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

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 127

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

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

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE X

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

W. Va. Code §§ 29A-3B-1, et seq.; W. Va. Board of Education  
v. Hechler, 180 W. Va. 451; 376 S.E.2d 839 (1988).

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

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 3

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Provisions Governing Contests

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

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

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 11, 2006.

  
Jack McClanahan  
Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY NUMBER AND TITLE:** West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Series 2, Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility and Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests  
Proposed Changes in Rules and Regulations

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND**

The majority of public and most private schools in West Virginia belong to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Each year, the principals of member schools submit revisions to the rules and regulations. The submitted proposals are presented and voted upon at the annual Board of Control meeting. Any approved changes are then submitted to the West Virginia State Board of Education for its review and approval.

**PURPOSE**

These amendments are brought forth to keep the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission current and updated on changes, trends and issues in the band and athletic programs.

These proposals were distributed for public comment in May and June. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission will present to the Board the comments received for its review at the June meeting.

The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission staff, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Board of Control respectfully request that the proposed rule changes to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission Rules and Regulations Handbook be approved.

**CONTENT**

Twelve proposals are being submitted to the State Board by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Each rule change is presented with the whole rule being included. This will help the State Board members understand the significance of the rule change.

The following is a brief summary of the effect of each proposal:

1. Present rule would exclude WV Schools for Deaf and Blind. (Vote: Yes-145 No-2)
2. To allow vocational administrators to attend events with courtesy cards. (Vote: Yes-114 No-33)
3. To insure administrators gain admittance to events with courtesy cards. (Vote: Yes-147 No-0)
4. To allow for more flexibility in scheduling during the summer and allow coaches of sports other than football and basketball to attend summer camps at colleges and universities. (Vote: Yes-97 No-54)

5. To allow for more flexibility in scheduling during the summer and allow coaches of sports other than football and basketball to attend summer camps at colleges and universities. (Vote: Yes-118 No-33)
6. To allow schools in the smallest classification to compete for state champions in basketball and football against teams with whom they are on equal footing. (Vote: Yes-96 No-55)
7. To lessen size differential within each class.
8. To promote safety of student athletes by limiting their participation in all high school sports. (Vote: Yes-133 No-2)
9. Emergency rule passed for 2005-06. (Vote: Yes-140 No-0)
10. To allow high schools flexibility in scheduling 1st contest. (Vote: Yes-139 No-2)
11. To promote safety of student athletes by limiting their participation in all high school sports. (Vote: Yes-135 No-0)
12. To allow more time for mandatory practices without practicing all holiday break. (Vote: Yes-125 No-7)

## **IMPACT**

### **Instruction**

None

### **Leadership**

None

### **Financial**

None

### **Administrative**

None

**ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS, PRINCIPALS, AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS WILL NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE CHANGES IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER THEIR SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES. THERE IS NO MAJOR CHANGE THAT WOULD IMPACT ADMINISTRATION NEGATIVELY.**

**WVSSAC**  
**Rules and Regulations Handbook**  
**2006-07 Proposed Rule Changes and Public Comment Summary**

**Proposal 1 (Passed 145-2)**

**Amend 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership (pg. 16) as follows:**

- 3.10. Boarding students at member schools, with the exception of students at the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind, are not eligible. (Definition: A boarding student is one who receives room and board that is provided by said school unless such residence is based on Court Order or State Action.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 2 (Passed 114-33)**

**Amend 127-3-2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Principal (pg. 35) as follows:**

- 2.10. The principal, assistant principal, vocational administrator and athletic director of each member school shall be allowed admittance to any WVSSAC sanctioned event. This admittance will be by presentation of the WVSSAC Courtesy Card and a photo identification.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 3 (Passed 147-0)**

**Amend 127-3-2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Principal (pg. 35) as follows:**

- 2.12 WVSSAC Courtesy and Identification Cards ~~should~~ shall be honored at all events involving WVSSAC member schools with the exception of state tournaments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 4 (Passed 97-54)**

**Amend 127-3-7 Out of Season Coaching (pg. 37) as follows:**

- 7.2. School organized out-of-season practice or related activities shall only be permitted with principal approval ~~during Weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar from the day after the completion of the State Baseball Tournament until the first day of fall football practice. All schools will observe a two (2) week dead period during the week preceding the Fourth of July and the week of the Fourth of July. During this two-week period, there can be no coaching or any contact or observation by any coach, faculty or non-faculty, with any student-athletes. This dead period shall also apply to weight programs.~~ Participation by students must be open to all students, voluntary, and not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school team. Participation by students during these weeks does not meet Practice Rule 127-2-13.4.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (5) For (9) Against**

1. Coaches will demand too much time from the students.
2. It will help our students be more competitive with athletes from other states.

**Proposal 5 (Passed 118-33)**

**Amend 127-3-7 Out of Season Coaching (pg. 37) as follows: (Not to be voted upon if #8 fails)**

- 7.3. A coach or principal designee of each sport or activity may be present as an observer, lecture participant, staff member, or in any capacity at any summer camp ~~during Weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the~~

National Federation Standardized Calendar from the day after the completion of the State Baseball Tournament until the first day of fall football practice except during the two (2) week dead period mentioned in Rule 127-3-7.2.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (5) For (9) Against**

**Proposal 6 (Passed 96-55)**

**Amend 127-3-10 Classification (pg. 40) as follows:**

- 10.1. Each member public high school shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures in grades 9-10-11 at the end of the second school month of the odd numbered year preceding the classification and all private schools shall be classified as AP.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (49) For (76) Against**

1. This rule change discriminates against private schools.
2. Private schools have an unfair advantage over public schools, especially in Class "A".

**Proposal 7 (Passed 84-69)**

**Amend 127-3-10 Classification (pg. 40) as follows:**

- 10.1. Each member high school with the exception of football shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures in grades 9-10-11 at the end of the second school month of the odd numbered year preceding the classification. Football only, will be classified as either AAAA, AAA, AA, or A.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (4) For (1) Against**

1. This rule would reduce the difference in school size for all classes.
2. West Virginia is not large enough for four (4) classes.

**NOTE: If proposals 6 and 7 are both approved, they will be combined into one rule, 10.1 to read as follows:**

Each member public high school with the exception of football shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures in grades 9-10-11 at the end of the second school month of the odd numbered year preceding the classification, and all private schools shall be classified as AP. Football only, will be classified as either AAAA, AAA, AA or A.

**Proposal 8 (Passed 133-2)**

**Amend 127-3-19 Baseball (pg. 45) by adding the following:**

19.7 Student Participation:

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

19.7.2 A student shall not participate in more than 32 games in one season, exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. Serving as a "courtesy or pinch runner" is not considered "participation" in a game.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (2) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 9 (Passed 140-0)**

**Amend 127-3-21 Cheerleading (pg 46) as follows:**

21.3. Length of Season: The high school cheerleading spirit and competitive season will begin Monday of Week 5. The competitive season will end for each team at their cheer tournament elimination. The high school spirit season will end on the last day of the Girls' State Basketball Tournament or Boys' State Basketball Tournament.

21.6.2. The junior high/middle school cheerleading spirit and competitive cheer season will begin Monday of Week 6. The competitive season will end Saturday of Week 18. The junior high/middle school spirit season will end on the last day of the junior high/middle school girls' or boys' basketball season.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 10 (Passed 139-2)**

**Amend 127-3-23 Football (pg. 47) as follows:**

23.2. 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 during Week 8.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

**Proposal 11 (Passed 135-0)**

**Amend 127-3-26 Softball (pg. 52) by adding the following:**

26.7 Student Participation:

26.7.1 A student may not play or practice on a non-school softball team while a member of the school team.

26.7.2 A student shall not participate in more than 32 games in one season, exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. Serving as a "courtesy or pinch runner" is not considered "participation" in a game.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (1) Against**

**Proposal 12 (Passed 125-7)**

**Amend 127-3-31 Wrestling (pg. 55) as follows:**

31.8.1. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 19 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 22.

31.8.2 2. Junior high school teams may have 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

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

31.8.2 4. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 33.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (1) For (0) Against**

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TITLE 127  
LEGISLATIVE RULE

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

SERIES 3  
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

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**§127-3-1. General.**

- 1.1. Scope. - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests.
- 1.2. Authority. - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-25.
- 1.3. Filing Date. - July 13, 2006.
- 1.4. Effective Date. - September 11, 2006.

**§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 and/or his designee shall notify his staff faculty (as defined in Rule 127-3-6) of the rules and regulations of this Commission. It shall be that individual's responsibility to notify those students participating in West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) activities. 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 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 supervise all interscholastic activities.

2.5. The principal is responsible for adequate team and crowd control measures at home contests in which the school participates, assuring that the school's participants and fans conduct themselves in a proper manner, and assuring that all fans and officials are provided adequate protection. In situations where contests are played on neutral sites, it will be the responsibility of both participating school principals.

2.6. The principal has the right to exclude a contestant who would not represent his school in an appropriate manner, a student who fails to maintain a satisfactory scholastic standing, or a student who has been excluded for a serious illness or injury.

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

2.8. The principal may designate the assistant principal or other faculty member to provide representation and/or to participate in all voting matters at a Board of Control meeting which is further explained in the Constitution.

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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 WVSSAC.

