findings to the principal of the offending school and set a time and place for a meeting with the principal of the school, at which meeting the principal shall be permitted to submit any pertinent evidence in defense of his school.

38-2-0 If the principal is not then satisfied with the decision of the Executive Secretary, he may request a hearing before the Board of Appeals at such time and place as is convenient for both the principal and the Board.

38-3-0 In no case shall the Board of Appeals hear charges and render a decision unless the principal is given an opportunity to appear in defense of his school. After all evidence has been submitted the Board of Appeals shall render a decision which shall be final except as provided in Article XII, Section 3(a) of the Constitution.

Important Notes

38-3-1 Schools having information or doubt about the eligibility of players should have the facts investigated and established as early as possible in the season. It is not ethical or logical to withhold protests until serious problems are involved in so doing. Register protests before contests are played if possible.

38-3-2 Protests arising from conditions of eligibility or game arrangements too late to be adjusted before the date of the game, as well as those above which cannot be adjusted between schools, should be filed in accordance with procedures established by Rules 37 and 38.

38-3-3 Full responsibility for eligibility of his players rests with the Principal. He should not certify players unless he knows them to be eligible. If in doubt, a ruling should be obtained in advance.

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Rule 39—Method of Protests—Contested Cases

39-0-0 Commencement of an appeal in a contested case by an aggrieved party hereinafter named the petitioner, shall be instituted by the filing of a verified petition which shall contain:

- (a) The name and address of the petitioner.
- (b) The interest of the petitioner.
- (c) A statement of facts.
- (d) A statement of jurisdiction.
- (e) A designation of the applicable rule or rules involved.
- (f) An assignment of errors relied upon.
- (g) A statement of the relief requested.

39-1-0 Petitions for appeal shall be served upon the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission by registered or certified mail.

39-2-0 The Executive Secretary, or any other interested party, may file an answer, but failure to file an answer will be interpreted as a denial of the allegations contained in the petition. If they elect to file an answer, it shall contain the following:

- (a) Allegation of facts with denials, additional facts or other pertinent data.
- (b) A statement of other applicable rules and statutes.
- (c) A statement of objections, if any, to the parties or other portion of the petition.
- (d) Designation of other interested parties.

39-3-0 All answers shall be filed with the Board of Appeals within five (5) days after receipt of the petition for appeal and shall be served upon the petitioner in the same manner as required in subparagraph 39-1-0 above.

39-4-0 The Board of Appeals may at its election hold a pre-hearing conference with the parties to define the issues and to consider the informal disposition of such appeal without further hearing.

39-5-0 In the event that the parties are unable to dispose of the issues without a hearing or if the Board of Appeals elects to proceed without a pre-hearing conference, the Executive

Secretary shall notify all parties by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the date, time and place set for a hearing on the appeal. The notice shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance of the time set for the hearing and shall contain a short and plain statement of the issues involved. Said hearing shall be conducted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Appeals. In this event, costs for such a meeting shall not be taxed against the Petitioner(s).

39-5-1 The matter may be heard at a special meeting of the Board of Appeals provided the Petitioner(s) agree in writing to pay all costs incidental to such meeting. Such costs shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred. The Board of Appeals, in its discretion, may require the Petitioner(s) to post adequate security for such costs with the Executive Secretary.

39-5-2 If the Petitioner's(s)' appeal should prevail at the special meeting of the Board of Appeals or at a subsequent hearing before the Review Board, the security deposit or the posted costs shall be returned to the Petitioner(s).

39-6-0 All parties to any appeal may represent themselves or be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia.

39-7-0 Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. Objections to evidentiary offers shall be noted in the record. Any party to any such hearings may vouch the record as to any excluded testimony or other evidence.

39-8-0 All evidence, including papers, records, Commission staff memoranda, and documents, in the possession of the Commission, of which it desires to avail itself, shall be offered and made a part of the record in the case. Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies of excerpts or by incorporation by reference.

39-9-0 Every party shall have the right of cross-examination of witnesses who testify, and shall have the right to submit rebuttal evidence.

39-10-0 All of the testimony and evidence of any such hearing shall be reported by stenographic notes and characters or by mechanical means. All rulings on the admissibility of testimony and evidence shall also be reported. The Board of Appeals shall prepare an official record, which shall include reported testimony and exhibits in each contested case, and all Commission staff memoranda and data used in consideration of the case, but it shall not be necessary to transcribe the reported testimony unless required for purpose of rehearing or review. Informal disposition may also be made of any contested case by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order or default.

Rule 40—Game Protested

40-0-0 A game played under protest may, by action of the Board of Appeals, be declared forfeited to the team making the protest, provided said protest is sustained.

40-0-1 Protests arising during the progress of a contest and as a result of the playing of said contest should be registered with the chief game official and the opponent at the time in order to receive consideration. After the start of a game only the game official can rule on the conduct of a game.

40-0-2 In general the protest of a game will not be allowed by the Board of Appeals when it is based on judgment decisions on the part of an official or even on misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules.

40-0-3 As the rules of this Commission do not give the Board of Appeals authority to order games replayed, protests arising from the decision of officials will be considered.

Rule 41—Waiver of Rules

41-0-0 A member school, through its principal, coach, or other officials, is not permitted to enter into an agreement with any other member school to waive the eligibility of students or to waive, or change, any other requirement established in the Constitution and Bylaws.

41-0-1 This section shall in no way interfere with the Constitutional right of the member schools, through their principals, to amend this Constitution and Bylaws as prescribed by Article IX, "Amendments," of the Constitution.

41-0-2 Mutual agreements to violate the rules of this Commission shall result, upon conviction, in the suspension of all schools concerned.

Rule 42—Travel and Sanction Rule

42-0-0 A member school shall not enter a meet or tournament involving more than three schools, or an interscholastic game involving a round-trip of more than 600 miles, unless it has been sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and, if more than one state is involved, by the National Federation.

42-0-1 A school may enter track meets, volleyball and wrestling matches involving more than three schools if awards are not given.

Rule 43—Invitation Meets or Tournaments

43-0-0 A member school shall not compete in any of the following contests unless such contest has been sanctioned by each of the interested states through the National Federation.

(a) Any interstate tournament or meet in which three or more schools participate;

(b) Any interstate two-school contest which involves a round-trip exceeding 600 miles;

(c) Any interstate contest (regardless of distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member high school of a state association affiliated with the National Federation.

43-0-1 A member school of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not enter any kind of meet or tournament held outside the State, unless it has been approved both by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission; and before entering such meets each member of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission must make sure that the meet has received National sanction.

43-0-2 A member school of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not enter any kind of meet or tournament held within the State, unless approved by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such activity.

43-0-3 The underlying principle for the above regulation is that high school athletes are provided enough competition by their own conferences and interschool schedules.

Rule 44—All-Star Contests

44-0-0 As a member of the National Federation, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission subscribes to its policy and disapproves of participation of any high school athlete in an all-star contest in any sport.

PART D—THE BYLAWS BAND ACTIVITIES

Rule 45—Administration

45-0-0 The Board of Appeals shall have authority to enforce rules and regulations and apply penalties for violations of such rules and regulations as the secondary school principals may establish by the majority vote of a quorum of principals of member schools at an annual meeting. Proposed revisions of the rules and regulations governing interscholastic band activities shall be submitted and handled in accordance with Article IX, Section 5 and Section 6 of the Constitution of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

45-1-0 The following regulations adopted by the Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission are the conditions governing participation of school band activities sponsored by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Authority for participation by any secondary school, exercised by any person or parties other than the high school principal, and/or violations of the provisions and regulations of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered a voluntary termination of that school's group, or organizational right to participate in interscholastic band activities with like groups among member schools. On or before September 1 of each school year the Board of Appeals shall submit to each member school of this Commission, list of approved school-sponsored and non-school sponsored contests and activities in which bands of member schools may participate during the ensuing year. Additions to this list will not be made after September 1 of each school year. The Board of Appeals may approve participation in an activity which is not on said list. However, the request for approval of such participation must be filed with said Board of Appeals at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such activity.

Rule 46—Band Festivals

46-0-0 The Board of Appeals of the Activities Commission shall divide the state into sections and/or regions and/or areas for the purpose of band festivals, and shall have authority to place bands in sections or regions or areas, and determine the time, place and management of these events.

46-1-0 All bands participating in region or area festivals shall be composed of bona fide students of secondary schools which are members of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

46-1-1 The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall obtain and appoint all adjudicators for State Band Festivals.

Rule 47—Classification of Schools (Band)

47-0-0 There shall be three classes of schools for bands: Class AAA, Class AA, Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class.

47-0-1 Classification shall be determined every two years in the even numbered year and when established shall remain in effect for two school terms. Classification shall be based on the second month's enrollment of the previous odd numbered year.

