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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

AGENCY: Secondary School Activities Comm.
West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 127

CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W. Va. Code §18-2-25

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W. Va. Code §§ 29A-3B-1, et seq.; W. Va. Board of Education

v. Hechler, 180 W.Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988).

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO _____

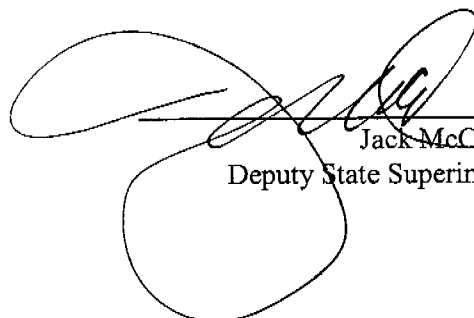
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 1

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Constitution

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

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THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 8, 2008.



Jack McClanahan
Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

Executive Summary
West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

Number and Title: 127-1-4 Membership

4.2.5. A member-high school must sponsor one (1) sport per gender during each season - fall, winter and spring. Schools having membership prior to the 2007-2008 school year are exempt from this provision.

Rationale:

Addresses criteria for middle and high schools seeking membership.

Impact:

If a middle or high school applies for membership to the WVSSAC, they must now offer at least one (1) sport per gender per season prior to being considered for membership.

Response to Comments:

No comments.

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Number and Title: 127-1-6 Officers and Duties

6.3 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. However, in the event that a director ceases to meet the qualifications for his/her position but remains in good standing in the last year of his/her term, such director shall be given the option to remain in his/her position for the remainder of the assigned term. Vacancy would then be filled at the next annual Board of Control.

Rationale:

This is the pattern of most professional organizations. This is the vacancy procedure for NASSP and NAESP. Appointed representatives have definitions for their organizations term of office. For a Board Member, this would mean 4/5 of the term served, so it would not best serve the interest of the commission to appoint someone new for just 8 months and then have another election at the Board of Control meeting.

Impact:

This rule change will allow a board member that no longer meets the requirements by which they were elected or appointed, to serve the final year of their term in office.

Response to Comments:

One comment received in support.

TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULE
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

SERIES 1
CONSTITUTION

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§127-1-1. General.

1.1. Scope. - These rules establish the organization and duties of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

1.2. Authority. - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-25.

1.3. Filing Date. - July 11, 2008.

1.4. Effective Date. - September 8, 2008.

§127-1-2. Name.

2.1. 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 pursuant to West Virginia Code article two, chapter eighteen, and authority for the delegation of such control to said Commission is granted by statute.

§127-1-3. Goals.

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

3.2. In the performance of these functions it shall be the aim of the Commission

3.2.1. To stress the cultural values, the appreciations and skills involved in these interscholastic activities and to promote cooperation and friendship;

3.2.2. To limit these interscholastic activities in both character and quantity so that such activities and such events may be looked upon as promoting the objectives of secondary education and as such shall not interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performance of their duties;

3.2.3. To encourage economy in expenses of these interscholastic activities;

3.2.4. To discourage long trips for interscholastic activities; and

3.2.5. To establish minimum standards of conduct for both active and spectator participants, coaches and all other school personnel at all interscholastic activities approved, sponsored or controlled by this Commission.

§127-1-4. Membership.

4.1. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be composed of the principals or designee, of those public or private secondary schools which have certified in writing to

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the State Superintendent of Schools that they have elected to delegate the control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic and band activities.

4.2. Membership in the Commission shall be predicated upon accepting the following conditions:

4.2.1. The principal or his designee is and shall be the sole representative of the school in all matters pertaining to the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Commission;

4.2.2. The principal or his designee is and shall be responsible for conducting interscholastic athletic 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;

4.2.3. Pay the annual dues charged by the Commission;

4.2.4. The principal or his designee shall file a statement with the Executive Director of the Commission agreeing to abide by and support the constitution and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

4.2.5. A member school must sponsor one (1) sport per gender during each season - fall, winter and spring. Schools having membership prior to the 2007-2008 school year are exempt from this provision.

4.2.6. At the annual meeting of the Board of Control, the Executive Director shall announce the names of the principals whose schools have become new members.

a. A middle school shall be a school so designated and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education.

b. A junior high school shall be a school so designated and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education.

c. A senior high school consists of grades nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), established by law and so designated and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education.

4.2.7. The first year of membership will be a probationary year with the school not being allowed participation in WVSSAC sponsored tournaments.

4.2.8. A one time membership fee of \$1,500.00 will be afforded senior high schools, \$500.00 to middle/junior high schools, or \$2,000.00 to combined middle/senior high schools.

4.2.9. Public schools seeking membership that are a result of consolidation or splitting of existing member schools shall be exempt from the provisions in subsections 4.2.6 and 4.2.7.

4.3. 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 these regulations.

4.4. Any member violating the regulations of this Commission and refusing to abide by the decision of the Board of Directors or the Review Board shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter set forth. (See §127-6-2 of these regulations.)

§127-1-5. Administration.

5.1. 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 and band activities among the schools represented by the members 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 Directors hereinafter constituted, and the Executive Director, hereinafter constituted and working through the Board of Directors, authority to interpret and enforce these regulations. 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. These regulations 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 (50) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at said annual meeting and approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting of said Commission.

5.2. At the 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 the assistant principal or other member of his the faculty to represent his the school at meetings of the Board of Control but no such appointment shall absolve the member of his responsibility as defined in these regulations.

5.3. 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 §127-1-6 of these regulations. The officers so elected shall be members of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission with the powers and duties assigned to it by §127-1-8 of the regulations of said Commission. Said Board of Directors shall be the executive body of the Commission and shall administer the regulations of the Commission. Further, said Board of Directors shall enforce the provisions of these regulations through the application of penalties provided under §127-6-2 of these regulations. Adjudication of disagreements and disputes among members of the Commission shall be one of the chief duties of the Board of Directors. Such adjudication may, however, be appealed to the Review Board.

5.4. The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall delegate to the Board of Directors, hereinafter constituted, the authority to define, devise and/or create five (5) administrative districts in the State of West Virginia:

5.4.1. Effective July 1, 1971, and until such time as it is necessary to change the boundaries of such districts, the five (5) administrative districts shall be as follows:

a. First District: Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Ohio, Taylor, Tyler and Wetzell.

b. Second District: Barbour, Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Pendleton, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur.

c. Third District: Boone, Braxton, Clay, Kanawha, Lewis, Nicholas, Putnam and Roane.

d. Fourth District: Cabell, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wayne, Wirt and Wood.

e. Fifth District: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Mingo, McDowell, Monroe, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming.

5.4.2. Any change in the boundaries of said administrative districts adopted by the Board of Directors shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Control at the annual meeting. Said change requires two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at the annual Board of Control meeting.

5.4.3. 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.

§127-1-6. Officers and Duties.

6.1. There shall be five (5) 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.

6.1.1. The elected officer-members shall constitute the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

6.1.2. One (1) 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.

6.1.3. The regular term of an elected officer-member shall be a period of five (5) years and said term shall begin immediately following the close of the annual meeting in which he was elected.

6.1.4. An elected officer-member shall be eligible to serve two (2) regular five (5) year terms in succession. Upon completion of the two successive terms, a former officer-member shall not be appointed to nor elected to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term during the five (5) year period immediately following the expiration of his regular term. Serving more than one half of an unexpired five (5) year term shall constitute one of the two permitted successive terms.

6.1.5. The election shall be by ballot when more than one (1) candidate from the same administrative district is nominated for officer-member. When more than two (2) candidates from the same administrative district are nominated for officer-member, the balloting shall continue until one (1) 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.

6.1.6. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the close of the annual meeting of the Commission said Board of Directors shall elect one (1) of its officer members to serve as president and one (1) to serve as vice president.

6.2. Two (2) or more members serving as principals of secondary schools located in the same administrative district shall be ineligible to serve as officer-members at the same time.

6.3. 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. However, in the event that a director ceases to meet the qualifications for his/her position but remains in good standing in the last year of his/her term, such director shall be given the option to remain in his/her position for the remainder of the assigned term. The vacancy would then be filled at the next annual Board of Control.

6.4. The annual honorarium of the officer-members shall be five hundred (\$500.00) dollars each.

6.5. The Executive Director 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.

6.6. The president shall furnish bond in the amount of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars. The Executive Director shall furnish bond in the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars. The premium for both of these bonds shall be paid by the Commission.

6.7. The Board of Directors may submit questions for discussion and ascertain sentiment of the schools by means of questionnaires. No vote to alter these regulations shall be taken except at the annual meeting of the Commission, except that these regulations may, in case of emergency, with the consent of the Board of Directors, 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.

§127-1-7. Meetings.

7.1. The annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall be planned by the Executive Director and the Board of Directors of said Commission.

7.2. Special meetings may be called by order of the president of the Commission. Fifty (50) principals constitute a quorum to transact business.

§127-1-8. Board of Directors.

8.1. The Board of Directors shall have authority to administer the regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

8.2. The State Superintendent of Schools or his representative designated to act in his stead, a representative from the West Virginia Board of Education, a representative selected by the West Virginia School Boards Association, a representative selected by the West Virginia School Administrators Association, and a representative selected by the West Virginia Athletic Directors Association shall serve as appointive members of the Board of Directors. Said 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.

8.2.1. The president of the Association of Secondary School Principals shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. However, serving the one (1) year term as an ex-officio member shall not render said member ineligible to be elected to a regular five (5)-year term as an officer-member provided he is otherwise eligible.

8.3. The Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint an Executive Director, 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 Directors shall have authority to fix and to pay salaries to the Executive Director and to other staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Director. The Board of Directors shall also have authority to devise a plan of retirement benefits for the Executive Director and other full-time staff personnel appointed to assist said Executive Director.

8.3.1. At least one of the staff personnel appointed to assist the Executive Director shall have the status of Assistant Executive Director. The appointment of said Assistant Executive Director shall be made by the Board of Directors only upon the nomination and recommendation by the Executive Director. In case the Board of Directors fails to appoint the person so nominated, the Executive Director shall nominate and recommend another person and submit the name to the Board

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of Directors at such time as said Board may direct. The length of the contract term of office of the said Assistant Executive Director shall be the same as that prescribed for the Executive Director in subsections 11.1 and 11.2 of these regulations. No Assistant Executive Director shall be removed during the contract term of office except for just and reasonable cause as prescribed in subsection 11.3.

8.3.2. All other staff personnel to assist the Executive Director shall be recommended by the Executive Director before being considered for employment by the Board of Directors.

8.3.3. The Board of Directors will annually evaluate the performance of the Executive Director. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to evaluate Assistant Executive Directors. The Executive Director must submit a list of areas of concern to be addressed. From said list, a plan of improvement would be implemented by the Executive Director. Failure on the part of the Assistant Executive Director and other office personnel to comply to the plan of improvement could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

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

8.5. The Board of Directors shall have power to decide all cases of eligibility of students and participants in interscholastic athletic and band activities. The Board may also exercise discretionary powers it may deem necessary for the furtherance of education and interscholastic athletic and band activities in the secondary schools of West Virginia.

8.6. The Board of Directors shall appoint Deputy Board Members who will serve at the will and pleasure of the Board of Directors.

8.7. At the request of the Board of Directors, a Deputy Board Member may 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 Directors a written report of his findings and recommendations for disposition of the case(s).

8.8. The Board of Directors 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 said Board deems it advisable to do so on the basis of information furnished, even though a formal protest is not filed.

8.9. The Board of Directors shall divide the state into regions and sections for the purpose of administration and for tournaments or meets of any interscholastic athletic or band activity.

8.10. The Board of Directors shall hold hearings and render decisions in all contested cases.

8.11. Five (5) officer-members present and eligible to vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for said Board of Directors to transact all business.

8.12. The minutes of regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to principals of all member schools.

§127-1-9. Funds.

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

9.1.1. A thirty (\$30.00) dollar flat membership fee for all three (3)-and four (4)-year schools on the first one hundred (100) students, or fraction thereof, enrolled in a school.

9.1.2. After the first one hundred (100) students enrolled, the membership will be ten (\$10.00) dollars per one hundred (100) additional students, or fraction thereof, up to one thousand (1,000) students.

9.1.3. For each one hundred (100) students above one thousand (1,000) an additional five (\$5.00) dollars per one hundred (100) students, or fraction thereof, is to be added.

9.1.4. A six (6) year high school shall pay a flat fee of thirty (\$30.00) dollars for grades seven (7) and eight (8) and ten (\$10.00) dollars per hundred (100), or fraction thereof, for grades nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12) up to one thousand (1,000) students and five (\$5.00) dollars per hundred (100), or fraction thereof, above one thousand (1,000) students.

9.1.5. A thirty (\$30.00) dollar fee is the ceiling for all regular junior high schools and middle schools.

9.1.6. 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 (2nd) 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 twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars reinstatement fee, have been paid to the Commission.

9.2. The Board of Directors may reduce the amount of annual dues of the members for any year.

9.3. The Board of Directors is authorized to levy entry fees and assessments for the conducting of any interscholastic athletic or band activity when it is not self-supporting. Fees and assessments from one (1) activity division shall not be used for the support of another.

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

9.5. 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 Tax Commissioner. A written summary of the audit shall be a part of the annual report of the Executive Director to the Board of Control.

9.6. 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 fund which have been collected, earned, and accumulated between the inception of such membership and the actual dissolution of said Commission.

§127-1-10. Amendments.

10.1. The articles, bylaws, rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may be amended as provided in the sections immediately following.

10.2. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee, consisting of five (5) members of the Commission, shall be appointed by and shall serve during the will and pleasure of the Board of Directors. Said Board of Directors shall designate one (1) of the members so appointed to serve as the chairman of such committee.

10.3. The Board of Directors shall give due consideration to maintaining a balance of representation by programmatic level as defined in subsection 4.2 of these regulations 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 secondary school different from that from which he was originally appointed.

10.4. 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 to address what it considers as needed interim constitutional rule changes for possible Board of Directors consideration.

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

10.6. Proposed changes to these regulations 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 postmarked or received by the WVSSAC office by January 15 of each year in order to permit the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study such proposed changes and to submit them, by mail, to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of said Commission.

10.7. At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission each, and only each, such proposed changes 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 or rejection. Said Committee may accompany each presentment with an explanation of the effect of said proposed change upon present rules and objectives of the Commission. Said Committee may also recommend adoption or rejection of said proposal along with the Committee numerical vote for said recommendation.

10.8. 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. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in conducting the annual meeting and all other meetings.

10.9. An amendment to the regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall become effective following the annual meeting at which such amendment was adopted and such adoption is formally approved by the West Virginia Board of Education in accordance with W.Va. Code and such other rules and regulations promulgated by the West Virginia Board of Education.

10.10. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as limiting or in any way effecting the validity of emergency rules and regulations which have been duly approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with subsection 6.7 of these regulations. Emergency rules and regulations will be effective upon the date they are filed with the Secretary of State of State of West Virginia and remain in effect until the next meeting of the Commission.

§127-1-11. Executive Director.

11.1. The Board of Directors shall employ the Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director. At the discretion of the Board of Directors these positions will be given from one-year to four-year contracts. These contracts may be re-negotiated prior to expiration. If a new contract is not to be negotiated, people in these positions will be notified in writing six months prior to the end of the contract period. A letter to this effect shall be sent to the President of the West Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals.

11.2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director position during any contract period, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy. The exception will be that if a person serving as a Board of Directors member or one who has served in that capacity within the preceding one year prior to the vacancy becomes a candidate for one of the positions, the authority to fill the vacancy of said position shall be vested in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

11.3. The Executive Director shall not be removed during the term of office contract period except for just and reasonable cause. Reasonable cause may include, but not be limited to the following: immorality, incompetency, cruelty, insubordination, intemperance, willful neglect of duty, unsatisfactory performance, the conviction of a felony or a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony charge.

§127-1-12. Duties of the Executive Director.

12.1. The Executive Director shall carry on the work incident to the efficient functioning of said 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.

12.1.1. The Executive Director shall be responsible for assigning general areas of responsibilities and directing the activities of the Assistant Executive Director as such responsibilities relate to the work of said Commission.

12.1.2. Based on employee evaluations and/or employee performance, the Executive Director shall make the appropriate recommendation of the employment status of all other employees.

12.2. The Executive Director shall receive complaints and make investigations concerning the eligibility of secondary school students who participate in athletic and band activities. The Executive Director shall also receive complaints and make investigations concerning violations of the rules of the Commission.

12.3. The Executive Director shall render decisions and impose penalties in athletic eligibility and other disputes subject to review by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall have the discretion to grant exceptions to the rules based upon previous Board of Directors decisions on cases of a similar nature. Appeals of rendered decisions by the Executive Director shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the decision unless otherwise stated.

12.4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to make a full and complete written report to the county board of education regarding any disciplinary action taken by the Board of Directors against a member school which is located in the county in which the said board of education has jurisdiction.

12.5. The Executive Director shall attend state meetings of the West Virginia Secondary School Principals Association and report, when requested by the principals, on the work of the Commission office.

12.6. The Executive Director 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 Directors reports from the meetings.

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

12.8. The Executive Director shall represent West Virginia in conferences and controversies involving other states.

12.9. The Executive Director shall exercise all rights and privileges pertaining to eligibility and to representation with the National Federation of State High School Associations granted to members by the Board of Directors and principals by these regulations.

§127-1-13. Review Board.

13.1. A West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Review Board is hereby established.

13.1.1. Said Review Board shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the West Virginia 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 Board of Education or any county board of education. All members of the Review Board shall be residents of the State of West Virginia.

13.1.2. Each of the following associations shall be requested to present three (3) nominations to the State Superintendent of Schools for membership on the Review Board:

- a. West Virginia Bar Association
- b. West Virginia School Administrators Association
- c. West Virginia State Committee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- d. West Virginia State Medical Association
- e. West Virginia Sportswriter Association
- f. West Virginia Athletic Directors Association
- g. West Virginia Retired School Employees Association

13.1.3. 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 (5) years. Prior to the expiration date of the term of each member of the Review Board, the respective association will nominate three (3) representatives to the State Superintendent of Schools who shall subsequently recommend one (1) to the West Virginia Board of Education.

13.1.4. 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.

13.1.5. 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.

13.1.6. In the same manner as prescribed in subsection 13.1(d) of these regulations, the West Virginia 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.

13.1.7. 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 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 two hundred (\$200) dollars.

13.1.8. 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 (30) days after such appeal is filed, and at 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.

13.2. The West Virginia 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 these regulations, on each decision rendered by said Review Board.

13.3. Any decision of the Board of Directors 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 Directors and aggrieved by such decision of the Board of Directors.

13.3.1. Appeals must be filed with the State Superintendent of Schools of West Virginia within fifteen (15) days after any final decision of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

13.3.2. 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.

13.3.3. The filing of any appeal shall not stay enforcement nor act to supersede the prior ruling or decision of the Board of Directors. However, pending the hearing of any appeal, at its discretion, the Board of Directors may grant a stay of enforcement upon such terms as it deems proper.

13.4. Proceedings for review shall be instituted by filing a petition, in quintuplicate, with the State Superintendent within fifteen (15) days after the date upon which such party received notice of the final order or decision of the Board of Directors. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission or its Executive Director 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.

13.4.1. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a copy of the petition by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, or its Executive Director, or within such further time as the Review Board may allow, said Commission or said Executive Director 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 Directors, in that particular case, and such stay shall continue until such record is filed.

13.4.2. Appeals taken on questions of law, fact, or both, shall be heard upon assignment of error filed in the case 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.

13.4.3. 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.

13.5. After hearing all evidence and arguments, the Review Board shall render a decision in one (1) of three (3) forms:

13.5.1. Sustaining the ruling of the Board of Directors;

13.5.2. Reversing the ruling of the Board of Directors; or

13.5.3. Remanding the matter to the Board of Directors for further action.

a. The Board of Review shall reverse, vacate or modify the order or decision of the Board of Directors if the substantial rights of the petitioner or petitioners have been prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions, decisions or orders are

A. In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions;

B. In excess of the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the Commission;

C. Made upon unlawful procedures;

D. Affected by other error of law;

E. Clearly wrong in view of the reliable probative and substantial evidence on the whole record; or

F. Arbitrary or capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

b. Four (4) members, present and eligible to vote, 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 Director of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and, upon written request, to other interested parties.