2.10. The principal, assistant principal, vocational administrator and athletic director of each member school shall be allowed admittance to any WVSSAC sanctioned event. This admittance will be by presentation of the WVSSAC Courtesy Card and a photo identification.

2.11. The principal and assistant principal of each member school who upon retirement is a member in good standing with the WVSSAC shall receive a WVSSAC permanent Courtesy and Identification Card. This card shall allow admittance to any WVSSAC sponsored event. This admittance will be by presentation of the WVSSAC Courtesy Card and photo identification.

2.12 WVSSAC Courtesy and Identification Cards shall be honored at all events involving WVSSAC member schools with the exception of state tournaments.

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

3.1. Note: The Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certificate Form allows for annual updates rather than a complete physical examination.

3.2. 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.

3.3. A physical examination form must be completed no earlier than June 1 for an upcoming year.

### **§127-3-4. All-Star Participation.**

4.1. A graduating senior, or any student completing athletic eligibility at the end of the current school year because of age or completion of semesters of eligibility, may play in one All-Star game upon conclusion of the season without loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of that year.

### **§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:

5.2.1. from a member school for participation.

5.2.2. in a sanctioned event.

5.2.3. in a non-sanctioned event at any time in the following sports: cheerleading, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track, or wrestling.

5.2.4. in a non-sanctioned event but not during the school sports-season for the following sports: football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, lacrosse, softball or soccer.

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

- 5.3.1. Wearing apparel - sweaters, jackets, jerseys, shoes, etc.
- 5.3.2. Equipment - radio, televisions, etc.
- 5.3.3. Athletic goods - batons, tennis rackets, bats, golf bag, tennis or golf balls, etc.
- 5.3.4. 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. A member of a school faculty, substitute teacher or student teacher, with or without West Virginia Department of Education Authorized Certification, within a public, private, or parochial school system shall be allowed to coach an athletic team. Also, an authorized certified individual may coach if he meets all of the requirements in subsection 6.5 of this rule.

6.2. A member of a faculty shall be considered one who is a full-time teacher as defined by the West Virginia 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 county 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 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. An authorized certified coach must meet the following requirements:

6.5.1. The coach is employed under a contract with a county board of education which specifies a rate of pay equivalent to the rate for professional educators who accept similar duties as extra duty assignments and which provided for liability insurance associated with the activity.

6.5.2. The coach has successfully completed approved training: NFHS Sport Science and Sport First Aid (12 hours of instruction and test) and has received West Virginia Department of Education Authorization.

6.5.3. The authorized certified coach may be contracted to coach only if an employed certified professional educator within the county has not applied for and accepted the coaching position.

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6.5.4. Coaching authorizations are for one year. They may be re-issued upon request if a certified professional educator within a county is not available.

6.6. The head coach shall be required to attend any sports rules clinic in the 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.

6.7. All coaches and athletic directors of member schools who upon retirement from a member school with at least 20 years of service either as a coach, athletic director or combination of coaching and athletic director shall receive a lifetime WVSSAC Courtesy and Identification Card. This card shall allow admittance to any WVSSAC sponsored event. This admittance will be by presentation of the WVSSAC Courtesy and Identification Card and photo identification.

### **§127-3-7. Out-of-Season Coaching.**

7.1. Philosophy - Students should have the opportunity to engage voluntarily in school athletic activities provided that the student is eligible, that such activities do not interfere with the students' educational development and the 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 students by overzealous individuals and organizations who attempt to impose an obligation or pressure on the student. There has been growing evidence of commercialism and specialization of secondary school students. Experience has revealed that such occurrences tend to divide the allegiance of students, undermine 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.

7.2. School organized out-of-season practice or related activities shall only be permitted with principal approval during Weeks 50, 51 and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar. Participation by students must be open to all students, voluntary, and not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school team. Participation by students during these weeks does not meet Practice Rule 127-2-13.4.

7.3. A coach or principal designee of each sport or activity may be present as an observer, lecture participant, staff member, or in any capacity at any summer camp during weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar.

7.4. A coach or surrogate shall not work with individuals in any form of drills or practice of the coaching assignment except during those dates specified as the season for that specific sport or as designated in subsections 7.2 and 7.3.

7.5. Coaches may participate in a formal development program of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) involving students of the same sport as their coaching assignments. The formal development program must be under the official guidance of the USOC through the National Governing Body (NGB) of the sport. The NGB must assure in writing to the WVSSAC that coaches will receive formal orientation and that strict supervision and monitoring of coaches will ensure that no recruitment or inappropriate influence will be exerted on students.

7.6. Conditioning/Recreation Programs - Students throughout the school year who are not participating in a school's athletic program may voluntarily participate in an off season conditioning program. This program may also occur during the summer subject to county board of education or governing body approval and the following provisions:

7.6.1. Participation in the program must be open to all students enrolled in the school providing the program.

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7.6.2. Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school team.

7.6.3. Students will provide their own clothing (sweatsuit, shoes, etc.).

7.6.4. 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.

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

7.6.6. In those cases where schools schedule all students 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 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.

7.6.7. The county board of education may choose to compensate the supervisor or director.

7.7. Coaches may not promote, initiate, organize, supervise, or participate in out-of-season events involving students of the same sport as the coaching assignment except as specified in Rules 127-3-7.2 and 127-3-7.3. The county board of education shall be authorized to approve a coach to organize and/or supervise a recreation program for students. 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 the school coaching assignment. In addition to the above, gymnasiums or facilities opened for recreational activities must use the following guidelines:

7.7.1. The gymnasium or field is open to all students for participation.

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

7.7.3. Supervisor or director must be approved by the county board of education or governing body.

7.7.4. There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and technique in any sport.

7.7.5. Comparable opportunities are provided both sexes.

7.7.6. Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school team.

7.8. The principal 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 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 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 the 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.

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8.3. If a team or student participating in an individual contest leaves the playing area in protest and fails to complete the contest, the contest is forfeited and the school principal or his designee and the violator may be required to appear before the Executive Director 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 interscholastic 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.

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

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

8.5.3. 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. All officials used in interscholastic games and contests in West Virginia must be registered with the WVSSAC, except in case of emergency subsection 9.4 may be invoked. A game officials' registration plan shall be established by the Board of Directors.

9.2. Officials for interscholastic contests shall be mutually agreed upon by the competing schools at least two 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 host school initiates the selection of game officials. It is highly recommended that the host school contract officials for all interscholastic contests. Contractual agreements are between the school and the official.

9.4. The Executive Director 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 WVSSAC 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 official shall:

9.6.1. Attend a state WVSSAC rules clinic in the sport for which the official is registered. Failure to comply will result in suspension for the current year.

9.6.2. Attend four (4) local officials Board meetings. Failure to comply will result in suspension for the current year.

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9.6.3. Take Part I and Part II National Federation Rules Examinations in the sports where specified. Failure to comply will result in suspension for the current year.

9.6.4. Abstain from intoxicating beverages on the day of the contest the official is assigned to prior to, during, and after in the vicinity of the playing area of the contest.

9.6.5. Abstain from the use of smokeless or any other forms of tobacco in the vicinity of the playing area of the contest.

9.6.7. Abstain from the use of illegal drugs.

9.6.8. Be fair, impartial, unbiased, professional, and competent in officiating.

9.6.9. Be in and maintain proper physical and mental condition as verified by the physical examination form submitted to the WVSSAC; dress and appearance must be appropriate.

9.6.10. 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.

9.6.11. Maintain self-control under all conditions.

9.6.12. Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, play, game situation, or fellow official.

9.6.13. Conduct the game so as to enlist the cooperation of students, coaches, and spectators in the interest of good sportsmanship.

9.6.14. Comply with any WVSSAC rule, regulation, Constitution or directive, and particularly those regulations pertaining to filing Special Reports and Official Ratings of Schools.

9.6.15. Honor all existing officiating contracts with member schools unless a valid reason is presented and accepted by the involved school. Accepting a game involving a higher level of competition is not a valid reason.

9.6.16. Comply with local board rules as set forth in board constitution.

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

#### **§127-3-10. Classification.**

10.1. Each member high school shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures in grades 9-10-11 at the end of the second school month of the odd numbered year preceding the classification.

10.2. Classification of member high schools shall be determined every four years on the even numbered years and will remain in effect for a four year period unless a 20% change in enrollment using West Virginia Department of Education enrollment figures at the end of the second school month. Change of classification due to 20% change in enrollment would not go into effect until the next school year.

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10.3. A school may choose to compete in WVSSAC tournaments in one class above its classification 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 four year period and will be effective for all sports sponsored by the school.

10.4. The Board of Directors may structure the WVSSAC tournament series in each sport by classification (AAA-AA-A). Each sport will be structured according to the level of interest and accommodation for tournament alignment. Prior to any change of structure of any given sport, a survey of the membership must be conducted by WVSSAC.

10.5. If a consolidation of two or more member schools occurs the classification period, the new member school will be reclassified based on the enrollment of grades 9-10-11 in the consolidating schools.

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

11.1. Eligibility certificates 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 Director. Certificates are to be mailed to scheduled opponents only upon written request from said opponents.

11.3. The names of the students on all junior high and middle school teams and teams from the ninth grade of the four year high school and sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth of a six year high school shall be submitted on the master eligibility certificate prepared for use by the school.