47-0-2 Enrollment standard for Rule 47-0-1 is based on the active enrollment of the total number of pupils in grades 10, 11, and 12 at the end of the second month of the odd numbered years as defined above and described in the following limits:

- Class AAA — Active enrollment of 621 or more students
- Class AA — Active enrollment of 330 to and including 620 students
- Class A — Active enrollment of 329 or less students

47-1-0 Class AAA school bands will not be permitted to play music for the purpose of adjudication unless said music has a 5 rating. Class AA school bands will not be permitted to play music for the purpose of adjudication unless said music has at least a 3 rating. However, school bands may elect to perform in a classification higher than their enrollment indicates.

47-1-1 Class B schools shall include junior high schools and first year music organizations. Class B schools are not eligible for Area State Festivals.

Rule 48—Approved Participation

48-0-0 Secondary school bands may participate in activities which are approved by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. On or before September 1 of each school year, the Board of Appeals, through its Executive Secretary, shall submit to each member school of this Commission a list of approved school sponsored and non-school sponsored activities in which the bands may participate.

48-0-1 The regulations above apply only during the regular school term.

48-0-2 In order to qualify for approved participation in activities outside the home county and counties contiguous to the home county (including out-of-state), bands of member schools must have participated in the most recently conducted Area or Regional Band Festival.

48-0-3 A school band shall not be absent from school more than 5 days each year for the purpose of participating in band activities.

48-1-0 Bands of member schools may accept prizes and/or gratuities for participation in approved activities.

48-1-1 The awards rule is in effect for individual participation in band activities.

Rule 49—Eligibility for Band Participants

49-0-0 All members of secondary school bands shall be enrollees of the school unit of which they are members, i.e., 3-year, 6-year, or junior high school.

49-0-1 Majorettes, Flag Corps, Drill Teams, etc., are considered an integral part of the band and shall be adjudicated and governed accordingly. Any performance by a majorette, member of a flag corps, or the drill team, without the band shall not be considered a band activity.

49-0-2 Instrumental music students in 7th and 8th grades of feeder elementary schools or any grade of a feeder junior high school who receive their instruction from the band director of the senior high band in which said students will eventually enroll and which feeder school does not have a band of its own shall be eligible to participate in the band directed by their instructor.

49-1-0 To be eligible for participation in band activities, a student must have earned a passing grade in at least 15 semester hours or 1½ Carnegie Units of credit which count toward meeting the prescribed or elective requirements for graduation. Said credit must have been earned at the end of the semester preceding that in which said student desires to participate (unless said student has just been promoted to the ninth grade, in which case Rule 6-1-1 would have the same effect).

49-1-1 A minimum of 10 of the semester hours or a minimum of one Carnegie Unit must be in Language Arts, Practical Arts, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies. Said hours or unit may or may not be in the same foregoing subject matter areas.

49-1-2 A semester hour is the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a course which meets one period per week for one semester of at least 18 weeks.

A Carnegie Unit is the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a course which meets five days per week for at least 40 minutes daily or the equivalent amount of time throughout one school year of at least 36 weeks.

NOTE: Schools providing for planned programs of independent learning during the regular school term may not wish to require all students to attend classes a specific amount of time during a semester. In such instances credit may be granted for satisfactory performance on an administered proficiency examination or for successful completion of curricular units, steps or phases which have been established by the school as comprising the equivalency of a unit of work and approved by the State Board of Education.

49-1-3 A multiple period subject, such as those pursued at a Vocational or Trade and Industrial Center for a full morning or a full afternoon session, may be counted as 10 semester hours or one unit per semester.

49-2-0 Participants in secondary school interscholastic band activities shall be eligible only for the number of years in which they are enrolled and attending a secondary school as undergraduates.

49-3-0 Participants in interscholastic activities on an individual or team basis may accept a medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron, or any similar award given by his school or given by a non-school organization sponsoring an activity approved by this COMMISSION. Students who accept awards for participation in interscholastic activities, other than those approved in this rule, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities for 365 days. Any member school which gives awards in violation of the restrictions of this rule shall be suspended from the Commission.

49-3-1 The rules governing awards apply to a student of a member school participating (as an individual or as a member of a team or group) in an activity or contest sponsored by members of this Commission or by non-school agencies or groups. The acceptance of awards (other than those approved in these rules) for participation in impromptu interscholastic contests, or activities sponsored by clubs, churches, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc., not approved by this Commission shall be considered a violation of these rules.

49-3-2 Awards from any source, which are not approved by this Commission, consist of wearing apparel (sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.), equipment (radios, television sets, etc.), athletic goods (batons, tennis rackets, golf bags, tennis or golf balls, etc.), or any other merchandise or money.

49-3-3 Nothing in the awards rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievements.

49-3-4 Purchase by students when any part of the purchase price is donated, paid by the school, or raised through methods similar to those mentioned above is regarded as a violation.

49-3-5 Sponsors of parades, festivals or other types of multiple activities are urged to help defray the cost of travel or other expenses of bands attending such events.

(NOTE: For exception to above rules on awards please refer to Rule 13-0-5.)

PART E—VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES (BAND)

Rule 50—Powers of the Board of Appeals

50-0-0 If the Board of Appeals finds a school guilty of violating the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws, said Board of Appeals has the power to:

50-0-1 Declare the school ineligible for band activities for the current school year.

50-0-2 Place the school on probation for a period of time not to exceed 365 days from such finding. Such probation may include the loss of voting rights for the member and/or loss of the privilege of the member school to participate in any or all of the interscholastic athletic events which are sanctioned, controlled or sponsored by this Commission, and/or the imposition of other restrictive measures as the Board of Appeals may deem advisable.

50-0-3 Assess such fines as are deemed necessary and just.

50-0-4 Impose such other or additional penalties as may seem justifiable in the particular case considered.

PART F—PROVISIONS GOVERNING CHEERLEADERS

Rule 51—Cheerleaders

51-0-0 Cheerleaders will be included under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as band members.

51-0-1 Cheerleaders shall be enrollees of the member school of this Commission which they represent.

51-0-2 Cheerleaders must meet the academic requirements as specified in Rule 6 and/or Rule 49-1-0 through 49-1-3.

51-0-3 Cheerleaders must comply with Rule 14 regarding Amateur Practices and Rule 43 regarding Meets and Tournaments.

PART G—PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT

Rule 52—Sportsmanship

(NOTE: ARTICLE II Section "I" of the Constitution of this Commission states that one of the objects of said Commission is:

"to establish minimum standards of conduct for both active and spectator participants, coaches, and all other school personnel at all interscholastic athletic events approved, sponsored or controlled by this Commission."

To help accomplish that objective the following Rule 52 was adopted by the Board of Control and approved by the West Virginia State Board of Education in 1981.)

52-0-0 Member schools are required to conduct all relations with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Acts which are prima facie evidence of failure to abide by this rule are those which are noted below and others of similar nature which violate the accepted code of good sportsmanship.

52-0-1 It shall be the responsibility of the home school to take proper steps and precautions to insure that crowd and spectator control is handled reasonably at all interscholastic athletic contests. In addition to the spectators, attention must be directed to the safety, comfort, and security of the coaches, officials, and players. Their seating accommodations should protect them from spectator interference.

52-0-2 It shall be the responsibility of any team, player, coach, or attendant to remain in or a part of a contest until its normal end as provided by the National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The exception to the above would be provided by the same National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The penalty for a violation by a coach, player, or team attendant will not only involve ejection during that particular contest, but shall also involve that player, coach, or team attendant not being a part of that school's team for the next regular scheduled contest at that level of competition. The coach, athlete, or team attendant may practice in the days prior to the contest but may not dress or participate on the day of the contest.

52-0-3 Acts such as going onto the floor or field to interrupt a contest or not otherwise following the procedure as specified by the rules of that particular sport to seek a Coach-Official Conference shall be considered harassment of a game official by a coach. Also, conduct or public demonstrations invoking a penalty or extreme dissatisfaction with officiating by a coach, team member, or any individual in the official party of the team shall be considered as evidence of poor sportsmanship.

52-0-4 It shall be the responsibility of a member school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon its faculty, student body, team members, coaching staff, and officials the values of sportsmanship in preparation for the conduct and management of interscholastic contests.

52-0-5 It shall be the responsibility of an administrator, spectator, athlete, or coach to follow those directions provided for in the Code for Interscholastic Athletics:

CODE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The School Administrator Shall:

- 1) Encourage and promote friendly relationships and good sportsmanship throughout the school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times, by acquainting students and others in the community with ideals of good sportsmanship and by so publicizing these concepts and attitudes that all members of the school and community will understand their meaning.

- 2) Insist upon implicit compliance with all rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, hereinafter referred to in this rule as the WVSSAC.
- 3) Secure qualified officials for all contests.
- 4) Insist upon adequate safety provisions for all activities, for both participants and spectators.
- 5) Approve only those activities and schedules which are educationally and physically sound for the school pupil.
- 6) Encourage all to judge the success of the athletic program on the basis of the education goals and the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than on the basis of the number of games won or lost.
- 7) Insist that the school cheerleaders exemplify the highest standards of good sportsmanship as a means of inculcating desirable spectator attitudes.
- 8) Provide adequate hygienic, sanitary, and attractive facilities for the dressing and housing of visiting teams and officials.
- 9) Review with staff the Sportsmanship Rule.

