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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. 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 July 6, 1989

1989 Revision 11.2, 11.4, 11.5

***09 Section 127-3-11 - Exchange of Eligibility Certificates**

11.1 - Eligibility certificates, furnished by the Executive Secretary, will be required at the beginning of the season of each sport approved by this Commission and prior to the first contest.

#11.2 - The principal will be responsible for the proper completion of the certificate including signatures and the mailing of said certificate to the Executive Secretary. Certificates are to be mailed to scheduled opponents only upon written request from said opponents.

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

#11.4 - At the beginning of the second semester the principal shall certify to the Executive Secretary the names of all students of the squad who are eligible to represent his school in basketball, volleyball, swimming, and wrestling during the second semester. Certificates are to be mailed to scheduled opponents only upon request from said opponents.

#11.5 - Additions to the squad shall be certified at once on an eligibility certificate to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Additions are to be mailed to scheduled opponents only upon written request from said opponents.

11.6 - Verification of student eligibility will be made by the principal. Birth certificates must be used to confirm a student's age. Questionable cases shall be approved by the Executive Secretary prior to participation.

11.7 - If a change is made in the record of age, number of semesters of attendance or semester credits from that which has previously appeared on an eligibility certificate, it must be reported to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and approved prior to participation.

11.8 - Failure to send the required eligibility certificate to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and to the scheduled opponents prior to the first contest shall render the offending school liable to a fine of \$25.00 payable to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Postmarked envelopes will be used to determine violators.

1988 Revision 21.5

***09 Section 127-3-21 - Basketball (Boys and Girls)**

- 21.1 **Rules:** Basketball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all inter-scholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.
- 21.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice for girls will begin on Monday of Week 7 and Monday of Week 20 for boys. The first contest for girls may be played on Wednesday of Week 9 and Tuesday of Week 24 for boys.
- 21.3 **Length of Season:** The boys and girls basketball season will end for each team at tournament elimination.
- 21.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 21 games if participating in a holiday tournament; otherwise the regular season will be 20. Sectional, regional and state tournament contests are not included in the above number.
- (a) The maximum number of quarters for a player in one season is 80 exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. However, if participating in a holiday tournament the limit will be 84.
 - (b) A player can play only 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) One alumni game may be played and not counted against the total number of games. The game must be a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of that school. This game may be played no earlier than the date specified for the first contest.
 - (f) A team may participate in one holiday tournament with no more than 4 teams and no more than 2 games played by each team. The game(s) played shall count as one game only in the team's regular schedule.

- #21.5 A high school basketball team is permitted to participate in a preview and a scrimmage or two scrimmage games 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
 - (e) After 7 days of practice

- # 1988 - Revision 21.9(g)
- # 1989 - Revision 21.9(a)

2. Preview:

- (f) All of the above
- (g) Must be 3 or more teams
- (h) Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two quarters of the basketball time.

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

21.7 A student may not play or practice on a non-school team while a member of his school team.

21.8 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.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

21.9 The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:

- # (a) Girls may begin practice on Monday of Week 8 and boys on Monday of Week 20. The first contest for girls will be played on Wednesday of Week 10 and Wednesday of Week 22 for boys.
- (b) The girls basketball season will end on Saturday of Week 20 and Saturday of Week 34 for boys.
- (c) Tournament play on the state level shall be prohibited.
- (d) Boys and girls basketball teams will be permitted to play no more than 20 games.
- (e) All junior high players may play a maximum of 80 quarters for one season.
- (f) Length of quarters for all grade levels of junior high basketball games will be 6 minutes.
- # (g) Scrimmages: Member junior high schools are permitted two basketball scrimmages with another school which shall be conducted with the following conditions: After seven days of practice, prior to the first game, free substitutions, not under game conditions, the use of registered officials would not be in violation of the game conditions, an admission fee may be charged.
- (h) A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high schools.

- (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.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- 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(1)

- e. The total number of quarters for a player in one season is 32.
 - f. No scrimmages are permitted; however, a scrimmage maybe substituted for one of the allowable 8 interscholastic games.
 - 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.
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- i. **Length of Quarters:** The maximum length of quarters for ninth grade teams shall be 9 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 quarters will 8 minutes.
 - j. A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high school.

1989 Addition 3.8(f)

- (c) In case of spectators physically molesting an official, coach, or player, the school may be given one of two options: 1) take action against the offender(s) or (2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC.
- (d) The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- (e) A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike actions if he makes degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating his dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he has a legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.
- # (f) A player or team attendant shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or their designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules. A coach shall not leave the bench area, team box, area or their designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules unless a player altercation is taking place and the official requests assistance. Violation of this rule shall cause the coach, participant, or team attendant to be immediately ejected from the contest, team penalized according to game or contest rules and that coach, player, or team attendant will not be eligible to participate in the next contest as outlined in Rules 127-4-2.3.