11.4. Additions to the team shall be certified at once on an eligibility certificate to the WVSSAC. Additions are to be mailed to scheduled opponents only upon written request from said opponents.

11.5. 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 Director prior to participation.

11.6. 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 WVSSAC and approved prior to participation.

11.7. Failure to send the required eligibility certificate to the WVSSAC prior to the first contest shall render the offending school liable to a fine of \$25.00 payable to the WVSSAC. Postmarked envelopes will be used to determine violators.

#### **§127-3-12. Legal Opponents.**

12.1. Member schools of the WVSSAC shall not participate against any public, private or parochial secondary school whose status has not been recognized by that group's governing body.

12.2. Member schools of the WVSSAC 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.

12.3. Member schools of the WVSSAC shall not participate in any interscholastic contest or practice against non-school teams or in any interscholastic contest or practice which involves alumni participants.

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### §127-3-13. Contracts.

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 designee from both schools.

13.3. Contracts may be canceled in the following situations:

13.3.1. If both principals or designee fail to sign the contract.

13.3.2. If one of the two schools is forced to suspend its school schedule.

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

13.3.4. If there is written mutual consent of the two parties of the contract.

13.3.5. If the Board of Directors 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 canceled during regular season may be rescheduled during that same season by agreement of the involved parties and the Board of Directors.

### §127-3-14. Sunday Contests.

14.1. 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 Championship finals may be played on Sunday after 1:00 p.m.

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

### §127-3-15. Sports Rules - Game Protests.

15.1. 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 Directors 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 Directors as published in special bulletins or "The Interscholastic" shall apply.

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

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15.3. The protest of a contest or ejection will not be allowed. Accordingly, the Board of Directors is not authorized to order contests to be replayed or ejections to be reconsidered.

### §127-3-16. Sanctioning and Travel.

16.1. A member school shall not enter a contest/competition which requires sanctioning until it is approved.

16.2. All applications for sanctioning must be submitted to the WVSSAC 30 days prior to the event with the exception of international events.

16.3. Events requiring National Federation approval are:

16.3.1. Co-sponsorship Sanction Requirement: Any interstate event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g., a university, a theme park, a shoe company), in addition to being sponsored by a member school, an approved school or a state association, shall require sanction of the NFHS office.

16.3.2. Non-bordering State Sanction Requirement: Each state association shall sanction through the NFHS office interstate competition by a member school involving either:

a. More than eight (8) schools, at least one (1) of which is from a state that does not border the host state; or

b. Five (5) or more states, at least one (1) of which does not border the host state.

16.3.3. International Event: Each member state association shall approve and receive NFHS approval for competition by a member school against a school from a foreign country, except for two (2) school and three (3) school competition with a school or schools from Canada or Mexico which necessitates a round trip of less than 600 miles.

16.3.4. International Event: Games against Canadian or Mexican schools involving travel of greater than 600 miles, or an event involving more than three (3) schools, one or more of which are from Canada or Mexico, requires a request to the NFHS for international sanction and notice to and sanction by the appropriate National Governing Body.

16.4. Bordering state events requiring approval are:

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

16.4.2. Any interstate event which involves schools from three or more state high school associations.

16.5. Intrastate events requiring approval are:

16.5.1. An event with more than four schools participating or awards given.

16.5.2. Any event where awards are given.

16.6. The WVSSAC may assess a fine and/or other penalties against the participating school for violations of the sanction provisions.

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16.7. A member school shall not enter an event that involves travel of more than 600 miles round trip unless it occurs on days when school is not in session. Sanctioning from the WVSSAC must be granted.

### §127-3-17. WVSSAC Tournaments.

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

17.2. The Board of Directors shall divide the state into sections and regions for the purpose of determining championships in the sports sponsored by this Commission. The Board of Directors shall have charge of directing and making necessary arrangements for tournaments, meets and contests leading to and including state championships. Member school principals will receive the proposed tournament alignment from the WVSSAC office and will be given the opportunity to comment on the alignment prior to the presentation to the Board of Directors. Principals will sign a form to verify receipt and return the form to the WVSSAC office within ten (10) days from the date of the bulletin.

17.3. The Board of Directors 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.

17.4. All net earnings from tournaments conducted under the supervision of the Board of Directors 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 WVSSAC.

17.5. The Board of Directors 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.

17.6. No state tournament shall be concluded until all games, matches, or events at the state tournament are completed.

### §127-3-18. Season Regulations.

18.1. The National Federation standardized calendar shall be used to schedule all activities sponsored by this Commission. Each sport season shall have an 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.

### §127-3-19. Baseball.

19.1. 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.

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

19.3. Length of Season: The baseball season will end for each team by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

19.4. Maximum Team Contests: A baseball team will be permitted to play no more than 32 games exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournament contests.

19.5. Scrimmages: Two baseball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

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19.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

### 19.7. Student Participation:

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

19.7.2. A student shall not participate in more than 32 games in one season, exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. Serving as a "courtesy or pinch runner" is not considered "participation" in a game.

19.8. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

### 19.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with following adaptations:

19.9.1. Junior high teams may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

19.9.2. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.

19.9.3. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

## §127-3-20. Basketball (Boys and Girls).

20.1. 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.

20.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice for girls will begin on Monday of Week 19 and Monday of Week 20 for boys. The first contest for girls may be played on Tuesday of Week 23 and Tuesday of Week 24 for boys.

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

20.4. Maximum Team Contests: A varsity or junior varsity basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 22 games in the regular season. Sectional, regional and state tournament contests are not included in the above number.

20.4.1. The maximum number of quarters for a student in one season is 110 exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests.

20.4.2. A student can play only 5 quarters in one day.

20.4.3. Participation in a quarter, regardless of time, will be considered one quarter.

20.4.4. Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter.

20.5. A high school basketball team is permitted to participate in a preview and a scrimmage or two scrimmage games. See Glossary.

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20.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

20.7. A student may not play or practice on a non-school team while a member of the 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 specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

20.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:

20.9.1. Girls may begin practice on Monday of Week 18 and boys on Monday of Week 19. The first contest for girls may be played on Wednesday of week 21 and Wednesday of week 22 for boys.

20.9.2. The girls basketball season will end on Saturday of Week 33 and Saturday of Week 34 for boys.

20.9.3. Tournament play on the state level shall be prohibited.

20.9.4. Boys and girls basketball teams will be permitted to play no more than 20 games. Tournament exception does not apply.

20.9.5. All junior high students may play a maximum of 80 quarters for one season.

20.9.6. All junior high students may play a maximum of 4 quarters per day.

20.9.7. Games involving only students below the 9th grade shall be played in 6-minute quarters. A member school sponsoring games involving teams which combine 9th grade students with students in the 8th and/or 7th grades may play those games in quarters of 8 minutes.

20.9.8. Junior highs are not permitted to play an alumni game.

20.9.9. Scrimmages: Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage.- See Glossary.

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

### §127-3-21. Cheerleading.

21.1. Rules: Cheerleading rules established by the WVSSAC will be used as the official rules for all interscholastic competition and regular season contests.

21.2. Organized Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 5.

21.3. Length of Season: The high school spirit and competitive season will begin Monday of Week 5. The competitive season will end for each team at their cheer tournament elimination. The high school spirit season will end on the last day of the Girls' State Basketball Tournament or Boys' State Basketball Tournament.

21.4. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

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21.5. 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 specified in the Awards Rule.

21.6. *Junior High Schools* - The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:

21.6.1. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 6.

21.6.2. The junior high/middle school spirit and competitive cheer season will begin Monday of Week 6. The competitive season will end Saturday of Week 18. The junior high/middle school spirit season will end on the last day of the junior high/middle school girls' or boys' basketball season.

### §127-3-22. Cross Country (Boys and Girls).

22.1. 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.

22.2. Organized team practice will begin on Monday Week 5 and first meet may be held on Saturday of Week 7.

22.3. Length of Season: The cross country season will end for each team or individual at tournament elimination.

22.4. Maximum Team Contests: A cross country team will be permitted 16 meets exclusive of regional and state contests.

22.5. Scrimmages: Two cross country scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

22.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

22.7. 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 specified in the Awards Rule.

### §127-3-23. Football.

23.1. 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.

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

23.2.1. The Board of Directors, 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.

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

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<b>Year</b>	<b>First Date Organized Practice</b>	<b>First Date Pads No Live Contact</b>	<b>First Date Live Contact Allowed</b>	<b>Earliest Date For Scrimmage or Grid-O-Rama</b>	<b>Date For First Contest</b>	<b>Date Season Must Be Completed</b>
2006	July 31	Aug. 4	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 25	Nov. 4
2007	July 30	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 24	Nov. 3
2008	Aug. 4	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 16	Aug. 29	Nov. 8
2009	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 15	Aug. 28	Nov. 7
2010	Aug. 2	Aug. 6	Aug. 10	Aug. 14	Aug. 27	Nov. 6

23.2.3. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

23.2.4. No in season football camps sponsored by a member school or by other school related organizations where football coaching and instruction are given are permitted.

23.2.5. 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 students to carrying the weight of their pads and adjusting to temperature variation.

23.3. Length of Season: The football season will end for each team at the end of the regular season or by play-off elimination.