13.6. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to limit the Board of Directors in performing its regular duties as provided in the regulations 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.

13.6.1. §127-1-8.5 of the Constitution, and §127-6-3.2 of these regulations which infer or state that decisions of the Board of Directors are final are hereby modified only to the extent that such final ruling of the Board of Directors may be appealed within the time limit in the manner prescribed elsewhere in these regulations and affirmed, reversed or remanded by the Review Board.

§127-1-14. Rules and Regulations.

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

§127-1-15. Board of Trustees.

15.1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a five (5)-member Board of Trustees. Each trustee shall be a principal of a member school and shall serve during the will and pleasure of said Board of Directors. Two (2) or more members serving as principals of secondary schools located in the same administrative district shall be ineligible to serve as trustees at the same time.

15.2. 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.

15.3. The Board of Trustees shall elect from the membership thereof, to hold office for a term of one (1) year or until a successor shall be elected, a chairman and, if need requires, a vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

15.4. The Board of Trustees shall serve without pay or honorarium.

15.5. 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 an account of the debts and other obligations of every kind and description of said Commission.

15.6. 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.

15.7. Should a trustee refuse, within five (5) 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 Directors, and when all legal requirements have been satisfied with reference to execution, the Board of Directors may declare his membership on the Board of Trustees vacated.

15.8. The Board of Control and/or the Board of Directors may direct the trustees with respect to the purchase, sale, mortgage, encumbrance, construction, repairing, remodeling and maintenance of any and all property, real and personal, as may be committed to said trustees by said Board of Control or Board of Directors.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: **W. Va. 127CSR1, 2 and 3, Rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission**

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

Address: 2875 Staunton Turnpike
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Phone Number: 304.485.5494

Email: gary.ray@wvssac.org

Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 127CSR1, 2 and 3, Rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Current Expenses	0	0	0
Repairs & Alterations	0	0	0
Assets	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0	0	0

Rule Title: **West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Series 1, 2 and 3**

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3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect);

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 127CSR1, 2 and 3, Rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

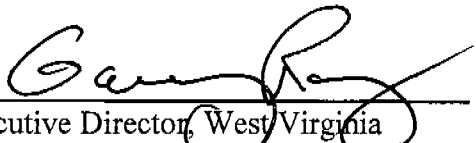
MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 127CSR1, 2 and 3, Rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. The amendments proposed will keep the WVSSAC current and updated on changes, trends and issues in the band and athletic programs. Proposed changes include: addresses criteria for middle and high schools seeking membership; updates vacancy procedure; clarifies enrollment and team membership with current middle/high school configuration; clarifies enrollment and team membership with current middle/high school configuration; consistency among all sports for participation; clarification of the residence and transfer rule; allow more flexibility in scheduling during the summer; decrease the size between the largest and smallest schools in each of the classes; increase number of weigh-in for junior high as was done for high school.

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Date



Executive Director, West Virginia
Secondary School Activities Commission

April 25, 2008

WVSSAC BOC Proposed Rule Changes - Series 1
Comment Log
May 6, 2008 - June 16, 2008

Action
 N No Response - = Negative
 NA Not Accepted + = Positive
 A Accepted 0 = Neutral
 Type

Date	Individual/Organization	Comments	Action/Type	Rationale
05/28	Jimmy Walls, Coach jdwalls@hotmail.com Lincoln County HS 511 Hillview Drive Hamlin, WV 25523	127-1-6.3 Officers and Duties Sports need someone to oversee them because the education people do not have the time or interest to serve them best	N +	This is the pattern of most p r o f e s s i o n a l organizations. This is the vacancy procedure for NASSP and NAESP. Appointed representatives have definitions for their organizations term of office. For a Board Member, this would mean 4/5 of the term served, so it would not best serve the interest of the commission to appoint someone new for just 8 months and then have another election at the Board of Control meeting.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 1:29 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-28 13:25:48)

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Posted: 2008-05-28 13:25:48
Posted from IP: 168.216.102.94

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

Sports need someone to oversee them because the education people do not have the time or interest to serve them best.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 8:11 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-28 16:29:57)

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Posted from IP: 129.71.112.24

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

Currently Tucker County has two middle schools, one with a small enrollment, the other with a larger one. Tucker Valley last year started middle school football, with the Davis Thomas students allowed to participate, maybe with 6th grade eligibility Davis Thomas would have the opportunity to field their own team. I am strongly in support of allowing 6th graders to participate in middle school football.

strong supporter of the 4 classes, if you look at states close in size to us, that have been discrepancies in enrollment numbers as we do, then it evens the playing field. i think we can still send the same amount of teams to the state tournaments, and we can find ways to make this work... lots of states, nebraska, new mexico, idaho, etc... have done it and it works, our kids get so much exposure at the state tournaments, that we need to do what ever we can to get the players there... the questions about watered down state championships, are from people that have never won one... as for football this would allow all the teams to be in the playoffs, just like every other sport in wv... now they could play who they wanted to, and not rely on a very confusing and imperfect rating system that can be manipulated by clever scheduling....please look at states that have the same enrollment figures as wv, ohio, kentucky, penn. are not good ones to look at because the numbers dont really go together... please take a very close look at this...

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

*Should be
127-2-3.5*

i dont know which one of these has to deal with 6th graders, but not a very good idea... i coached middle school football, and basketball for 6 years.. and as a school nurse, i can tell you that one, developmentally boys are just starting to mature in 8th grade more or less, you will see 8th graders that are 5'10 190lbs, with a mustache, and hair all over them... 6th grade boys are very far away from matching the 8th graders in maturity or physically...someone wil get hurt, you can mark it down... i have seen it way to much with 7th graders who are not ready, and some get knocked around a little and never want to play again...

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 13:47:14)

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Posted from IP: 168.216.43.41

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

i do think that a coach should be able to work with there players throughout the summer, i feel like (coaches) can work together, and not hurt the players... there are so many camps, but it really hard to get everything in, if a kid plays multiple sports in only a few weeks...if we had more time in july, i dont think we would abuse it, i think we would work together, and help these kids.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

i think coaches will work together, and not punish or pressure kids to showup all summer long... i think that we should get a chance to work with them all summer if thats what we and the player want to do...i would still give my layers time off, and i need some time away.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7:56 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-19 22:03:33)

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Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 10:04 PM
To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
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Posted from IP: 70.101.140.161

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I believe 6th graders should have the opportunity to participate in middle school football. Allow them the opportunity and then parents can decide if their kid is physically ready to participate or not. This will be great for the smaller middle schools who fight the numbers game every year. This would also allow the larger middle schools to possibly start junior varsity teams. Overall, a great thing to get more kids involved in athletics.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7:57 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-19 17:40:12)

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To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
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Posted from IP: 75.109.136.138

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I am writing about the proposed rule permitting sixth graders to play on the middle school football team. I coached in middle school for eight years, and am concerned for the safety of the sixth graders. There is not a size disparity in any three grades as there is in the six through eighth grade range. At Princeton Middle, where I was the coach and AD, our line averaged over 220 lbs each year. I just don't think the younger players can withstand the physical punishment that they will endure everyday. I am afraid that they will get hurt and may never play the game again. It is my wish that you consider this matter very carefully before you permit this proposal to pass.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 8:11 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 21:45:20)

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Posted from IP: 71.61.65.164

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I think 6th grade should not be included in middle school football. USing the reason that there aren't enough players did not apply at my son's MS. My son played ms football and there were plenty of kids who were out for the team. In fact, the coach did not play many of the 7th and 8th graders he had. He played many of the same boys both offense and defense. Half the kids stood on the sidelines. If you want to make a rule, make one that will require coaches to play all the kids who want to play, not just the stars.
This may be off the subject of whether 6th graders whould play or not...I don't think most 6th grade boys are up to playing with 8th grade boys. Size differences can be great. Keep the rule as it is.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 3:19 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-19 13:28:09)

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Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-19 13:28:09)

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Posted from IP: 168.216.168.98

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

Please support and adopt this policy.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2008 7:13 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-29 22:59:08)

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From: Nobody [mailto:nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
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To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-29 22:59:08)

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Posted from IP: 71.164.60.90

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

This comment relates to Proposal 5 - 6th graders being eligible to play football in middle school.

This proposal should be supported by an empirical study showing the actual numbers of 6th grade students wanting to play football in middle school that exceed weight limits in midget football leagues. My anecdotal observations are that there are very few kids who exceed weight limits and want to play middle school football. Of those kids the proposed rule change is designed to benefit, probably a significant number are simply over-weight for their ages or heights. A serious downside to amending the rule is the affect it will have on kids and midget football leagues. With regard to children, I would anticipate a large number of kids trying out and being cut, but after it is too late to sign up for the midget leagues, thus, leaving the kid with no place to play organized football. At the same time, midget league football for 6th grade kids will probably shrink to the point of not being viable. This happened to youth soccer. When the schools switched to middle schools, and 6th graders became eligible to play middle school soccer, it basically killed youth soccer for 6th graders since a student is not permitted to play organized soccer while

playing for the school team. Having coached middle school soccer for several years, I believe that many, if not most, 6th grade kids would have been better served to have played another season of recreational soccer where they would have had more opportunity to play. If middle schools are needing to play one or more 6th grade kids to field a full football team, I believe the number of serious injuries will increase. I believe an 8th grade boy who is almost shaving is no match for a 6th grade boy (even if the kid has grown early). Thus, I believe most responsible coaches will not play 6th grade kids very much and they will sit the bench. If they had played midget league for another year, they will likely get more playing time which will ultimately make the kids better players. Even at small schools, if the football team is having difficulty getting enough kids to field a team, then there is likely a problem with the coaching or program, or both. In short, I believe adopting the proposal is a mistake unless the SSAC requires those schools allowing 6th graders to play to provide a sixth grade team or a junior varsity team. This would effectively transfer the midget league program to the schools. Each board of education, then, must be willing to adequately fund the 6th grade or junior varsity team. This would be expensive, and I doubt any county would fund it. Thus, the State Board of Education should reject proposal 5.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 1:10 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-03 11:06:56)

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Posted: 2008-06-03 11:06:56
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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I feel 6th grade football should be passed because the parents want it. Teams our starting up as early as 7 years old and going through the 7th grade. Students who are not allowed to play in the 6th grade choose to stay with these programs in the 7th grade and it hurts our system because the are not playing for their middle school in the 7th grade. Football should be equal with all other sports in WV and right now it is the only sport where you can not play in the 6th grade.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 10:39 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-04 09:25:44)

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From: Nobody [mailto:nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
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To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-04 09:25:44)

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

this needs to be passed soon i have worked very hard to see this happen i had mrs. strader propose this because my last son will be in the sixth grade this year so please pass this soon

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:54 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-24 15:45:44)

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From: Nobody [mailto:nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
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Posted from IP: 74.46.245.225

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I coach high school football at one of the smallest football playing schools in WV. Our middle school already has several 6th graders on the boys and girls basketball teams. I feel that adding 6th graders to the football team would have a few advantages. First, it would boost our participation to a level where we can easily have the numbers field a team every year. It would also help those who do not meet the weight standards for little league football to be involved. Finally, the biggest advantage for the kids would be in the coaching. Little league football is often coached by parents and volunteers off the street, whereas middle school football is coached either by teachers or those who have WVSSAC certification and have to answer to the school administrators for what they do. If the kids are developmentally ready to compete in middle school football, there is no doubt that it would be more beneficial for them to participate for the school team rather than an independent little league team. Of course those who are not yet developmentally ready could continue playing little league for another year until they are ready. This is a rule change that is long overdue, and would catch football up with all other middle school sports.

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Comments for section 127-3-23-2-1 Football

Allowing sixth graders to play is a toss up and I can see both sides.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2008 7:16 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-30 11:02:43)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I believe the out of season coaching is appropriate in length now. It would be to much to aske the kids to go all summer.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

A AAA class is needed for the schools that lie between the big schools and the middle schools. It would allow many schools to revive old rivalaries

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-06 20:39:06)

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Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2008-06-06 20:39:06
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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

As a parent of a up and coming six grader, We personally think this is long over due for the children. Kids have always been able to play basketball,cheerleading and even run track while they have been in the six grade, So the children that just play football they`ve had to wait until they made the seventh grade. Maybe if this passes this will also help our high school programs. We know there has always been concerns our the children playing with the upper classmen,But if they have played in any little league football programs they have played with the older kids though their little league careers. As for a local little league teams the numbers of kids each year seems to be getting smaller. So each year that the numbers of children coming out gets smaller, this makes the kids wanting to play still have to wait a year intill they get into the 7th grade. We are parents think this is a great idea for our children in 6th grade to be able to play football. We would hate for them ! to set out a year, and lose alot. Thank You very much for your time. Tammy & Scott Hosey Jr.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 8:05 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-08 21:51:28)

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To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-08 21:51:28)

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

As a registered professional nurse and a WVSSAC certified coach, I wish to comment on the addition of 6th graders to middle school sports. Some sporting activities it isn't an issue such as track, golf or cross country. Bowerver to allow 6th graders to compete against 8th graders in contact sports is not only bad idea it is an irresponsible decision. Look at football for example, a child entering the 6th grade is most usually 11-12 years of age. Players in 8th grade are usually 13-14 years old. According to the guide for successful coaching required by the WVSSAC to be a coach in WV if you are not a professional educator, the average start of the growth spurt is 11.5 years of age. The fastest part of the growth spurt occurs at 13.5 years. Allowing a 6th grade child who will just be entering the growth spurt age, to play a competetive contact sports against a young man who has been in his growth spurt for 2 years and is now at his prime rate of growth is asking for injur! y that can easily be prevented. As a nurse I see on an everyday basis the effects of how puberty changes people, hormone changes, body changes and mental changes. I can promise you 8th grade boys are discussing things 6th grade boys don't need to be discussing yet. The intrests of an 8th grade student and a 6th grade child are worlds apart and should be. One

child just left elementary school, the other is year out of high school. Physically a 6th grade child hasn't developed the stamina, the strength, or muscle coordination to compete at that level against competition that is far bigger, more developed and has more muscle coordination. You can't use the argument that 9th graders play against 12th graders in high school, due to the fact 9th graders have hit puberty and their growth spurt. They have not grown and developed as much as the senior, but they have hit their puberty growth spurt, whereas 6th graders have not. I feel that allowing 6th graders to play contact sports against 8th graders is a Pandora's box. A box which I would

not want to be responsible for opening. Knowing these facts, any responsible coach, parent or voter should have serious questions on the decision making ability of those in charge if this rule passes.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 1:54 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-05 12:24:30)

-----Original Message-----

From: Nobody [mailto:nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
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Role: Community Member

Posted: 2008-06-05 12:24:30

Posted from IP: 65.78.203.26

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

In regards to Proposal 4 (107-6)- as a parent I do not feel it would be a wise idea to allow 6th graders to play football with 7th & 8th graders. Allow smaller schools to combine to make a full team. Physically, sixth graders are not mature enough yet to play with eight graders. Injurys will increase.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2008 8:28 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-11 16:52:22)

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I would like to see the proposal pass to allow 6th graders to participate in middle school football. I have been following this proposal for quite some time. My son has not been eligible to play on a community youth football team because of weight/size restrictions. He did play at one time on the flag team and 1 year of C team. However, with his size (5'8 1/2, 214lbs, size 13 mens shoe) he will not be eligible again for the 3rd year to play. He will be starting 6th grade this fall and is hoping to start participating once again in the sport of football.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 3:29 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-10 22:26:43)

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

please accept and approve proposals 3 4 7 8 9 as i believe they will increase participation and enhance school spirit thereby contributing to a better school environment less behavior issues. Our student athletes are hampered when trying to compete with those from other states where more interaction with regular coaches is allowed.
With only three classes the difference in AAA from top to bottom is far too great and creates a top-heavy class especially in football as is evidenced by the dominance of the larger schools for the past several years. Four classes would certainly serve to level the field --field of dreams-- for many deserving student athletes and their schools. After all its for the student athletes isn't it? As for the argument that the students would miss additional days of instructional time one day of positive school spirited competition where the parents and communities interact with the students offers invaluable instruction in life lessons .Ibelieve students are begging and searching for reasons to go to school and be involved. These proposals

offer positive additions to these programs. Please honor the principals' votes and pass these proposals. The principals are in the best position to judge what the students need as we attempt to provide the best that we can.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 8:14 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 08:00:24)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Like it but some will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I like being able to teach outside of the season, but again, so will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I like the four classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 4:32 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Posted from IP: 168.216.37.195

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I think it is time for out of season coaching.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I am for the classifications as AAAA, AAA, AA, A. I believe that there is way to big a difference in numbers from the small AAA's and the big AAA's. A diference of 600-700 is way to much in my opinion.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 10:40 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 09:17:19)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

While I do feel that coaches should be able to work with their kids during the summer, I feel that it needs to be limited. Families should be able to do activites during the summer without having it be scheduled around sports. Children who play 3 sports will be pulled from sport to sport with absolutely no time between them and certain coaches will apply pressure to just play "their" sport. I do not feel that a high school child should have to choose between them if they do not want to. We would have certain coaches take this beyond the intent of this proposal. In this day and time, kids grow up too fast as it is without additional pressure to perform 12 months out of the year.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As I look from the student athlete's point of view. This has become year around sports. Part of the rationale was that the families would have more flexibility in planning vacation. The only week available is the week of the 4th of July. Our student athlete need time away from the demands of the sport and coach. Even the rofessional athletes get a couple of months off. I don't believe the coaches will use good judgement and regulate their summer activities. Most coaches will try to stay up with or out do each other, meaning this will take up the whole summer. Let the kids be kids. Put yourself in the student athlete's position and see if this is in your best interest. Would you want to do this for the whole summer and then the season.

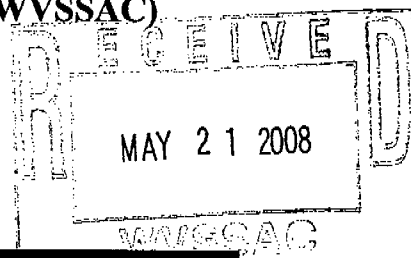
Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Same as above.

**West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC)
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COMMENT RESPONSE FORM



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Principal

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Service Personnel

Community Member

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching. *IN FAVOR* of the change because it will allow coaches more freedom in scheduling summer workouts. Will allow students to participate in more than one sport workouts in the summer.

'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching. *IN FAVOR* of the change because it will allow coaches to work camp and give us opportunity to work in the summer with our players and receive some pay

'127-3-10.1. Classification. *IN FAVOR* of the change because it will cut down the differences in size in each class.

It will give more students the chance to experience state wide competition. Other states have proven that more classes will work. It will give students more opportunity

**WVSSAC Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests
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'127-3-23.2.1. Football.

'127-3-23.9.2. Football.

Please direct all comments to:

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Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-23 14:17:45)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Although there is some merit to opening the out of season coaching to all summer, we at Morgantown High School feels that it will put too much pressure on both the athletes and the coaches to keep up with the "Jones." Although one can say that each county can structure the summer weeks, there will be a lot of pressure to meet the "schedules" of other counties. I do not wish for my athletes to feel any more preesured than they currently do.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We do not feel that it is in the best interests of basketball or football to dilute the field by creating the fourth

class. We do not have enough schools to truly go to a realistic fourth class. Travel will become a much bigger issue than even now. It will also put much more pressure on State Tournament formats.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 1:56 PM
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

i do think that a coach should be able to work with there players throughout the summer, i feel like (coaches) can work together, and not hurt the players... there are so many camps, but it really hard to get everything in, if a kid plays multiple sports in only a few weeks...if we had more time in july, i dont think we would abuse it, i think we would work together, and help these kids.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

i think coaches will work together, and not punish or pressure kids to showup all summer long... i think that we should get a chance to work with them all summer if thats what we and the player want to do...i would still give my players time off, and i need some time away.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

strong supporter of the 4 classes, if you look at states close in size to us, that have been discrepancies in enrollment numbers as we do, then it evens the playing field. i think we can still send the same amount of teams to the state tournaments, and we can find ways to make this work... lots of states, nebraska, new mexico, idaho, etc... have done it and it works, our kids get so much exposure at the state tournaments, that we need to do what ever we can to get the players there... the questions about watered down state championships, are from people that have never won one... as for football this would allow all the teams to be in the playoffs, just like every other sport in wv... now they could play who they wanted to, and not rely on a very confusing and imperfect rating system that can be manipulated by clever scheduling....please look at states that have the same enrollment figures as wv, ohio, kentucky, penn. are not good ones to look at because the numbers dont really go together... please take a very close look at this..