3.9 - Procedure - Unsportsmanship action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports the Executive Secretary and/or the Board of Appeals of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in **Section 127-1-8.6 and 8.7 and Section 127-1-12.2 and 12.3** of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with **Section 127-4**.

3.10 - The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of the Sportsmanship Rule:

- (a) **WARNING** A warning may be given by the Executive Secretary or Assistant Executive Secretary. It is official notice that an unexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanship action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.

- (b) **PROBATION** Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways. A school, coach, player, or team attendant on probation is being told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension. school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and all WVSSAC sponsored tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Secretary of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation. A stronger form of probation could provide that a school may not enter any competition toward sectional, regional, or state championship nor may the school enter any sanctioned events.
- (c) **FINE** A fine may be levied by the Executive Secretary. It may be levied in addition to a warning, probation, or suspension.
- (d) **SUSPENSION** A school suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

3.11 - **APPEALS** All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, players, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with Section 127-6.

#24. How do you compute grades if a student is taking three different courses in Vo-Tech school?

Answer: Each grade for the three courses will be considered in computing the average.

WVSSAC TRANSFER FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Shall be completed on any student transferring into your school zone from another school zone.

- B. All parts of this form will be completed on students transferring from one WVSSAC member school to another WVSSAC member school. Forms will not be completed on students promoted from one grade level to another unless there has been a subsequent change of school zones.
 - 1. **In-state transfer** - Section I, II, and III shall be completed by the "receiving school" and forwarded to the previously attended school. That school will complete Part IV and V and return within 10 days from date of postmark. Receiving Principal will then determine eligibility and forward a copy to WVSSAC.

 - 2. **Out-of-state transfer** - Receiving Principal shall complete Part I, II, and III and above and forward to previous school. If this school fails to respond within 10 days, the principal will grant or deny eligibility based on existing information and forward a copy to the WVSSAC.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

TRANSFER FORM

Section I (to be completed by school receiving transfer student)

- A. Principal _____
- B. School _____
- C. Address _____

Section II (to be completed by school receiving transfer student)

- A. Full name _____
- B. Address _____
- C. Is this your attendance zone? Yes _____ No _____
- D. Current Grade _____ E. Date of Birth _____ F. Current Age _____
- G. Place of Birth _____ H. Date Enrolled _____
- I. Name(s) of the head of household in which this student resides: _____
 _____ Relationship to student _____
 _____ Relationship to student _____
- J. Summary of sports participation (for 7th and 8th graders only)

Grade	School Year 19__ -19__	School Attended	Sports Participation		
			Fall	Winter	Spring
7th					

Section III Certification (to be completed by school receiving transfer student)

I certify that the above mentioned student has not transferred to my school for any athletic purpose or as a result of recruiting.

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

Section IV (to be completed by Principal of school from which student has transferred)

- A. Principal _____ Date _____
- B. School _____
- C. Address _____
- D. Telephone: Business () _____ Home () _____

Section V Certification (to be completed by Principal of school from which student has transferred)

I certify that the above mentioned student has not transferred from my school for athletic purposes or as a result of recruiting.

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

RETURN TO SENDING SCHOOL WITHIN 10 DAYS

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TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
COMMISSION

SERIES 3
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

§127-3-1. General.

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

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §18-2-25

1.3. Filing Date. -- August 4, 1988

1.4. Effective Date. -- August 4, 1988

§127-3-2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Principal.

2.1. The principal of each member school is recognized as the school representative and as such is accountable to the Commission for conduct of the athletic program of that school.

2.2. The principal shall have the duty of seeing that all the members of the school staff who deal with athletics and all student athletes are made aware and are required to adhere to the rules and regulations of this Commission. Failure of the principal in performing this responsibility will not prevent the Commission from enforcing said rules.

2.3. The principal shall have the authority to delegate some of his responsibilities or duties; however, such delegation shall not relieve said principal of the responsibility of any infraction of the rules and regulations of this Commission by the members of his staff.

2.4. The principal has the authority to designate a member of the faculty who must accompany each team away from home. Said principal may also appoint a substitute member of the faculty in cases where deemed necessary.

2.5. The principal is responsible for: providing adequate team and crowd control measures at all contests in which the school participates; assuring that the school's participants and fans conduct themselves in a proper manner; and also assuring that all visiting fans and officials are provided adequate protection at home games. In situations where contests are played on neutral sites, it will be the responsibility of both participating school principals. Penalties may be imposed upon either or both schools in these situations.

2.6. The principal has the right to exclude a contestant who, because of bad habits or improper conduct, would not represent his school in a becoming manner, a student who fails to maintain a satisfactory scholastic standing, or a student who has been excluded for a serious illness or injury until a physician has pronounced him physically fit

2.7. The principal will be responsible for signing all game contracts when necessary, seeking sanctioning of necessary events, and signing all certificates of eligibility prior to contestant participation.