The Spectator Shall:

- 1) Realize that he represents the school just as definitely as does the member of a team, and, therefore, has an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- 2) Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- 3) Recognize that, since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
- 4) Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
- 5) Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 6) Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.

The Athlete Shall:

- 1) Be courteous to visiting teams and officials.
- 2) Play hard and to the limit of his or her ability. The true athlete does not give up, nor does he/she quarrel, cheat, bet, or grandstand.
- 3) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman does not offer excuses for failures.
- 4) Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by observing team and training rules conscientiously.
- 5) Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing and by participating in and supporting other school activities.
- 6) Play for the love of the game.

- 7) Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- 8) Set a high standard of personal cleanliness.
- 9) Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without questions.
- 10) Respect the facilities of host schools and the trust entailed in being a guest.

The Coach Shall:

- 1) Exemplify behavior that is representative of the educational staff of the school and a credit to the teaching profession.
- 2) Demonstrate high ideals, good habits and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and demand the same standards of the players.
- 3) Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly.
- 4) Be a modest winner and a gracious loser.
- 5) Maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or of dissatisfaction with the officials.
- 6) Cooperate with the school principal in the planning, scheduling, and conduct of sports activities.
- 7) Employ accepted educational methods in coaching, giving all players an opportunity to use and develop initiative, leadership, and judgment.
- 8) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of the players, refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his team's chances to win.
- 9) Teach athletes that it is better to lose fairly than win unfairly.
- 10) Prohibit gambling, profanity, abusive language, and similar violations of the true sportsman's code.
- 11) Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, or others associated with sports activities and discourage gossip and questionable rumors concerning them.
- 12) Properly supervise student athletes under his immediate care and specifically observe a coach's responsibilities in conjunction with state sponsored contests.

The Official Shall:

- 1) Attend a state sponsored clinic in the sport for which he or she is registered.
- 2) Attend four (4) local rules meetings.
- 3) Take Part I and Part II National Federation Rules Examinations in the sports where specified.
- 4) Abstain from intoxicating beverages on the day of the contest he is to officiate prior to, during, and after in the vicinity of the playing area of the contest.
- 5) Abstain from the use of illegal drugs.

- 6) Be fair, impartial, unbiased, professional, and competent in his officiating.
- 7) Be fit and maintain proper physical, mental, dress, and appearance condition.
- 8) Be at the site of the contest in adequate time to care for necessary pre-contest duties or as specified in the National Federation Rules.
- 9) Maintain self-control under all conditions.
- 10) Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, play, game situation, or fellow official.
- 11) So conduct the game as to enlist the cooperation of players, coaches, and spectators in the interest of good sportsmanship.

52-0-6 Protection, Facilities, and Assistance—The home team is expected to furnish adequate police protection. Outdoor facilities or playing facilities should be separated from the spectators by a restraining barrier (fence, wire, rope, etc.) Officials should be provided with a parking space, private dressing facilities not accessible to unauthorized personnel, and should be paid no later than half-time of a game. The use of trained, competent, adult "assistant officials", i.e. scorers, timers, chain and down marker crews, etc. is strongly recommended.

52-0-7 Statement of Policy—In-so-far as unsportsmanlike actions by players, students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

- 1) The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of players or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or have the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- 2) Any athlete who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by his/her principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any athlete who strikes an opponent, coach or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year depending on the seriousness of the act. A coach, player, or team attendant ejected from a game, match, meet, or contest for unsportsmanlike action(s) shall be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition. The basis of this policy statement is that a member school shall not be represented by any student or coach whose conduct reflects discredit upon his/her school.
- 3) In case of spectators physically molesting an official, coach, or player, the school may be given one or two options: (1) take action against the offender(s) and (2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC.
- 4) The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- 5) A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike actions if he makes degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating his dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest; or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he has a

legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

52-0-8 Procedure—Unsportsmanlike action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports the Executive Secretary and or the Board of Appeals of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in ARTICLE VII, Section 8, Section 9, and ARTICLE XI, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with Rule 36.

52-0-9 The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of the Sportsmanship Rule.

- 1) **Warning** A warning may be given by the Executive Secretary or Assistant Executive Secretary. It is official notice that an unexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanlike action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.
- 2) **Probation** Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways. A school, coach, player, or team attendant on probation is being told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension. A school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events and all WVSSAC sponsored tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Secretary of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation. A stronger form of probation could provide that a school may not enter any competition toward sectional, regional, or state championship nor may the school enter any sanctioned events.
- 3) **Fine** A fine may be levied by the Executive Secretary. It may be levied in addition to a warning, probation, or suspension.
- 4) **Suspension** A school suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

52-0-10 Appeals All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, players, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with Rule 37 and Rule 38.

APPENDIX I**Dates of Significant Changes**

(NOTE: Most of the major changes in the philosophy and management of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission came about as the result of Legislative action in 1967. At that time the scope of jurisdiction of the Commission was limited to Athletic and Band Activities.)

1966

1. The number of regular officer-members on the Board of Appeals was increased from three to five. (ARTICLE V, Section 1)
2. The State Superintendent of Schools or his representative and a representative of the West Virginia School Boards Association were added as appointive members of the Board of Appeals. (ARTICLE VII, Section 2)
3. The West Virginia Congressional Districts were used as the basis for selecting officer-members.

1967

1. Membership in the Commission became individual rather than institutional. Members were defined as Principals of the Public Secondary Schools. The reference throughout the HANDBOOK to "member schools" refers to those schools whose Principal is a member of the Commission.
2. The funds of the Commission became quasi-public funds and as such are subject to an annual audit by the State Tax Commissioner's office.

1968

1. The current method used to number the Rules and Regulation was first used. It replaced the old system of numbering such as Rule 3-A, Rule 6-C, Rule 4-H, Section 1-A, Section 3-B, etc.
2. The REVIEW BOARD was created. Such creation was mandated by the West Virginia Legislature on March 11, 1967. However, the actual work of wording ARTICLE XII was done by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with valuable assistance given by Attorney Jack Miller. Such work was approved and adopted by the Board of Control on April 18, 1968 at Fairmont, West Virginia. (ARTICLE XII)
3. Rule 39—METHOD OF PROTEST-CONTESTED CASES was approved.

1969

1. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission ceased being a Corporation in November 1969. Such dissolution was done by a proxy vote.
2. The Constitution was amended to make it possible, for the first time, for Principals of Parochial High Schools or the Headmasters of Private High Schools to become members of the Commission. (ARTICLE III, Section 1.)

1970

1. Provisions were made for the President of the West Virginia Secondary Principals Commission to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Appeals. (ARTICLE VII, Section 2 (a))

2. The Board of Trustees was constituted. This Board has the power and the authority to hold title to and to manage the property of the Commission. (ARTICLE XIV)
3. It was stipulated for the first time that an officer-member would be ineligible to serve more than one regular five-year term in succession. (ARTICLE V, Section 1 (d))
4. The current RULE 6-SCHOLARSHIP STANDING was approved.

1971

1. The boundaries of the five Congressional Districts were renamed the five ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS. This provision stipulated that not more than one Principal from each district may serve at the same time on the Board of Appeals.
2. The Board of Appeals was authorized to establish a game officials registration plan. (Rule 23-0-0)
3. The Board of Appeals was authorized to devise a plan of retirement benefits for the Executive Secretary and other full-time staff personnel who assist the Executive Secretary. (ARTICLE VII, Section 3)

1973

1. Provision was made to elect an alternate-officer-member from the same Administrative District as the regular officer-member. The alternate would serve any part of the unexpired term of the regular officer-member. (ARTICLE V, Section 1 (b))

1975

1. The runner-up candidate in an officer-member election would be declared the alternate-officer-member. If the alternate is not thus selected, a separate election shall be held. (ARTICLE V, Section 1 (b))
2. The position of Assistant Executive Secretary was established. (ARTICLE VII, Section 3)
3. It was stipulated that the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, or any member of the office staff shall be ineligible to serve beyond the attainment of their 65th chronological year of age. (ARTICLE X, Section 1)

1976

1. The Commission's position on AWARDS was modified by stating that the rules governing AWARDS shall not apply during the summer months when school is not in session. (Rule 13-0-5)
2. For the first time a member of a faculty in one school may coach in another school in the same County. (Rule 21-0-0)

1979

1. The Executive Secretary was empowered to authorize the use of non-registered officials for athletic contests where work stoppages arise over wage disputes between schools and regular officials. (Rule 22-0-4)

1980

1. Cheerleaders were placed under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. (Rule 3-0-8)
2. The Chart in Rule 24-2-0 was amended to include the first date each year when pads can be worn without live-contact and first date each year pads can be worn with live-contact.
3. Junior high school football teams were permitted to play overtime periods when advancement to finals must be determined. (Rule 24-8-1)

(NOTE: A precis of all adoptions for 1981 and 1982 are given. This allows for a quick review of all changes made since the HANDBOOK was printed in 1980.)