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

i dont know which one of these has to deal with 6th graders, but not a very good idea... i coached middle school football, and basketball for 6 years.. and as a school nurse, i can tell you that one, developmentally boys are just starting to mature in 8th grade more or less, you will see 8th graders that are 5'10 190lbs, with a mustache, and hair all over them... 6th grade boys are very far away from matching the 8th graders in maturity or physically...someone wil get hurt, you can mark it down... i have seen it way to much with 7th graders who are not ready, and some get knocked around a little and never want to play again...

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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*Should be
127-3-7.2*

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

I want to thank the principal from Hedgesville High School on propping the rule about allowing coaches to coach all summer leaving a dead period during the weeks of July 4. This gives kids something to do during the summer. Students could be out doing other things that aren't good, but with this proposal, it give them more time together and they're not just laying around eating, or doing something that isn't healthy. The school systems now want kids to lose weight, this is one way to do so. This allows exercise all year long and let's them be around students and coaches that give them good advice.

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am adamantly opposed to any extension of out of season coaching beyond the current SSAC calendar weeks of 50-51-52. There are several reason for this
opposition: 1. Children need to have time away from coaches and structured practice and play. 2. Children to to be allowed to spend time with family and friends and enjoy being a "kid". 3. Coaches regardless of intent and good intentions will use this time to choose teams, and imply that non attendance can and will result in decision during the season as to cuts and playing time. In other words this time will be misused and it is almost not enforcible as to quality and content. 4. The risk of injury certainly increases, especially injuries such as stress fractures and joint injuries due to stress. A prime example of this may be the recent stress fracture of Patrick Patterson at the University of Kentucky. Perhaps his playing year round and then going on to UK and playing a grueling schedule lead to this? I know this can't be proven but the risk among developing athletes is certainly increased. 5. Student athletes need time to rejuvenate away from coaches and have a mental break from school and competition- they need down time. 6. The mistaken belief that more is better is a flawed approach. More scholarships will NOT result

from this increase in practice time. There is no statistical data that could ever prove this "myth". I urge the members of the Board to soundly reject this proposal as it is a danger to our student athletes. thank you ~jwkelley

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I strongly urge the members to soundly reject this proposal. This is perhaps the most flawed of all proposals submitted. First off the state of West Virginia by its very geographical outlay cannot support four classifications for any sport. The argument that the disparity in enrollment is too great and unfair will not be solved or addressed by this proposal. Here are numerical examples: Currently at the AAA level- Parkersburg has 1446 as the largest Bridgeport has the smallest at 627. This is an enrollment disparity of 819. In Class AA Keyser is the largest at 618 and Greenbrier West the smallest at 340. This is a disparity of 278. In class A Richwood has the largest at 337 and among football playing schools Notre Dame the smallest at 74 for a disparity of 263. My point is that regardless of how you divide into four classes there will still be a HUGE disparity at a new AAAA level that is larger than any current disparity of enrollment among the class A and AA schools. If we use the top sixteen- University would be #16 with a disparity of 505 and if we use the current top 25 AAA then Princeton would have a disparity of 619. The creator of this proposal Mr. Warren Grace, Principal at Paden City did not submit any plans of how this would be done as to the divisions. In this era of 21st Century learning where we are raising the bar and challenging students, why would we want to lower these standards by watering down the current system and making it easier to obtain success. What statistical data did Mr. Grace submit that would indicate that this would be a "better" system. The state of West Virginia and the SSAC currently have the best system of football playoffs and regional selection in basketball that is envied throughout the country. Another area of concern in this ever inflating cost of transportation would be the unbelievable cost of travel for AAAA schools to play each other, or for any school to travel to stay in class. (this is necessary! to obtain the points in current playoff system of WVSSAC). Finally I submit to you what I think is the real reasons for this proposal and the support given by some Principals: 1. The Wheeling Central issue- which is the root of all complaining- their tremendous success has caused jealousy and an attempt to get them out and 2. Success is the result of excellent athletes, excellent coaches and community support. If you examine the successful programs in West Virginia you will see that these programs have worked very hard at these areas. Watering down the system to four classes will not cure this flaw by those who do not subscribe to this fact. Again I strongly urge you to reject this flawed and misguided proposal. One more statistical fact- there is no data that supports the largest schools have the most success in football and basketball. thank you ~jwkelley

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Posted from IP: 71.64.7.0

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

It is my opinion that limiting out of season coaching to only 1 dead week will cause more harm to family time. This would, in essence allow coaches to ask players to commit their entire summer to sports. I understand the intent is to free time, but I have a child in the system and know that pressure is put on these students, legal or not to participate in out of season practices, or not play during the season. My son has participated in soccer and is affiliated with other players who play multiple sports and is under dictator type coaches for football, and basketball. Limit the number of days or weeks each team can utilize. I quickly see this as another step to crush secondary sports, and push football and basketball further up on a pedestal while eliminating time for families, vacations, summer jobs,etc.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am againt this policy for one main reason, Students will feel pressured to participate all summer in any program that the coaches may offer. THey can say all that they want that it wont count against you when selection time roles around, but deep down the students know that it will. You are also putting coaches in a position that they have to coach and have training all summer for the students in order to keep up with other schools, this may also put a burden on school officials to open up the schools in the summer. Please take in all views before voting on this change. Parents need a break also.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This classification will help the smaller AAA schools. Being from Hampshire COunty this will help us a great deal , as long as we stay AAA. It is difficult to compete with schools that have twice as many students but are in the same classification. We are already limited to amount of participating atheletes due to rising fuel costs and the elimination of our activity bus.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

No comment

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:55 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Posted from IP: 168.216.45.78

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Great idea for more flexibility and thinking of families.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

same as above

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Why water down a broken system with more winners . The current system is adequate with changes in the tournament format.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

No. Comment

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Should be 127-3-7.2

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

I would like to voice my opposition to changing the policy governing out of season coaching. The current policy of allowing three weeks in June for out season work is in my opinion adequate. Increasing the allowable time is a further burden to families and undermines any attempt to have quality family time. I understand that the policy does not require student athletes to participate in these "optional" summer sessions, but in reality, students are held accountable for attending all scheduled practices. My family has found it difficult to schedule family events and vacations around the three weeks in June and the entire month of August. When working parents have limited vacation time and flexibility and students have summer jobs and non-sport activities in addition to sports, being able to find a time for a vacation can be a nightmare! Imagine trying to convince a reluctant teenager to engage in family activities if he/she believes that missing an "optional" summer workout may indeed have a negative impact when soccer season comes around. I can appreciate the difficulty for coaches who must work around athletes who participate in multiple sports, but I fail to see how giving them more time alleviates the conflict. In conclusion, while sports offers a valuable learning opportunity for student athletes, family time needs to be valued. There are

endless opportunities for student athletes to continue to participate in voluntary sporting activities over the summer, but opportunities for unstructured and unscheduled family time is a premium. Thank you for your consideration.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I support his policy and hope you adopt it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I support this policy and its adoption.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This policy needs to be adopted.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7.2 Out of Season Coaching

Athletics are an important part of the high school experience. Although my three daughters have now graduated and gone on to play college sports, their involvement with high school teams helped develop their character as well as provided us with many wonderful memories. You will soon be voting on whether to extend the three week summer practice period with coaches. I would encourage you to vote against that extension.

For athletes who participate in several high school sports, the school year is extremely busy. School days consist of classes, after-school practice, then homework. Weekends consist of independent practice of the off-season sport (for example, piloting practice throughout the winter). I firmly believe that these dedicated children need some time to rest during the summer, giving their bodies a chance to heal physically from overuse and a time to re-energize. Year-round practice without a break can lead to injury and burnout, even for those who love the game.

If summer practices are held, dedicated athletes will feel obligated to attend, leaving no time for family vacations, attending summer camps, visiting colleges, etc. Athletes who skip summer practices, albeit for good

reasons, cannot expect to play when the season starts. We always emphasized to our daughters that being members of a team requires sacrifices and responsibility to your teammates.

One might argue that the coaches should be reasonable in setting limits on practice times. However, if a student participates in multiple sports, even one day a week of practice can result in a three-day-a-week commitment, tying up the summer months. Furthermore, good coaches give their teams the opportunity to be competitive. My husband coaches the AAA State Championship girls' basketball team at Parkersburg South High School. You can be assured that if the coaches at Morgantown and Huntington are practicing all summer, he will want to give his girls the same opportunity for success.

Thank you for looking out for the best interests of the children in our state. Although my children will not be affected by your ruling, I believe that extending the three-week practice sessions for high school athletes would be detrimental. Thanks for giving them a break!

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-25 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

More flexibility would help everyone involved.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This would help all schools in both a, and aaa. The only fair class right now in WV is aa. I urge you to consider the benefits of 4 classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I think it needs to be regulated because the schools are not going to pay the coaches for working in the summer. It takes too much away from the students and being able to work a summer job also.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

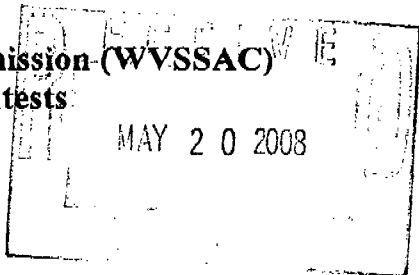
Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We do not need another classification unless it affects all sports. You are really going backwards with this. Cut "A" in half and divide the rest of the current schools which should leave about the 16 biggest schools for AAAA This would make the competition closer especially if you included all sports. Thanks

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC)
 Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests



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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
<p>'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">Great proposal - very needed in W. Va.</p>
<p>'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">Great proposal</p>
<p>'127-3-10.1. Classification.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">Good proposal - would be beneficial</p>

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I do not feel all summer is necessary for athletes to have out of season practice during weeks 50-52. I think it would be nice to be able to incorporate film and classroom work during the July time period, with weight lifting and conditioning still be permissable. I would like to see a window for track be allowed sometime in January, where they have an opportunity to help the sport.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think this proposal should clearly pass. It was approved by a large majority of principals earlier in the spring.



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'127-3-23.2.1. Football.	<i>acceptable!</i>
'127-3-23.9.2. Football.	<i>acceptable!</i>

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States similar in size have more classes than WV.

Examples:

New Mexico 1,969,915 88/146 5/5 (population,schools,and classes) West Virginia 1,812,035 120/129 3/3 Nebraska 1,774,571 166/308 5/6 Idaho 1,499,402 89/146 4/5 *As reported by the Wheeling News Register*

A common example people use against the class system is Ohio. They have 6 classes for 715 schools. What they fail to understand is the breakdown of the divisions. The divisions are grouped together by the number of kids in the school.

Here is the breakdown according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Division I 524 or more ---115

Division II 365 to 523 ---120

Division III 257 to 364 --119

Division IV 187 to 256 ---119

Division V 131 to 186 ---121

Division VI 130 or less ---121

(1st numbers are students, second number is how many schools are in each class

Now look at the gap in the number students attending in WV. Single A 0 -337 Double A 340-618 Triple A 619 or more

The disparity gaps are much wider in WV.

The numbers speak for themselves. People can argue about watering down all they want, but over half of the college football teams in D-1 went to a bowl game last year, so why not give more kids a reasonable chance of competing?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

I like how the schedule for football is set up. I think this needs to remain the same.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

This proposal sounds great at first glance. As a coach I am of course looking for as much time with my athletes as I can get. However I could see this rule getting abused. As a coach at a small school, most of my athletes play 2-3 sports. This means that from the beginning of August through the end of school they have no time off. Summertime is their safe haven to do what they want to do. Allowing practice all summer would force those athletes to pick 1-2 sports and eliminate the multisport athlete. It also gives coaches too much freedom to hold their kids hostage all summer. Even colleges don't get this kind of freedom with their athletes. I would love to be able to practice my kids all summer, but even as a 24 year old head coach I can recognize how coaches would take advantage of this rule to effectively give their athletes no time off at all, especially those who play multiple sports.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Everyone here at East Hardy High School is excited about the new classification proposal. We are one of the smallest football playing schools in WV. Our cross county rival Moorefield is almost twice as large as us. The advantages they have are very hard for us to overcome. Last year as a baseball coach at Elkins I watched my players have their hearts broken as we lost to Jefferson, a school whose enrollment was almost three times as much as our own. As an assistant football coach at Fairmont Senior I saw the same thing as 2 years in a row in the playoffs we lost to schools more than double our size. The size disparity in the current classifications has become too large, and the larger areas of the state continue to grow while others remain stagnant or shrink, yet we are still expected to remain competitive with the growing areas. While every school I have been at can hold our own, it is almost impossible to win a state title at one of the smaller schools. In A and A! AA football during the past 10 years there has not been a state title winner come from outside of the 10 largest schools in their classification. This is due to that large disparity. In basketball all schools already make the playoffs, and the football playoffs could easily be cut back down to 8 teams if you are worried about competition in the playoffs. This rule just flat out makes sense though. I know it has been proposed in various forms in the past, but it is time that it is passed. It is long overdue, and the disparity in enrollment in WV high schools will only continue to increase until a change like this is forced to be made.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

127-2-3.5 Sixth grade students may be eligible to participate in interscholastic sport teams in the middle school in which they are enrolled.

I have been a football coach and administrator at the youth level for eight years. I have been an assistant football coach at the middle school level for one year. I have been a WVSSAC registered football official for four years. Through these experiences, I feel like I can make an educated comment on the proposal to allow sixth grade students to participate in football at the middle school they are enrolled in. I would very much like to see sixth grade students have the opportunity to play for their respective middle school. These extra student athletes would allow the middle schools to develop junior varsity squads. In my opinion, junior varsity middle school football would provide student athletes across the state the opportunity to compete utilizing the same set of NFHS rules under the tutelage of certified coaches. Sixth graders playing at the youth level face different rules from league to league and are usually subjected to weight requirements. The early developing sixth grader would still have an

outlet to play possibly on the varsity level and the smaller sixth graders could remain at the junior varsity level. Most youth programs do not take a student's GPA into account as a factor for determining eligibility. This means sixth graders that are failing school could be practicing and playing a full schedule of football instead of focusing on their academics. Governing youth organizations such as Pop Warner are not as prevailing in West Virginia as Little League, Inc. is for baseball. This means that many of these children play for coaches that have no training in basic essentials such as first aid. Many of these individuals coaching the youth level have not had their backgrounds checked either. In my opinion, allowing sixth graders to play for their middle schools far outweighs any negatives.

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I feel that summer break should be off limits to coaches outside of what is currently permitted. My reason is that the demands on the student/athletes by coaches is becoming excessive. It is my understanding that an athlete is pretty much unlimited in what they may do to improve themselves as long as the coaches are not involved. Coaches can say that these activities are voluntary, but they really are not. Why should a son/daughter feel like they can't afford to be away on a family vacation because missing these activities may cause the athlete to be demoted for not attending these activities. Lastly, is it not just a matter of time before coaches will expect extra compensation. It would be interesting to see the thoughts of the parents. Thank you.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

As a former athletic administrator, I no longer feel that a four classification system is in the best interest of WV high school athletics. As a matter of fact, I have gone full circle and now feel that two classes are probably the answer. I would doubt that the private schools (which are seen as having an advantage in Class A) will find plenty of competition in a two class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Proposals 7 and 8 should be rejected. The rationale offered for the change is bogus. These proposals will eliminate summer vacation for students playing sports except for one week in July. Right now, they get about 5 weeks free from overzealous coaches. Although the rule states that participation is voluntary, everyone knows that in practice, it would be mandatory. The coaching that currently occurs during weeks 50-52 is voluntary, but every student who hopes to make the team, or increase his playing time will be there.

Coaches that really want to attend seminars or other coaches' training find seminars in July, or work around their summer practices in June. If the training is important enough, and it only occurs during weeks 50-52, then, they need to decide if the training is worth their absence from the team practices that will inevitably go forward.

Summers have traditionally been a time for families to reconnect, for students to get part-time jobs (maybe full-time) and for kids to have some fun. If the Board adopts the proposals, kids will be the big losers here. The Board ought to do what is in the best interests of kids, not what is in the perceived best interests of coaches who want to win at all costs. These proposals have been made before and were rejected. The Board should reject them this time

as well.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Please see the foregoing comments.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I support these changes in an effort to ensure our children are getting the proper instruction they need over the summer.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I like the idea of the three weeks with your team. I think it helps the coaches to evaluate their teams and to determine what they need to work on for next season. However, I wish coaches would abide by the rules. There are coaches who practice all year round and never get caught. Principal's and Athletic Directors are reluctant to stop this or to turn coaches in that do this because they only have one agenda... and that is to win at all cost!

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think that there has to be a better way to check and make sure these schools are turning in the correct numbers

for their schools. There are schools in double A that should be participating in triple A and there are some single A that should be in double A. I think, if the WVSSAC would have all school submit a copy of their Lunch reports then you could see that some schools are lying about their numbers.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

The 4 divisions would be great in both Football and Basketball. It would generate more revenue and allow more schools to have a chance at success. I don't think it would hurt competition at bit. In fact, it would boost competition because now schools would know they would have a better chance of winning or enjoying that success.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Out of season coaching is appropriate in length

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

AAAA is needed for schools our size, while allowing us to play games closer to the house conserving fuel

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As I read this section, it allows coaches to schedule practice all summer with the exception of one week. I believe practice should continue to be limited. As long as all teams follow the same rules, there is no reason to expand practice time. Kids are too overscheduled as it is, and it is more important to give parents flexibility during the summer than it is for coaches. Family vacation is just as important as sports. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am completely for this proposal. It will do nothing but help the athletes/teams in the state compete with other out of state teams. It will also show the coaches who care about their players.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I know it is hard sometimes for schools to go to team camps because of the lack of supervisors and volunteers, so this would help when going to camps because the coaches would be able to go with their team.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

It is really hard for the smaller schools in a class to compete with the larger schools in a class whether it's in A, AA, or AAA now. This proposal would even the playing field on many levels. It would also give the smaller schools a

greater chance to further their post season play which could give athletes more exposure that they might not have had during the season.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Why not. There are so many students engaged in "voluntary" practices over the summer anyway, you might as well legitimize the process. Also, the word voluntary is funny. ANYone connected with any of these programs know that it is known by the coaches who attends the "Voluntary" practices.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The idea of classifying two sports differently is out of line. This is an accomodation to the small single "A" schools who have to compete against the parochial schools. Note girls basketball - 6 of 8 girls Single A tournamnet teams

were religious parochial schools. Just make the non-public schools multiply their enrollment by 1.5 like Tennessee does and you will solve your problem. Pennsylvania is discussing this as the point being made to the WPIAL and PIAA is that non-public schools can control their enrollment and thus their class assignments. The multiplier would make this more fair, rather than add another class to some sports. Enforce the residency requirements for the non-public schools. Make them prove the residency of their students. IE there is a non-public school that has students from one Ohio county, two WV counties and western PA. Is that fair to the students of WV students who live in small rural counties?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

It does allow for more flexible scheduleing as long as the coaches are understanding and supportive.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

All other states our size have a system that promotes parity and equal opportunity. It should be divided into 4 classes immediately.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I feel it should be open in the summer but each sport competing should only get 3 weeks. Therefore we separate our sports into 3 week segments instead of trying to get everyone in during the weeks assigned.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel that if this measure passes it would help with the large difference in numbers in the AAA classification and the A classification. Being a program in the Northern Panhandle our schedule consists of some quality teams from the state of Ohio. Playing these teams may have hurt us in the AAA standings. I do not believe that we would be

watering down our system in place by eliminating 10 programs in AAAA to AAA but it would really help with scheduling. For us after Brooke High and John Marshall we would have to travel to Morgantown, Fairmont which we do now and Parkersburg or Charleston. Also I think that money could be generated for the state with the extra play offs and Championship Game. Win- win situation for kids.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 12:51 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-06-04 12:17:00)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As an assistant girls basketball coach, I love having the opportunity to work with my kids in June. However, I believe that is long enough. Extending the time frame will not give more flexibility in scheduling, it will only mean more time away from ones family. A lot of coaches will use the entire time and although they are not supposed to will hold it against the kids who miss these weeks.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We have already watered down the system enough. A state championship means something right now. Adding

another class will only cheapen that feat. Besides that, having to add another day to the basketball tournament would make it too long. With the number of schools in WV, we really only need 2 classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 4:33 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Posted from IP: 71.182.37.30

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I believe it is time to lighten the restrictions on out of season coaching. For years now a lot of other states have open seasons, spring games(like Football). Also, if the State Board thinks that no schools currently violate the policies in place they are holding their hands over their eyes. It does happen all around.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel there should be four classes for at least Football and Basketball. This would provide more opportunity for kids today to get a taste of being in the Playoff system and provide a greater chance for more monies to be raised

by schools and for the WVSSAC. I really do not see a downside to this proposal. It would be a win-win situation.
DO IT!