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

23.4.1. The total number of quarters for a student in one season is 40 exclusive of the play-off games.

23.4.2. A student may only play 4 quarters in one day.

23.4.3. Any student who participated in one or more downs in one quarter shall be charged with one quarter of play, except those downs in which the football teams are in a free kick formation, or the offensive team is in a scrimmage kick formation, as defined in the National Federation Football Rule 2-17-2, the down will not count as a down.

23.4.4. Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter.

23.4.5. Interscholastic practice game or games in which teams representing a member school play against alumni or other people shall not be allowed.

23.5. A football team is permitted to participate in a Grid-O-Rama and one (1) preseason scrimmage or two (2) preseason scrimmages. See Glossary for definitions of Grid-O-Rama and Scrimmage.

23.6. Special Regulations:

23.6.1. All rules and regulations of these Bylaws pertaining to football are also applicable to six-man and eight-man football.

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23.6.2. 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 return to the freshman team.

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

23.7. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the school year. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event during non-school months.

23.8. The Board of Directors is authorized to adopt a point rating system and overall procedure for determining a state champion in each class.

23.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:

23.9.1. Organized team conditioning practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first game played during Week 9.

23.9.2. The following table establishes the first date for organized practice, the first date pads with no live contact, the first date for live contact, earliest date for a scrimmage, the date for first game and the date season must be completed.

<b>Year</b>	<b>First Date Organized Practice</b>	<b>Pads No Live Contact</b>	<b>Contact Allowed Full Equip.</b>	<b>Date For Scrimmage</b>	<b>Earliest For First Game</b>	<b>Date Season Must Be Completed</b>
2006	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Week 9	Oct. 28
2007	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Week 9	Oct. 27
2008	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Week 9	Nov. 1
2009	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Week 9	Oct. 31
2010	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Week 9	Oct. 30

23.9.3. The football season will end on Saturday of Week 17.

23.9.4. Not more than eight (8) interscholastic football games shall be played, with the exception of league playoff games in which one (1) game may be added for playoffs. There shall be a nine (9) game limit even if league playoff games are used, and the extra game would be limited to only two (2) teams in the league having the playoff. Leagues choosing to have the extra playoff game may participate in a 2 quarter Grid-O-Rama in place of a scrimmage game. This must be decided prior to the start of the season.

23.9.5. The total number of quarters for a student in one season is 32, exclusive of the playoff game in Rule 127-3-23.4.

23.9.6. A junior high school football team is allowed one preseason scrimmage under the following conditions:

- a. Scrimmage will not be played under game conditions.
- b. Scrimmage must be played prior to first game of regular season.
- c. Admission may be charged.

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d. Registered officials may be used.

23.9.7. Junior High/Middle School football teams may be permitted to play overtime periods in regular season games. Where conferences or counties are holding season ending championships, a tie breaking procedure shall be established if at the end of two overtime periods the score remains tied. A maximum of 2 overtime periods will be permitted in accordance with the National Federation Football Rules 20 yard line overtime procedure.

23.9.8. Junior High game ball: The football used involving only students in the eighth grade and below shall be the youth football. Games involving students 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.

23.9.9. 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 teams 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 be 8 minutes.

23.9.10. A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high school.

### §127-3-24. Golf (Boys and Girls).

24.1. Rules: Golf rules published by the United States Golf Association are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by WVSSAC modifications.

24.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on any day after the first day of the season.

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

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

24.5. Scrimmages: Not permitted.

24.6. 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 specified in the Awards Rule.

24.7. *Junior High Golf* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

24.7.1. Junior high teams are permitted to play no more than 14 matches.

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

### §127-3-25. Soccer (Boys and Girls).

25.1. 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.

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25.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on Friday of Week 7.

25.3. Length of Season: The soccer season will end for each team by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

25.4. Maximum Team Contests: A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than 20 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

25.4.1. The maximum number of halves for a student in one season will be 50, exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

25.4.2. A student shall not be permitted to participate in more than three 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.

25.5. A high school soccer team is permitted to participate in a soccer-o-rama and one (1) preseason scrimmage or two (2) preseason scrimmages. See Glossary.

25.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

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

25.8. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

25.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

25.9.1. Junior high teams may play 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

25.9.2. Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first contest may be played on Monday of Week 10.

25.9.3. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.

25.9.4. The maximum number of halves for a student in one season will be 28.

25.9.5. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

### **§127-3-26. Softball.**

26.1. 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.

26.2. 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.

26.3. Length of Season: The softball season will end for each team by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

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26.4. Maximum Team Contests: A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 32 exclusive of sectional, regional and state contests.

26.5. Scrimmages: Two softball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

26.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

26.7. Student Participation:

26.7.1. A student may not play or practice on a non-school softball team while a member of the school team.

26.7.2. A student shall not participate in more than 32 games in one season, exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. Serving as a "courtesy or pinch runner" is not considered "participation" in a game.

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 specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

26.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

26.9.1. Junior high teams may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

26.9.2. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.

26.9.3. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

### §127-3-27. Swimming (Boys and Girls).

27.1. 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.

27.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 17 and the first contest may be on Wednesday of Week 19.

27.3. Length of Season: The swimming season will end for each team or individual by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

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

27.5. Scrimmages: Two swimming scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

27.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

27.7. 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 specified in the Awards Rule.

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

27.8.1. Junior high teams will be permitted 14 meets.

27.8.2. Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 18 and the first contest may be on Wednesday of Week 20.

27.8.3. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 31.

27.8.4. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

### §127-3-28. Tennis (Boys and Girls).

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

28.2. 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.

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

28.4. Maximum Team Contests: A tennis team will be permitted 22 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

28.4.1. Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one. Matches in which five or more schools participate count as two.

28.5. Scrimmages: Two tennis scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

28.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

28.7. 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 specified in the Awards Rules.

28.8. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

28.8.1. Junior high teams may play 16 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

28.8.2. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

28.8.3. 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.

### §127-3-29. Track and Field (Boys and Girls).

29.1. 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.

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

29.3. Length of Season: The track and field season will end for each team or individual by WVSSAC tournament elimination.

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

29.5. Participation Limitations: Maximum of 4 events per participant per meet.

29.6. Scrimmages: Not permitted.

29.7. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

29.8. 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 specified in the Awards Rule.

29.9. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

29.9.1. Junior high teams will be permitted 14 meets and only 2 meets per week.

29.9.2. Junior high season will be completed by Thursday of Week 46.

29.9.3. Participation limitation: Junior high/middle school students, regardless of grade levels (6, 7, 8, or 9), may compete in a maximum of four events, of which only three may be running events including relays.

### §127-3-30. Volleyball (Girls).

30.1. 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.

30.2. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 9.

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

30.4. Maximum Team Contest: A volleyball team will be permitted no more than 22 playing dates exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

30.4.1. Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one date. Matches in which five or more schools participate count as two dates.

30.5. In dual competition, a student may participate in a maximum of three (3) games against the same opponent if a match is 2 of 3 games and five (5) games if the varsity match is 3 of 5 games.

30.6. Scrimmages: Two volleyball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

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30.7. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

30.8. A student may not play or practice on a non-school volleyball team while a member of the school team.

30.9. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

30.10. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

30.10.1. Junior high teams will be permitted 16 matches.

30.10.2. Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 10.

30.10.3. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.

30.10.4. Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage. See Glossary.

### §127-3-31. Wrestling (Boys).

31.1. 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.

31.2. 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.

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

31.4. Maximum Team Contest: A wrestling team will be permitted to have 18 matches exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

31.4.1. Dual, triangular and quadrangular matches count as one. Matches in which five or more schools participate count as two.

31.5. Scrimmages: Two wrestling scrimmages with another high school may be conducted. See Glossary.

31.6. Individual students of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.

31.7. A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items specified in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

31.8. *Junior High Schools* - The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:

31.8.1. Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 19 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 22.

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31.8.2. Junior high school teams may have 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

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

31.8.4. Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 33.

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### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**ALL-STAR GAME** - a contest where all contestants on each team are students selected from four or more school teams. No more than three students from any one school may participate on the same team.

**COACH** - county board/governing body contracted or approved facilitator of any secondary school athletic team.

**COMMISSION** - the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

**CONTEST or GAME** - one or more of the following conditions are present: previous agreement, advertisement, score and/or time kept, spectators present, regulation or modified rules used, coverage appearing in local media, sufficient number of students to form teams, admission charged, and/or contest officiated by registered officials.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** - nonacademic activities such as interscholastic athletics, student government, class officers, marching band that is not a part of the curricular band, and clubs which are not closely related to identifiable programs/areas of study.

**FACULTY MEMBER** - one who has a full-time teacher permit as defined by the West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5202.

**FEEDER SCHOOL** - the middle or junior high school designated by the county board of education/governing body as the school of attendance prior to entrance into the high school.

**FULL CREDIT COURSE** - one-half credit for a semester or 4050 minutes as taken from the West Virginia Board of Education, "Graduation Requirements for West Virginia Public Schools: Adolescent Education (Grades 9-12) (Policy 2510-2005)".

**FULL TIME STUDENT** - a student doing passing work in the equivalent of at least 20 periods per week. (Traditional Schedule - four subjects will full credit toward graduation; Block Schedule - two subjects with full credit toward graduation.)

**GRID-O-RAMA** - See Preview and Scrimmage definitions.

**MEMBER SCHOOL** - a school that is a member of the WVSSAC.

**PREVIEW** - must be three or more teams; teams are only allowed to play the equivalent of one contest; all conditions of a scrimmage.

