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

AGENCY: Secondary Schools Activities Comm. TITLE NUMBER: 127

CITE AUTHORITY: §18-2

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

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

§29A-1-3

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X, NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 3

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Provisions Governing Contests

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 October 18, 1990

Judy Cooper
for SSAC

1990 Revision 6.2

*09 Section 127-3-6 - Coaches

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

~~6.2 - A member of a faculty shall be considered one who is a full-time teacher as defined by the West Virginia State Department of Education. A member of a faculty in one school may coach in another school in the same county only upon the approval of the said County Board of Education.~~

6.2 - A member of a faculty shall be considered one who is a full-time teacher as defined by the West Virginia State Department of Education. A member of a faculty in one school may coach in another school provided that it meets with the approval of the said County Board of Education or two different Boards of Education.

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

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

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

6.6 - The head coach shall be required to attend any sports rules clinic in his coaching assignment which is sponsored by this Commission. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic.

1988 - Revision Chart

*09 Section 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 schools 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.

# Year	First Date Organized Practice	First Date Pads No Live Contact	First Date Live Contact Allowed	Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-O- Rama	Date for First Contest	Date Season Must Be Completed
1988	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 26	Nov. 5
1989	Jul. 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25	Nov. 4
1990	Jul. 30	Aug. 4	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 24	Nov. 3
1991	Aug. 5	Aug. 10	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	Aug. 30	Nov. 9
1992	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 14	Aug. 17	Aug. 28	Nov. 7
1993	Aug. 2	Aug. 7	Aug. 13	Aug. 16	Aug. 27	Nov. 6
1994	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 26	Nov. 5

- 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.
 - 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) pre-season scrimmage or two (2) pre-season scrimmages with the following conditions:
1. Scrimmage:
 - (a) Not under game conditions
 - (b) Prior to the first game
 - (c) Admisson 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 quarters of football time.~~
 - # (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 a junior varsity or varsity contest (scrimmage, grid-o-rama or game) is ineligible to

- (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.

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- 24.9 The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:
- a. Organized team conditioning practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first game played during Week 10.
 - b. The following table establishes the first date for organized practice, the first date pads with no live contact, the first date for live contact, the date for first game and the date season must be completed.

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Date Organized Practice</u>	<u>First Date Pads No Live Contact</u>	<u>Date Live Contact Allowed Full Equip.</u>	<u>Date for First Game</u>	<u>Date Season Must Be Completed</u>
1987	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	week 10	Nov. 7
1988	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	week 10	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	week 10	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	week 10	Nov. 3
1991	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	week 10	Nov. 9
1992	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	week 10	Nov. 7
1993	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	week 10	Nov. 6
1994	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	week 10	Nov. 5

- c. The football season will end on Saturday of Week 18.
- d. Not more than 8 interscholastic football games shall be played.

- # 1989 Correction 127-3-24.9(i)
- # 1990 Revision 24.9(f)
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- e. The total number of quarters for a player in one season is 32.
- ~~f. No scrimmages are permitted; however, a scrimmage may be substituted for one of the allowable 8 interscholastic games.~~
- # f. A junior high school football team is allowed one preseason scrimmage under the following conditions:
 - (1) Scrimmage will not be played under game conditions.
 - (2) Scrimmage must be played prior to first game of regular season.
 - (3) Admission may be charged.
 - (4) Registered officials may be used.
- g. Junior High School football teams may be permitted to play overtime periods in County or League Playoffs or when advancement to finals must be determined during County or League Championship Playoffs. A maximum of 2 overtime periods will be permitted in accordance with the National Federation Football Rules 10 yard line overtime procedure.
- h. Junior High game ball: The football used involving only players in the eighth grade and below shall be the youth football. Games involving players of a combination seventh, eighth, and ninth graders may use the youth football by mutual agreement. Modification of the rule is listed in Rule 1-3-1, National Federation Football Rule Book.
- ## i. Length of Quarters: The maximum length of quarters for ninth grade teams shall be 10 minutes. For teams composed of students below the ninth grade, the length of quarters shall be 8 minutes. For team involving a combination seventh, eighth, and ninth graders shall be 10 minutes. If a team which includes ninth graders plays a team of only seventh and eighth graders the maximum length of quarter will 8 minutes.
- j. A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high school.

1990 Revision 27.4

*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.
- ~~27.4 Maximum Team Contests: A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 25 games exclusive of sectional, regional and state contests.~~
- # 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 WVSAC sanctioned events during the school year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in Rule 13. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event during non-school months.

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- 27.9 The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:
- a. Junior high teams may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission.
 - b. Scrimmages are not permitted.