2.8. The principal may designate his assistant principal or other faculty member to provide representation at a Board of Control meeting which is further explained in the Constitution.

2.9. The principal shall have such other powers as will encourage the growth, development and expansion of the athletic program for the welfare of the students, the school and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

2.10. The principal and vice-principal of each member school shall be allowed admittance to any West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission sponsored event. This admittance will be by

presentation of the WVSSAC Courtesy Card and a photo identification.

***09§127-3-3. Physical Examination - Parental Permission.**

3.1. A student shall not be permitted to engage in interscholastic practice or participate in an interscholastic contest until that student has filed with the principal a completed Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certificate Form. This form must be signed by all parties: student, parent(s), physician. Consent and approval for sport(s) in which a student is requesting participation must be approved by both parent and physician.

3.2. A physical examination must be given no earlier than June 20 for an upcoming year.

§127-3-4. All-Star Participation.

4.1. Students shall not, during their secondary school career, participate in any all-star competition, either of a team or individual character.

4.2. A student who participates in an all-star contest will be ineligible for three hundred sixty five (365) days from the date of such competition.

§127-3-5. Awards.

5.1. Only a member school or a school sponsoring a sanctioned event may give the following awards to a student or team: medal, trophy, cup, certificate, ribbon, plaque, unattached letter, unattached chevron or any similar award.

5.2. A student may accept on an individual or team basis the above specified awards in the following situations:

(a) from a member school for participation.

(b) in a sanctioned event.

(c) in a nonsanctioned event at any time in the following sports: cheerleading, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track or gymnastics.

(d) in a nonsanctioned event but not during the school sports-season for the following sports: football,

basketball, volleyball, wrestling, baseball, softball or soccer.

5.3. A student may not receive the following awards from any source:

(a) Wearing apparel - sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.

(b) Equipment - radio, televisions, etc.

(c) Athletic goods - batons, tennis rackets, bats, golf bag, tennis or golf balls, etc.

(d) Money - (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are exempted).

5.4. Purchase of an item as mentioned in subsection 5.3. above whereby any portion is donated by a school, booster club, auxiliary agency or any other group or organization is prohibited.

5.5. Nothing in this awards rule shall be interpreted to affect the recognition of scholarship or scholastic achievements.

§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.

6.3. 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.

§127-3-7. Camps - Out-of-Season Coaching.

Philosophy

Students should have the opportunity to engage voluntarily in school sponsored sports activities provided that the student is eligible, that such activities do not conflict with the principles of wholesome amateur athletics. The WVSSAC wishes to enhance that opportunity while at the same time discouraging the exploitation of student athletes by overzealous individuals and organizations who attempt to impose an obligation or pressure on the student-athlete. There has been growing evidence of commercialism and specialization of secondary school athletes. Experience has revealed that such occurrences tend to divide the allegiance of students, undermine their respect for coaches and officials, and encourage the type of adulation which gives students an exaggerated sense of importance of their own athletic prowess. Rather, athletic participation should be used for the pleasure and satisfaction that is derived from athletic competition in a variety of experiences.

7.1. School-organized out-of-season practice or school-organized summer camps shall not be permitted.

7.2. A coach or surrogate may not be present as an observer, lecture participant, staff member, or in any capacity at any summer camp where the number of his athletes (students who would be under his supervision the next season in that sport) exceeds fifty

percent (50%) of the number of persons designated as the starting line-up or cheerleading squad (i.e. basketball-two or less; football-five or less; wrestling- six or less; baseball- four or less; etc.). Nor may a school or related organization be involved in fund raising projects to subsidize student attendance at or in camps.

7.3. A coach or surrogate shall not work with individuals in any form of drills or practice of his coaching assignment except during those dates specified as the season for that specific sport.

7.4. Students throughout the school year who are not participating in a school's athletic program may voluntarily participate in an off season conditioning program subject to the following provisions:

(a) Participation in the program must be open to all students enrolled in school.

(b) Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.

(c) Participants will provide their own clothing (sweatsuit, shoe etc.).

(d) Activities will be limited to running, weight training, and stretching exercises. Agility drills that do not involve specific skills of a given sport are permitted.

(e) Specific equipment pertaining to a given sport may not be used. This includes such items as footballs, basketballs, volleyballls, wrestling mats, discus, etc.

(f) In those cases where schools schedule all athletes into the last period of the school day, the guidelines in items (c), (d), and (e) shall apply unless the class is considered a part of the physical education program and credit is given. There shall be no teaching of sport specific skills taught in this case unless those same skills and course of study are taught in all physical education classes at this same time of the school year.

7.5. Coaches may not promote, initiate, organize, supervise, or participate in out-of-season events involving athletes of the same sport as their coaching assignment. An exception to the above is where the local Board of Education or other agency employs and remunerates the coach at least minimum wage to or-

ganize and/or supervise a recreation program for youth. However, this type assignment must be recreational in nature, include a variety of activities, and comprise no coaching or instruction of that same sport as his school coaching assignment. In addition to the above, gymnasiums or facilities opened for recreational activities must use the following guidelines:

(a) The gymnasium or field is open to all students for participation.