**PRINCIPAL** - the individual charged with supervision, management, and control of a secondary school.

**SCRIMMAGE** - after seven days of practice; prior to the first contest; without keeping score in a book or on a score board; not under game conditions (examples include basketball and soccer - quarters; three outs-baseball and softball); admission may be charged; free substitution; time-outs permitted; if officials are used, they must be WV registered officials.

**SEMESTER** - a block of instructional time that is equivalent to at least one-half of the school year. (See Policy 2510.)

**SECONDARY SCHOOL** - a high school, junior high school or middle school as registered with the West Virginia Department of Education.

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**SOCCER-O-RAMA** - See Preview and Scrimmage definitions.

**STUDENT** - a male or female participant in interscholastic athletics or band activities.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** - 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.

**VARSITY** - primary representative team of a high school.

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SUBJECT West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission - Rule 2 and 3 FUND \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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			<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	
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PERSONAL SERVICES CURRENT EXPENSES REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS EQUIPMENT OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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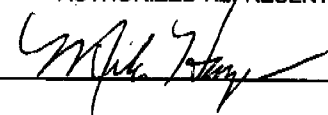
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April 6, 2006

West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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I agree with proposed changes.

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

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I agree with proposed changes.

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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I agree with proposed changes.

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I agree with proposed changes.

Comments for section 127-3-23 2

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No comment.

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No comment.

Comments for section 127-3-26 7

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I am against the idea of opening the summer workouts to the coaches for all summer. To give you an example of what will happen in some cases, my niece is cheerleading and today they had practice for 5 hours, and this is going to continue for the rest of the week, next week it is for 4 hours. this is way too much, it is summer time and the coaches are having 5 hour practices, this needs to stop, the 3 weeks is enough,,,,,do not give the coaches all summer to continue these 5 hour practices,,,,you control this,,,,please vote no on this topic so the kids can have a summer...and go on vacation, thank you

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Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

This policy regarding coaches being able to coach the players during the summer except for a two week dead period does not take the children into consideration. I have a son and daughter who play three sports in high school. My daughter left at 6:45 this morning for track practice. She has basketball practice 1:00 to 3:00 this afternoon. Then there is soccer practice tonight from 6:30-8:30. Then she has a summer league basketball game today at 5:00 too. I don't know how they managed, but everything works out so that she can run from one event to the other all day and not miss a thing. This is only the first day of week 50, 51 and 52. My son's schedule over the past four years has been very similar. Each coach expects them at their practice. Each coach talks to the others to know when to schedule the practices so the athletes can attend all the practices. The children are totally exhausted by the time they get home each day, let alone by the end of the three weeks. C!

an you imagine what it will do to them if we allow it most of the summer? They have little time now for home chores, family time, relaxing, vacations, visiting gramparents, summer jobs, reading a good book, etc., etc. What happened to the lazy days of summer? If you allow the coaches all but two weeks of the summer they will expect them all but two weeks of the summer. We'll burn the kids out. Please reconsider this ignorant idea. I for one am against it all the way. Laura Tennant Tracewell

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I would like to comment regarding the classification of all private schools as AP.

This seems like a step backward to me. I went to PCHS in the 1970's. We changed from having our own State Catholic tournaments to joining the WVSSAC back then, and competing with public schools our size. Why over 30 years later does making a private class seem like the right move? It sounds like desegregation to me. If the problem is that we're too good, and you can't find anything wrong with the rules and the way we play the game, is the answer to kick us out into our own league? We are all law abiding, tax paying citizens. Our children live in the communities we support every day. Even the students who come from Ohio don't live more than half an hour drive so that they can attend a Catholic school every day. The whole recruitment idea is just an excuse. Everyone who attends Catholic schools pays tuition. No one is recruited. Sure they might attend there because they want to play !

sports, and we have a no cut policy, but it costs them money. What about the kids who play at public schools, but live out of their district. (I know of this at Williamstown and Parkersburg South. I am sure there are others.) Is anyone changing the status of those schools or crying "recruitment" by them? I think this whole thing could be handled by looking closer at enrollment. Wheeling Central and Williamstown are always very close to being in the next class. I think moving them up a class would allow other schools the chance to win more often. Also, our local newspaper had an article about how many times Wheeling Central, Charleston Catholic and Parkersburg Catholic won championships. Well, how many times has Williamstown, or Parkersburg High won? It isn't just the private schools. In my opinion if you looked at Champions throughout the history of the state there would be many schools with many good years of athletics, but the tables turn eventually. I would be surprised to see that any one school won every sport every year!!! Sure, we might have good tennis, golf, and basketball teams, but we'll probably never win a football championship (although we've come close), or soccer, track, swimming, wrestling, etc. championships. My point is that even if there is a problem with the current system this solution stinks. Look at how far everyone in your AP class would have to travel to play games against each other. Please be fair and take a better look at the issue and come up with a better solution than this. Laura Tennant Tracewell

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Posted from IP: 152.163.100.203

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Out of season coaching is a great idea. An allowing coaches to work with their players all summers is really a great idea. It allows WV players the chance to get better in the off season and hopefully during the season open the eyes of college coaches to recruit that player to play on the collegete level.

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I honestly believe that creating a 4th class for football would even the playing field in all classes.

This is the correct answer instead of the AP class.

It would basically put the bigger AAA schools in a new class AAAA.

It would allow the smaller current AAA and largest AA schools to compete in the new AAA class.

It would then even out the smaller AA scools and large A schools into a AA class.

An then finally the class A schools would be mainly all small public schools and very small private schools.

This is the correct answer to the current problem of only a few schools ever win the Football Titles in each class.

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 09:05:51)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 30 May 2006 09:05:51 -0400

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Posted from IP: 168.216.188.155

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You control how much time the coaches can be with the athlete, right now the coaches have 3 weeks to work with their athletes and then the students have the rest of the summer to do what they want. If you pass this rule, you are allowing the coaches the more time to dictate what the students can do, some coaches will not abuse the rule but some will then it will become a huge issue, if you do not pass this rule then you don't even give the coaches that opportunity. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment and I hope you do not pass this rule.

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Amend 127-3-7 Out of Season Coaching

I am opposed to the rule change.

The proposed rule change will double the amount of time that a coach can engage in out of season coaching, from three weeks, to about 6 or 7 weeks, depending on when the state baseball tournament ends.

Kids need a chance to be kids. Some schools and coaches will effectively run summer-long practices (except for the two week dead period). Although the summer coaching is not supposed to be mandatory, it, will, in effect be mandatory because of the pressure placed on kids and parents (Our big rival is practicing all summer, so we need to as well). It will also prevent kids from trying different sports or activities (science camp anyone?) because of the summer practice obligation. This just seems like bad policy to me.

It also will allow coaches to become "rostered" on travel sports teams during the summer months. So, not only will there be organized practices, but coaches will be allowed to oversee very competitive summer-time contests where they've been prevented in the past.

Coaches have had to be creative to skirt the rule in the past. I'm sure they will continue to do so in the future without the change. With the current rule, kids get a one-week break after classes finish, and four weeks off in July (also one week in August for middle schools). Do we really want to turn summer into a 2 week vacation?

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

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Kids need a chance to be kids. Some schools and coaches will effectively run summer-long practices (except for the two week dead period). Although the summer coaching is not supposed to be mandatory, it, will, in effect be mandatory because of the pressure placed on kids and parents (Our big rival is practicing all summer, so we need to as well). It will also prevent kids from trying different sports or activities (science camp anyone?) because of the summer practice obligation. This just seems like bad policy to me.

It also will allow coaches to become "rostered" on travel sports teams during the summer months. So, not only will there be organized practices, but coaches will be allowed to oversee very competitive summer-time contests where they've been prevented in the past.

Coaches have had to be creative to skirt the rule in the past. I'm sure they will continue to do so in the future without the change. With the current rule, kids get a one-week break after classes finish, and four weeks off in July (also one week in August for middle schools). Do we really want to turn summer into a 2 week vacation?

