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**NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TITLE NUMBER: 127

COMMISSION  
RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE RULES; CITE AUTHORITY WV CODE 18-2-25

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 09-127-3-3 (3.2)

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION-PARENTAL PERMISSION

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

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON JUNE 14, 1994 AT 5:00 PM

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

WVSSAC

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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

TITLE 127  
LEGISLATIVE RULES  
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SERIES 3  
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

**\*09 SECTION 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** - July 1, 1987
- 1.5 **Revision of Current Rule**

**Proposal 9**

Amend \*09 §127-3-3 - **Physical Examination - Parental Permission** - (pg. 34) as follows:

3.2 A physical examination must be given no earlier than ~~June 20~~ June 1 for an upcoming year.

**\*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~~ June 1 for an upcoming year.

**Rationale:**

The June 1 date will allow flexibility for doctors and medical staff to give physicals 20 days earlier. The annual physicals will be in effect from June 1 through the next school year

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**Proposal 10**

Amend \*09 §127-3-21 - Basketball (Boys and Girls) - (pg. 55) as follows:

21.9 (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.~~ Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

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

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- 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. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.~~
- (h) A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high schools.

**Rationale:**

This proposal makes the sport consistent at the Junior High School level. Junior High programs are modified from high school programs. The change also allows one scrimmage for Junior High sports, again making it consistent with all other Junior High sports.

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- 1.5 **Addition To Current Rule**

**Proposal II**

Amend \*09 §127-3-26 - Soccer - (pg. 63) by adding the following:

Junior High Schools

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

- (a) Junior high teams may play 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Monday of Week 10.
- (c) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.
- (d) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

**\*09 §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 5 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 8.
- 26.3 **Length of Season:** The soccer season will end for each team at tournament elimination or the Saturday prior to the playoff competition.
- 26.4 **Maximum Team Contest:** A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than 18 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

- (a) The maximum number of halves for a player in one season will be 36, exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.
  - (b) A player shall not be permitted to participate in more than two halves during any one 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 soccer 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; 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 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.

#### Junior High Schools

- 26.9 The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:
- (a) Junior high teams may play 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
  - (b) Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Monday of Week 10.
  - (c) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.
  - (d) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

#### **Rationale:**

This proposal makes the sport consistent at the Junior High School level. Junior High programs are modified from high school programs. The change also allows one scrimmage for Junior High sports, again making it consistent with all other Junior High sports.

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**Proposal 12**

Amend \*09 §127-3-27 - **Softball** - (pg. 64) as follows:

- 27.9 (b). ~~Scrimmages not permitted.~~ Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.
- (c) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

**\*09 §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 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.

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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 School Activities Commission.
- b. ~~Scrimmages not permitted.~~ Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.
- (c) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

### Rationale:

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**Proposal 13**

Amend \*09 §127-3-29 - **Tennis (Boys and Girls)**, (pg. 66) as follows:

- 29.8 (a) Junior high teams ~~will be permitted~~ may play 16 matches. including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) ~~Scrimmages are not permitted.~~ Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

**\*09 §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 22 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.
- 29.5 **Scrimmages:** Two tennis scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 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 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 rules.

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

- (a) Junior high teams ~~will be permitted~~ may play 16 matches, including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) ~~Scrimmages are not permitted.~~ Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.
- (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.

### **Rationale:**

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**Proposal 14**

Amend \*09 §127-3-32 - **Wrestling (Boys)** - (pg. 69) - as follows:

- 32.8 (a) Junior high school teams ~~will be permitted~~ may have 14 matches- including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) ~~Scrimmages are not permitted.~~ Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.
- (c) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 33.

**\*09 §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 played 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 16 matches exclusive of regional and state tournaments.  
  
Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one. Matches in which five or more schools participate count as two.
- 32.5 **Scrimmages:** Two wrestling scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice; prior to the first game; 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 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.

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  - (c) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 33.

#### Rationale:

This proposal makes the sport consistent at the Junior High School level. Junior High programs are modified from high school programs. The change also allows one scrimmage for Junior High sports, again making it consistent with all other Junior High sports.