(b) A variety of activities is available to students and is not limited to one (1) sport or activity on a given day.

(c) Supervisor or director must be paid a minimum wage.

(d) There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and technique in any sport.

(e) Comparable opportunities are provided both sexes.

(f) Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.

The school administration assumes the responsibility for making certain that there is adherence to these guidelines.

§127-3-8. Forfeit and Restitution.

8.1. When a student is declared ineligible subsequent to his competing as an individual, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken by the WVSSAC, said student's performance shall be stricken from the records and the points he contributed to the team total deleted. The team standings will be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned.

8.2. When a student is declared ineligible subsequent to representing his school in team competition, or a penalty has been imposed by the WVSSAC, the contest(s) shall be forfeited. The team standing in the final standing will be adjusted, and the team awards and the ineligible student's awards shall be returned.

8.3. If a team or individual leaves the field or court in protest, the contest is forfeited and the school must appear before the Executive Secretary to indicate

why additional action should not be taken.

8.4. If a coach is ejected from a contest and an assistant coach or assigned school representative is not available to continue as coach, the contest is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

8.5. If a student is ineligible according to WVSSAC rules but is permitted to participate in interschool competition contrary to such WVSSAC rules but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction and said order or injunction is subsequently vacated, stayed, reversed or finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is/was not justified, any one of the following actions may be taken in the interest of fairness or restitution to the competing schools:

(a) Require that individual or team and performance records achieved during participation by such ineligible student shall be vacated or stricken.

(b) Require that team or individual victories shall be forfeited to opponent(s).

(c) Require that team or individual awards earned by such individual or team be returned to the Commission.

§127-3-9. Game Officials (Does not apply to cheerleaders).

9.1. To improve athletic officiating and to secure acceptance of standard interpretations of rules and application of officiating techniques, a game officials registration plan shall be established by the Board of Appeals. Officials used in interscholastic games and contests played in West Virginia must be registered with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, except in case of emergency Section 9.4 may be invoked.

9.2. Officials for interscholastic contests shall be mutually agreed upon by the competing schools at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled date of contest. Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools shall not officiate at the contest unless the consent of all competing schools is given.

9.3. The visiting school is responsible for selection of game officials to the extent that selection is made possible by mutual agreement. The initiative is placed upon the host school by the rules. However, if

names are not submitted in accordance with the rules, the visiting school should take steps to secure agreement upon satisfactory officials.

9.4. The Executive Secretary shall be empowered to authorize the use of non-registered officials for athletic contests where registered officials are not available and schools threaten the cancellation of said scheduled athletic contests.

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

9.6. The Executive Secretary shall have the power to penalize for violations of these rules. Any official penalized under these rules shall have the right of appeal to the WVSSAC Board of Appeals. The Executive Secretary shall inform fully a penalized official of his appeal rights.

The Official Shall:

(a) #Attend a state WVSSAC sponsored clinic in the sport for which he or she is registered.

(b) ##Attend four (4) local rules meetings.

(c) ##Take Part 1 and 2 National Federation Rules Examinations in the sports where specified.

(d) Abstain from intoxicating beverages on the day of the contest he is to officiate prior to, during, and after in the vicinity of the playing area of the contest.

(e) Abstain from the use of illegal drugs.

(f) Be fair, impartial, unbiased, professional, and competent in his officiating.

(g) Be in and maintain proper physical and mental condition; dress and appearance must be appropriate.

(h) Be at the site of the contest in adequate time to care for necessary pre-contest duties or as specified

in the National Federation Rules.

(i) Maintain self-control under all conditions.

(j) Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, play game situation, or fellow official.

(k) Conduct the game so as to enlist the cooperation of players, coaches, and spectators in the interest of good sportsmanship.

(l) Shall comply with any WVSSAC Rule, Regulation, Constitution, or Directive, and particularly those regulations pertaining to filing Special Reports and Official Ratings of Schools.

(m) Shall honor all existing officiating contracts with member schools unless a valid reason is presented and accepted by the involved schools. Accepting a game involving a higher level of competition is not a valid reason.

(n) Shall comply with local board rules as set forth in board constitution.

#1 Suspension will be for current year.

##2,3 Suspension will be following year.

§127-3-10. Classification.

10.1. Classification of member high schools shall be determined every two (2) years 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 (2) year period.

10.2. Each member high school shall be classified as either AAA, AA, A 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 (2) year period.

10.4. The Board of Appeals may structure the WVSSAC tournament series in each sport by classification (AAA-AA-A). Each sport will be structured ac-

ording 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.

§127-3-11. Exchange of Eligibility Certificates.

11.1. Eligibility certificates, furnished by the Executive Secretary, will be required at the beginning of the season of each sport approved by this Commission and prior to the first contest.