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-29 21:58:17)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 29 May 2006 21:58:18 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name: russ moore

Organization:

Email:

Title: coach

Address1:

Address2:

City/State/Zip: fairview, wv 26570

Role: Teacher

Posted: 2006-05-29 21:58:17

Posted from IP: 70.100.75.81

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Summer time is suppose to be time for kids to get a job, relax, have fun, get away from the structured setting of school, Coaches have 3 weeks now to do additional coaching, that is enough, let the kids have the month of July to go on vacation with their family and not feel guilty for missing summer practice. I hope you vote against this proposal, thank you

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-29 21:49:10)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 29 May 2006 21:49:10 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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Name: Bill Bane  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title: parent  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: morgantown, wv 26505  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-05-29 21:49:10  
Posted from IP: 70.100.75.81

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Right now the coaches have 3 weeks they can work with their athletes, that is enough. If you allow coaches to be able to work with their athletes all summer, when are the kids suppose to have time off for enjoyment and to be away from the school setting (this in the long run could lower test scores from some athletes because they have been doing things at the school all year. Some athletes will be doing basketball and football all summer except for 2 weeks and then go right into football practice, I feel by then they will be tired of practice and football could suffer at some schools. thank you for your time

Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-29 21:40:27)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 29 May 2006 21:40:27 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name: willie wilson

Organization:

Email:

Title: parent

Address1:

Address2:

City/State/Zip: morgantown, wv 26505

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-05-29 21:40:27

Posted from IP: 70.100.75.81

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2

I don't feel that the extra 4 weeks will make the athletes that much better, it could burn them out from too much activity. The 3 weeks they now have is enough, remember the summer is still suppose to be time off for relaxation for the kids, let kids be kids in the summer and don't make them have to choose. Also, after talking with some wt. lifting coaches at WVU, starting summer lifting then having to stop for 2 weeks then start again, is not a good program for the students and gaining strength will be difficult. thank you for your time

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 09:05:51)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 30 May 2006 09:05:51 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name: Butch Browning

Organization:

Email:

Title: parent

Address1:

Address2:

City/State/Zip: morgantown, wv 26505

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-05-30 09:05:51

Posted from IP: 168.216.188.155

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

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You control how much time the coaches can be with the athlete, right now the coaches have 3 weeks to work with their athletes and then the students have the rest of the summer to do what they want. If you pass this rule, you are allowing the coaches the more time to dictate what the students can do, some coaches will not abuse the rule but some will then it will become a huge issue, if you do not pass this rule then you don't even give the coaches that opportunity. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment and I hope you do not pass this rule.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-22 09:32:38)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 22 May 2006 09:32:39 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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Organization: MCKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Email: [jjcrawfo@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:jjcrawfo@access.k12.wv.us)  
Title: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
Address1: 3000 KANAWHA TERRACE  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: ST. ALBANS, WV 25177  
Role: Principal  
Posted: 2006-05-22 09:32:38  
Posted from IP: 168.216.31.208

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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I FEEL THAT THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR ALL OF THE COACHES TO SCHEDULE THEIR ACTIVITIES AROUND EACH OTHER. WHETHER IT HAPPENS SMOOTHLY, WILL BE THE INTERESTING THING TO SEE. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THOSE STUDENTS THAT MISS SOMETHING, BUT YOU CAN'T WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING THAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL. SUMMER IS ULTIMATELY FOR FAMILIES AND VACATIONS, AND WE MUST REMEMBER THAT.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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I AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WILL ENHANCE A COACHES KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME, AND WILL ALSO ALLOW A COACH TO GET A CHANCE TO HELP OTHERS BESIDES HIS/HER OWN PLAYERS.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-31 21:21:28)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 31 May 2006 21:21:29 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
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Organization:  
Email: [reedd@charter.net](mailto:reedd@charter.net)  
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Address1: 608 Deming Drive  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Charleston, WV 25314  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-05-31 21:21:28  
Posted from IP: 71.114.125.35

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I oppose the proposal to segregate the private schools into a separate class for extracurricular activities.

I am a graduate of WV public schools and participated in varsity sports during my high school years. I have lived both here in WV and in other states.

To create a new, additional classification for schools in a state as small as WV is inappropriate and misguided. I will not pass judgement on the motives of the supporters but the focus is completely off base. Schools have continually consolidated over the past 20+ years... taking smaller, rural schools and creating larger county schools. This reduction in the number of schools means that the current population within the three class system continue to shrink. Adding an additional class would just magnify the situation.

A primary purpose of extracurricular activities...especially athletics, is to allow the student athlete the opportunity to build self esteem, skills, become part of a team, and yes, face adversity. No entitlement exists and should not. Throughout life, one faces larger companies, greater competition, better talent, etc. Athletics is a critical component in the maturation process.

Creating a separate class would be negative for both the schools placed in that class (e.g., a very small group with little meaning for competition or development) and to the other schools that would not have to compete with a like-sized school to better develop and experience true competition.

I never won a "championship" in high school. But I won in many other ways through the competition - building self confidence, dealing with loss, etc. Please do not take that opportunity away from from our small public school students.

Thanks,

Reed Robinson

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-12 22:22:19)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Jun 2006 22:22:19 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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Name: John Huxley  
Organization:  
Email: [huxley@marshall.edu](mailto:huxley@marshall.edu)  
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Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Dunbar , WV 25064  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-12 22:22:19  
Posted from IP: 68.117.159.95

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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This is in response to the proposal that would create a separate division for WVSSAC member private schools in West Virginia. Besides being illegal, this proposal has little merit. To suggest that it is unfair that "rural" Class A schools can not compete in sports against the more "urban" Class A schools (mostly private schools) is ridiculous. Just 9 short days ago, two Class A "rural" schools proved that theory incorrect by playing for the Class A baseball championship (Buffalo and East Hardy). If the theory is correct that these Class A "rural" schools should not have to compete against "urban" schools, neither should Lewis County, Buckhannon Upshur, and Nicholas County High have to compete against the likes of Parkersburg High, Parkersburg South, Martinsburg, Wheeling Park, Huntington and any of the Class AAA schools in the Kanawha-Putnam Counties area. The same can be said for Webster County High, Summers County High (although their girl's high school team made it to ! the finals this past season) or Clay County (also a state tournament participant) have to compete against Winfield, Bluefield or Weir High Schools.

Simply because a "group" of schools who are legitimate and legal members of the WVSSAC have managed to win a series of different state tournament titles, it does not mean that these schools should be segregated. Fairmont Senior, ONE school, has managed to dominate the boy's swim titles. Parkersburg South and Parkersburg High

have dominated wrestling at the AAA level as well. Berkley Springs and Doddridge County Highs have made many appearances in both track and cross country finals. And those are single schools, not a "group" of schools. It is wrong to send a message to "rural" schools who have complained that the answer is to segregate other schools who have managed to work hard and earn the honor of becoming teams who reach the penacle of their sport. If the only reason schools compete in sports is to play in the "finals" of a sport, simply make the trophy for each sport a "traveling" trophy, awarding it to every school on a specific timeline and do away with all state!

championships. That would make as much sense as segregating WVSSAC member private schools simply because in this cycle of sports, they have done well.

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Kathleen Bors  
Organization: Charleston Catholic High School  
Email: [drskandt@aol.com](mailto:drskandt@aol.com)  
Title:  
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Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Charleston, WV 25311  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-12 19:29:29  
Posted from IP: 64.12.116.203

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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Dear Board Members:  
Please do not choose to remove our children from competition with their Class A peers. As a parent of three CCHS students, I share my support of the coaches, faculty and staff who have mentored our children with discipline, patience, grace and high standards, including sportmanship, team-over-individual, personal best efforts, and an emphasis on academics above stats and wins. Each of my children has played a variety of sports, with a variety of talents and outcomes, both team and personal. Winning seasons and losing seasons, my children and their teammates learned life values from their CCHS coaches, each other, and their peer opposition. Not every sport at CCHS has had the succes that this year's b'ball teams have; neither has b'ball always been as successful. Our girls' awesome soccer team has not yet moved past Section competition in ages; our girls'softball team has not had a winning season in as long a time.  
I believe that you as a board of parents and conscientious citizens will not punish the student-athletes of CCHS for their hard work by removing them from their peer competitors. We all lose by that decision. In creating a separate class for our children, there will still be teams who do not excel, just as there are sports at CCHS which may never win State titles. Please allow the Catholic school student-athletes to continue to compete with their Class A peers, continuing a tradition of excellence in sports, sportmanship and life lessons.

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-12 16:28:08)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Jun 2006 16:28:09 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
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Organization: Parkersburg Catholic HS  
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Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Parkersburg, WV 26104  
Role: Teacher  
Posted: 2006-06-12 16:28:08  
Posted from IP: 69.43.8.252

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think it would be very unfair to make private/Catholic schools play sports in a division by themselves. This would create a tremendous amount of travel to get to a game.

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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City/State/Zip: Charleston, WV 25301  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-12 16:16:04  
Posted from IP: 66.109.184.164

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I am against the proposed segregated class for private schools. The divisions should be kept the same based on the number of students.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-12 15:49:17)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Jun 2006 15:49:18 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
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Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Charleston, WV 25314  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-12 15:49:17  
Posted from IP: 24.179.69.236

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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I am opposed to the recent SSAC resolution to create a new segregated championship class of schools.

It appears that there are those in West Virginia who feel that private schools recruit their student athletes and because of this "recruiting" some of these schools have won a variety of state titles. The suggested solution is a separate class for private school competitions.

At Charleston Catholic, 97% of our high school students came from our middle school or from other Catholic and private schools. If CCHS was recruiting wouldn't we have more than 3% of our high school students from other public schools?

Our students work very hard in their academic pursuits and equally as hard in their athletic pursuits. Please do not penalize them by creating a separate competitive class. This would be unfair and discriminatory.

Please carefully consider voting against this proposal.

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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City/State/Zip: Charleston , WV 25304  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-12 15:19:12  
Posted from IP: 68.117.150.77

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I am responding to the issue of recruitment of private schools for sports. I honestly thought the issue was a joke, and then realized that some individuals are really trying to prove this true. If anything the reverse is true, that being that public schools recruit. I think that if anyone would look at the information they would see that the students of Charleston Catholic have for the most part come from other Catholic feeder schools. It is a form of education that families have involved their children and families in from pre-school through 12th grade. Students also leave Charleston Catholic to play sports for public schools, but quite honestly, it is ludicrous to think that Catholic schools recruit for sports. Our school is one of performance both on and off soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, etc. The school stresses participation in a variety of venues and recruits for none. The emphasis is on individuals that are community supporters and participators,!

both in sports and other avenues as well. I encourage that you look at the statistics and school information before making a decision. I know that if you review the information that you could only come to one reasonable decision, that being that Charleston Catholic does not recruit for sports. Thank you.