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 7:53 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

The State of West Virginia has needed a more extended off season schedule for some time now. The current three weeks in the summer is a very short amount of time for the coaches to practice with their teams and it unfairly makes student athletes choose between which team they want to practice with. This new policy appears to allow for more flexibility in this regard. This would also ensure that the players are with trained staff in the off season as opposed to the possibly untrained volunteers that many of the summer leagues have as coaches. The degree of safety would be improved as well as the quality of the instruction.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Coaches and other athletic staff should be able to attend sports camps with their student athletes. This allows for a bigger degree of safety and allows the coaches to provide proper instruction to their student athletes.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The State of West Virginia has needed a fourth classification in school sports for quite some time. The recent consolidation of many state high schools has created a class of high schools at the top of the current AAA classification that have a great numerical advantage over the schools towards the bottom of the AAA classification. There is a whopping 819 enrollment difference between the largest AAA school (Parkersburg) and the smallest AAA school (Bridgeport) yet these two schools have to compete against one another for both football and basketball state titles, two sports in which the numbers make a big difference. These massive high schools at the top of AAA make it nearly impossible for the schools at the bottom of AAA to compete with them in any way at all. A new AAAA classification would solve this disparity between enrollment and allow for a more even playing field between the schools. Too much has been made about "watering down the State Tournament". High school sports should not be organized for the entertainment of sports writers and others. High school sports are there for the student athletes. This proposal would allow more teams into the state tournaments and allow more student athletes to have this experience which would be with them for the rest of their lives. The children of these schools shouldn't have to go without just because someone wouldn't be as entertained. This is all just scare tactics employed by the sports writers and others who are against this plan anyway. Who's to say that the state tournaments would be "watered down?" Who's to say with more teams that the competition level wouldn't increase? As far as academics is concerned, this can be regulated in such a way that it doesn't take up any more school time than the current system. With more teams making it in anyway, perhaps the football playoffs could be cut down to 12 participants instead of 16 as has been proposed to solve the criticism of the student athletes being out of class more often. There are other ways that this can be regulated to assure this doesn't happen. This change would also be very good for the communities of the teams that these schools represent especially ones whom have lost schools to the recent series of consolidations. These communities would come together to support their teams in the state tournaments. To me this would also improve the morale of the student athletes at some of the small schools. Often these schools are beat before they even get there as they have already taken it as a given that they are going to get beat in the State Tournament by a much larger school with more student athletes to choose from. With a more even classification system, this would no longer be the case. The smaller schools would be amongst schools closer to them in size with roughly the same number of students to select to be on their teams. This new classification system could also open the door for more exposure of student athletes to college coaches who often come and watch the state finals!

of these sports. With more teams involved, more student athletes would get the chance to be seen by these coaches, something that could effect a student athlete for the rest of their lives. A multiple classification system has worked well for some other states that have as many schools (or as less) as ours, so I'm not sure why that it wouldn't work here. Change has been needed for a very long time in this department and this change will allow for more opportunity for all student athletes. Student athletes should be what sports are about, not about what entertains someone. With more teams and students involved, it seems that everyone wins to me.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Much needed rule change. Out of season coaching is too restricted, the three week summer season forces kids to pick and choose what activity they can participate in. What do they do? Summer league basketball two days and football three days? Can lead to hard feelings among coaches.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Logical and , again, much needed

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

If we keep the state tournament format so 8 teams advance I am all for 4 classes. If only 4 teams can advance it would put schools like Summer County having to beat Bluefield and Wyoming East or some other power to get to the

state tournament. The problem for AA is not size of schools, the problems for us is rural vs. suburban/ urban. Extremely difficult for us to compete with city schools like Bluefield and Oak Hill who have the infrastructure we don't and likely will never have.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Posted from IP: 168.216.233.244

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I agree with the proposal to allow out-of-season coaching during the month of July

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I agree with the four classification proposal.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I think that this proposal has a lot of merit. If and only if a coaches contact with their athletes is restricted. Some coaches will attempt to dominate their athletes entire summer. I would like to see the following included in this proposal:

A coach may not have sport specific contact with their athletes for more than ten separate days during this period, not to exceed 3 hours during any given day which would include any conditioning activities.

General fitness activities such as strength training would not be included as part of the ten days of sport specific activity.

Any camp conducted by a college with the coach(s) present would count as part of the ten day period, but the 3 hour rule would be waived.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

If the 4 class system is adopted for football and basketball I believe that the following should be implemented:

Football playoffs - 8 teams from each division make the playoffs. 1st round games at the higher ranked school and the semi finals on a neutral field.

If the current playoff format is retained the state playoffs in WV will be a joke. Even taking 12 teams is hard to justify. Our current 16 team system creates too many 1st round mismatches. Plus it is costing some schools a fortune in travel and related expenses.

Basketball state tournament - 4 teams from each division make it to Charleston. The new regional playoff formula can be used to ensure that the 4 best teams have an opportunity to make it to the state tournament. If the current 8 team format is retained the state tournament will last a week. The same problems will exist as in football plus the kids will miss too much school.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

This proposal would be very beneficial to the student athlete.

1. It provides adequate time and more flexibility for athletes in various sports to have an opportunity to spend some time on more than the dominate sport in their school if they so choose.
2. It allows flexibility in scheduling so athletes can still participate in other community activities (4-H, Church camps) etc. and not be dominated by athletic involvement for three consecutive weeks.
3. It allows the professional coach if they so choose to coach in summer leagues etc. eliminating the person off the street from coaching the team during the summer. Teams and athletes are already participating in these summer leagues. It will be much better if the professional coach could be involved. That's why the state board has made such an emphasis on certified coaching is it not? To monitor and control who works with our student athletes.
4. It will create a less competitive environemnt between programs within a school. Currently all programs want the same student athletes involved in the three week limited period because that is all the time allowed.
5. If the coach or programs seeks too much control of the athletes schedule they will lose their key role players. Opening the

additional four weeks provides a more balanced and flexible opportunity for all athletes and athletic programs. 6. The dead period and the spreading of activities is family friendly.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This is a good proposal - ONLY IF THE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS WILLING TO LET THE STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BE EXTENDED ONE DAY. School absence time over the past several years has become very limited for athletics. If the state board is going to direct the WVSAC to limit the number of teams in each classification to four and not let more students and schools participate in this experience than leave the current three class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Good change.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Please let our kids be coached by professional school employees as this rule implies. It would be so much better than the current set up. Also, any flexibility provided to athletes, teams, and families will be very helpful.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Any summer camp should not be off limits to coaches working with their players. Please adopt this policy.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Four classes in the state of West Virginia is a unique opportunity for more teams, schools and athletes to set high goals. I am in favor of this policy as long as you are willing to extend the state basketball tournament by one day. I hope you will consider this. Athletics and school spirit are important to the education process.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Like it but some will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I like being able to teach outside of the season, but again, so will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I like the four classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As I look from the student athlete's point of view. This has become year around sports. Part of the rationale was that the families would have more flexibility in planning vacation. -The only week available is the week of the 4th of July. Our student athlete need time away from the demands of the sport and coach. Even the rofessional athletes get a couple of months off. I don't believe the coaches will use good judgement and regulate their summer activities. Most coaches will try to stay up with or out do each other, meaning this will take up the whole summer. Let the kids be kids. Put yourself in the student athlete's position and see if this is in your best interest. Would you want to do this for the whole summer and then the season.

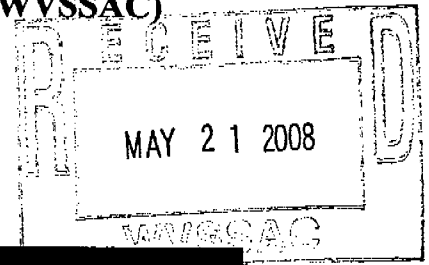
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Same as above.

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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching. IN FAVOR of the change because it will allow coaches more freedom in scheduling summer workouts. Will allow students to participate in more than one sport workouts in the summer.

'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching. IN FAVOR of the change because it will allow coaches to work camp and give us opportunity to work in the summer with our players and receive some pay

'127-3-10.1. Classification. IN FAVOR of the change because it will cut down the differences in size in each class.

It will give more students the chance to experience state wide competition. Other states have proven that more classes will work. It will give students more opportunity

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'127-3-23.2.1. Football.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

School administrators and coaches have seen a dramatic increase in AAU programs that actively recruit our student/athletes during the summer months (and beyond) in many different sports. This is especially true in West Virginia cities - Charleston, Beckley, Morgantown, Wheeling and others. I recommend this measure to address the increasing influence that AAU programs have over our athletics statewide. These programs are growing at an unprecedented rate and must now be addressed statewide. I fully recognize that other issues will be created by approving this policy, but I believe school administrators and coaches will do a better job of monitoring and instructing our student/athletes than individuals not properly trained or with questionable motives.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

i do think that a coach should be able to work with there players throughout the summer, i feel like (coaches) can work together, and not hurt the players... there are so many camps, but it really hard to get everything in, if a kid plays multiple sports in only a few weeks...if we had more time in july, i dont think we would abuse it, i think we would work together, and help these kids.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

i think coaches will work together, and not punish or pressure kids to showup all summer long... i think that we should get a chance to work with them all summer if thats what we and the player want to do...i would still give my players time off, and i need some time away.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

strong supporter of the 4 classes, if you look at states close in size to us, that have been discrepancies in enrollment numbers as we do, then it evens the playing field. i think we can still send the same amount of teams to the state tournaments, and we can find ways to make this work... lots of states, nebraska, new mexico, idaho, etc... have done it and it works, our kids get so much exposure at the state tournaments, that we need to do what ever we can to get the players there... the questions about watered down state championships, are from people that have never won one... as for football this would allow all the teams to be in the playoffs, just like every other sport in wv... now they could play who they wanted to, and not rely on a very confusing and imperfect rating system that can be manipulated by clever scheduling....please look at states that have the same enrollment figures as wv, ohio, kentucky, penn. are not good ones to look at because the numbers dont really go together... please take a very close look at this...

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

i dont know which one of these has to deal with 6th graders, but not a very good idea... i coached middle school football, and basketball for 6 years.. and as a school nurse, i can tell you that one, developmentally boys are just starting to mature in 8th grade more or less, you will see 8th graders that are 5'10 190lbs, with a mustache, and hair all over them... 6th grade boys are very far away from matching the 8th graders in maturity or physically...someone wil get hurt, you can mark it down... i have seen it way to much with 7th graders who are not ready, and some get knocked around a little and never want to play again...

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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127-3-7.3*

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

Gary,
I wanted to send you a note asking you to consider allowing coaches the ability to work at Camps on University campuses during weeks other than the three week instructional period. I have not been at an individual camp for years because of the interpretation of you office. (saying that if any potetial Morgantown High player is present, then I can't work the camp) I feel I am not only missing out on oppourtunities to make money but professional development. I was told to do camps during the three weeks, but with the responsibility to my teams, I don't have time to go to any other camps during this time period. I would like to work camps in the month of June and August, but have turned down the oppourtinites because Morgantown High kids go to camps all over the East Coast. I would appreciate a different interpretation by your office if the the new proposal for summer workouts, fails. Thanks
Coach Hoffman.... Morgantown High

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I support his policy and hope you adopt it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

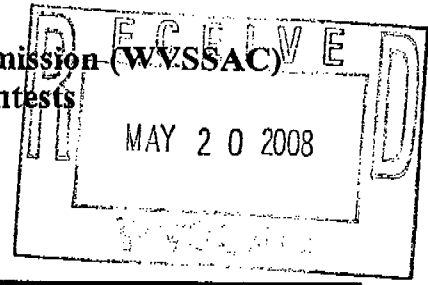
I support this policy and its adoption.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This policy needs to be adopted.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC)
 Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests



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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching. <i>Great proposal - very needed in W. Va.</i>
'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching. <i>Great proposal</i>
'127-3-10.1. Classification. <i>Good proposal - would be beneficial</i>



WVSSAC Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests
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'127-3-23.2.1. Football.	<i>acceptable!</i>
'127-3-23.9.2. Football.	<i>acceptable!</i>

Please direct all comments to:

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I believe the out of season coaching is appropriate in length now. It would be to much to aske the kids to go all summer.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

A AAA class is needed for the schools that lie between the big schools and the middle schools. It would allow many schools to revive old rivalaries

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Allowing sixth graders to play is a toss up and I can see both sides.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am completely for this proposal. It will do nothing but help the athletes/teams in the state compete with other out of state teams. It will also show the coaches who care about their players.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I know it is hard sometimes for schools to go to team camps because of the lack of supervisors and volunteers, so this would help when going to camps because the coaches would be able to go with their team.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

It is really hard for the smaller schools in a class to compete with the larger schools in a class whether it's in A, AA, or AAA now. This proposal would even the playing field on many levels. It would also give the smaller schools a

greater chance to further their post season play which could give athletes more exposure that they might not have had during the season.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to two of your new proposals. The first being the formation of a class 4A classification and the other being a nine-week period during the summer for athletes to work with their coaches. I strongly disagree with both of these matters. I now think that our current three-week period during the summer is a great idea, it gives coaches extra time to work with their athletes and go to camps. But, three-weeks are enough. Extending this period to nine-weeks would cause problems. Although a school could say that all practices would not be mandatory, we all know that there are those coaches out there who do not care about their athletes time with

their family and will pressure them to come every day. Some kids even play more than one sport and would be exhausted from two different practices each day. In the long run, kids would eventually quit because they are pressured into going to practices every day. Eventually, schools would have an even greater problem fielding teams than they now do.

I thank you for your time in reading my comments and hope you will take them into consideration when making your decision.

Thank You,

Stephenee Gandee

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to two of your new proposals. The first being the formation of a class 4A classification and the other being a nine-week period during the summer for athletes to work with their coaches. I strongly disagree with both of these matters.

I believe that creating a class AAAA would create a lot of problems and hurt the state of West Virginia's sports in the long run. As you know we only have 129 high schools in this state. That is not nearly enough to make four different classes. By creating this new classification, you would be taking away all competitiveness that our playoffs have. Making it to the state tournament in any sport would be like just another game because there would be no problems in getting there. For example, I am now 16 years old and I have been to the State Boys Basketball Tournament every year of my life. This is something I look forward to every year because I get to go watch the best basketball teams in the state. However, this tournament would be quite boring because teams with absolutely no talent could make it there. I go to one of the smallest AAA schools in the state and all of our athletic teams are, well, horrible. I play both volleyball and basketball, and as much as I would love to play in a state tournament, I seriously doubt that will ever happen. If a 4A division was established, yes, our road to states would be a tremendous amount easier, and I would most likely eventually have the opportunity to play there. However, it wouldn't be as exhilarating and exciting as making it as our current playoff system now has. Please, for the sake of great sports fans who like to see exciting games and our states sports do not create a class AAAA. I thank you for your time in reading my comments and hope you will take them into consideration when making your decision.

Thank You,

Stephenee Gandee

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

The State of West Virginia has needed a more extended off season schedule for some time now. The current three weeks in the summer is a very short amount of time for the coaches to practice with their teams and it unfairly makes student athletes choose between which team they want to practice with. This new policy appears to allow for more flexibility in this regard. This would also ensure that the players are with trained staff in the off season as opposed to the possibly untrained volunteers that many of the summer leagues have as coaches. The degree of safety would be improved as well as the quality of the instruction.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Coaches and other athletic staff should be able to attend sports camps with their student athletes. This allows for a bigger degree of safety and allows the coaches to provide proper instruction to their student athletes.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The State of West Virginia has needed a fourth classification in school sports for quite some time. The recent consolidation of many state high schools has created a class of high schools at the top of the current AAA classification that have a great numerical advantage over the schools towards the bottom of the AAA classification. There is a whopping 819 enrollment difference between the largest AAA school (Parkersburg) and the smallest AAA school (Bridgeport) yet these two schools have to compete against one another for both football and basketball state titles, two sports in which the numbers make a big difference. These massive high schools at the top of AAA make it nearly impossible for the schools at the bottom of AAA to compete with them in any way at all. A new AAAA classification would solve this disparity between enrollment and allow for a more even playing field between the schools. Too much has been made about "watering down the State Tournament". High school sports should not be organized for the entertainment of sports writers and others. High school sports are there for the student athletes. This proposal would allow more teams into the state tournaments and allow more student athletes to have this experience which would be with them for the rest of their lives. The children of these schools shouldn't have to go without just because someone wouldn't be as entertained. This is all just scare tactics employed by the sports writers and others who are against this plan anyway. Who's to say that the state tournaments would be "watered down?" Who's to say with more teams that the competition level wouldn't increase? As far as academics is concerned, this can be regulated in such a way that it doesn't take up any more school time than the current system. With more teams making it in anyway, perhaps the football playoffs could be cut down to 12 participants instead of 16 as has been proposed to solve the criticism of the student athletes being out of class more often. There are other ways that this can be regulated to assure this doesn't happen. This change would also be very good for the communities of the teams that these schools represent especially ones whom have lost schools to the recent series of consolidations. These communities would come together to support their teams in the state tournaments. To me this would also improve the morale of the student athletes at some of the small schools. Often these schools are beat before they even get there as they have already taken it as a given that they are going to get beat in the State Tournament by a much larger school with more student athletes to choose from. With a more even classification system, this would no longer be the case. The smaller schools would be amongst schools closer to them in size with roughly the same number of students to select to be on their teams. This new classification system could also open the door for more exposure of student athletes to college coaches who often come and watch the state finals!

of these sports. With more teams involved, more student athletes would get the chance to be seen by these coaches, something that could effect a student athlete for the rest of their lives. A multiple classification system has worked well for some other states that have as many schools (or as less) as ours, so I'm not sure why that it wouldn't work here. Change has been needed for a very long time in this department and this change will allow for more opportunity for all student athletes. Student athletes should be what sports are about, not about what entertains someone. With more teams and students involved, it seems that everyone wins to me.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Much needed rule change. Out of season coaching is too restricted, the three week summer season forces kids to pick and choose what activity they can participate in. What do they do? Summer league basketball two days and football three days? Can lead to hard feelings among coaches.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Logical and , again, much needed

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

If we keep the state tournament format so 8 teams advance I am all for 4 classes. If only 4 teams can advance it would put schools like Summer County having to beat Bluefield and Wyoming East or some other power to get to the

state tournament. The problem for AA is not size of schools, the problems for us is rural vs. suburban/ urban. Extremely difficult for us to compete with city schools like Bluefield and Oak Hill who have the infrastructure we don't and likely will never have.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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MR. King,

I am writing to comment on the new 8-week summer practice rules. As a coach I would like to be able to work with players if they want to - if they call me, I should be able to open the gym and work with them. But I shouldn't be able to force them to practice as so many do now. I know some coaches now who force the kids to practice 3 sports (like soccer, basketball, and softball) every day for the full 3-week period. I thought originally the rule was for one week for fall sports, one week for winter sports, and one week for spring sports. That was good, as you could give the students things to work on for the rest of the off season. Then come November, you can see ~~what~~ ^{who} really worked.