11.2. The principal will be responsible for the proper completion of the certificate including signatures and the mailing to all scheduled opponents and to the Executive Secretary. Certificates shall include only proper names as shown on a permanent record and not nicknames.

11.3. The names of the players on all junior high school teams and teams from the ninth (9th) grade of the four (4) year high school and seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) of a six (6) year high school shall be submitted on the master eligibility certificate prepared for use by the junior high school.

11.4. At the beginning of the second semester the principal shall certify to all scheduled remaining opponents and the Executive Secretary the names of all students of the squad who are eligible to represent his school in basketball, volleyball, swimming and wrestling during the second semester.

11.5. Additions to the squad shall be certified at once on an eligibility certificate to both the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and the remaining opponents on the schedule.

11.6. Verification of student eligibility will be made by the principal. Birth certificates must be used to confirm a student's age. Questionable cases shall be approved by the Executive Secretary prior to participation.

11.7. If a change is made in the record of age, number of semesters of attendance or semester credits from that which has previously appeared on an eligibility certificate, it must be reported to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission and approved prior to participation.

11.8. Failure to send the required eligibility certificate to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities

Commission and to the scheduled opponents prior to the first contest shall render the offending school liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Postmarked envelopes will be used to determine violators.

§127-3-12. Legal Opponents.

12.1. Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate in any interscholastic athletic contest, meet or tournament with any West Virginia public or parochial secondary school which is not a member of this Commission.

12.2. Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate against any public, private or parochial secondary school whose status has not been recognized by that group's governing body.

12.3. Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate against those schools that have been placed under a specified sanction. This would include either member schools or out-of-state schools.

12.4. Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate against non-school teams with the exception of that provision provided for member high schools against that school's alumni team in basketball.

§127-3-13. Contracts. (Does not apply to cheerleaders.)

13.1. It is recommended that contracts of games for all interscholastic contests be prepared in duplicate. Contract forms are furnished by the WVSSAC office. These should include specific dates, financial guarantee provisions, adequate forfeiture stipulations, and all other items listed on the contract.

13.2. In order for a contract to be binding, it must be signed by the principal or his designate from both schools.

13.3. Contracts may be cancelled in the following situations:

(a) If both principals or designates fail to sign the contract.

(b) If one (1) of the two (2) schools is forced to suspend its school schedule.

(c) If one (1) school fails to return the signed contract to the other school within thirty (30) days.

(d) If there is mutual consent of the two (2) parties of the contract.

(e) If the Board of Appeals annuls a contract when it deems such action necessary for the furtherance of interscholastic athletics in West Virginia or if provisions of the contract are contrary to the rules of the Commission.

13.4. Athletic contracts made by the principal are considered binding on his successor.

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

§127-3-14. Definition of a Game or Contest.

14.1. One (1) or more of the following factors usually are present in a game or contest, any of which will serve to determine a game or contest: (a) previous agreement; (b) advertisement; (c) score and/or time kept; (d) spectators present; (e) regulation or modified rules used; (f) coverage appearing in local media; (g) sufficient number of players to form teams; (h) admission charged; (i) contest officiated.

§127-3-15. Sunday Contests.

15.1. Member schools of the WVSSAC shall not engage in any contest, meet or tournament on Sunday. This rule shall also apply to Sunday practice. However, in case of emergency, State Tournament baseball and softball games may be played on Sunday after 1:00 p.m.

15.2. Sunday practice shall be defined as any squad, group or individual meeting to view films, hold shooting practice, or any other activity associated with the activity of that season.

§127-3-16. Sports Rules - Game Protests.

16.1. The current edition of official High School Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations will be the official rules used in contests, meets, and tournaments played by members of this Commission. The Board of Appeals may modify such rules as also provided by the National Federation of State High School Associations. In this case, the rules of the Board of Appeals as published in special bulletins or The Interscholastic shall apply.

16.2. In the absence of published National Federation rules, the Board of Appeals may authorize competition under prevailing rules and regulations as modified for amateur competition.

16.3. The protest of a game will not be allowed by the Board of Appeals when it is based on judgement decision of the part of an official or even a misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules.

16.4. As the rules of this Commission do not give the Board of Appeals authority to order games replayed, protest arising from decisions of officials will not be considered.

§127-3-17. Sanctioning and Travel.

17.1. A member school shall not enter an event which requires sanctioning until it is approved.

17.2. All applications for sanctioning must be submitted to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission thirty (30) days prior to the event with the exception of international events.

17.3. Events requiring National Federation approval are:

(a) Any interstate event in which four (4) or more schools participate (any school from a non-neighboring state)

(b) Any interstate event which involves schools from three (3) or more state high school associations and any one of them does not border on the state of the sponsoring school.

(c) Any international event, except competition with Canadian high schools, must be sanctioned and submitted sixty (60) days prior to the event.