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To Whom it May Concern:  
I believe that this issue is completely wrongheaded. If you cannot beat a time a couple times, they should be discarded. As a parent of a Girls Varsity Basketball player, who happens to attend PCHS in Parkersburg, I feel that this would not only be detrimental to her and all of those who play with her, but to the system as a whole.

Do we recruit? If someone asks us how we feel about our school, we tell them the truth, it is a terrific system (especially academically) and maybe something they should look into. To say that the public schools don't recruit, someone is kidding themselves. In the Parkersburg area there are several examples of kids coming in from other areas to play football/basketball. As long as you pay the 'taxes' that someone in this county pays, you are able to come and play.

To kick our kids out of the system is just plain wrong. First of all, what does that teach a kid in the public school system? If you can't win, make your opponent go away. This is an exclusionary piece of legislation and really is that what it's all about? I don't think so.

I hope that you as a board see the flaws in this and vote it down. I wish you the

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I am against the private school class for sports in West Virginia. This would not only deny the private schools good competition, but it would also deny the other A and AA schools the play the private schools good competition. My two son's have been in the private school system at Charleston Catholic since they were in pre-school and we have lost 10 times as many students that have transfered to other schools when entering Middle school and High school then we have received as transfers to the school. It would be a real shame to take away good competition from the A sports division, especially when many of the A schools have consolidated and will consolidate in the near future. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on this issue.

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I believe segregating public and private schools in athletic competition is a huge step backwards. Any private school that is a member of the WVSSAC must adhere to the same rules as public schools, such as eligibility requirements. Some private schools DO excel in particular sports, as do public schools (ex: Parkersburg High and Parkersburg South in wrestling). This is the result of a strong program. Removing the competition will do nothing more that lower the level of performance in our schools. If any changes should be made, it is my opinion that they should come in the form of revamping classifications according to school enrollment, not public vs. private. A decision of the latter would remove the majority of competition for all private schools. It seems it would be a decision based on religious prejudice, and we certainly wouldn't want that allegation--or would we?

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in the interest of full disclosure i am a 1983 grad of chas. catholic. i currently have 5 kids in either cchs or the grade school. my parents are catholic grads. we live in an era where "everybody gets a trophy". i dont know if you have heard that saying but it derives from todays youth sports culture where no matter whether you win or lose all the kids are guaranteed a reward at the end of the day. life is not like that and high school sports should not be as well. hell, the beauty of sports is that its not equal. the current division of 3 classes fits perfectly into the state's population base. there are inequities in each class. there is inequity in life. nobody is served by micromanaging inequity to the elimination of honest competition. please do not approve the bifucation of class A schools.

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Dear West Virginia Board of Education and Mr. Hayden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal of a separate class for private schools in West Virginia.

I believe that the proposal stems from a great deal of misinformation and misconception. It appears that the main misconception stems from the idea that private schools can and do recruit. As a parent of two students at Charleston Catholic High School, I can only speak of what I have seen over the course of the years of my involvement in this school community and that is that under the watchful eye of principal Debra Sullivan, it doesn't happen. I'm sure that the facts and figures have been provided to you, but I would like to reiterate that a great percentage of high school students at CCHS have come to the school from one of the "feeder Catholic grade schools" in the Charleston area, or another private grade school or may have moved into the area due to job transfers. While Charleston Catholic athletes enjoy success on the playing field, the primary focus of this school is academia, another arena in which they are highly successful. I believe that the hard work and high!

standards which must be met in the classroom spill over into the field of athletic competition as well as the success of our students in their other endeavors. While

not every student at CCHS is a straight A student, each of them is expected to work hard in the class room and challenge themselves to achieve the highest grade possible. Again, it spills over into other aspects of their lives.

I have heard that some of the single A schools feel that they the private schools should be in a separate class because they may draw from a larger student base than "rural" single A schools. Please consider that there are some sports in which there is no class distinction (soccer, for example). Our athletes compete against schools much larger than we are, knowing that the mountain is harder to climb. The result is that our athletes work harder to climb the mountain. Sometimes they are successful, sometimes they aren't.

As a member of the SSAC, Charleston Catholic must adhere to the same requirements as the other members. We all hear allegations of recruitment that goes on at other schools, or see students moving from one school to another, or families that move from one district to another and the list goes on and on. If those allegations are made, I believe they should be investigated. I do believe, however, that the people making those allegations should have a name, address and telephone number and should not be anonymous.

It is my opinion that the creation of a separate class within the SSAC for private schools is another example of changing the rules or lowering the bar because it may be unattainable. At Charleston Catholic, and I'm sure at many other schools, we teach our children to work hard and play by the rules. All of our children aren't star athletes or straight A students, but we don't lower the standard to make it easier for them to achieve something. Life just isn't that way. Sometimes in life we may not like the rules, but we must play by them. In my own home, my children know what the rules are. I don't move the "line in the sand". Because of this, my boys know that the rules are the same for both of them regardless of the circumstance. If we change the rules because someone doesn't like them, then they really aren't rules.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope that when you consider all sides of this debate that you will not relegate the private schools to a separate class.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Bogan

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I wish to object to the pending proposal which would create a separate competition classification for athletics among West Virginia's private schools. It is clear that the proposal has either originated from - or is most strongly pursued by - schools venting "sour grapes" in failing to achieve a higher level of achievement. Their position is not well-founded.

This past school year has demonstrated that Class A public schools have competed at the highest levels in track, baseball, softball, football and other sports, as well. One need only examine the sense of pride and accomplishment in the athletic departments of Buffalo (Putnam County), Williamstown, Doddridge County and other high schools to find levels of success to which all schools, public or private, should aspire.

Athletic success ebbs and flows through cycles of the talent pool at all schools. That this proposal addresses the success of a few schools in recent years is what I find most objectionable. The "dynasties" of several schools across the state in various sports is yesterday's news, replaced by other programs. This body should not react to a "knee-jerk" at a relatively small number of schools which would not assure greater success in any event. If this organization truly has the interest of the student at heart, I fail to see an advantage to a community for

watering-down the level of play.

I wish, however, to more specifically address the belief that private schools have an advantage due to the recruiting of student-athletes. For approximately ten years, I have coached a group of boys, initially in a recreational soccer league, then through their middle school years and now as a junior varsity coach at Charleston Catholic High School. In all these years, I have neither participated in, nor observed, any attempt to "recruit" a player who had not come to us of his own - or his family's - choice. My son and my daughter have participated in numerous sports at CCHS, and my wife and I have both been extremely active in team activities. Neither of us has been aware of any effort to influence a student to leave his or her school to attend CCHS for the purpose of playing a sport. I admit that I have spoken with parents of school-age children regarding the advantages of the academic and social environment of CCHS and its "feeder" schools, but I do not believe this is under scrutiny at this time.

As far as a private school having a geographical advantage over a public school, I see no such advantage at work in Kanawha County where the "magnet school" concept draws students from all enrollment areas. I have also observed parents who establish a "residence" for their children with a relative or rent an apartment in another enrollment area, often for purposes of athletic participation. But I also have first-hand knowledge of attempts by coaches in Kanawha County athletics to recruit some of the best athletes from CCHS to change enrollment and join the teams they coach in Kanawha County public high schools.

Any formula other than enrollment will not result in parity. Soccer is the most obvious example of smaller schools competing against schools of all sizes in a common classification without regard to enrollment. It has been many years since a Class A school has advanced to the highest rounds of the State tournament in boys' or girls' soccer. This proposal should be rejected.

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I am very concerned with the emphasis that is being placed on private and Catholic schools "allegedly" recruiting students to play sports to the demise of the public school system. If one reads the sports page on a daily basis, there is constantly an article about a student who leaves one school to play sports at another "better" location. Last year, in baseball, it was a pitcher from Capitol High who transferred to Hurricane. This year it is a pitcher from South Charleston who will be transferring to Hurricane. Last year in football, it was a transfer from Capitol to GW and back again that made the news. The year before that, it was a transfer of a quarterback from Capitol to GW to get more playing time. The old borders of "neighborhood schools" no longer exist in the public school system. Students merely shop for the school they want to suit their social or sports needs, unfortunately, often with no consideration for the real purpose of the public schools: an education!

. The choice of most students who go to a private or Catholic school is not for sports but for academics and/or an environment of safety and distance from alcohol and drugs. Having taught in the public school system myself and having been associated with it my whole life through a father who was an elementary school principal, I saw the benefit of having my children in a Catholic school. To "punish" these children by taking them out of what is actually competitive with public schools, i.e. sports, is just wrong.

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The most important lesson we teach in sports is fairness -- to play a game fairly, hopefully to win a game fairly. That was the original intent of the division of schools by size -- to level the playing field. There is no other way to be fair to our athletes! Any other division would be prejudicial!  
My children have played many sports for many years, at many levels. I've had benchwarmers and state champions, and both roles allowed for good life lessons. We may not always be winners, but we always play by the rules ... rules which were developed by experts in the sport to make sure that the game is played safely and fairly!  
The recent proposed division of schools is a punishment to success -- and it is contrary to concepts of fairness. We have stressed to our children that when they lose, do so with dignity. A loss is not to be blamed on anyone else. Maybe this is a lesson that should be taught to the adults who are proposing this new division.