1981

1. Changed provisions of the Constitution as follows:
 - A. ARTICLE II, Section 2, part (f) by adding "spectator participants" and "other school personnel" to "active participants" and "coaches" subject to the minimum standards of conduct.
 - B. ARTICLE VIII, Section 1: the word "second" month was substituted for the word "third" month enrollment figures for determining membership dues. (THE SAME CHANGE was made in Rule 26-1-2 and Rule 26-1-3 in determining figures for school classification.)
 - C. ARTICLE XII, Section 1, part (i) and Section 3, part (a) permits an "aggrieved party" rather than a "Principal only" to appeal a decision of the Board of Appeals. (THE SAME CHANGE was made in the wording of Rule 39-0-0)
2. The first sentence of Rule 1-0-0 was changed by substituting the words "any person" for the words "every student" and specified enrollment in a "member school of this Commission."
3. Rule 3-8-0 of the Athletic Bylaws regarding Cheerleaders was eliminated and a new PART F - Rule 51 PROVISIONS GOVERNING CHEERLEADERS was created.
4. Rule 7-1-0 was changed by substituting the following for the first sentence:

"A student is not eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in any secondary school located outside his zone until he has been in residence in that zone for a period of 365 days unless that student has been in attendance in that school zone for no less than the three immediate preceding years. There can be no change of residence to any other attendance zone at any time during those three years.
5. The definition of UNDUE INFLUENCE was modified in Rule 10-0-0 by substituting the words "another member" school for the words "out-of-zone" school.
5. Amended Rule 11 - LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP by permitting students to try out for or compete as a representative of the United States in Pan-American or Olympic activities.
7. A new Rule 22-0-5 was adopted which required game officials to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the Commission's Bylaws and also those in the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission OFFICIAL HANDBOOK. The officials were also given the same opportunity for making appeals as any other "aggrieved party."

8. Amended Rule 25-0-2 by permitting a senior high school basketball team to play a maximum of two games in a holiday tournament. These two games played would count as only one game in that team's regular schedule.
9. The date a senior high school basketball team for girls may begin organized practice was changed from "the opening day of school" to "August 15th." (Rule 25-1-0)
10. A new PART B-PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT was added to the HANDBOOK. (Rule 52-SPORTSMANSHIP)

1982

1. Changed provisions of the Constitution as follows:
 - A. ARTICLE VII, Section 2 by adding a representative of the West Virginia School Administrators Association as an additional appointive member of the Board of Appeals.
 - B. ARTICLE XII, Section 1 (b) by increasing to seven the number of members to the REVIEW BOARD.
 - C. ARTICLE XII, Section 1 (c) by adding a representative from the West Virginia Athletic Directors Association and the West Virginia Retired School Employees Association as the two additional members on the REVIEW BOARD.
 - D. ARTICLE XII, Section 5 (b) by increasing to four the number of members of the REVIEW BOARD present and voting required to constitute a quorum.
2. An exception to the RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS was made so that an "AFS" or other "Foreign Exchange" students may participate in interscholastic athletic or band activities, provided said student(s) meet the other eligibility requirements. (Rule 7-0-5)
3. In Rule 7-0-0 and Rule 7-1-0 the period of "365 days" was changed to "120 instructional days."
4. A Coach may now be a member of a school faculty, a substitute teacher or a student teacher within a public, private or parochial school system. (Rule 21-0-0)
5. Courtesy and Identification Cards may now be used for admittance to all tournament games prior to State Tournaments. (Rule 30-0-4)
6. A change was made in the procedure for handling CONTESTED CASES. It is now specified that all hearings will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Appeals. The hearing could be held at a special meeting of the Board of Appeals provided the petitioner(s) agree in writing to pay all costs incidental to such special meeting. If the petitioner's appeal should prevail either at the special meeting or a subsequent hearing before the Review Board, the security deposit or the posted costs will be refunded to the petitioner(s). (Rule 39-5-0, 39-5-1, 39-5-2)
7. Three classes of schools for Bands are now established. (Rule 47-0-0)
8. An athletic contest will be considered forfeited if a regularly scheduled or tournament game is cancelled because of a strike by teachers, support personnel or school patrons acting as a striking body. (Rule 19-0-7)

9. The Chart in Rule 24-2-0 was expanded to include play-off dates.
10. A chart for junior high school football teams was created. Said chart shows, for the next nine years, the dates the junior high teams may begin organized practice, the dates for first live-contact, the date the first game may be played and the date by which the season must end. (Rule 24-3-0)
11. The number of interscholastic basketball games that may be played by a member junior high school was increased to twenty. (Rule 25-2-0)
12. There is no longer a separate classification for BOYS Basketball or GIRLS Basketball. All classifications are expressed in terms of "students" and not "boys" or "girls."

APPENDIX II

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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YOUR INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATIONS

The State and National High School Athletic Organizations are associations of high schools. They provide the machinery by which there is a crystallization of sentiment and cooperative effort in the formulation of policies and regulations for promoting the welfare of high school students in their activity programs. These policies and regulations are formulated by the men and women who administer the activity program of the school—principals, athletic directors, coaches, contest managers, and those who officiate at athletic contests.

United group action is essential in any field of endeavor. The individual executive and the individual school is powerless to withstand local pressures and local snap judgments unless group support is given. Group action is a prerequisite to efficiency and such action is possible only when there is a degree of group loyalty and recognition of the value of the organization. By nature and training, school administrators are conservative and individualistic. They are not naturally subject to being herded or stampeded but this desirable characteristic becomes a fault when carried to the extreme. Policies and regulations must be formulated to insure a degree of equality in competition and to prevent excesses which might be forced upon one school to the detriment of all other schools of the group.

The athletic associations are primarily concerned with sports direction and with the establishment of controls to insure a sane athletic and activity program. In an attempt to avoid excess which would certainly grow without desirable controls, it has often been necessary for the high school associations to adopt limits that are often unpopular with that portion of the public which believes in unlimited sports promotion and which gives little thought to the underlying principals which should govern school activities. Quite often, the popular thing is to center the attention on a few exhibitionists rather than on the prosaic welfare of the many who should be benefited by a good school activity program.

There is a difference between sports promotion and sports direction. Promotion is based primarily on returns to the promoter. Direction is concerned primarily with benefit to all the participants and to spreading these benefits to constantly increasing numbers. This difference is not universally understood and therein lies one of the responsibilities of each school executive. It is his business to dispel some of the

confused thinking that results when his representatives, the state executive officer or board of control, are machine-gunned with verbal barrage by local partisans. No school is a disinterested party when this occurs. An army whose soldiers stick their heads in the sand when their officers or their strongholds are attacked is no army. Courage implies willingness to take a stand. Teamwork implies willingness to follow as well as to lead.

The welfare of the schools demands a united front in sports direction policies and the high school associations provide opportunity for this unity. They must be kept strong.

In the annual meeting of the West Virginia High School Athletic Association held at Charleston, April 25, 1925, it was voted by the Association to join the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. This action involves the acceptance of the rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association for all interstate contests. The membership has been maintained continuously since that date.

Members of the National Federation of State High School Associations

Alabama	Louisiana	Ohio
Alaska	Maine	Oklahoma
Arizona	Maryland	Oregon
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
California	Michigan	Rhode Island
Colorado	Minnesota	South Carolina
Connecticut	Mississippi	South Dakota
Delaware	Missouri	Tennessee
Florida	Montana	Texas
Georgia	Nebraska	Utah
Hawaii	Nevada	Vermont
Idaho	New Hampshire	Virginia
Illinois	New Jersey	Washington
Indiana	New Mexico	Washington, D. C.
Iowa	New York	West Virginia
Kansas	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Kentucky	North Dakota	Wyoming

Canadian Provinces as Affiliated Members

Alberta	Newfoundland-Labrador	Ontario
British Columbia	New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island
Manitoba	Nova Scotia	Saskatchewan

Additional Members

Okinawa	The Phillipines	Guam
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These state associations have united to secure the benefits of cooperative action which eliminates unnecessary duplication of work and which increases efficiency through the pooling and coordinating of efforts of all who are engaged in high school athletic activities.

ORIGIN AND GROWTH

The National Federation had its beginning in a meeting at Chicago on May 14, 1920, which was called to discuss problems which has resulted from high school contests promoted by colleges, clubs, and private promoters with little regard for

eligibility rules of local high school associations or to other educational standards. Because chaotic conditions had developed it was found necessary that high school administrators assume a more active part in the control of high school athletic activities, and that this control necessitated the formation of a national organization. In 1921 four states ratified the new constitution and by 1922 eleven states attended the annual meeting at which the name of the National Federation was adopted. Today 50 states, Washington, D. C., and nine provinces of Canada are affiliated.