17.4. Bordering state events requiring approval are:

(a) Any interstate event in which four or more schools participate. (all schools from neighboring states)

(b) Any interstate event which involves schools from three (3) or more state high school associations.

17.5. Intrastate events requiring approval are:

(a) An event with four (4) or more schools participating and awards given.

(b) Any event where awards are given.

17.6. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may assess a fine and/or other penalties against the participating school for violations of the sanction provisions.

17.7. A member school shall not enter an event that involves travel of more than six hundred (600) miles round trip unless it occurs on days when school is not in session. However, sanctioning from the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission must be granted.

§127-3-18. State Championships.

18.1. Participation in sectional, regional and state tournaments sponsored by this Commission and directed by the Board of Appeals, shall be limited exclusively to members of this Commission.

18.2. The Board of Appeals may divide the state into sections and regions for the purpose of determining championships in the sports sponsored by this Commission. The Board of Appeals shall have charge of directing and making necessary arrangements for tournaments, meets and contests leading to and including state championships. However, the principals of involved schools will be consulted and given the opportunity to participate in the alignment of schools for sectional and regional tournaments.

18.3. The Board of Appeals shall have general control over sectional tournaments. The detailed management of these sectional tournaments, however, shall be under the control of the schools assigned to each respective section.

18.4. All net earnings from tournaments conducted under the supervision of the Board of Appeals shall be turned over to the Commission unless otherwise specified by the Board of Control. Sectional or Regional assessments may be charged to cover the cost of a tournament trophy furnished by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

18.5. The Board of Appeals may approve participation by member junior high schools in county, league or conference tournament. Tournament play on the state level for member junior high schools shall be prohibited.

§127-3-19. Season Regulations.

19.1. The National Federation standardized calendar shall be used to schedule all activities sponsored by this Commission. Each sport season shall have established beginning and ending date for practice and interscholastic contests which will be based on a standardized calendar of numbered weeks so the length of each season will be consistent from year to year.

§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.

20.4. Maximum Team Contests: A baseball team will be permitted to play no more than thirty (30) games exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contest.

20.5. Scrimmages: Two (2) baseball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (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 three (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 prac-

ticed on fourteen (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.

§127-3-21. Basketball (Boys and Girls).

21.1. Rules: Basketball 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.

21.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice for girls will begin on Monday of Week 7 and Monday of Week 20 for boys. The first contest for girls may be played on Wednesday of Week 9 and Tuesday of Week 24 for boys.

21.3. Length of Season: The boys and girls basketball season will end for each team at tournament elimination.

21.4. Maximum Team Contests: A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than twenty-one (21) games if participating in a holiday tournament; otherwise the regular season will be twenty (20). Sectional, regional and state tournament contests are not included in the above number.

(a) The maximum number of quarters for a player in one (1) season is eighty (80) exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. However, if participating in a holiday tournament the limit will be eighty-four (84).

(b) A player can play only four (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) One alumni game may be played and not counted against the total number of games. The game must be a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of that school. This game may be played no earlier than the date specified for the first contest.

(f) A team may participate in one holiday tournament with no more than four (4) teams and no more than two (2) games played by each team. The game(s) played shall count as one (1) game only in the team's regular schedule.

21.5. A high school basketball team is permitted to participate in a preview and a scrimmage or two (2) scrimmage games 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

(e) After seven (7) days of practice

2. Preview:

(f) All of the above

(g) Must be three (3) or more teams

(h) Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two (2) quarters of the basketball time.

21.6. Individual players of a team must have practice on fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

21.7. A student may not play or practice on a non-school team while a member of his school team.

21.8. 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.

Junior High Schools

21.9. The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Girls may begin practice on Monday of Week 8 and boys on Monday of Week 20. The first contest for girls will be played on Wednesday of Week 10 and Wednesday of Week 24 for boys.

(b) The girls basketball season will end on Saturday of Week 20 and Saturday of Week 34 for boys.

(c) Tournament play on the state level shall be prohibited.

(d) Boys and girls basketball teams will be permitted to play no more than twenty (20) games.

(e) All junior high players may play a maximum of eighty (80) quarters for one (1) season.

(f) Length of quarters for all grade levels of junior high basketball games will be six (6) minutes.

(g) Scrimmages: Member junior high schools are permitted two (2) basketball scrimmages with another school which shall be conducted with the following conditions: After seven (7) days of practice, prior to the first game, free substitutions, not under game conditions, the use of registered officials would not be in violation of the game conditions, an admission fee may be charged.

(h) A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high schools.

§127-3-22. Cheerleading.

22.1. Rules: Cheerleading rules established by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission will be used as the official rules for all interscholastic competition and regular season contests.

22.2. Organized Practice: Organized squad practice will begin on Monday of Week 5.

22.3. Length of Season: The cheerleading season will end on the last day of the school term.

22.4. Individual members of a squad must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic activity.

22.5. A student may accept awards in West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

§127-3-23. Cross Country (Boys and Girls).

