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

~~AGENCY~~ West Virginia Secondary School Activities Comm TITLE NUMBER: 127

CITE AUTHORITY: \_\_\_\_\_

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL \_\_\_\_\_ INTERPRETIVE \_\_\_\_\_

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE \_\_\_\_\_  
CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X, NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 3

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Classification; Baseball;  
Football; Softball

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS July 20, 1992

Jim Hamrick /jc

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TITLE 127  
LEGISLATIVE RULES  
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

SERIES 3  
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

**\*09 §127-3-1. General**

- 1.1 Scope - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests.
- 1.2 Authority - WV Code 18-2-25
- 1.3 Filing Date -
- 1.4 Effective Date -
- 1.5 Repeal of Former Rule - Amends 10.2; 10.4; 20.3; 24.4 (c); 27.3

**\*09 §127-3-10. Classification.**

- 10.1 Classification of member high schools shall be determined every two year on the even number years. Such classification shall be based on the enrollment of grades 10-11-12 at the end of the second month of the odd numbered year preceding the reclassification. Such classification shall remain in effect for a two-year period.
- 10.2 Each member high school shall be classified as either AAA (3A), AA (2A), A (1A), based on the enrollment figures as described in subsection 10.1 above.
- 10.2 Each member high school shall be classified as either AAAA (4A), AAA (3A), AA (2A), A (1A), based on the enrollment figures as described in subsection 10.1. above.
- 10.3 A school may wish to compete in WVSSAC tournaments in a class higher than its enrollment in a given sport providing proper notification is made to the WVSSAC prior to April 1 of a new classification year. Approval of this option will be for a two year period.
- 10.4 The Board of Appeals may structure the WVSSAC Tournament series in each sport by classification -- AAA (3A), AA (2A), A (1A). Each sport will be structured according to the level of interest and accommodation for tournament alignment. Prior to any change of structure of any given sport, a survey of the membership must be conducted by WVSSAC.
- 10.4 The Board of Appeals may structure the WVSSAC Tournament series in each sport by classification -- AAAA (4A), AAA (3A), AA (2A), A (1A). Each sport will be structured according to the level of interest and accommodation for tournament alignment. Prior to any change of structure of any given sport, a survey of the membership must be conducted by WVSSAC.

**\*09 §127-3-20. Baseball.**

- 20.1 **Rules:** Baseball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided herein.
- 20.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 37.
- 20.3 **Length of Season:** The baseball season will end for each team ~~by tournament elimination~~ upon the completion of the State Tournament.
- 20.4. **Maximum Team Contests:** A baseball team will be permitted to play no more than 30 games exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contest.
- 20.5 **Scrimmages:** Two baseball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice; prior to the first game; without keeping score in a book or on a scoreboard; free substitution; using some format other than 3 outs per inning; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.
- 20.6 Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 days before participating in an interscholastic contest.
- 20.7 A student may not play or practice on a non-school baseball team while a member of his school team.
- 20.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

**\*09 §127-3-24 - Football**

24.1 Rules: Football rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.

24.2 Organized Team Practice: Organized team conditioning practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on the Friday of Week 8.

a. The Board of Appeals, upon written request, may grant permission for a football team to play its first game one day earlier if the playing field is used by more than one high school.

b. The following table establishes, for senior high school the first date pads with no live contact, first date to use pads with total contact, earliest date for scrimmage or Grid-O-Rama date for first contest and date season must be completed.

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Date Organized Practice</u>	<u>First Date Pads No Live Contact</u>	<u>First Date Live Contact Allowed</u>	<u>Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-O-Rama</u>	<u>Date Season Must Be Completed</u>
1991	Aug. 5	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	*Nov. 2
1992	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 14	Aug. 17	Nov. 7
1993	Aug. 2	Aug. 7	Aug. 13	Aug. 16	Nov. 6
1994	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Nov. 5
1995	July 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Nov. 4
1996	Aug. 5	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	Nov. 9
1997	Aug. 4	Aug. 9	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Nov. 8
1998	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 14	Aug. 17	Nov. 7

**\*Approved for 1991 only**

c. Individual players of a team must have practice on 14 days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

d. No football camps sponsored by a member school or by other school related organization where football coaching and instruction is given are permitted.

e. The use of football uniforms, protective equipment, tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are strictly prohibited during the conditioning program. However, during the DATE OF PADS NO LIVE CONTACT, the use of sleds, shields and blocking dummies will be allowed. The purpose of this period is to permit gradual adaptation of the players to carrying the weight of their pads and adjusting to temperature variation.