Now if you think the principals will control the coaches, then you are naive. As long as the coach wins, the principal will look the other way. I'm not sure what the answer is, but I know opening the summer practice up for 8 weeks is in my mind defeating the purposes of high school sports.

We are not supposed to be developing pro athletes. Sports are supposed to be for enhancing the educational environment. We are taking more and more from the student-athletes and not allowing them to be "kids".

So from an educational point of view, I hope the 8-week rule doesn't pass so that we won't take more time away from the kids. In fact, I wish the 3-week rule would be enforced such that 1 week will be for fall sports, 1 week for winter sports, and 1 week for spring sports.

Let the parents who want their kids to be college athletes and pro athletes deal with seeing that their kids go to camps and practice on their own (like the good old days); but don't force the kids who just want to play high school sports to practice all summer too!

Thanks for reading my comments!

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Ferrell

Former A.D. for George Washington High

Opposed to the
"out of season" coaching
proposal

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

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1. It provides adequate time and more flexibility for athletes in various sports to have an opportunity to spend some time on more than the dominate sport in their school if they so choose.
2. It allows flexibility in scheduling so athletes can still participate in other community activities (4-H, Church camps) etc. and not be dominated by athletic involvement for three consecutive weeks.
3. It allows the professional coach if they so choose to coach in summer leagues etc. eliminating the person off the street from coaching the team during the summer. Teams and athletes are already participating in these summer leagues. It will be much better if the professional coach could be involved. That's why the state board has made such an emphasis on certified coaching is it not? To monitor and control who works with our student athletes.
4. It will create a less competitive environemnt between programs within a school. Currently all programs want the same student athletes involved in the three week limited period because that is all the time allowed.
5. If the coach or programs seeks too much control of the athletes schedule they will lose their key role players. Opening the

additional four weeks provides a more balanced and flexible opportunity for all athletes and athletic programs. 6. The dead period and the spreading of activities is family friendly.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This is a good proposal - ONLY IF THE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS WILLING TO LET THE STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BE EXTENDED ONE DAY. School absence time over the past several years has become very limited for athletics. If the state board is going to direct the WVSAC to limit the number of teams in each classification to four and not let more students and schools participate in this experience than leave the current three class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Good change.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Please let our kids be coached by professional school employees as this rule implies. It would be so much better than the current set up. Also, any flexibility provided to athletes, teams, and families will be very helpful.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Any summer camp should not be off limits to coaches working with their players. Please adopt this policy.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Four classes in the state of West Virginia is a unique opportunity for more teams, schools and athletes to set high goals. I am in favor of this policy as long as you are willing to extend the state basketball tournament by one day. I hope you will consider this. Athletics and school spirit are important to the education process.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

Please take the sports to four classes. Being from a very small AAA school, we have always struggled. This would give us more of a chance. Thank you.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 08:00:24)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Like it but some will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I like being able to teach outside of the season, but again, so will abuse it.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I like the four classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:54 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-24 21:18:28)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I see four classes as having potential if done fairly. I have looked at the schools per class now and have figured if you keep AAAA to the biggest 30 and A the smallest 30(football only schools could just add the others where the fall enrollment wise)then the competition level should be fairly equal when it comes to school size. I am not sure of the proposal as it is now but this is something that could and should be done.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Posted from IP: 64.15.230.129

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The problem with the current system is clearly with the private schools. They clearly have a competitive advantage for a number of reasons that you have heard many times before(recruiting, larger area to draw from, no "special needs" children that cannot compete counting on their numbers). I believe the 4 class system would be a mistake. Yes, for the most part, it would keep the private schools out of competition with the very small (Paden City, etc)

but it would also punish others by forcing them to be playing schools with much large enrollments. It is time that the State B.O.E. and the WVSSAC take the stand that is needed either figure out a way to eliminate the competitive advantage from the private schools or to simply move them up in class. I strongly disagree with the 4 class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel this change is necessary. Many schools at the bottom of our current classifications don't have a legitimate chance to compete on a state level simply due to small enrollments. If you look on a year to year basis, the same schools make the playoffs. Going to four classifications give kids in smaller communities a chance. Some will say this "waters down" the competition. Recently, I read an article in one of the Wheeling papers about other states our

size and how they are handling postseason play. I think it gives an excellent argument for why we should be looking at approving this rule. I am including the text in the event our board members haven't seen the article:

"On April 8, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission's Board of Control ignited a heated debate across the Mountain State that continues today.

Consisting of high and middle-school principals from across the state, the Board voted to pass a motion that increases the number of school classifications competing in football and basketball from three to four.

The motion passed, 78-37, but the measure must still be approved by the W.Va. State Board of Education before it can be put into practice. That vote will follow a 60-day period of public discussion that will give the BOE a better understanding of the general consensus of the plan.

And pretty much everyone has an opinion on the matter, ranging from optimism and agreement to condemnation.

Those opposing the potential shift seem to be in agreement that an additional class will water down the competition level and demean the value of the state championships being contested.

They point to surrounding states like Ohio and Pennsylvania's enrollment figures and classifications for examples.

Ohio has 715 schools playing football in six classifications, while Pennsylvania's 597 teams compete in four.

In basketball, Ohio has 803 and 800 teams in boys' and girls' hoops, respectively, with four champions being crowned. The same goes for Pa., which has 719 girls' teams and 725 boys.

West Virginia, on the other hand, has only 120 football schools ? counting the split of Jefferson High into Washington High School and Jefferson High School for next season ? playing in three classifications. Basketball adds only nine additional schools in Class A from the ones not fielding football teams.

But what about states with similar amounts in either schools or residents?

Based on population figures from the United States Census Bureau's 2007 estimate, West Virginia has a population of 1,812,035.

The next closest is Nebraska with 1,774,571.

Nebraska has 166 schools for football playing in five classifications.

When looking at number of schools, Utah currently has 128 schools competing in football, eight more than West Virginia, and it also utilizes a five-class system.

In a sampling of the seven states directly above and below West Virginia in terms of population, this is the only state that has, at minimum, 88 schools for football that doesn't utilize four or more classifications.

Evan Excell has been the Executive Director for the Utah High School Activities Commission for 14 years and his state had already moved to five classifications by the time he took the job.

He admitted he had some reservations initially about the "watered-down effect," but those were quickly put at ease.

"Honestly, before I got the job, I thought it would be watered down, but as you watch and participate, you start to see how much the state title means to them and I don't think we could ever go back," Excell said. "There are certainly some benefits to having a more competitive balance."

That's the same line of thinking Paden City Athletics Director and boys' basketball coach Fred King has.

King, along with Paden City principal Warren Grace, are the architects of the plan to make the shift.

"It's not a perfect solution, but it's an alternative to removing the private schools from the public class," King said. "What really turned it was some of the smaller AAA schools."

The original thinking was to split Class A in half, which was widely regarded as a move directly targeting Wheeling Central. Considering the Maroon Knights' dominance of Class A sports the last decade, it's easy to see how people drew that conclusion. That idea, along with one to remove private schools completely from WVSSAC competition was also turned down.

But when the thinking shifted to a more general realignment that affected all teams, the idea began to pick up steam.

While there is a sizable disparity in Class A - Richwood, the largest school with 337 students in grades 9-12, compared to Clarksburg Notre Dame, the smallest fielding football at 74 - the difference in top to bottom in Class AAA is much greater. Parkersburg is the state's largest school with 1,446 students compared to Bridgeport at 627.

"When you get the numbers closer together, disparity decreases, as does margin of victory and the domination is no longer there," King said. "Right now, it's gotten to the point where you can pick out who's going to the state tournament every year before the season starts."

A potential problem for this plan comes when talking about the state basketball tournament in Charleston.

The tournament, which plays host to the top eight teams in each class, already runs from Wednesday through Saturday in successive weeks for boys and girls.

To add another classification without tweaking the playoff process would amount to a lengthier tournament and more school time missed, not only for players, but also fans. While the students themselves likely wouldn't mind an extra day off, the Board of Education probably will.

A likely solution could involve adjusting the regional tournament to super regionals, where only four teams make it to Charleston and not eight. It's also been speculated that football could move to the top 12 teams making the playoffs, with the top four teams receiving a bye. That move would mirror the playoff systems from other states with similar team and classification numbers.

There will be vocal proponents and detractors on either side of the argument no matter the outcome of the Board of Education's vote. But if West Virginia eventually does decide to go to a four-class system, it won't be the first state of its size to do so."

Please consider approving this rule. The competition is really for the kids and I see nothing but benefits for them.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I am in full support of the 4 class system, this is a proven system in states smaller than ours. We need parity in our system and this is the positive option we have been searching for. Please keep in mind that something has to be done and this is the proven method.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel WV has too few schools to divide into 4 classes. This would "water down" the state tournaments and "cheapen" a state championship. The past 3 AA basketball champions have been "small" AA's. We, in Ravenswood, took great satisfaction in knocking out "large" AA's in achieving a state championship in basketball. Adding a 4th class would forever cause future championships to be "tainted" for lack of a better term or "marked" with an

asterick by many fans. Lastly, many of the small AAA's had no complaints when they had superior numbers as "large" AA's and there have been "small" AAAs claim titles in Football and Basketball. As for some of the A's with miniscule enrollment competing for a title in Football and Basketball, that may indeed be few and far between but dividing into 4 classes is not the answer....if a "Hoosiers" scenario would happen please don't "diminish" such an accomplishment by "watering down" the competition into 4 classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

Asking that the BOE not support the organization of four classifications in high school athletics. West Virginia is a small state and watering the classifications down for the entire state just so certain schools can be more competitive against private schools is not justified. It's amazing the WVSSAC even considered this and more shocking that the BOE is having to deal with this issue. Both organizations have more important work to do than "watering down" the athletics in this state. Keep the current system of classifications and let's "play ball." Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Greg Carter

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I fully support the 4 class system for sports in the state of WV. I think our student athletes deserve this it will benefit our state athletic programs.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel as if re-classification would better strengthen the WVSSAC. Making the private schools their own class would open the opportunity for other smaller HS and their students to experience something that they would never otherwise get to experience.

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The spread in sizes of schools in each of the three present classifications is to broad. The addition of a fourth class will narrow the gap between the top and bottom schools in each class. This will create a fairer situation for all schools in competition for state titles. I would like to see this policy accepted by the State BOE.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I agree that their should be a four class team within the all the larger schools in WV!

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel that the four class system would be the wrong move for athletics. The entire issue in reality is revolving around one school in particular, "Wheeling Central". In my honest opinion, the only way to evaluate fairly, is to use the multiplier rule just like Kentucky does with parochial schools. This would even the playing fields with the larger enrollment parochial schools and would have no adverse effects on the smaller ones such as Parkersburg Catholic.

This way, no changes would have to be made to the State Play-off system and parochial schools could not manipulate enrollment numbers. Thank you for your time.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

There should be 4 classes in WV for sports. It would be very beneficial to student athletes in our schools. There would be more parity in the system and the games being played would be more competitive. The number of students in each class would equal out, giving schools that normally do not have a chance to make the playoffs and opportunity to do so.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

There are other states with similar populations and number of schools that have a 4 and even 5 classification system. I feel that 4 would be the best solution for many of the issues that have been raised lately. The gap between the top 5-10 AAA schools is growing wider and wider from those at the bottom. AA is the most competitive class because of the closeness in numbers. A 4 class system would be the way to go.

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

I am in favor of reclassification of the current ssystem to four classes. It would give the smaller schools in each category a chance to make it to the state playoffs. The problem will still exist with schools (Private) would still find a way to still make it. We all know that they only allow athletes to enroll and be accepted at their school, not allowing normal students to enroll(non-athletes). Their will always be a big problem-we have sent in proposals that would rectify this, only to have them turned down by the WVDE. Thank you

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We support Proposal 15, Amend 127-3-10. One has only to do the math in the current three divisions to determine that there is a huge difference in numbers between the AAA, AA, and A. We are also in agreement that the change in classification affect only football and boys/girls basketball. The difference in AAA enrollment, a minimum of 819 from the largest AAA school to the smallest, is enough to warrant the change.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I believe this rule change has a lot of merit. There are 2 groups of people who would benefit from this restructuring. The small "AAA" schools as well as the small "A". The disparity in the enrollment from top to bottom in both of these classes makes an unfair situation for these schools to compete for a state title. Below is a link to a newspaper article, where the Executive Director of Utah Athletic Association discusses his thoughts about the number of classes in a similar size state. <http://news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/509446.html>

Below is a list of states with similar enrollments to West Virginia with the number of schools and classes.

	pop	schools	classes	
Iowa	2,988,046	300/392	5/4	
Mississippi	2,918,785	201/260	5/5	
Arkansas	2,834,797	189/307	6/7	
Kansas	2,775,997	244/359	5/6	
Utah	2,645,330	128/128	5/5	
Nevada	2,565,382	92/105	4/4	
New Mexico	1,969,915	88/146	5/5	
West Virginia	1,812,035	120/129	3/3	
Nebraska	1,774,571	166/308	5/6	
Idaho	1,499,402	89/146	4/5	
Maine	1,317,207	70/148	3/4	
New Hampshire	1,315,828	50/96	5/4	
Hawaii	1,283,388	48/71	2/2	
Rhode Island	1,057,832	43/48	4/3	
Montana	957,861	80/172	3/4	

4 classes in football would also allow all schools to make the playoffs, just like all other sports. We could eliminate the bye week and make week 11 the first round of the playoffs. This money could be split between the two schools, providing the schools with some needed revenue. By involving all schools in the playoffs, teams could schedule games that are much closer to home regardless of class. This would cut down on time out of school as well as the cost of transportation. Wheeling Park must travel over 1 1/2 hours to play a "AAA" opponent after John Marshall and Brooke. All opponents after that are much farther away.

The average size of class is 40. (120/3) If we go to 4 classes it will drop only to 30. (120/4)

I believe the biggest obstacle is the makeup of the tournament. Football could have an afternoon game and evening game on both Friday and Saturday.

In basketball we could start the games at 9:00am instead of 9:30am, we would allow 1:30 for each game. There would be sufficient time for cleanup after the 1st session, around 3:30 prior to the next round of games. The last game could start at 9:30, just as we had in years past.

The amount of time out will not be increased with either of these proposal.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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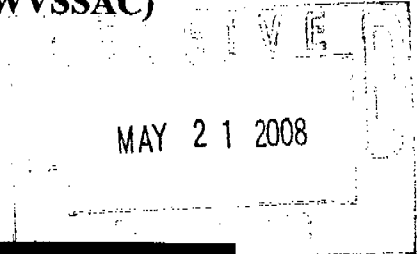
Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As I look from the student athlete's point of view. This has become year around sports. Part of the rationale was that the families would have more flexibility in planning vacation. -The only week available is the week of the 4th of July. Our student athlete need time away from the demands of the sport and coach. Even the rofessional athletes get a couple of months off. I don't believe the coaches will use good judgement and regulate their summer activities. Most coaches will try to stay up with or out do each other, meaning this will take up the whole summer. Let the kids be kids. Put yourself in the student athlete's position and see if this is in your best interest. Would you want to do this for the whole summer and then the season.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Same as above.

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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching. <i>IN FAVOR of the change because it will allow coaches more freedom in scheduling summer workouts. Will allow students to participate in more than one sport workouts in the summer.</i>
'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching. <i>IN FAVOR of the change because it will allow coaches to work camp and give us opportunity to work in the summer with our players and receive some pay</i>
'127-3-10.1. Classification. <i>IN FAVOR of the change because it will cut down the differences in size in each class.</i>

It will give more students the chance to experience state wide competition. Other states have proven that more classes will work. It will give students more opportunity

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Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

The proposal for AAAA classification is a BAD idea. We do not have enough schools in WV to support this. The football and basketball tournaments would really be watered down. Most other coaches and people I talk to feel this way. It will also keep kids out of the classroom a few extra days as well. A few schools who got bumped up are the ones who are complaining.

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The AAAA classifiacion system is ridiculous. It will water down the playoffs and create opportunities for worse teams to make it. We do not have enough schools in this state for four classes. The problems we need to correct are updating our tournamnet formats and eliminating private schools from public school tournaments.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Although there is some merit to opening the out of season coaching to all summer, we at Morgantown High School feels that it will put too much pressure on both the athletes and the coaches to keep up with the "Jones." Although one can say that each county can structure the summer weeks, there will be a lot of pressure to meet the "schedules" of other counties. I do not wish for my athletes to feel any more pressured than they currently do.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We do not feel that it is in the best interests of basketball or football to dilute the field by creating the fourth

class. We do not have enough schools to truly go to a realistic fourth class. Travel will become a much bigger issue than even now. It will also put much more pressure on State Tournament formats.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I believe the proposal to have 4 classes for Football, Boys and Girls Basketball is a great idea.

I currently run the Football Clock at Parkersburg High School Stadium Field.

I have had in the past 5 years athletes graduate from a very big school, Parkersburg, and a very small school, Parkersburg Catholic, so i can se where both the small AAA and the small A schools are always complaining about the student number advantage the big schools in each class has over its smaller class members.

I believe the 4 classes should be broken down as such:

AAAA top 33 Parkersburg at 1446 students to Nitro at 667 students

AAA next 33 Winfield at 660 students to Westside at 449 students

AA next 32 Tolsia at 427 students to Pendleton County at 244 students

A bottom 33 Gilmer County at 221 students to WV School of the Blind at 24 students

I don't belive a Super AAAA class of 16 schools is a good idea. It would only make the regular season in Football useless if every team in AAAA made the playoffs. Who really wants to see a 10-0 school beat up on a 0-10 school in the 1st round of the Football Playoffs.

I hope 4 classes passes, but only if each class has at least 30 schools in each.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

As the Athletic Director at Logan High School, I feel the passing of the four class system will make a level playing field for all schools. I understand that West Virginia is a small state, however, there are approximately twenty-seven schools that are now in AAA that have a huge difference in enrollment over the next thirty schools below them. To those schools this does not seem important. However, we have been in the upper tier of schools in the

past. True, we did not thank of the difference at that time. But because of a drop in enrollment at Logan High School, we have moved from AAA to AA and now back to AAA. As the Athletic Director I can tell you that the schools in the bottom of the AAA class puts their athletes in an unfair situation.

A four class system would make the competition more even.

It would also be safer for the athletes. When a small AAA school plays against a large AAA school, the smaller school does not have the number of athletes compared to the number of athletes that the larger schools have. Particulary in football, the larger schools have a larger number of players to choose and can play with an offensive team and a defensive team. In many instances the smaller schools have to play with the same players on both offense and defense.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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127-3-10.1*

Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

As Principal of Paden City High School,(a very small 7-12 high school in Wetzel County), I would first like to say that this proposal would only slightly benefit our athletic program. The main reason I have made this proposal is the extremely large difference in the enrollment numbers in the AAA and AA schools. Parkesburg HS at 1446 (grades 9,10 and 11) competing in the same classification as Bridgeport HS at 627 makes very little sense to me. Please give serious consideration to this proposal as EVERY SCHOOL deserves a reasonable chance to play in our state tournaments. Very few schools with lower enrollment numbers will EVER get to our state tournament in Football and Boys/Girls Basketball. Please also keep in mind that 77 of my fellow principals believe that this is a move that we need to make. As an educational leader, I do think that while this appears only to involve interscholastic athletics, much more is at stake with this decision. If you have any questions regardin! g this measure, please contact me at home 1-304-455-5062 or at school 1-304-337-2266. My cell number is 1-304-266-8087. Thank you very much for your time and consideration is this very important matter.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I sincerely believe that the wide enrollment discrepancy within each classification inhibits equitable and fair athletic competition, and discourages many students from participating in interscholastic athletics at the school level. A review of other states of similar population reveals that most are four classifications or more. 78 SSAC member principals have voted to support this measure. I respectfully ask the WV Board of Education to give this

measure serious consideration. Thank you.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I do not think that 4 classifications are necessary.
I agree that in AAA the number of students from top to bottom is to large. AAA should range from 800 and above students, AA should be 400 to 799, and A should be 399 and down. This will of course not have equal number of schools in each classification but will even the level of competition based on student enrollment. I do fill that

changes must be made but strongly disagree going to 4 classifications.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

i do think that a coach should be able to work with there players throughout the summer, i feel like (coaches) can work together, and not hurt the players... there are so many camps, but it really hard to get everything in, if a kid plays multiple sports in only a few weeks...if we had more time in july, i dont think we would abuse it, i think we would work together, and help these kids.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

i think coaches will work together, and not punish or pressure kids to showup all summer long... i think that we should get a chance to work with them all summer if thats what we and the player want to do...i would still give my players time off, and i need some time away.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

strong supporter of the 4 classes, if you look at states close in size to us, that have been discrepancies in enrollment numbers as we do, then it evens the playing field. i think we can still send the same amount of teams to the state tournaments, and we can find ways to make this work... lots of states, nebraska, new mexico, idaho, etc... have done it and it works, our kids get so much exposure at the state tournaments, that we need to do what ever we can to get the players there... the questions about watered down state championships, are from people that have never won one... as for football this would allow all the teams to be in the playoffs, just like every other sport in wv... now they could play who they wanted to, and not rely on a very confusing and imperfect rating system that can be manipulated by clever scheduling....please look at states that have the same enrollment figures as wv, ohio, kentucky, penn. are not good ones to look at because the numbers dont really go together... please take a very close look at this..