Affiliations

The National Federation cooperates with other athletic organizations in the writing of rules for several of the sports and in acting upon national records in track and swimming.

Cooperative relations are maintained with the United States Office of Education, National Educational Association, accredited bodies such as the North Central, Southern and Inland Empire Associations of Colleges and Secondary Schools, National Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Amateur Athletic Union.

CARDINAL ATHLETIC PRINCIPLES

These principles were drawn up by a joint committee representing the National Federation and the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The resolution was unanimously adopted at the Federation's annual meeting at St. Petersburg, Florida, 1947, and at the American Association annual meeting at Seattle, Washington, 1948.

Schools provide opportunity for each individual to develop himself to the limits of his capacity in the skills, appreciations and health concepts which engender personal satisfaction and civic usefulness. A good school program includes the means for exploring many fields of activity. One such field is that which involves athletic performance. Participation in and appreciation of the skills in a sports contest is a part of enjoyable living. Ability to recognize degrees of proficiency in these skills is one important attribute of the well-balanced individual. The perfectly-timed and coordinated activities by which an individual or a team, strives to achieve a definite objective is an exemplification of cooperation and efficiency. A good school program provides a mixture of benevolent restrictions and freedom; of mental growth and physical development; of liberties and restraints. Developing and maintaining a physically fit nation is one of its important aims.

For developing endurance, strength, alertness, and coordination, contests and coordinating exercises have been made a part of the school program. Nature wisely insured a degree of physical development and social adjustment by endowing the individual with a desire to play. Around this desire, as a nucleus, can be built a competitive program of beneficial exercises in which healthful and satisfying habits and attitudes are stressed.

To be of maximum effectiveness, the athletic program will:

1. Be closely coordinated with the general instructional program and properly articulated with other departments of the school.
2. Be such that the number of students accommodated and the educational aims achieved justify the use of tax funds for its support and also justify use of other sources of income, provided the time and attention which is given to the

collection of such funds is not such as to interfere with the efficiency of the athletic program or of any other department of the school.

3. Be based on the spirit of non-professionalism so that participation is regarded as a privilege to be won by training and proficiency and to be valued highly enough to eliminate any need for excessive use of adulatory demonstrations or of expensive prizes or awards.
4. Confine the school athletic activity to events which are sponsored and supervised by the proper school authorities so that exploitations or improper use of prestige built up by school teams or members of such teams may be avoided.
5. Be planned so as to result in opportunity for many individuals to explore a wide variety of sports and in reasonable season limits for each sport.
6. Be controlled so as to avoid the elements of professionalism and commercialism which tend to grow up in connection with widely publicized "bowl" contests, barnstorming trips and interstate or intersectional contests which require excessive travel expenses or loss of school time or which are bracketed with educational travel claims in an attempt to justify privileges for a few at the expense of decreased opportunity for many.
7. Be kept free from the type of contest which involves a gathering of so-called "all-stars" from different schools to participate in contests which may be used as a gathering place for representatives of certain colleges or professional organizations who are interested in soliciting athletic talent.
8. Include training in conduct and game ethics to reach all non-participating students and community followers of the school teams in order to insure a proper understanding and appreciation of the sports skills and of the need for adherence to principles of fair play and right prejudices.
9. Encourage a balanced program of intramural activity in grades below the ninth to make it unnecessary to sponsor contests of a championship nature in these grades.
10. Engender respect for the local, state and national rules and policies under which the school program is conducted.

Fundamentals

The activities of the National Federation are based on the belief that strong state and national high school athletic organizations are necessary to protect the athletic interests of the high schools, to promote an ever increasing growth of a type of interscholastic athletics which is educational in both objective and method and which can be justified as an integral part of the high school curriculum, and to protect high school boys from exploitation for purposes having no educational implications. To accomplish these things, it is necessary for high school men to exercise teamwork in the numerous activities which the leaders in the state high school associations have, through their National Federation, inaugurated and supported.

SOLICITATION

The National Federation believes that solicitation of high school athletes by individuals and organizations representing institutions of higher learning is having a definitely detrimental effect: (1) upon boys so solicited; (2) upon the high school student body; (3) upon the general public interest in the welfare of education. Representatives of institutions of higher learning are requested to : (1)

ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF SOLICITATION of boys of athletic ability which differ in manner or form from the ethical practices used by said institutions in attracting all students; (2) and to hold athletically minded students to the same academic requirements imposed upon all other students.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Federation will not sanction any meet or tournament which is in the nature of a contest to determine a national high school championship.

All-Star and Post-Season Contests

The Federation is unalterably opposed to the principle of all-star and out-of-season athletic contests in which high school students or high school graduates of the previous year are participants, because:

Such contests do not harmonize with generally accepted educational philosophy of high school athletics which emphasizes varied seasonal activities, broad participation, and school direction and supervision.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORGANIZED BASEBALL AND THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

A SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT was drawn up by the joint Baseball Committee to protect the eligibility of students attending any high school which is a member of the National Federation and of any student who has been eligible in such high school and whose class has not yet graduated. That agreement has been adopted by the Major and Minor Baseball Leagues and by the National Federation. The agreement follows:

"A student of a high school which is a member of the National Federation of High School Associations shall not be signed to a professional baseball contract until the day following his graduation, or, if he has left school, until the day following graduation of his class; nor shall any representative of Professional Baseball initiate or participate in any negotiations which would violate such boy's high school athletic eligibility; except that a boy out of school one year or longer may, with the consent of his parents, apply to the Commissioner for permission to sign a contract and if in the judgment of the Commissioner circumstances justify it, he shall approve the application and so notify all clubs. Such player may be signed to a professional contract fifteen (15) days subsequent to the date of the Commissioner's notice."

GAME ADMINISTRATION

The value of a game in the high school athletic program is greatly influenced by the playing rules and the way in which they are administered. The rules writing activity of the National Federation has provided opportunity for the high school groups to determine the nature of such games. Immeasurable benefits have already been derived. The next logical step after the formation of rules is the perfection of machinery for securing uniform and efficient administration. Most states have developed statewide programs for the registration of athletic officials through the state high school association. Without such a program, the policies relative to administration of the rules would be dictated by forces outside the school and often in conformity with a philosophy entirely foreign to good educational policies.

PLAN APPROVED 1935

A. TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY AND EFFICIENCY in the matter of rules administration, it is recommended that all states work toward a plan of registration and training of athletic officials which will include the following features:

1. Registration and annual renewal through the state office.
2. Provision for promotion from Registered to Approved to Certified in accordance with points earned through a written examination, successful experiences in a specified number of games, attendance at meetings and similar activities.
3. A statewide series of clinics or interpretation meetings sponsored by the state association and conducted by one or more men appointed by the state office and trained for the work at a pre-season meeting called by the state office.
4. Inclusion in the state bylaws of a provision requiring that member schools use only officials who are registered with the state association. An official who is registered in the state where he lives should be entitled to work games in a neighboring state provided he notifies the neighboring state executive that he is planning to work such games.

A registered official who desires an affiliated membership card and to have his name included in the printed lists of a neighboring state may secure the privileges by paying fifty cents to defray costs. This should be sent to the home office for forwarding with credentials.
5. Annual dues of \$3.00 and a slightly higher fee for registration or a penalty for lapse. (This fee is designed to assist in defraying cost of the training program.)
6. Provisions for a supervised written rules examination at centers throughout the state.
7. Use of National Federation interpretations when such are needed to supplement the rules and provisions through the state office for securing these.
8. Distribution of the rules and texts provided by the National Federation office.
9. Appointment by the state office of all major officials in tournament and meets directly sponsored by the state association.
10. Formation of a state committee for each major sport (preferably made up of administrators, coaches, and athletic officials) to serve as advisors and assist in experimentation in making recommendations to the National Rules Committee.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Proper appreciation of his responsibility and his duty should lead every principal to make himself familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws, and control athletics in his school accordingly.
2. The rules of the Association and the rules governing any game shall be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit and letter of which shall be mutually respected.
3. Visiting teams shall be considered guests as well as opponents and be treated as such.
4. No action shall be taken nor course of conduct followed by school officials, team players, or student spectators, which is generally considered unsportsman-

like, or would appear dishonorable if known to opponents or to the public.

5. Each school holding membership in the Association shall adopt a "Sportsmanship Code" which is to be formulated largely by the students themselves. Such a code should reveal true athletic sportsmanship which always deserves to be courteous and fair, and which shows itself best in right conduct by players, coaches, officials, spectators and school authorities.