23.1. Rules: Cross Country 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.

23.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first meet may be held on Wednesday of Week 9.

23.3. Length of Season: The Cross Country season will end for each team or individual at tournament elimination.

23.4. Maximum Team Contests: No Limit.

23.5. Scrimmages: Not permitted

23.6. Individual players of a team must have practiced on fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

23.7. A student may accept awards in WVSSAC sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

§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 (1) day earlier if the playing field is used by more than one (1) 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. (See Table 127-3A found at the end of this regulation.)

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

(d) Football camp sponsored by a member school or by a school related organization where football coaching and instruction is given is not 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 ten (10) games exclusive of the playoff games.

(a) The total number of quarters for a player in one season is forty (40) exclusive of the play-off games.

(b) A player can only play four (4) quarters in one (1) 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) 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 three (3) or more teams

(g) Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two (2) quarters of football time.

24.6. Special Regulations:

(a) All rules and regulations of these By-laws pertaining to football are also applicable to six (6) man and eight (8) man football.

(b) Any member of a freshman team in a four (4) year high school that plays in a 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 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 awards in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

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.

Junior High Schools

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. (See Table 127-3B found at the end of this regulation.)

(c) The football season will end on Saturday of Week 18.

(d) Not more than eight (8) interscholastic football games shall be played.

(e) The total number of quarters for a player in one (1) season is thirty-two (32).

(f) Scrimmages are not permitted; however, a scrimmage may be substituted for one (1) of the allowable eight (8) interscholastic games.

(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 two (2) overtime periods will be permitted in accordance with the National Federation Football Rules ten (10) yard line overtime procedure.

(h) Junior High game ball: The football used involving only players in the eighth (8th) grade and below shall be the youth football. Games involving players of a combination seventh (7th), eighth (8th), and ninth (9th) 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 (9th) grade teams shall be ten (10) minutes. For teams composed of students below the ninth (9th) grade, the length of quarters shall be eight (8) minutes. For teams involving a combination of seventh (7th), eighth (8th), ninth (9th) graders length of quarters shall be nine (9) minutes. If a team which includes ninth (9th) graders plays a team of only seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders, the maximum length of quarters will be eight (8) minutes.

(j) A ninth grade team in a high school program

will follow the rules provided for junior high school.

§127-3-25. Golf (Boys and Girls).

25.1. Rules: Golf rules published by the United States Golf Association are the official rules for all interscholastic competition except when local rules prevail.

25.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on any day after the opening of practice.

25.3. Length of Season: The golf season will end for each team or individual at tournament elimination.

25.4. Maximum Team Contests: A golf team will be permitted to play no more than eighteen (18) matches exclusive of regional and state tournament contests. Each interscholastic contest counts as one, whether it is nine (9) or eighteen (18) holes, and regardless of number of opponents.

25.5. Scrimmages: Not permitted.

25.6. A student may accept awards in WVSSAC sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

Junior High Golf

25.7. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high teams are permitted to play no more than fourteen (14) matches.

(b) There shall be one (1) season for golf in junior high school either fall or spring; however, the season selected shall be no longer than ten (10) weeks.

§127-3-26. Soccer.

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

26.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized Team

Practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 9.

26.3. Length of Season: The soccer season will end for each team at tournament elimination or the Saturday prior to the play off competition.

26.4. Maximum Team Contest: A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than eighteen (18) matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

(a) The maximum number of halves for a player in one (1) season will be thirty-six (36), exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

(b) A player shall not be permitted to participate in more than two (2) halves during any one (1) day. Any part of a half counts as one half. In an overtime game, the overtime shall be considered an extension of the second half.

26.5. Scrimmages: Two (2) soccer scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (7) days of practice; prior to the first game; without keeping score in a book or on a scoreboard; using some format other than halves; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.

26.6. Individual players of a team must have practiced on fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

26.7. A student may not play or practice on a non-school soccer team while a member of his school team.

26.8. 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 award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

§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 by Commission modification.

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 at tournament elimination.

27.4. Maximum Team Contests: A softball team will be permitted to play no more than twenty-five (25) games exclusive of sectional, regional and state contests.

27.5. Scrimmages: Two (2) softball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (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 three (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 fourteen (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 award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

Junior High Schools

27.9. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high teams may play eighteen (18) games including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

(b) Scrimmages are not permitted.

§127-3-28. Swimming (Boys and Girls).

28.1. Rules: Swimming 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.

28.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 18 and the first contest may be on Wednesday of Week 20.

28.3. Length of Season: The swimming season will end Saturday of Week 34.

28.4. Maximum Team Contests: A swimming team will be permitted sixteen (16) contests exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

28.5. Scrimmages: Not permitted.

28.6. Individual members of a team must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

28.7. A student may accept awards in WVSSAC sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

§127-3-29. Tennis (Boys and Girls).