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

i dont know which one of these has to deal with 6th graders, but not a very good idea... i coached middle school football, and basketball for 6 years.. and as a school nurse, i can tell you that one, developmentally boys are just starting to mature in 8th grade more or less, you will see 8th graders that are 5'10 190lbs, with a mustache, and hair all over them... 6th grade boys are very far away from matching the 8th graders in maturity or physically...someone wil get hurt, you can mark it down... i have seen it way to much with 7th graders who are not ready, and some get knocked around a little and never want to play again...

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I beleive the increase to 4 classifications in football and basketball would benefit two groups of schools. The bottom 50% of the current Class AAA would now be in a classification where they would only be competing against schools of similar size. Schools like Elkins, Lewis County and Nicholas County never have a legitimate chance of reaching the ultimate goal of a state championship. The smallest schools in the state are in the same situation.

Other states of similar size have 4 or even 5 classifications.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I give my full support to the proposed change in member school classification! It seems to me that it is a fair and long needed change - one that will benefit the students of West Virginia's secondary schools. Hopefully, this will help even the "playing field"!

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

i totally support the idea of four classes. it would be much fairer to single a and tripple a classes. the four class system would be of great benifit to high school athletics in our state.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-1-6 3 Officers and Duties

As Principal of a small rural high school(grades 9-12, I feel that these rule changes concerning creating 4 classifications for both football and basketball would help to create a more level playing field for small schools such as ours. This would give small schools like East Hardy High School and our students a better opportunity to be competitive by participating with schools of comparative size, etc. This move to 4 classifications would create more equity and less discrimination among smaller schools.

from this increase in practice time. There is no statistical data that could ever prove this "myth". I urge the members of the Board to soundly reject this proposal as it is a danger to our student athletes. thank you ~jwkelley

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I strongly urge the members to soundly reject this proposal. This is perhaps the most flawed of all proposals submitted. First off the state of West Virginia by its very geographical outlay cannot support four classifications for any sport. The argument that the disparity in enrollment is too great and unfair will not be solved or addressed by this proposal. Here are numerical examples: Currently at the AAA level- Parkersburg has 1446 as the largest Bridgeport has the smallest at 627. This is an enrollment disparity of 819. In Class AA Keyser is the largest at 618 and Greenbrier West the smallest at 340. This is a disparity of 278. In class A Richwood has the largest at 337 and among football playing schools Notre Dame the smallest at 74 for a disparity of 263. My point is that regardless of how you divide into four classes there will still be a HUGE disparity at a new AAAA level that is larger than any current disparity of enrollment among the class A and AA schools. If we use the top sixteen- University would be #16 with a disparity of 505 and if we use the current top 25 AAA then Princeton would have a disparity of 619. The creator of this proposal Mr. Warren Grace, Principal at Paden City did not submit any plans of how this would be done as to the divisions. In this era of 21st Century learning where we are raising the bar and challenging students, why would we want to lower these standards by watering down the current system and making it easier to obtain success. What statistical data did Mr Grace submit that would indicate that this would be a "better" system. The state of West Virginia and the SSAC currently have the best system of football playoffs and regional selection in basketball that is envied throughout the country. Another area of concern in this ever inflating cost of transportation would be the unbelievable cost of travel for AAAA schools to play each other, or for any school to travel to stay in class. (this is necessary! to obtain the points in current playoff system of WVSSAC). Finally I submit to you what I think is the real reasons for this proposal and the support given by some Principals: 1. The Wheeling Central issue- which is the root of all complaining- their tremendous success has caused jealousy and an attempt to get them out and 2. Success is the result of excellent athletes, excellent coaches and community support. If you examine the successful programs in West Virginia you will see that these programs have worked very hard at these areas. Watering down the system to four classes will not cure this flaw by those who do not subscribe to this fact. Again I strongly urge you to reject this flawed and misguided proposal. One more statistical fact- there is no data that supports the largest schools have the most success in football and basketball. thank you ~jwkelley

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am adamantly opposed to any extension of out of season coaching beyond the current SSAC calendar weeks of 50-51-52. There are several reason for this opposition: 1. Children need to have time away from coaches and structured practice and play. 2. Children to to be allowed to spend time with family and friends and enjoy being a "kid". 3. Coaches regardless of intent and good intentions will use this time to choose teams, and imply that non attendance can and will result in decision during the season as to cuts and playing time. In other words this time will be misused and it is almost not enforcible as to quality and content. 4. The risk of injury certainly increases, especially injuries such as stress fractues and joint injuries due to stress. A prime example of this may be the recent stress fracture of Patrick Patterson at the University of Kentucky. Perhaps his playing year round and then going on to UK and playing a grueling schedule lead o this? I know this can't be p! roven but the risk among developing athletes is certainly increased. 5. Student athletes need time to rejuvenate away from coaches and have a mental break from school and competition- they need down time. 6. The mistaken belief that more is better is a flawed approach. More scholarships will NOT result

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am againt this policy for one main reason, Students will feel pressured to participate all summer in any program that the coaches may offer. They can say all that they want that it wont count against you when selection time roles around, but deep down the students know that it will. You are also putting coaches in a position that they have to coach and have training all summer for the students in order to keep up with other schools, this may also put a burden on school officials to open up the schools in the summer. Please take in all views before voting on this change. Parents need a break also.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This classification will help the smaller AAA schools. Being from Hampshire County this will help us a great deal , as long as we stay AAA. It is difficult to compete with schools that have twice as many students but are in the same classification. We are already limited to amount of participating athletes due to rising fuel costs and the elimination of our activity bus.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

No comment

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Football and Basketball should definitely be divided into four classifications. It is totally unfair in the Triple A ranks. No school with an enrollment in the 600s should be forced to play schools more than double their size. You do not have that discrepancy in Double and Single A, so it should not be that much in Triple A. If you wanted only 3 classifications you should have raised the cutoff point.

Since the largest enrollment is 1446, you should have divided that in half and had the cutoff at 723. From 722 down to 361 should have been Double A, and 360 down to 1 should have been Single A. This would have had 46 schools in Double A, 29 schools in Triple A, and 56 schools in Single A (taking away the Schools for the Deaf and Blind brings that number down to 54). I see no reason for having equal amounts of schools in each class. The reason more should be in Single A is most only compete in 1 or 2 sports at best.

As for only having 29 schools in Triple A football could still have 16 playoff teams, but the stickler would come with basketball. I also have a solution for that. You could go to 6 regionals only having 6 Triple A teams at the state tournament and do away with the morning games for Triple A on Wednesday and Thursday with the top two seeds getting a first round BYE into Friday semis, or you could have your 6 regional winners and two wildcard teams and keep the tournament the way it is.

I think this is a lot more equitable than how you classified teams for next year. It does not have a school with an enrollment of 627 having to compete with teams having 1446 students, which is a difference of 819 students. Differences in Double A are from 618 to 340 which is a difference of ONLY 278, and Single A is 337 to 24 a difference of 313. There is definitely a MAJOR problem with the Triple A numbers.

Thank you for reading,

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Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Great idea for more flexibility and thinking of families.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

same as above

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Why water down a broken system with more winners . The current system is adequate with changes in the ournament format.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

No comment

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

No. Comment

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City/State/Zip: Wheeling, WV 26003
Role: Service Personnel
Posted: 2008-05-21 07:21:18
Posted from IP: 168.216.254.102

n, should be 127-3-10.1

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I don't beleive that this State is big enough to change the classification to four classes. I think it will take the sports down, the only reason that they want to change it is because Wheeling Central is doing so well in class A. They didn't complain when a public school keeps winning, they didn't want to change it when Norfolk won 8 straight championships, Morgantown or Moorefeild winning so much. This State is to small to accomdate the four class system. It will take more time from the class room, when it comes to basketball tourney, what are we here for.

Thank you,

Terry

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 11:12 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-23 10:49:33)

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Posted from IP: 168.216.54.38

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The four class system, if adopted, will be a wonderful change to high school athletics in West Virginia. This change will bring about a more even playing field in football and basketball for those schools in the lower end of each classification, especially for those in AAA. The biggest discrepancy in enrollment numbers for classification is in AAA. Adding a fourth classification will make each class more competitive. I have looked at the

numbers and came up with an equal amount of schools in each class. I have divided each class into eight regions for playoff or tournament play. This system resembles the district play in Virginia. If interested in this information, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your time. Brian Phipps

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Gary Ray

From: Nobody [nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 10:43 AM
To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
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Posted: 2008-05-19 10:42:58
Posted from IP: 168.216.66.142

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10.1 Classification

I believe a four class system is NOT needed in our state. First, our population does not compare to those states that have such a configuration. Second, the travel time to meet a quad A schedule would prove detrimental to our student athletes. Third, travel expenses would increase tremendously for our athletic program. We would have to travel far distances to play quad A schools when in fact 8 other high schools are in our area. Fourth, I believe this policy is in an attempt to address the frustration some smaller public schools have with private schools.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 7:57 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-27 19:08:21)

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From: Nobody [mailto:nobody@wvde.state.wv.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:08 PM
To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-27 19:08:21)

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Role: Community Member
Posted: 2008-05-27 19:08:21
Posted from IP: 67.163.172.42

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I am a member of the community and I am opposed to section 127-3-10.1, New Classification. I feel like we are trying to get kids to succeed at any cost. That's not my real problem with the classifications. I live in Morgantown and we have 2 schools that I would expect to move to the AAAA level. I am going to use University High football program in my scenario. They currently play 4 teams in the top 16 in enrollment and one is Hedgesville which is a

lengthy trip from Morgantown. So, now University is going to have to pick up 6 games in the AAAA level. Wheeling Park would not be bad but it is defiantly farther then any of the schools in Fairmont. Jefferson and Parkersburg would be the next 2 closest, both over 2 hours away. Then I guess they could go to Martinsburg or else a trip the Charleston area. Basically what I am getting at is why are we going to take kids out of school early several days a year to accommodate a problem in the single A level? In AAA last year the smalle! st school played in the football playoffs and beat the 3rd biggest school in the state. You can also make the argument that there were several schools that have high enrollments that didn't do anything but lose. I honestly feel an adjustment would be a better fit then adding another class. As a member of the community I don't want to spend 2 hours every other week driving to football games, nor do I want to pay the \$4 for gas to make these lengthy trips. Don't take our kids out of school early to level the playing field.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:53 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-25 23:07:51)

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To: fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us; gary.ray@wvssac.org
Subject: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-25 23:07:51)

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Posted from IP: 75.109.18.189

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

NO

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL AND SAY THAT I'M ALL FOR IT IF YOU INCLUDED ALL SPORTS NOT JUST FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL. WHAT MAKES FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SO IMPORTANT! AS A TEACHER, COACH, AND PARENT OF A STUDENT ATHLETE THAT RUNS TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY THIS MAKES HIM FEEL LIKE HIS SPORTS ARE NOT AS IMPORTANT TO THE WVSSAC. ALL

I EVER HEAR THE WVSSAC SAY IS THAT THEY ARE IN IT FOR THE KIDS. THIS PROPOSAL SOUNDS LIKE THEY ARE IN IT FOR BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL ONLY. THERE ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS ALSO. MY SON AND HIS TEAMMATES TRAIN YEAR-ROUND FOR THEIR SPORTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE RUNS 50-70 MILES A WEEK WITH RUNS UP TO TEN MILES A DAY. TELL HIM THIS IS NOT AN IMPORTANT SPORT AND HE DOESN'T DESERVE A CHANCE TO MAKE IT TO POST SEASON PLAY. (ONE GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WOULD BE, HIS TIME IN ONE OF THE REGIONALS IN TRACK BEAT 3 OTHER RUNNERS FROM ANOTHER REGION BUT BECAUSE HE FINSHED 4TH HE DID NOT QUALIFY). THIS MAY SOUND LIKE SOUTHERN GRAPES BUT THERE ARE MANY SPORTS THAT DESERVE TO PLAY IN THE FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS JUST LIKE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL WOULD. LIKE I SAY, VOTE FOR ALL SPORTS AND I'M ALL FOR THIS PROPSAL. VOTE FOR JUST FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL, I'M AGAINST IT! THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, JEFF SCHULTZ

P.S. THERE ARE ALREADY MORE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS THAT MAKE IT TO POST SEASON PLAY THAN ANY OTHER SPORTS. DONT TELL ME MINOR SPORTS DONT MAKE MONEY, I JUST PAID \$46.00 FOR THREE PEOPLE TO WATCH THE STATE TRACK MEET AT LAIDLAY FIELD FOR TWO DAYS.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 3:18 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Posted from IP: 168.216.168.98

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I support his policy and hope you adopt it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I support this policy and its adoption.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This policy needs to be adopted.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 10:43 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 09:34:45)

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Posted from IP: 168.216.25.182

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I AM IN FAVOR OF HAVING 4 CLASSES

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 10:41 AM
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Posted from IP: 65.168.242.195

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We do not need an additional classification. WV is barely large enough to have 3 classifications. If we want more teams/athletes to win awards, we do not need to increase the costs associated with creating a new class, just create more recognition. If we go to a 4th class, how long will it be until someone will feel their child didnt get an award, and start a movement to go to 5 classes. Howe many classifications do we have for Band ? How many for

academic achievement? Are we in the Education business or awards business? This is a bad idea.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7:56 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Role: Teacher
Posted: 2008-05-20 07:36:40
Posted from IP: 168.216.25.182

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

More flexibility would help everyone involved.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This would help all schools in both a, and aaa. The only fair class right now in WV is aa. I urge you to consider the benefits of 4 classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 8:19 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-20 08:14:49)

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Role: Parent-Family
Posted: 2008-05-20 08:14:49
Posted from IP: 198.190.186.6

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Please allow the 4 class system. Several other states are doing this and seeing more kids on an even playing field would be ideal. Seeing more schools evened out with enrollment numbers would be the right thing to do. How do you suppose the smallest AAA school now with around 618 kids competes with a larger AAA school with over 1400 kids. That is 800+ more students or a whole other AAA school more than what the smallest AAA school would have. Not

very fair.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 1:45 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Role: Teacher
Posted: 2008-05-28 13:31:50
Posted from IP: 168.216.102.94

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I think it needs to be regulated because the schools are not going to pay the coaches for working in the summer. It takes too much away from the students and being able to work a summer job also.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

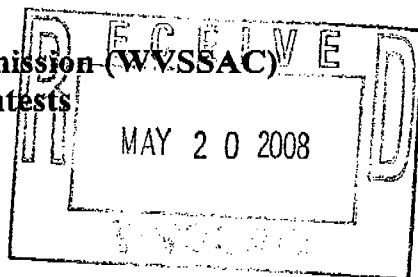
Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We do not need another classification unless it affects all sports. You are really going backwards with this. Cut "A" in half and divide the rest of the current schools which should leave about the 16 biggest schools for AAAA
This would make the competition closer especially if you included all sports. Thanks

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC)
Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests



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Title: Principal

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Principal</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Support Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member |

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching.

*Great proposal - very needed
in W. Va.*

'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching.

Great proposal

'127-3-10.1. Classification.

*Good proposal - would
be beneficial*



WVSSAC Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests
Page Two

'127-3-23.2.1. Football.

acceptable!

'127-3-23.9.2. Football.

acceptable!

Please direct all comments to:

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Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Role: Teacher
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Posted from IP: 168.216.123.247

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I do not feel all summer is necessary for athletes to have out of season practice during weeks 50-52. I think it would be nice to be able to incorporate film and classroom work during the July time period, with weight lifting and conditioning still be permissable. I would like to see a window for track be allowed sometime in January, where they have an opportunity to help the sport.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think this proposal should clearly pass. It was approved by a large majority of principals earlier in the spring.

States similar in size have more classes than WV.

Examples:

New Mexico 1,969,915 88/146 5/5 (population,schools,and classes) West Virginia 1,812,035 120/129 3/3 Nebraska 1,774,571 166/308 5/6 Idaho 1,499,402 89/146 4/5 *As reported by the Wheeling News Register*

A common example people use against the class system is Ohio. They have 6 classes for 715 schools. What they fail to understand is the breakdown of the divisions. The divisions are grouped together by the number of kids in the school.

Here is the breakdown according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Division I 524 or more ---115

Division II 365 to 523 ---120

Division III 257 to 364 --119

Division IV 187 to 256 ---119

Division V 131 to 186 ---121

Division VI 130 or less ---121

(1st numbers are students, second number is how many schools are in each class

Now look at the gap in the number students attending in WV. Single A 0 -337 Double A 340-618 Triple A 619 or more

The disparity gaps are much wider in WV.

The numbers speak for themselves. People can argue about watering down all they want, but over half of the college football teams in D-1 went to a bowl game last year, so why not give more kids a reasonable chance of competing?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

I like how the schedule for football is set up. I think this needs to remain the same.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Role: Community Member
Posted: 2008-05-21 11:36:21
Posted from IP: 205.196.224.139

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Please do not pass this. West Virginia does not have a sufficient number of schools to warrant four classifications. You will end up with a dramatically watered down playoffs in which mediocrity is rewarded with a playoff berth.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:53 AM
To: Regina M. Kerby
Subject: FW: Comment Received for Policy (2008-05-25 01:10:45)

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

This proposal sounds great at first glance. As a coach I am of course looking for as much time with my athletes as I can get. However I could see this rule getting abused. As a coach at a small school, most of my athletes play 2-3 sports. This means that from the beginning of August through the end of school they have no time off. Summertime is their safe haven to do what they want to do. Allowing practice all summer would force those athletes to pick 1-2 sports and eliminate the multisport athlete. It also gives coaches too much freedom to hold their kids hostage all summer. Even colleges don't get this kind of freedom with their athletes. I would love to be able to practice my kids all summer, but even as a 24 year old head coach I can recognize how coaches would take advantage of this rule to effectively give their athletes no time off at all, especially those who play multiple sports.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Everyone here at East Hardy High School is excited about the new classification proposal. We are one of the smallest football playing schools in WV. Our cross county rival Moorefield is almost twice as large as us. The advantages they have are very hard for us to overcome. Last year as a baseball coach at Elkins I watched my players have their hearts broken as we lost to Jefferson, a school whose enrollment was almost three times as much as our own. As an assistant football coach at Fairmont Senior I saw the same thing as 2 years in a row in the playoffs we lost to schools more than double our size. The size despairity in the current classifications has become too large, and the larger areas of the state continue to grow while others remain stagnant or shrink, yet we are still expected to remain competitive with the growing areas. While every school I have been at can hold our own, it is almost impossible to win a state title at one of the smaller schools. In A and A! AA football during the past 10 years there has not been a state title winner come from outside of the 10 largest schools in their classification. This is due to that large despairity. In basketball all schools already make the playoffs, and the football playoffs could easily be cut back down to 8 teams if you are worried about competition in the playoffs. This rule just flat out makes sense though. I know it has been proposed in various forms in the past, but it is time that it is passed. It is long overdue, and the despairity in enrollment in WV high schools will only continue to increase until a change like this is forced to be made.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I feel that summer break should be off limits to coaches outside of what is currently permitted. My reason is that the demands on the student/athletes by coaches is becoming excessive. It is my understanding that an athlete is pretty much unlimited in what they may do to improve themselves as long as the coaches are not involved. Coaches can say that these activities are voluntary, but they really are not. Why should a son/daughter feel like they can't afford to be away on a family vacation because missing these activities may cause the athlete to be demoted for not attending these activities. Lastly, is it not just a matter of time before coaches will expect extra compensation. It would be interesting to see the thoughts of the parents. Thank you.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

As a former athletic administrator, I no longer feel that a four classification system is in the best interest of WV high school athletics. As a matter of fact, I have gone full circle and now feel that two classes are probably the answer. I would doubt that the private schools (which are seen as having an advantage in Class A) will find plenty of competition in a two class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2008 7:16 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Out of season coaching is appropriate in length

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

AAAA is needed for schools our size, while allowing us to play games closer to the house conserving fuel

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I believe the out of season coaching is appropriate in length now. It would be to much to aske the kids to go all summer.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

A AAA class is needed for the schools that lie between the big schools and the middle schools. It would allow many schools to revive old rivalaries

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Allowing sixth graders to play is a toss up and I can see both sides.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2008 7:17 PM
To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I believe a reclassification should be universal and not apply to just a handful of sports. If you were to reclassify a school AAAA for the major sports then the facility would be recognized in the media and news as AAAA. This would lead to confusion and possibly result in scheduling problems when they have other sports classified as AAA. I feel that if a school meets the criteria for AAAA then every sport should be rated in that classification as it also

promotes a discriminatory slant to say some sports are not "worthy" of gaining a higher classification and may also promote the possibility of a student athlete being passed over for a deserving scholarship as the "scouts" may not bother to look at all AAA schools and focus only on those gaining the most media attention. This would benefit both classifications it is my belief on costs and maintaining student athletic eligibility status.