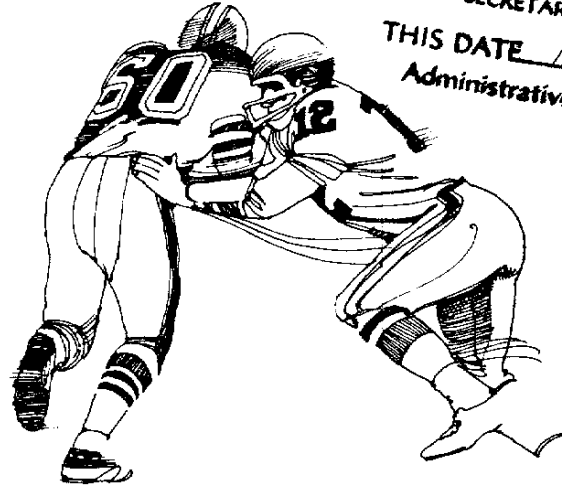
6. To protect the best interests of the individual student, the school he represents, and the cause of athletics in general, it is earnestly recommended that each school have its athletes examined by a competent physician before the first game of each season.

7. The parents' or guardian's consent, in writing, should be required before any pupil shall be eligible to play on any high school team.

FOOTBALL

Play-off Manual

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FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF HISTORY

The framework for determining a high school champion in football was set forth by the principals of West Virginia in 1947. At this time a resolution was adopted to institute a rating system for use in determining a champion of the larger schools, Class A, and a champion for the smaller or Class B schools. Beginning in 1948 it was decided that champions of the two classes would be decided by a play-off or championship game between the two top rated schools of each class. Although a championship game did not take place in Class A in 1948, the two class procedure and a class championship game existed until 1955. At this time the schools were divided into three classes: AA, A, and B. A championship game was held in each class among the two top rated teams. The names of the three classes was changed in 1958 to the present system of AAA, AA, and A. Again, championship games were held in each class until 1972, with the exception of 1963, at which time no championship game held in Class AAA. The four team play-off in each class had its inception in 1972.

The idea of an eight team play-off began in 1976. At this time it was discussed with the Football Committee, which is appointed by the Executive Secretary of West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and meets yearly to discuss this area of the interscholastic program. The committee expressed unanimous interest and recommended that the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission poll member schools concerning their interest in such a change. A 92% affirmative response prompted the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission to appoint a committee to study and propose a procedure for implementing the eight team concept.

The committee of athletic directors and coaches appointed by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission consisted of the following people: John Chmara, Paul Clovis, Tom Korab, Ron Renner, Fred Taylor, Frank Vincent, Carl Ward, Kenneth Wright, and Granville Zopp.

The committee presented their findings and possible procedures to the Board of Appeals on two different occasions. After numerous findings and recommendations the Board of Appeals instructed the Executive Secretary in December, 1977 to present a final draft to each member for study. The final draft and the contents contained herein were adopted in March, 1978 for full implementation in the 1978 season.

It is interesting to note that six major revisions have been made in the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission football rating and play-off program in its 30 year history. We hope that this latest change would have the same positive impact as previous changes.

CLASSIFICATION AND FOOTBALL RATING PLAN

(Abstract from: WVSSAC Rules and Regulations Handbook)

RULE 26 — Classification of schools — (Football,.....)

26-0-0 There shall be three classes of schools for Football and Basketball: Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A. The Board of Appeals is authorized to determine the size of enrollment in each class and to establish regulations governing competition in and between classes.

26-1-0 Provision for Football and Basketball as adopted by the Board of Appeals:

*26-1-2 Classification shall be determined every two years on the even numbered years. Such classification shall be based on the second school month's enrollment of the immediately preceding odd numbered year. Said classification shall remain in effect for a two-year period.

26-1-3 Enrollment standard for Rule 26-0-0: Active enrollment of students in grades (10, 11, 12 at the end of the second month of the preceding odd numbered year).

Classification for Football and Basketball (Boys) for 1982 and 1983.

Class AAA — Active enrollment of 621 or more students.

Class AA — Active enrollment of 620 to 330 inclusive.

Class A — Active enrollment of 329 or fewer.

26-1-4 Options:

A Class AA school may choose to compete in Class AAA if it so desires. In so doing it becomes AAA for all point calculations.

A Class A school may choose to compete in Class AA. If so, it becomes AA for all point calculations.

Any choice of classification under the above regulations shall be made prior to April 1 of the even numbered years.

RULE 27 — Football Rating Plan

27-0-0 The Board of Appeals is authorized to adopt a point rating system for football for the purpose of determining a state champion in all classes.

27-1-0 The Point Rating Plan for Football as adopted by the Board of Appeals is defined in Rule 27-1-15.

27-1-1 Classification standards are defined in Rule 26-1-3. The purpose of classification is to encourage competition among schools of relatively equal strength.

27-1-2 Provisions apply to Class AAA, Class AA, and Class A.

27-1-3 Games regularly scheduled under the provisions of the official contract form of the Commission which are cancelled by mutual agreement and approved by the Board of Appeals shall not be included in any calculation of the rating system. Games which are cancelled or terminated without mutual agreement and the penalty features of the contract are paid, or ordered paid by the Board of Appeals, shall be counted under the forfeiture rule. The offended team may schedule a game to replace the forfeited game, the offending team may not. In such cases a game so scheduled shall not count in the rating plan.

27-1-4 Should a tie exist at the end of regulation play in any regular season football game, the procedure for breaking the tie shall be the same as that described in National Federation Football Rule Book, "10 yard Overtime Procedure". However, as adopted by the Board of Appeals, overtime play shall be limited to three periods in regular season games.

*27-1-5 Games played by WVSSAC member schools after date listed in Rule 24-0-2 ("Date Season must be completed") shall not count in the rating system.

*27-1-6 A team's final rating shall not be affected by the result of a protest registered after the preliminary play-off meeting held on the Sunday prior to the first round games.

27-1-7 The eight top rated football teams in each class (AAA, AA, A) shall be eligible for quarter-final play-off competition in their respective class. Pairing for first round games for each class will be as follows: 1 vs. 8, and 4 vs. 5 in the upper bracket and 2 vs. 7, and 3 vs. 6 in the lower bracket. Winners of games 1-8 and 4-5 games and 2-7 and 3-6 games for each class will meet in semi-final games. The winning team of each semi-final game for each game will then meet as opposing teams for the championship game of each class.

The winner in each class Championship game shall be declared the class Champion and the loser shall be declared the Runner-up. No determination below Champion and Runner-up shall be made. If any eligible rated team declines to compete in first round competition, the next eligible rated team shall be designated to participate in first round competition. Should there be a tie for any position in the final rating for each class the following criteria will be used to determine first round pairing and resolving ties which create more than eight top rated teams for any Class (A, AA, AAA).

- a) Using the rating system as a guide, if two or more teams tie for any position other than eight, a blind draw will be made to determine pairing for the first round games.
- b) If two or more teams tie for the eighth position, the participant will be selected using the following:
 - (1) If only two teams tie for the eighth position and competed against each other, the loser will be eliminated.
If more than two teams tie for the eighth position criteria (2), (3), (4), and (5) will be used in that order.
 - (2) If (1) does not select an eighth place team, the team(s) with the best win-loss record will be selected.
 - (3) If a tie still exists which cannot be resolved by (1) or (2), the wins of their opponents will be totaled and the team with the most bonus points as computed by WVSSAC rating plan will be selected.
 - (4) Team with the greater number of points between total points scored minus total points allowed their opponents in games computed in WVSSAC rating plan.
 - (5) Record against common opponent(s).

27-1-8 Should there be a tie in any play-off game the "10 yard Overtime Procedure" as specified in the National Federation Football Rule Book will be used. The three (3) overtime maximum used during the regular season will be waived in all play-off competition.

27-1-9 If any class championship game cannot be played because of uncontrollable factors as determined by the Board of Appeals, the two teams thus affected shall have equal entitlement to all honors and awards.

27-1-10 Each school's entire schedule of football games, exclusive of those played against junior varsity opponents, scheduled prior to October 1 and within the seasonal limits shall be counted in the Rating Plan. However, should a high school team compete more than once during a given season with the same school, only bonus points for the first game shall be counted in the Rating Plan.

*27-1-11 The classification of a non-member school shall be made on the basis of enrollment in a manner similar to the plan used by members of this Commission. Records from non-member opponents who play more than 10 games per season may be included only to the extent of the first nine regularly scheduled games of that opponent in addition to the game with the member school. Games played by non-member schools after the last date, as specified in Rule 24-2-0 of this manual and the WVSSAC Handbook will count only if a rating point(s) is insured as calculated by the method(s) used in this Rating Plan.

27-1-12 Schools playing non-member opponents shall furnish the WVSSAC with the following information:

- *a. Enrollment of boys in upper three grades (10, 11, 12) of non-member opponent(s) as of second month of previous off year (1977, 1979, 1981, etc.)
- b. Schedule of non-member opponent(s) which shall also include the same information as explained in 27-1-12a for those opponent(s) appearing on the non-member schedule who are also non-member (WVSSAC) school(s).
- c. Weekly game results of non-member opponent(s) prior to Tuesday of each week.
- d. Failure to perform the duties as defined above may terminate the right of a member school to participate in the rating plan and said right may be regained only through permission of the Board of Appeals.