24.3 **Length of Season:** The football season will end for each team by Saturday of Week 18 or by play-off elimination.

24.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A football team will be permitted to play no more than 10 games exclusive of the play-off games.

- a. The total number of quarters for a player in one season is 40 exclusive of the play-off games.
- b. A player can only play 4 quarters in one day.
- c. ~~Participation in a quarter, regardless of time will be considered one quarter.~~
- c. Any player who participated in one or more downs in one quarter shall be charged with one quarter of play, except those downs in which the football teams are in a free kick formation, or the offensive team is in a scrimmage kick formation, as defined in the National Federation Football Rule 2-17-2, the down will not count as a down.
- d. Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter.
- e. Interscholastic practice game or games in which teams representing a member school play against alumni or other people shall not be allowed.

24.5 A football team is permitted to participate in a Grid-O-Rama and one (1) preseason scrimmage or two (2) preseason scrimmages with the following conditions:

1. Scrimmage:
  - (a) Not under game conditions
  - (b) Prior to the first game
  - (c) Admission may be charged
  - (d) Use of registered officials would not be a violation of the game conditions
2. Grid-O-Rama:
  - (e) All of the above
  - (f) Must be 3 or more teams
  - (g) Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two or four quarters of football time depending on what the coaches choose to play.

24.6 **Special Regulations:**

- a. All rules and regulations of these Bylaws pertaining to football are also applicable to six-man and eight-man football.
- b. Any member of a freshman team in a 4-year high school that plays in junior varsity or varsity contest (scrimmage, grid-o-rama or game) is ineligible to return to the freshman team.
- c. A student may not play or practice on a non-school football team while a member of his school team.

- 24.7 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the school year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event during non-school months.
- 24.8 The Board of Appeals is authorized to adopt a point rating system and overall procedure for determining a state champion in all classes.

**\*09 Section 127-3-27 - Softball**

- 27.1 **Rules:** Softball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided herein.
- 27.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 37.
- 27.3 **Length of Season:** The softball season will end for each team ~~by tournament elimination~~ upon the completion of the State Tournament.
- 27.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 30 games exclusive of sectional, regional and state contests.
- 27.5 **Scrimmages:** Two softball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice, prior to the first game; without keeping score in a book or on a scoreboard; free substitution; using some format other than 3 outs per inning; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.
- 27.6 Individual players of a team must have practiced 14 days before participating in an interscholastic contest.
- 27.7 A student may not play or practice on a non-school softball team while a member of his school team.
- 27.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET  
(Submit 4 copies)

HD NO \_\_\_\_\_ DRAFT NO \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT WVSSAC Rules FUND \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF REVENUE:  GENERAL  SPECIAL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON:  AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE  BUDGET BILL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON:  AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE  BUDGET BILL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND ITEM 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	\$			
CURRENT EXPENSES			\$	\$	\$
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

NO FISCAL IMPACT

IMPACTS  
FISCAL:

STATE STAFF:

DATE May 15, 1992

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Activities Commission

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TO: Jim Hamrick

AGENCY: Secondary School Activity Commission

FROM: JUDY COOPER, DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION

DATE: August 27, 1992

THE ATTACHED RULE RECENTLY FILED BY YOUR AGENCY HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM. PLEASE REVIEW, PROOF AND RETURN IT WITH ANY CORRECTIONS. IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS, PLEASE SIGN THIS MEMO AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE. YOU WILL BE SENT A FINAL VERSION OF THE RULE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PLEASE RETURN EITHER THE CORRECTED RULE OR THIS FORM WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS REQUEST. CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SERIES: 3 TITLE: 127 Secondary School Activity Commission

\* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND IS CORRECT.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* THE ATTACHED RULE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND NEEDS CORRECTING. THE CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED.

SIGNED: [Signature]

TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING: Admin. Asst.

DATE: Sept 2, 1992

NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT THE PERSON WHO HANDLES THIS RULE, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CORRECT PERSON.