29.1. Rules: Tennis rules published by the United States Tennis Association are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.

29.2. 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.

29.3. Length of Season: The tennis season will end for each team or individual at tournament elimination.

29.4. Maximum Team Contests: A tennis team will be permitted twenty-two (22) matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

29.5. Scrimmages: Two (2) tennis scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (7) days of practice; prior to the first match; no team score is kept; players may be switched between singles and doubles at the discretion of the coaches.

29.6. Individual members of a team must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

29.7. A student may accept awards in WVSSAC

sanctioned events or non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

Junior High Schools

29.8. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high teams will be permitted sixteen (16) matches.

(b) Scrimmages are not permitted.

(c) There shall be one season for tennis in junior high school either fall or spring; however, the season selected shall be no longer than 12 weeks.

§127-3-30. Track and Field (Boys and Girls).

30.1. Rules: Track and Field 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.

30.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be on Wednesday of Week 37.

30.3. Length of Season: The track and field season will end with the State Finals on Saturday of Week 47.

30.4. Maximum Team Contests: A track and field team will be permitted sixteen (16) meets exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

30.5. Participation Limitations: Maximum of four (4) events per participant per meet.

30.6. Scrimmages: Not permitted.

30.7. Individual members of a team must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

30.8. A student may accept awards in WVSSAC sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

Junior High Schools

30.9. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high teams will be permitted fourteen (14) meets and only two (2) meets per week.

(b) Participation limitation: Ninth (9th) grade students may compete in a maximum of four (4) events, of which only three (3) may be running events including relays. Seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade students may compete in a maximum of three (3) events.

§127-3-31. Volleyball (Girls).

31.1. Rules: Volleyball 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.

31.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 22 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 24.

31.3. Length of Season: The volleyball season will end for each team by tournament elimination.

31.4. Maximum Team Contest: A volleyball team will be permitted twenty-two (22) matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one (1). Matches in which five (5) or more schools participate count as two (2).

31.5. In dual competition a player may participate in a maximum of three (3) games against the same opponent.

31.6. Scrimmages: Two (2) volleyball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (7) days of practice; prior to the first game; no score kept; free substitution; time outs are permitted; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.

31.7. Individual members of a team must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an interscholastic contest.

31.8. 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 award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

Junior High Schools

31.9. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high teams will be permitted sixteen (16) matches.

(b) Scrimmages are not permitted.

(c) There shall be one twelve (12) week season for volleyball in junior high schools. The season may start on Monday of week 22 and must be completed by Saturday of week 38.

§127-3-32. Wrestling (Boys).

32.1. Rules: Wrestling 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.

32.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 20 and the first contest may be held on Wednesday of Week 22.

32.3. Length of Season: The wrestling season will end for each team or individual at tournament elimination.

32.4. Maximum Team Contest: A wrestling team will be permitted to have sixteen (16) matches exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one (1). Matches in which five (5) or more schools participate count as two (2).

32.5. Scrimmages: Two (2) wrestling scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after seven (7) days of practice; prior to the first match; no score kept; some format other than used in regular season contests; the use of registered officials would not be a violation.

32.6. Individual members of a team must have practiced fourteen (14) days before participating in an

interscholastic contest.

32.7. 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 award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

Junior High Schools

32.8. The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

(a) Junior high school teams will be permitted fourteen (14) matches.

(b) Scrimmages are not permitted.

Table 127-3A

Year	First Date Organized Practice	First Date Pads No Live Contact	First Date Live Contact Allowed
1988	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 12
1989	Jul. 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 11
1990	Jul. 30	Aug. 4	Aug. 10
1991	Aug. 5	Aug. 10	Aug. 16
1992	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 14
1993	Aug. 2	Aug. 7	Aug. 13
1994	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 12

Year	Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-O-Rama	Date For First Contest	Date Season Must Be Completed
1988	Aug. 15	Aug. 26	Nov. 5
1989	Aug. 14	Aug. 25	Nov. 4
1990	Aug. 13	Aug. 24	Nov. 3
1991	Aug. 19	Aug. 30	Nov. 9
1992	Aug. 17	Aug. 28	Nov. 7
1993	Aug. 16	Aug. 27	Nov. 6
1994	Aug. 15	Aug. 26	Nov. 5

Table 127-3B

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Date Organized Practice</u>	<u>First Date Pads No Live Contact</u>	<u>Date Live Contact Allowed Full Equipment</u>
1987	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24
1988	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22
1989	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21
1990	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20
1991	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26
1992	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24
1993	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23
1994	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date For First Game</u>	<u>Date Season Must Be Completed</u>
1987	week 10	Nov. 7
1988	week 10	Nov. 5
1989	week 10	Nov. 4
1990	week 10	Nov. 3
1991	week 10	Nov. 9
1992	week 10	Nov. 7
1993	week 10	Nov. 6
1994	week 10	Nov. 5