27-1-13 A high school must play a minimum of eight varsity games to participate in the Rating Plan and be eligible for play-off competition.

27-1-14 Disputes concerning the validity of any interscholastic athletic contest shall be resolved by the Board of Appeals.

27-1-15 To find the final rating, total the points and divide by the number of games played.

	AAA	AA	A
For winning from	12	9	6
For AAA Tying	6	4½	3
For AA Tying	9	4½	3
For A Tying	9	6	3
For each game won by a defeated opponent in its class or higher.....	1	1	1
For each game tied by defeated opponent in its class or higher.....	½	½	½
For each game won by tied opponent in its class or higher.....	½	½	½
For each game tied by a tied opponent in its class or higher.....	¼	¼	¼

24-2-0 The following table establishes, for senior high schools, the earliest date organized football practice may begin, the first date to use pads with no-live contact, the first date to use pads with total contact allowed, and the earliest date the first football game may be played for the years so specified. However, in areas where a playing field is used by more than one high school is to play its football games, upon written request the Board of Appeals is authorized to grant permission for a football team to play its first game one day earlier than the date so specified below.

Year	First Date Organized Practice ¹	First Date Pads No Live Contact*	First Date Live Contact Allowed	Earliest Date for Scrimmage or Grid-A-Rama	Date for First Football Game	Date Season Must be Completed	Play-off Dates		
							1st Round	2nd Round	Championship
1982	Aug. 2	Aug. 11	Aug. 17	Aug. 23	Sept. 3	Nov. 13	Nov. 19/20	Nov. 26/27	Dec. 3/4
1983	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Nov. 12	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 25/26	Dec. 2/3
1984	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 23	Aug. 31	Nov. 10	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24	Nov. 30/Dec. 1
1985	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 6	Nov. 9	Nov. 15/16	Nov. 22/23	Nov. 29/30
1986	Aug. 1	Aug. 11	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 5	Nov. 8	Nov. 14/15	Nov. 21/22	Nov. 28/29
1987	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 21	Sept. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 13/14	Nov. 20/21	Nov. 27/28
1988	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 11/12	Nov. 18/19	Nov. 24/25
1989	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Sept. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 10/11	Nov. 17/18	Nov. 24/25
1990	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 9/10	Nov. 16/17	Nov. 23/24

*NOTE: This refers to no live contact between players; use of sleds, shields and blocking dummies will be allowed. The purpose is to permit gradual adaptation of the players to carrying the weight of their pads prior to live contact with other players in humid temperatures.

24-3-0 Football practice for Junior high schools may begin one week later than that so specified for senior high schools in Rule 24-2-0. The earliest day a junior high school may play football shall be six days later than so specified for senior high schools in Rule 24-2-0.

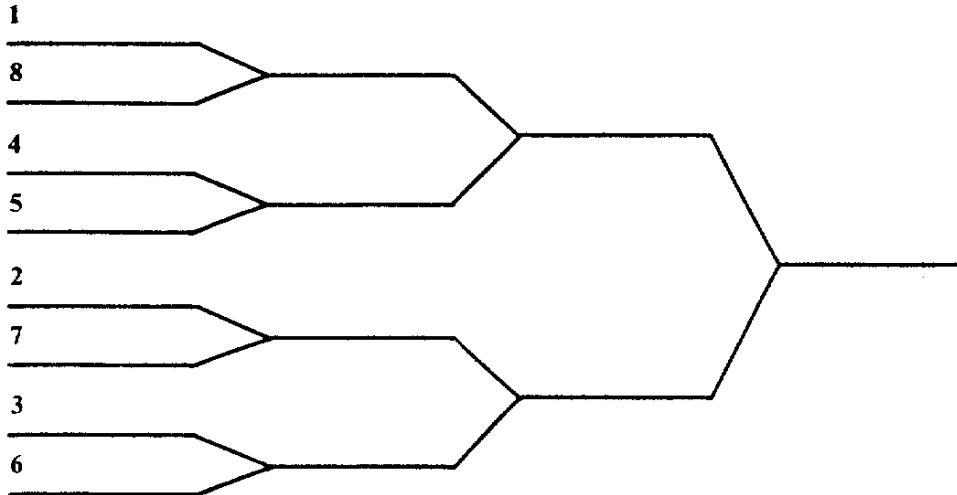
Year	First Date Organized Practice	First Date Pads No Live Contact Allowed	Date Live Contact Allowed Full Equip.	Date for First Game	Date Season Must be Completed
1982	Aug. 9	Not Permitted	Aug. 24	Sept. 9	Nov. 6
1983	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 23	Sept. 8	Nov. 5
1984	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 24	Sept. 6	Nov. 3
1985	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 23	Sept. 12	Nov. 9
1986	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 23	Sept. 11	Nov. 8
1987	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 22	Sept. 10	Nov. 7
1988	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 24	Sept. 8	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 23	Sept. 7	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 8	" "	Aug. 23	Sept. 6	Nov. 3

WVSSAC FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF

The 1981-82 Football Committee recommended that certain improvements be made in the present system. Those changes adopted by the Board of Appeals are denoted by an asterisk*. Present committee members are: Gary Barnette, South Harrison, Paul Billiard, Brooke, Silas Mullins, Pineville, John Chmara, Bluefield, Fred Taylor, Ravenswood, Daniel James, Parkersburg, Carl Ward, Ceredo Kenova, Kenneth Wright, Pennsboro, Robert Kamensky, Martinsburg Sr., and Robert Zopp, Greenbrier East.

I. Play-off Pairing and Site Selection:

- *1. In all classifications the first round competition will take place as specified in Rule 24-2-0.
2. The following pairing will be used for all classes: Numbers indicate final regular season standing as computed by the WVSSAC football rating plan.



3. All first and second round games will be played at the approved home site, or the next nearest approved home site of the team finishing highest in the WVSSAC computed rating plan. The following criteria must be met in order for a participating school to host a game.
 - A. Must provide seating for:
 - A — 2,500
 - AA — 3,500
 - AAA — 5,000
 - B. Playing surface must be in safe and playable condition.
 - C. Operable score board.
 - D. Adequate and accessible dressing and showering facilities for players and officials.
 - E. Adequate press box facilities.
 - F. Can provide on-field medical assistance.

4. If the host school is not listed in the following possible sites, they may select an available site from the following list of potential sites as selected by the committee. The listed sites are categorized according to their meeting the standards as set forth in Item 3. The home school wishing to use another facility should make the necessary arrangements prior to attending the play-off meeting on Sunday prior to the first rounds games.

A*. Facilities meeting criteria for **all** classes: Barbourville, East-West (Fairmont), Fairfield (Huntington), Greenbrier East, John Marshall (Moundsville), Laidley (Charleston), Mitchell (Bluefield), Nicholas County, Parkersburg, Ripley, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Wheeling (Island).

B*. Facilities meeting criteria for Class AA or A: Bridgeport, Dunbar Frankfort, Glenville State College, Greenbrier West, Hampshire (Romney), Herbert Hoover (Clendenin), Hinton, Hurricane, Jefferson, Lewis County, Lincoln (Shinnston), Logan, Man, Musselman, New Martinsville, Nitro, Oak Hill, Petersburg, Point Pleasant, Ravenswood, St. Marys, Salem College, Weir, West Virginia Institute of Tech.

C*. Facilities meeting criteria for Class A only: Elkins, Jaeger, Poca, Sistersville, Winfield, Wirt.

*Any site not listed or omitted from A, B, or C (above) must be submitted to WVSSAC for committee approval by October 1, 1982. Questions on form on inside back cover must be answered in this application.

5. If the visiting school does not feel that the home site meets the criteria as set forth in Item 1-3 a protest, with cause, may be lodged no later than 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday preceding the play-off game. The Executive Secretary will then select a committee composed of one (1) Board of Control member (Chairman) and (2) two members from the WVSSAC Football Coaches Committee to inspect the playing site and make a report with recommendation to the Executive Secretary of the WVSSAC. This report with recommendations is due no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday preceding the play-off game.

6. If the participating school cannot secure an adequate game site, the WVSSAC will select the play-off site.

7. In quarter or semi-final games the visiting schools shall select the **date** and **time** of game. If a conflict exists and mutual agreement cannot be reached, the WVSSAC will set time and date.

*8. All championship games will be played on an artificial surface on the same weekend and the same game site.

AA — Friday — 7:30 p.m.

A — Saturday — 1:30 p.m.

AAA — Saturday — 7:00 p.m.