Also if you create this class then the numbers for AAA should be adjusted to allow this bracket to exist in harmony and not be torn apart by schools just entering this classification with a marginal number of students in the student body.

The promotion of the new bracket should not shadow any of the other brackets to reflect these student athletes as the "elite" classification as has been the case for AAA. In reference to student athletes, the WVSSAC should take the opportunity to create a common promotion of all brackets to give student athletes in every classification a more fair representation to the colleges, media, and tournament play.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I like the idea of the three weeks with your team. I think it helps the coaches to evaluate their teams and to determine what they need to work on for next season. However, I wish coaches would abide by the rules. There are coaches who practice all year round and never get caught. Principal's and Athletic Directors are reluctant to stop this or to turn coaches in that do this because they only have one agenda... and that is to win at all cost!

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think that there has to be a better way to check and make sure these schools are turning in the correct numbers

for their schools. There are schools in double A that should be participating in triple A and there are some single A that should be in double A. I think, if the WVSSAC would have all school submit a copy of their Lunch reports then you could see that some schools are lying about their numbers.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

The 4 divisions would be great in both Football and Basketball. It would generate more revenue and allow more schools to have a chance at success. I don't think it would hurt competition at bit. In fact, it would boost competition because now schools would know they would have a better chance of winning or enjoying that success.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I am completely for this proposal. It will do nothing but help the athletes/teams in the state compete with other out of state teams. It will also show the coaches who care about their players.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I know it is hard sometimes for schools to go to team camps because of the lack of supervisors and volunteers, so this would help when going to camps because the coaches would be able to go with their team.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

It is really hard for the smaller schools in a class to compete with the larger schools in a class whether it's in A, AA, or AAA now. This proposal would even the playing field on many levels. It would also give the smaller schools a

greater chance to further their post season play which could give athletes more exposure that they might not have had during the season.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Why not. There are so many students engaged in "voluntary" practices over the summer anyway, you might as well legitimize the process. Also, the word voluntary is funny. ANYone connected with any of these programs know that it is known by the coaches who attends the "Voluntary" practices.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The idea of classifying two sports differently is out of line. This is an accomodation to the small single "A" schools who have to compete against the parochial schools. Note girls basketball - 6 of 8 girls Single A tournamnet teams

were religious parochial schools. Just make the non-public schools multiply their enrollment by 1.5 like Tennessee does and you will solve your problem. Pennsylvania is discussing this as the point being made to the WPIAL and PIAA is that non-public schools can control their enrollment and thus their class assignments. The multiplier would make this more fair, rather than add another class to some sports. Enforce the residency requirements for the non-public schools. Make them prove the residency of their students. IE there is a non-public school that has students from one Ohio county, two WV counties and western PA. Is that fair to the students of WV students who live in small rural counties?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 8:04 AM
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

It does allow for more flexible scheduling as long as the coaches are understanding and supportive.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

All other states our size have a system that promotes parity and equal opportunity. It should be divided into 4 classes immediately.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Please support this proposal as did the majority of schools at the WVSSAC meeting! Many states bigger and smaller than ours already have a 4-5 classification in place and this will help better serve our student-athletes and begin to address the concern of leveling the playing field!! In our state the current schools in the 2AA classification have better competition due to less disparity in their schools enrollments! This will certainly positively impact our school

and help give it and others our size a better opportunity to be successful!!

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I have read the proposal that was submitted from the member from Paden City HS. By the classification numbers that Paden City has is 87, the solution I think should be looked at that would see coming in the near future, is the consolidation of Paden City & Magnolia High Schools. They are only 4 miles apart and that is Paden City kids went to Magnolia that would make that school in the middle of AA area. The problem is the Private Schools and You and I

know it is Wheeling Central that has cause all of this problem. But I have come to believe that they have alot of POWER and influence in the WVSSAC. Listen to the people and you will hear the same. Thank You

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I feel it should be open in the summer but each sport competing should only get 3 weeks. Therefore we separate our sports into 3 week segments instead of trying to get everyone in during the weeks assigned.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel that if this measure passes it would help with the large difference in numbers in the AAA classification and the A classification. Being a program in the Northern Panhandle our schedule consists of some quality teams from the state of Ohio. Playing these teams may have hurt us in the AAA standings. I do not believe that we would be

watering down our system in place by eliminating 10 programs in AAAA to AAA but it would really help with scheduling. For us after Brooke High and John Marshall we would have to travel to Morgantown, Fairmont which we do now and Parkersburg or Charleston. Also I think that money could be generated for the state with the extra play offs and Championship Game. Win- win situation for kids.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I believe that if high schools are to be classified into four classes that it should pertain to all sports not just a few. The object of this reclassification is to make it fair for everyone to compete on an equal basis, restricting this to just a few sports would not be fair.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to two of your new proposals. The first being the formation of a class 4A classification and the other being a nine-week period during the summer for athletes to work with their coaches. I strongly disagree with both of these matters. I now think that our current three-week period during the summer is a great idea, it gives coaches extra time to work with their athletes and go to camps. But, three-weeks are enough. Extending this period to nine-weeks would cause problems. Although a school could say that all practices would not be mandatory, we all know that there are those coaches out there who do not care about their athletes time with

their family and will pressure them to come every day. Some kids even play more than one sport and would be exhausted from two different practices each day. In the long run, kids would eventually quit because they are pressured into going to practices every day. Eventually, schools would have an even greater problem fielding teams than they now do.

I thank you for your time in reading my comments and hope you will take them into consideration when making your decision.

Thank You,

Stephenee Gandee

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to two of your new proposals. The first being the formation of a class 4A classification and the other being a nine-week period during the summer for athletes to work with their coaches. I strongly disagree with both of these matters.

I believe that creating a class AAAA would create a lot of problems and hurt the state of West Virginia's sports in the long run. As you know we only have 129 high schools in this state. That is not nearly enough to make four different classes. By creating this new classification, you would be taking away all competitiveness that our playoffs have. Making it to the state tournament in any sport would be like just another game because there would be no problems in getting there. For example, I am now 16 years old and I have been to the State Boys Basketball Tournament every year of my life. This is something I look forward to every year because I get to go watch the best basketball teams in the state. However, this tournament would be quite boring because teams with absolutely no talent could make it there. I go to one of the smallest AAA schools in the state and all of our athletic teams are, well, horrible. I play both volleyball and basketball, and as much as I would love to play in a state tournament, I seriously doubt that will ever happen. If a 4A division was established, yes, our road to states would be a tremendous amount easier, and I would most likely eventually have the opportunity to play there. However, it wouldn't be as exhilarating and exciting as making it as our current playoff system now has. Please, for the sake of great sports fans who like to see exciting games and our states sports do not create a class AAAA. I thank you for your time in reading my comments and hope you will take them into consideration when making your decision.

Thank You,

Stephenee Gandee

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Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

As an assistant girls basketball coach, I love having the opportunity to work with my kids in June. However, I believe that is long enough. Extending the time frame will not give more flexibility in scheduling, it will only mean more time away from ones family. A lot of coaches will use the entire time and although they are not supposed to will hold it against the kids who miss these weeks.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

We have already watered down the system enough. A state championship means something right now. Adding

another class will only cheapen that feat. Besides that, having to add another day to the basketball tournament would make it too long. With the number of schools in WV, we really only need 2 classes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I believe it is time to lighten the restrictions on out of season coaching. For years now a lot of other states have open seasons, spring games(like Football). Also, if the State Board thinks that no schools currently violate the policies in place they are holding their hands over their eyes. It does happen all around.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I feel there should be four classes for at least Football and Basketball. This would provide more opportunity for kids today to get a taste of being in the Playoff system and provide a greater chance for more monies to be raised

by schools and for the WVSSAC. I really do not see a downside to this proposal. It would be a win-win situation.
DO IT!

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I hope the Board can be objective with this proposal and give consideration to the overwhelming vote of the principals. There exists too much disparity now in the current classification system from top to bottom in each classification. The new classification proposal will give more teams the opportunity to advance in the respective tournaments and afford more students the chanced to experience participation in tournaments. A school with 650

students will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to successfully compete with a school of 1400 students. The SSAC could reconfigure the tournament alignments so as to only spend a minimum of extra time for the state tournaments. I feel the Board should approve this new alignment on a trial basis for a minimum of 2 years, with the option to review the results and make a decision at that time as to whether or not the system is working. They could also begin implementing the new classifications during the 2008-2009 season and if that is not possible, then implement it effective with the 2008-2009 basketball season. Please consider this proposal with an open mind as the future of small school student athletes is in the balance, and the AAAA proposal is the fairest way to proceed. This proposal will afford them the best opportunity to compete on a more level playing field against teams more their own size. I thank you for the opportunity to respond to this issue.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I am opposed to creating a fourth classification. With consolidations continuing year after year West Virginia does not have the necessary number of schools to justify adding an additional class. As it is, some sectionals now are composed of only two schools. In Single A, Region 4 alone, six more schools are slated to close (consolidate). West Virginia does not 'look like' Ohio or Pa which can justify more classes. In addition, Kentucky has quite a number

more schools than this state yet there all schools compete in the same basketball tournament.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

The State of West Virginia has needed a more extended off season schedule for some time now. The current three weeks in the summer is a very short amount of time for the coaches to practice with their teams and it unfairly makes student athletes choose between which team they want to practice with. This new policy appears to allow for more flexibility in this regard. This would also ensure that the players are with trained staff in the off season as opposed to the possibly untrained volunteers that many of the summer leagues have as coaches. The degree of safety would be improved as well as the quality of the instruction.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Coaches and other athletic staff should be able to attend sports camps with their student athletes. This allows for a bigger degree of safety and allows the coaches to provide proper instruction to their student athletes.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The State of West Virginia has needed a fourth classification in school sports for quite some time. The recent consolidation of many state high schools has created a class of high schools at the top of the current AAA classification that have a great numerical advantage over the schools towards the bottom of the AAA classification. There is a whopping 819 enrollment difference between the largest AAA school (Parkersburg) and the smallest AAA school (Bridgeport) yet these two schools have to compete against one another for both football and basketball state titles, two sports in which the numbers make a big difference. These massive high schools at the top of AAA make it nearly impossible for the schools at the bottom of AAA to compete with them in any way at all. A new AAAA classification would solve this disparity between enrollment and allow for a more even playing field between the schools. Too much has been made about "watering down the State Tournament". High school sports should not be organized for the entertainment of sports writers and others. High school sports are there for the student athletes. This proposal would allow more teams into the state tournaments and allow more student athletes to have this experience which would be with them for the rest of their lives. The children of these schools shouldn't have to go without just because someone wouldn't be as entertained. This is all just scare tactics employed by the sports writers and others who are against this plan anyway. Who's to say that the state tournaments would be "watered down?" Who's to say with more teams that the competition level wouldn't increase? As far as academics is concerned, this can be regulated in such a way that it doesn't take up any more school time than the current system. With more teams making it in anyway, perhaps the football playoffs could be cut down to 12 participants instead of 16 as has been proposed to solve the criticism of the student athletes being out of class more often. There are other ways that this can be regulated to assure this doesn't happen. This change would also be very good for the communities of the teams that these schools represent especially ones whom have lost schools to the recent series of consolidations. These communities would come together to support their teams in the state tournaments. To me this would also improve the morale of the student athletes at some of the small schools. Often these schools are beat before they even get there as they have already taken it as a given that they are going to get beat in the State Tournament by a much larger school with more student athletes to choose from. With a more even classification system, this would no longer be the case. The smaller schools would be amongst schools closer to them in size with roughly the same number of students to select to be on their teams. This new classification system could also open the door for more exposure of student athletes to college coaches who often come and watch the state finals!

of these sports. With more teams involved, more student athletes would get the chance to be seen by these coaches, something that could effect a student athlete for the rest of their lives. A multiple classification system has worked well for some other states that have as many schools (or as less) as ours, so I'm not sure why that it wouldn't work here. Change has been needed for a very long time in this department and this change will allow for more opportunity for all student athletes. Student athletes should be what sports are about, not about what entertains someone. With more teams and students involved, it seems that everyone wins to me.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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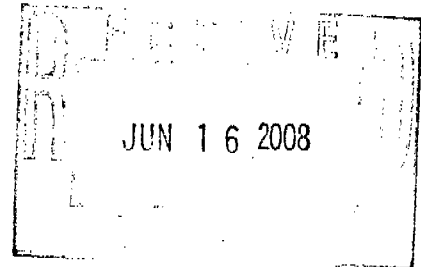


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PUBLIC COMMENT

SECTION 127-3-10.1 CLASSIFICATION

Number of pages to follow: 4

From: STEVE FERGUSON

If all pages are not received, please call sender as soon as possible at (304) 872-4841.

I am in support of the proposal to amend 127-3-10 classifications (P.40) to go to a four class system for football and boys/girls basketball.

BACKGROUND:

My name is J. Steven Ferguson and I am a Certified Public Accountant and businessman located in Summersville, Nicholas County. Our companies employ over 400 people in several different industries. I am certified to coach and have coached in several different capacities at both the Middle School and High School levels. I have coached both boys and girls basketball. I have not coached in two years and have no plans to coach in the future because of my age and job responsibilities. I have also taught business classes at the college level.

ARGUMENT AGAINST EXPANSION OF CLASSIFICATIONS:

It is my understanding that the SSAC is against this proposal because they do not want to expand the number of games at the state tournament from an administration viewpoint. I have also heard that the State of West Virginia is too small to have more than three classifications and that having more teams eligible for championship status somehow duties the worth of the championship awards.

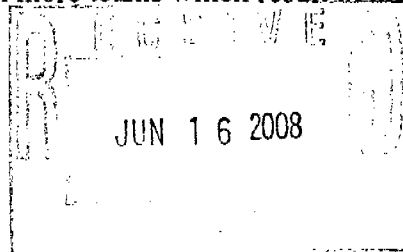
X ARGUMENT FOR EXPANSION:

The principals have recommended passage in order to decrease the disparity in size between the largest and smallest schools in each of the respective classes. This is especially prevalent in the largest class. In the 3A class, the largest school (Parkersburg) has an enrollment of 1,446 students as compared to the smallest school (Bridgeport) which has 627 students. We were taught in the classes I took for coaching certification, that matching competitors in regard to gender, size, strength, etc. was a very important concept. Therefore, the principals make a strong argument.

FURTHER ARGUMENT FOR EXPANSION:

I believe that the debate concerning this amendment should be expanded to include economics as well as fairness in disparity of size as recommended by the principals.

- (1) Scheduling and travel costs are a large budgetary item for local school boards. Having more clasifications will allow more flexible athletic schedules which could materially effect travel costs.
- (2) Athletic events are major economic boosts for host cities, especially at the State Tournament level. More classifications mean more teams which result in more tourism dollars for host cities.



- (3) Teams making a state tournament have a positive impact on a sociological level. These communities have a sense of self esteem and worth and pull communities and citizens together for a common goal. Therefore, the more you can expand the number of teams participating, the more positive things will happen for the communities and the state.

In conclusion, I am a firm believer that athletic competition helps develop leadership and communication skills. I feel that we are losing participation because of the rural makeup of our State. If some of the small rural schools can increase their odds of making a state tournament, participation levels will increase. As a large employer, I can attest that both athletic and academic skills are imperative when entering the job market.

I realize that you aren't going to have a perfect system but we should certainly take advantage of opportunities when they arise. A study done of the seven states higher and seven states lower in population than West Virginia reveal consistently that they have more than 3 classifications.

Currently, the more urban areas compared to the rural areas with the same school enrollments appear to have better participation rates. I attribute this to travel and time commitments. Changing to a four class system will not solve this problem in whole but should however level the playing field to some degree.

The pros of going to four classes certainly outweigh the cons.

Fred King

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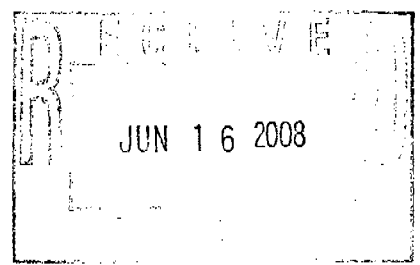
This is Mike from the Intel, I just wanted to let you know I'm still working on that story. I didn't have you call me last week for nothing, but I'm currently playing phone tag with guys from a couple of state associations from other states. I'm sure you've seen the setups for other states, but I thought I'd send you this (below). It represents the seven states higher and lower in population for west virginia and how they break up their schools for football. Just found it curious it seems West Virginia is the only holdout. Thanks for getting back with me by the way. Oh, the only other question I had is you talked about either a 12-or-16 team Class AAAA, but I've seen a few reports of the divisions being somewhat equally divided up in number of teams. Has there been official word yet as to where they are drawing the lines?

Mike

Football by the Numbers

State Population* Teams** Classifications

- Iowa 2,988,046 300 (5)
- Mississippi 2,918,785 201 (5)
- Arkansas 2,834,797 189 (6)
- Kansas 2,775,997 244 (5)
- Utah 2,645,330 128 (5)
- Nevada 2,565,382 92 (4)
- New Mexico 1,969,915 88 (5)
- West Virginia 1,812,035 120 3 *
- Nebraska 1,774,571 166 (5)
- Idaho 1,499,402 89 (4)



Maine*** 1,317,207 70 3

New Hampshire 1,315,828 50 (5)

Hawaii 1,283,388 48 2

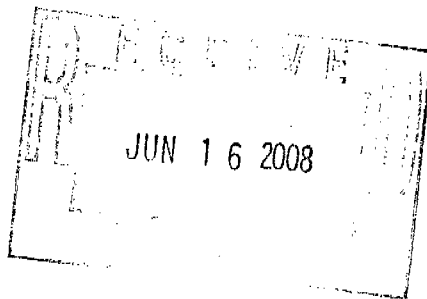
Rhode Island 1,057,832 43 (4)

Montana 957,861 80 3

* - Population based on 2007 estimate by United States Censes Bureau.