9. The three over-time rule will be waived. A winner for each contest will be determined.

II. Teams with Identical Point Rating

1. Since the eight (8) teams with the best regular season rating will be selected as play-off contestants the following criteria will be used to determine pairing the tied teams and resolving ties which creates more than eight teams.
 - a. Using the rating system as a guide, if two or more teams tie for any position other than eight, a blind draw will be made to determine pairing for first round games.
 - b. If two or more teams tie for the eighth positions, the participants will selected using the following:
 - (1) If only two teams tie for the eighth positions, and competed against each other, the loser will be eliminated.
If more than two teams tie for the eighth position criteria (2), (3), (4), and (5) will be used in that order.
 - (2) If (1) does not select an eight place team, the team(s) with the best win-loss record will be selected.
 - (3) If a tie still exists which cannot be resolved by (1) or (2), the wins of their opponents will be totaled and the team with the most bonus points as computed by WVSSAC Rating Plan will be selected.
 - (4) Team with the greater number of points between total points scored minus total points allowed.
 - (5) Record against common opponent(s).

III. ADMINISTRATION

The WVSSAC will appoint a game director for each game site and the director will administer the game according to the regulations established by the WVSSAC. His duties include:

1. Providing participating schools with any necessary information not included in this manual.
2. Engage statisticians and provide them with WVSSAC forms. The host school is responsible for reporting game results to wire services.
3. Provide competent timer, scoreboard operator, announcer, chain crew, and (2) ball boys.
4. Make arrangement for managing of concessions.
5. Arrange to have physician and emergency vehicle available at game site.
6. Secure ticket sellers and taker.
7. Assign dressing rooms to the teams and game officials.
8. Make necessary arrangements for marking field in accordance with National Federation Rules.
- *9. The host school will furnish the equipment for the chain crew. **Registered Officials, in uniform** shall be used. Each man will be paid \$10.00, deducted from gate receipts. If travel is necessary, .20 per mile for one (1) car will be allowed. No less than three (3) and preferably four (4) should be selected as these assistant officials.
10. Each school will be permitted eight passes for cheerleaders.

11. The visiting school will be permitted five (5) chaperones with no admission charge.
12. The WVSSAC will supply tickets for first and second round games. The winning school will then have tickets available to sell immediately. The game director will have the tickets for the second round game.
13. Advance ticket prices will be \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. All tickets will be \$4.00 at the gate.
14. It is recommended that phone service on the playing field be available. However, the service must be available to both teams. Otherwise, neither team may use the service. In this case, the use of walkie-talkies or other non-permanent communication device is up to the discretion of each school.
15. The WVSSAC will provide programs for all play-off games. The home school will provide sales and management. The home school will share in 20% of the program sale. In order to assist in preparing a program for all games in the play-off series, it is necessary that each school provide the WVSSAC with a squad picture (glossy), plus a list of all players. This list should contain the numbers, position, weight, height, and class of each boy in numerical order. For example:

Blue	White	Position	Name	Weight	Height	Class
10	10	QB	Tim Harris	169	5'11	11
11	11	QB	Mike Holt	169	5'10	10

A form will also be provided by the WVSSAC which should include season record with scores.

16. Please inform teams and bands where their buses should be parked, and the location of the dressing rooms as well as seating arrangements for the fans.
17. It is the responsibility of the host school to provide adequate police protection.
18. Each game director will be paid \$75.00, deducted from gross receipts.
19. Each game director will appoint a media coordinator to coordinate media coverage and needs. A local representative of this profession would be ideal to handle this area.

IV. Games Procedures

1. The home management is responsible for flag presentation and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.
2. Teams are to leave the playing field 15 minutes before game time and return promptly at five minutes before kick-off time. Upon returning to the playing field, the captains will participate in the tossing of the coin.
3. No team will enter the playing field earlier than one hour before game time.
4. There shall be no practice on the designated playing field anytime during the week of the game, including Friday. If the game is being played at the site of one of the schools, that particular school can practice on the field of play.

5. **Sideline Passes:** Ten sideline passes shall be given to each school and must be worn at all times on the field. Passes must be worn by all coaches, managers, trainers, doctors, statisticians, and other members of the official party. No person will be permitted on the field unless wearing an official field pass or in a playing uniform. Sideline passes shall be presented at the pass gate for admittance.
6. **Length of half-time** shall be in accordance with **Rule 3 - National Federation Football Rules.**
7. **Bands:** Band members in uniform of the two participating schools shall be admitted to the game free. During the half-time intermission of the game, the **visiting** team band shall perform **first** and be prepared to start its performance immediately after the end of the first-half play. Performance by the visiting team band shall not exceed seven and one-half (7½) minutes including time to get on and off the field. Performance by the home team band shall not exceed seven and one-half (7½) minutes including time to get on and off the field. The field must be cleared for the mandatory three-minute warm-up drills for players. Teams should be notified at the end of fifteen (15) minutes. If special announcer is required for a band show, previous arrangements shall be made with the game director in order to gain access to the public address system.
8. The team designated as the home team will wear **dark** colored jerseys and the visiting team will wear **light** colored jerseys. The team finishing the highest in the final WVSSAC rating will be considered the home team for all levels of play-off competition.

V. General Information for Participating Schools

1. Schools will be reimbursed according to the following numbers as constituting the official party of each classification: A (40); AA (50); AAA (60).
2. Each school may arrange for mutual film exchange. Time is of the essence. This must be done in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
3. The following shall determine the expense allowance for participating schools providing game receipts are otherwise available.
 - a. Travel: \$3.00 per mile one way.
 - b. Meal Allowance:
Host School: A—\$160.00; AA—\$200.00; AAA—\$240.00 (First and Second Round).
Visiting School: Actual cost of meals and lodging up to the following will be allowed.
*Same day travel—\$6.50 per member official party.
Over-night (Excess 150 miles)—\$20.00 per member official party.
4. Each participating school will share in the net receipts according to the following schedule:
First Round: 20%
Second Round—Championship: 10%
5. The cost of filming play-off games will not be included as a game expense item.

VI. Officials

1. Officials will be assigned to each game by the WVSSAC. Each official will be paid \$50.00 for working the contest. One car will be allowed .20 round trip travel expense. This will be computed based on the official traveling the greatest distance with a given crew.
2. The officials will be selected by the WVSSAC and host game director will be notified.
3. The WVSSAC will mail the officiating fee directly to each game official.

VII. Radio — Television — Press

- *1. There will be no delayed or live televising of any championship football game(s) unless approved by the WVSSAC and or Board of Appeals. If any person(s) or TV station request a delayed taping please direct them to the WVSSAC office. Also, please keep in mind that no delayed broadcasting or viewing is permitted within 48 hours of the actual game. The fee for delayed broadcasting or viewing is \$50.00 per game. Request for a live telecast must have prior approval from the Board of Appeals.
2. Any radio station desiring to broadcast any game, live or delayed, must contact the game director to secure permission to broadcast. The live broadcast fee for any single game is \$150.00. The fee for a delayed broadcast of more than 48 hours. is \$50.00 per game.
3. When broadcasting facilities are limited at the site of the game, the two stations representing the two participating schools shall be assigned to the two best facilities and each school shall designate what radio station is to be given this preference. This is left to the discretion of each individual school that participates in the play-offs. After the first two selections are made, the third best facility should be occupied by a station representing the host school. Thereafter, choice of facilities shall be filled in order of request.
4. All requests for space should be done through the game director.
5. The Board of Appeals reserves the right to discontinue broadcasting of any station at any time in the event that such broadcasting is considered by the Board to be in poor taste or incompatible with educational dignity or propriety of the high schools of the State of West Virginia. During the game or tournament there shall be no political, tobacco, liquor, or malt spirit advertising. There shall not be any destructive criticism of the tournament game or game officials and their decisions either directly or indirectly. A maximum number of three passes may be provided for any authorized radio station.
6. The rights to any future use for commercial purpose(s) of any video tapes or radio broadcasts connected with these play-off are reserved by the WVSSAC.

WVSSAC FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF SITE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Seating Capacity

- A. Home Side _____
- B. Visitor Side _____
- C. Total _____

2. Playing Area

- A. Drains properly ($\frac{1}{4}$ per foot slope from center to sideline) YES _____ NO _____
 - B. Do you practice on playing area? YES _____ NO _____
 - C. Does field and markings conform to Rule 1-2-(1-8), National Federation Rules? YES _____ NO _____
 - D. Is field and participants area separated from fans? YES _____ NO _____
 - E. Are adequate benches available for each team? YES _____ NO _____
 - F. Is bench area at least four (4) yards from sideline? YES _____ NO _____
 - G. Is your turf in safe and playable condition for late season play? YES _____ NO _____
 - *H. Are field lights operable and of high quality for a night game? YES _____ NO _____
3. Is an electric scoreboard in operable condition? YES _____ NO _____
4. Is there separate and accessible dressing and showering facilities for both teams? YES _____ NO _____
5. Is there separate and accessible dressing and showering facilities for officials? YES _____ NO _____
6. Is there adequate press box facilities? YES _____ NO _____
- A. Give number you can accommodate _____
 - B. If adequate space is not available please indicate provisions for accommodation:

7. Is adequate spectator parking available? YES _____ NO _____
8. Can you provide on-field medical assistance for both teams if needed? YES _____ No _____
9. Do you have permanent field phones for both teams? YES _____ NO _____
- _____

Signed _____ (Principal) _____ (School)

Date _____