** - Number of teams does not include schools playing either 8 or 6-man football.

*** - Maine has 148 basketball schools and utilizes a four-class system



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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Much needed rule change. Out of season coaching is too restricted, the three week summer season forces kids to pick and choose what activity they can participate in. What do they do? Summer league basketball two days and football three days? Can lead to hard feelings among coaches.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Logical and , again, much needed

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

If we keep the state tournament format so 8 teams advance I am all for 4 classes. If only 4 teams can advance it would put schools like Summers County having to beat Bluefield and Wyoming East or some other power to get to the

state tournament. The problem for AA is not size of schools, the problems for us is rural vs. suburban/ urban. Extremely difficult for us to compete with city schools like Bluefield and Oak Hill who have the infrastructure we don't and likely will never have.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I agree with the proposal to allow out-of-season coaching during the month of July

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I agree with the four classification proposal.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Excellent idea! Send all 16 AAAA schools into the post season using end of season rankings for pairings. Divide the remaining schools by adding large AA schools to the bottom of the current AAA group. Enrollment figures reflect a huge disparity between the large AAA and the small AAA at the present time. It is difficult for an average high school team to compete with what would be classified as a small WV college pool of athletes available in some large

AAA schools today.

Take this opportunity to award another group of hard-working, loyal WV high school players and fans with a school championship. With so few things to cheer about these days, this action would surely have positive community results.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Class AAAA has been needed in football for some time. The most populated, or top 16 schools have dominated the play-offs and championships in AAA for several years. Champions from AA and A are more equally spread throughout the range of schools. By taking the largest 16 schools and placing them in AAAA, will give the smaller AAA schools more opportunity to achieve what has been unreachable for them for years. Also, more championship

games will raise more funds for the WVSSAC. To avoid problems with scheduling: give AAA teams extra points for a AAAA win but do not give less points to AAAA that play down. Example; AAA beats AAAA the AAA will receive 15 points. But the AAAA receives 12 points beating a AAA or a AAAA. Teams should receive the bonus points win or lose. If a team loses to a 10-0 team they still receive 10 points toward the play-offs. This will encourage teams to "play up" as well. This takes in to consideration, strength of schedule. If the top 16 are placed into AAAA, let them have an 8 team play-off with a week #1 bye. The same can be done with AAA, since only about 19 teams will remain. You'd still be taking about the same percentage into the play-offs as with the previous classifications. AA and A can continue taking the top 16 into the play-offs.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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127-3-10.1*

Comments for section 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership

I am infavor of the new classification system. The new system should allow more schools a chance to compete for a state title. The triple A classification has a large population difference that is unfair to smaller tirple A schools. Also, the small single A schools are being over powered by double AA/single A schools that bounce back and forth.
Thank you, Michael Johnston

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

In regards to the quad a deviation on the schools in relation to the thriple a deviations. Going to a quad a system would help smaller rurel schools in regard to travel expenses in that we could match up with schools located in a closer geographical area. This would bennifit both the school and the communities that they are in. Allowing for a lager fan base to come in and allowing more participation. As a band director this would allow my studetns to attend

more events at less of a cost to them.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think it is ridiculous for a state this size to have 4 classifications in any sport. It will only serve to water down the title that each team wins. The problem is the private school dominance of the A division. Put the private schools in their own division. They can play public school teams during the year to gain competition but it is unfair to allow them to continue to compete with schools who do not have the same opportunities to attract students as

the private schools do.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Although I am an avid fan of high school athletics, I feel that academic considerations must always come first. The amount of travel time that would be required as a result of this proposal would not only put a financial burden on athletic programs, but it would also greatly increase the amount of in-class time that students athletes would miss, especially during basketball season. As a former classroom teacher and high school curriculum coordinator, I have

seen first hand how important that class time is for students. Please let academics be the guiding consideration here.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The proposal to add another class for football is insane. We should have two classes, not three or four. This is a product of the politically correct self-esteem propaganda that has been pushed by educrats for years: everyone should be rewarded, regardless of merit. It diminishes real achievement and the value of earned honors. There is also no evidence of any positive effect, just the opposite, in fact.

Alternatively, take the total number of football-playing schools, divide by two, and have that many classes. That way, every player will play in a *Championship Game* every year, and half will be *State Champions!* Just think how good they'll all feel about themselves then.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Just 2 quick points:

1. The 2008-2009 school year may be too quick to mandate this classification change in football -- most schools have multi-year contracts with other schools that may need changed if schools are to continue to obtain points

based on the classification of other schools on their schedule.

2. Why is this change only mandated for football and basketball? Should the WVSSAC set certain numbers or percentages for sports to be divided into classes similar to the current format where there has to be a critical mass of schools to justify more classifications in a sport?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

The WVSSAC has passed the proposal to change the classification system but hasn't detailed what the changes would be. Until those details are made public I wouldn't be in favor of changing the system. The three classes currently are fairly equal in size. (AAA-40,AA-40,A-51)In reading their reasons for changing the system, reducing the disparity in the size of schools competing against each other,it looks to me that we'll end up with a small AAAA

and AAA allowing a larger percentage of those schools to participate in the state tournament. Until all the guidelines are set, how can anyone make an informed decision.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Dear BOE,

I believe moving to 4 classes in football and basketball is a great move for the students of West Virginia. Some opponents of the 4 classes are worried about having a watered down field of opponets at the playoff level. I feel

the benefits far out weigh the negatives. Changing the layout to 4 classes will not only shift the schools that are perinnal powers but will also give schools that are closer in numbers to the bottom of their classes have a more level playing field. The power schools will tell you it's not good for West Virginia sports to have another class but they are not speaking for the majority of schools that are usually left out of the playoff picture. Talk to anyone that has ever played in a football playoff game or basketball state tournament game and they will tell you that they vividly remember their experience and share it fondly and frequently. Moving to 4 classes will enable many more kids the opportunity to experience postseason play. The ney sayel rs are worried about the quality of play, but if there are more teams in the playoffs in football the lesser teams will not advance past the first round and what will be the problem if a few more teams have a playoff game. If there are unqualified teams in the basketball state tournymment they too will be outed in the first round the semi finals and finals will be the best of the best just like every other year. I'm sure you've looked at what schools have won state championships in the past several years and have found that the schools with the most enrollment in each class have a distinct advantage over schools with fewer students changing to 4 classes will level the playing field for the rest of the schools in the state. If quality play is what determines how many state championship games we have then why have multiple classes at all why do we have 3 classes now just have a regular season and then the media can determine what the best team is based on who they feel was th! e most desireable team to watch. Please vote to go to 4 class! es and l evel the playing field for the rest of the state.

Christopher L. Hahn
Boys Basketball Coach
East Hardy High School

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

My last e-mail on classification dealt with Hampshire being lowered to AA status only IF the 4 classification does not pass. Of course, we would be extremely joyous if Hampshire would be considered for AAA status. It would open up the top 20 4A teams, 40 AAA teams, 40 2A teams and 20 1A schools. The 4A and 1A would have the top 8 schools in the playoffs with a bye the first week. 3A and 2A would have 16 schools each and would play all four

rounds. This would make money, provided more equitable competition and save on travel in the long run. Erino Leone

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I think that this proposal has a lot of merit. If and only if a coaches contact with their athletes is restricted. Some coaches will attempt to dominate their athletes entire summer. I would like to see the following included in this proposal:

A coach may not have sport specific contact with their athletes for more than ten separate days during this period, not to exceed 3 hours during any given day which would include any conditioning activities.

General fitness activities such as strength training would not be included as part of the ten days of sport specific activity.

Any camp conducted by a college with the coach(s) present would count as part of the ten day period, but the 3 hour rule would be waived.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

If the 4 class system is adopted for football and basketball I believe that the following should be implemented:

Football playoffs - 8 teams from each division make the playoffs. 1st round games at the higher ranked school and the semi finals on a neutral field.

If the current playoff format is retained the state playoffs in WV will be a joke. Even taking 12 teams is hard to justify. Our current 16 team system creates too many 1st round mismatches. Plus it is costing some schools a fortune in travel and related expenses.

Basketball state tournament - 4 teams from each division make it to Charleston. The new regional playoff formula can be used to ensure that the 4 best teams have an opportunity to make it to the state tournament. If the current 8 team format is retained the state tournament will last a week. The same problems will exist as in football plus the kids will miss too much school.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

This proposal would be very beneficial to the student athlete.

1. It provides adequate time and more flexibility for athletes in various sports to have an opportunity to spend some time on more than the dominate sport in their school if they so choose.
2. It allows flexibility in scheduling so athletes can still participate in other community activities (4-H, Church camps) etc. and not be dominated by athletic involvement for three consecutive weeks.
3. It allows the professional coach if they so choose to coach in summer leagues etc. eliminating the person off the street from coaching the team during the summer. Teams and athletes are already participating in these summer leagues. It will be much better if the professional coach could be involved. That's why the state board has made such an emphasis on certified coaching is it not? To monitor and control who works with our student athletes.
4. It will create a less competitive environment between programs within a school. Currently all programs want the same student athletes involved in the three week limited period because that is all the time allowed.
5. If the coach or programs seeks too much control of the athletes schedule they will lose their key role players. Opening the

additional four weeks provides a more balanced and flexible opportunity for all athletes and athletic programs. 6. The dead period and the spreading of activities is family friendly.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This is a good proposal - ONLY IF THE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS WILLING TO LET THE STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BE EXTENDED ONE DAY. School absence time over the past several years has become very limited for athletics. If the state board is going to direct the WVSAC to limit the number of teams in each classification to four and not let more students and schools participate in this experience than leave the current three class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Good change.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I believe the disparity is not in the current classification. It is in the fact that the private schools have such an advantage in class A. This is where the major problem is. In girls basketball there have only been 8 public schools that have won the class A state championship since the inception of girls basketball in West Virginia. Just look at our neighboring states. Private schools participate in their own tournament. I do not want to see WV to go to a class

AAAA system. It will not solve the problem just complicate it more. Everyone talks about parity and fairness. There is nothing fair about private schools in the class A bracket.

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Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This change does not address the major problem with the current classifications, which is allowing the private schools to compete in Class A and totally dominate the Class A division. Private Schools have an unfair advantage of being able to draw students from large metropolitan attendance areas that include out-of-state students. There should be a multiplier applied to private schools enrollment to compensate for the unfair advantages that private

schools operate under. All the private schools are located in more populated areas of WV and can draw from the same pool of potential students that Class AAA and AA schools currently draw from. Many private schools advertise about their excellent athletic programs and with the consolidation into large schools in their metropolitan areas, they have attracted and/or benefited from the athletes who cannot or will not compete in these large, consolidated Class AAA schools. Almost all Class A schools, with the exception of Williamstown and maybe Buffalo, are located in more rural areas and cannot equal the attendance area of the private schools. The rural consolidated schools also have transportation issues that result in fewer rural students playing sports, competing in AAU play and getting access to camps, gyms and facilities. The large, private schools, like Wheeling Central, should be bumped to Class AAA, and the smaller private schools should be bumped to Class AA using a weighting applied to all. The smaller Class AA schools would then bump down to Class A, with all three classes being equal in number again. Consolidation has benefited Class AAA schools and private schools, and hurt Class A schools for the reasons mentioned above. I was reared in the Wheeling area and my children have all been reared in Pocahontas co., so I am well aware of the different advantages and disadvantages of rural and urban areas and the issues of consolidation after serving 11 years on the Pocahontas Co. BOE. My wife taught in both Ohio and Pocahontas Counties, so that has helped me also realize the differences. My father played football at Wheeling Central, and he lived in Ohio, and he would be 96 if still living. Of course, Wheeling had at least 8 high schools in those days.

Comments for section 127-3-23.2.1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23.9.2 Football

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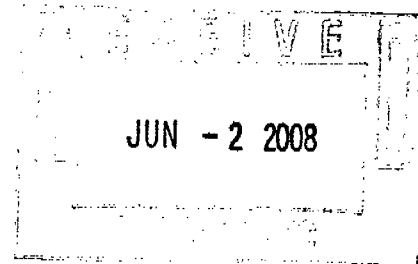
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May 29, 2008



Dr. Steven L. Paine, Ex Officio
State Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Board of Education
Capitol Complex, Building 6
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Charleston, WV 25305

Re: WVSSAC to Amend 127-3-10
Classification Proposal

Dear Dr. Paine:

Please accept this letter requesting your support for the Four (4) Classification Proposal passed by the Board of Control and now being considered by the State Board of Education. As a parent of children who attend one of the smaller schools in the state, I can think of no more equitable way for the playing field to be leveled for smaller schools than by creation of a fourth classification. As you are likely aware, the disparity in size between the biggest of the Class A schools and the smallest of the Class A schools becomes more significant when team sports are considered. (This is, apparently, also the case for some smaller Class AAA schools.) The larger of the Class A schools have, quite frankly, dominated the state tournaments in team sports in the last decade. (For example, only Wheeling Central and Moorefield have won the football championship in the last 12 years as far as I can recall. They are, not coincidentally, two of the bigger schools in Class A.)

In addition, unlike some of the other proposals that have previously been passed by the Board of Control and forwarded to the Board of Education for consideration, this proposal does not, in my opinion, invite any legal or constitutional issues which would result in litigation against the WVSSAC and/or the West Virginia Department of Education. Rather, the proposal to establish four classifications is a clear reflection of the wishes of principals and/or athletic directors of the high schools throughout the State of West Virginia to implement fair change in the classification system. This is even more clearly borne out by the overwhelming support the proposal received (78 voted for, 37 against).

Likewise, I understand that the proposal will not result in any additional days out of school, particularly for the basketball tournament, as the same number of teams (24) will play in the state tournament.

Lastly, I am enclosing herewith an interesting article pointing out that other

SELLITTI, NOGAY & MCCUNE, P.L.L.C.

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states, with similar numbers of high schools, have successfully implemented 5 class systems (Nebraska and Utah), and further pointing out that school administrators are satisfied with the change. In fact, the Executive Director of the Utah Activities Commission, who was initially worried that such a proposal would water down the competition (as has been argued in West Virginia by opponents of the proposal), indicated they could not go back to the old system as the new system creates "a more competitive balance."

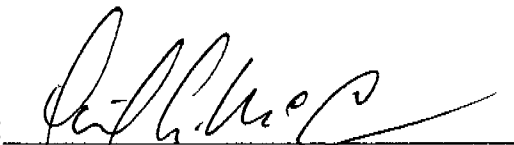
Thus, I am hereby asking for your support for every young student-athlete in the smallest of the Class A schools throughout the State of West Virginia who is looking for a more level playing field when competing in football and basketball and hoping to get a chance to play in the post-season.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

SELLITTI, NOGAY & McCUNE

By:



Daniel L. McCune

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Enclosure
cc: WVSSAC (for Public Comment Log)

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Please let our kids be coached by professional school employees as this rule implies. It would be so much better than the current set up. Also, any flexibility provided to athletes, teams, and families will be very helpful.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Any summer camp should not be off limits to coaches working with their players. Please adopt this policy.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

Four classes in the state of West Virginia is a unique opportunity for more teams, schools and athletes to set high goals. I am in favor of this policy as long as you are willing to extend the state basketball tournament by one day. I hope you will consider this. Athletics and school spirit are important to the education process.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

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Posted from IP: 192.33.116.212

Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think the classification of AAA should remain. It will not help with the disparity in class A. Something needs to be done with the private schools.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I am in support of a four class system for high school athletics in West Virginia. In reviewing the current three class structure, one finds an enrollment difference of 300 students in Class A and Class AA; however, an enrollment difference of 800 exists in Class AAA. It is impossible for those schools with enrollments of 627-903 to compete year in and year out fairly with schools in the same class with enrollments exceeding 1,000. The pool of students

for participation in a school enrollment of 638 is simply not competitive with a school enrollment of 1,446. I respectfully submit that consideration be given to a classification system that would more equitably define WVSSAC classes based on enrollment and thus offer students a fairer competitive playing field.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I support his policy and hope you adopt it.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

I support this policy and its adoption.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This policy needs to be adopted.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

I am in support of this.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Please adopt this policy.



WVSSAC Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests
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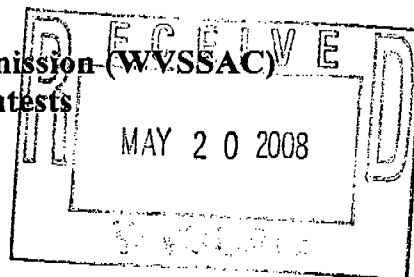
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Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: June 16, 2008

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The following form is provided to assist those who choose to comment on WVSSAC Series 3: Provisions Governing Contests. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary.

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Community Member

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

'127-3-7.2. Out of Season Coaching.

*Great proposal - very needed
in W. Va.*

'127-3-7.3. Out of Season Coaching.

Great proposal

'127-3-10.1. Classification.

*Good proposal - would
be beneficial*

States similar in size have more classes than WV.

Examples:

New Mexico 1,969,915 88/146 5/5 (population,schools,and classes) West Virginia 1,812,035 120/129 3/3 Nebraska 1,774,571 166/308 5/6 Idaho 1,499,402 89/146 4/5 *As reported by the Wheeling News Register*

A common example people use against the class system is Ohio. They have 6 classes for 715 schools. What they fail to understand is the breakdown of the divisions. The divisions are grouped together by the number of kids in the school.

Here is the breakdown according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Division I 524 or more ---115

Division II 365 to 523 ---120

Division III 257 to 364 --119

Division IV 187 to 256 ---119

Division V 131 to 186 ---121

Division VI 130 or less ---121

(1st numbers are students, second number is how many schools are in each class

Now look at the gap in the number students attending in WV. Single A 0 -337 Double A 340-618 Triple A 619 or more

The disparity gaps are much wider in WV.

The numbers speak for themselves. People can argue about watering down all they want, but over half of the college football teams in D-1 went to a bowl game last year, so why not give more kids a reasonable chance of competing?

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

I like how the schedule for football is set up. I think this needs to remain the same.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I do not feel all summer is necessary for athletes to have out of season practice during weeks 50-52. I think it would be nice to be able to incorporate film and classroom work during the July time period, with weight lifting and conditioning still be permissible. I would like to see a window for track be allowed sometime in January, where they have an opportunity to help the sport.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think this proposal should clearly pass. It was approved by a large majority of principals earlier in the spring.

Regina Kerby

From: Gary Ray [Gary.Ray@wvssac.org]
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To: Regina M. Kerby
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

I like the idea of the three weeks with your team. I think it helps the coaches to evaluate their teams and to determine what they need to work on for next season. However, I wish coaches would abide by the rules. There are coaches who practice all year round and never get caught. Principal's and Athletic Directors are reluctant to stop this or to turn coaches in that do this because they only have one agenda... and that is to win at all cost!

Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

I think that there has to be a better way to check and make sure these schools are turning in the correct numbers

for their schools. There are schools in double A that should be participating in triple A and there are some single A that should be in double A. I think, if the WVSSAC would have all school submit a copy of their Lunch reports then you could see that some schools are lying about their numbers.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

The 4 divisions would be great in both Football and Basketball. It would generate more revenue and allow more schools to have a chance at success. I don't think it would hurt competition at bit. In fact, it would boost competition because now schools would know they would have a better chance of winning or enjoying that success.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2 Out of Season Coaching

This proposal would be very beneficial to the student athlete.
1. It provides adequate time and more flexibility for athletes in various sports to have an opportunity to spend some time on more than the dominate sport in their school if they so choose.
2. It allows flexibility in scheduling so athletes can still participate in other community activities (4-H, Church camps) etc. and not be dominated by athletic involvement for three consecutive weeks. 3. It allows the professional coach if they so choose to coach in summer leagues etc. eliminating the person off the street from coaching the team during the summer. Teams and athletes are already participating in these summer leagues. It will be much better if the professional coach could be involved. That's why the state board has made such an emphasis on certified coaching is it not? To monitor and control who works with our student athletes.
4. It will create a less competitive environemnt between programs within a school. Currently all programs want the same student athletes involved in the three week limited period because that is all the time allowed. 5. If the coach or programs seeks too much control of the athletes schedule they will lose their key role players. Opening the

additional four weeks provides a more balanced and flexible opportunity for all athletes and athletic programs. 6. The dead period and the spreading of activities is family friendly.

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3 Out of Season Coaching

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 Classification

This is a good proposal - ONLY IF THE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS WILLING TO LET THE STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BE EXTENDED ONE DAY. School absence time over the past several years has become very limited for athletics. If the state board is going to direct the WVSAC to limit the number of teams in each classification to four and not let more students and schools participate in this experience than leave the current three class system.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2 1 Football

Good change.

Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2 Football