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Re: Private School Bracket for Tournament Play

Dear Members of the State Board of Education:

The news has been replete in recent years with articles which chronicle an on-going decline in sportsmanship all across the spectrum: professional players using illegal performance enhancing drugs, a mother who was charged with planning to murder her daughter's cheerleading rival, governing bodies having to establish rules of conduct for parents, a parent causing the death of another in a fight over a children's sports event. It is a deplorable state of affairs that I am sure neither the State Board of Education nor the WVSSAC condones. It is reassuring to see that the WVSSAC's own website undercores the importance of good sportsmanship in all athletic endeavors. It's opening page on its website states in connection with its link to its section on rules that "Of course, it's sportmanship that must prevail in these sports, so ethics and integrity is also covered."

In its rules at §127-4-2 Sportmanship, it is provided in part in subsection 2.1 that "Member schools are required to conduct all relations with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship." And in subsection 2.4, it states that "It

schools in regular season play. Knowing they will not face them in tournament competition, can it be doubted that public schools soon will become indifferent about scheduling them for regular season play? Or worse, with official sanction of exclusionary practices, intentional about excluding them? With only a dozen or so private schools in the entire state - and having to travel from one end of the state to the other - it is not hard to imagine how difficult it would be to schedule a full regular season.

Finally, it must be remembered that not all private schools field teams in all sports. While I have no numbers, it may well be that in some sports only a very few private schools participate in a certain sport. If the number of public schools scheduling private schools during regular season in that sport should diminish, or even cease altogether, it could mean the death of some athletic programs at some schools. Then, too, if only three or four private schools field teams in a particular sport, how can there even be tournament play for that sport in an all-private school bracket?

The frustration of some schools can be appreciated. But exclusion is not the answer. Surely some alternative or compromise can be crafted. For example, why not -- in the sports where necessary or feasible -- have double representation at the start of tournament play. In other words, in some sports each region could send its top public school team and its top private school team to the state tournament. Once at the tournament, the double tracking is eliminated.

Those schools which voted for a private school bracket should be ashamed. The lesson in poor sportsmanship they are teaching the youth of this state is one which I hope the Board of Education in its wisdom and in its sense of fair play and good sportsmanship will reject.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Speidel Rodgers  
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Comment: Let's see, you live in a large city where the free public schools are AAA division, a division where you might receive valuable notice by college recruiters. We as a private school can top that! Come play for us - AA/A division, of course - and pay us several thousand dollars in tuition and several hundred dollars in fees, books and uniforms each year! Yes, I can see where private schools have a definite advantage in recruiting student athletes, but I diverge.

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I am appealing to the WVSSAC and the Board of Education to not remove Charleston Catholic from the A league team listing. The students of this school deserve an opportunity to compete with other students in this region and state. The athletes from our school do tend to perform well but this is due more to dedication and hardwork than to talent. Around 80% of our student body participates in sports. Many of them go from soccer in the fall, to basketball in the winter, to track, tennis or baseball in the spring. They are attending the school they are attending not for sports but rather for academic reasons. They apply to their sports activities the same type of dedication which makes them successfull academically. I think it says a great deal for the students and the coaches to have obtained the type of record they have in the sports area when their primary commitment is to academics. The vast majority of the students attending this school have been in the system since elementary!  
school. They have grown up together. This is hardly the arena for recruiting the athletes of tomorrow. When an awards ceremony for a team starts with the coach stating we are lacking in natural talent, not to mention sheer numbers, but through hard work the talent and numbers issues were overcome by hard work and perserverence this says a lot about the students participating. This a group of young men and women who make sure they are at practice every day. This is a group of young men and women who truly understand the meaning of the word team, running

in an event they typically don't run, playing a position they may not be comfortable playing to fill in for an injured or ill teammate, a group which recognizes the good of the whole may take precedence over the desires of the individual. My question is why should these young people and their coaches be punished for being successful. When a public school obtains this type of success, say Winfield for example, one doesn't hear a!

cry to move them into another grouping so that the rest of the schools in their class can win. Why should the private school students in this state be singled out? Why doesn't anyone say anything if a public school entices a player to leave the private school to play for their school. There is a double standard being applied. If success equals the need to create new categories then it should be done across the board and shouldn't single out a particular class of student. If recruitment is the issue, and I will be honest I don't know if anyone has been recruited, but I will say that if they have there are very few of these individuals for as I stated earlier most of these students have been together since elementary school, then public schools should not be allowed to recruit either. I know that were my son not at Charleston Catholic the odds are he would not be involved in the sports arena. He is not a natural athlete, but has worked hard to achieve the progress he has. I ha!

ve seen my son develop in ways he would not have because of his team involvement and I would hate for him to be told hard work results in discrimination. Please remember the values of teamwork and fair play as you are making your decisions. Please also consider the tax dollars we are paying go to the support of the public schools so even though are children are not attending the public schools we are paying for the support of the public programs. I am working three jobs and my husband is working two to facilitate my son attending Charleston Catholic. The bottom line is he is there for academics, not sports, but the sports program has been a plus in rounding out his development. There is enough discrimination in the world today, please do not allow the inaccurate perception we purchase our atheletes create yet another avenue of discrimination. Hard work, dedication, and teamwork is what our students have been taught. May be the answer to the problem is to figure out what this !

school is doing so successfully and implement it in the public schools. I thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not punish our students for their hardwork and dedication.

Sincerely,  
Judith A. Strawderman

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-09 21:01:16)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 9 Jun 2006 21:01:16 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Posted: 2006-06-09 21:01:16  
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Dear WVSSAC and WV Sate Board of Education,  
I am usually not one who has any difficulty expressing myself in speech or in written form. However, I have found it fairly difficult to adequately express my thoughts on this topic and have torn up several rough drafts to you. Now, because the deadline to respond rapidly approaches, I must quickly respond.  
I know the reason I am having so much difficulty responding on this topic of potentially creating a new private school class for post-season sports competition. It is quite simply because it is 2006, I am living in one of the most beautiful states in the United States, and the school all 3 of my children either currently attend or graduated from is being squarely faced with segregation. And I am, quite honestly, in disbelief. How can this possibly be?  
The Charleston Catholic student athletes earn their wins and they earn their losses and thus, they compile a record. If a CCHS team's record of wins/losses earns them a berth in post season competition, it is an earned berth. If a team does not earn a berth, the athletes must decide how much it matters to them, and make a committed effort to practice even harder next year in order to earn a berth. The most successful teams go on to post-season competition; the less successful teams do not.  
It is such a fair and simple concept. Despite the simplicity, there are those who are displeased with the success of CCHS athletic teams consistently advancing

in post-season play. The solution to this displeasure is to move them, pardon me- segregate them- into their own class. And how is it decided which teams will go? Well, the culprits are Catholic schools so segregating them off by themselves takes care of the problem. What on earth will happen in Class A competition if a new private school class is created, and then a single public school or two emerges as a consistent post-season competitor in 2007, 2008, and 2009? Will these schools join the private school class, too, in order to continue to clear the board so less successful teams get an opportunity to win?

Segregation is such an ugly word. I cannot believe it is even being whispered when determining where our student athletes at CCHS might be playing post - season games next year. In a segregated class, kids. Why? Because there are those who believe you are winning too often.

I respectfully urge you to disapprove of this proposal. Please understand that our students work really hard at their athletics at CCHS because they are so used to working really hard at their academics. It is just what they do because the teachers and coaches at CCHS expect the students and athletes to always give their best effort the first time, the last time, and every time in between. It is second nature to the kids.

All 3 of my children attended West Virginia Catholic schools from kindergarten. My youngest is now in 8th grade at CCHS, my middle child is in 12th grade at CCHS and my oldest graduated from Charleston Catholic. My son who is a CCHS graduate from 2002 just graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point 2 weeks ago. West Point is rigorous in both academics and athletics. My son said that his years in Catholic elementary and middle schools and his high school years at Charleston Catholic prepared him well for the rigors and high expectations of West Point. He reminded me that the transition to West Point was not as hard for him as it was for others because he came from a place where excellence and top performance was expected of him every time in the classroom as well as on the court, track, and cross country course.

At Charleston Catholic, expectations of the students and student-athletes are very high. Please do not segregate them because in the wisdom of their youth they have figured out a method to achieve success and reach those high expectations. Instead, they should be applauded and urged to continue to apply the same methods for success out in the world after graduation.

Respectfully,  
Mary B. Crigger

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-09 11:22:20)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Posted: 2006-06-09 11:22:20  
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Athletic competition teaches many things which cannot be learned in a classroom. In order to better the athlete as well as the athletic program, the best competition should be sought. It should not matter if the competition is from a public or private high school. I do not feel the amendment making the private schools a seperate classification should be passed. The number of schools/population in West Virginia does not warrant a seperate classification for these private schools. To be the best, you have got to beat the best. In order for a high school team to consider itself the best, it needs to play the best cometicition, regardless of whether the competition comes from a public or private high school.

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Posted from IP: 64.181.7.243

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We strongly OPPOSE the current proposal to create a new private school class for post-season competition. We will be following up with a written letter to more fully set out our response.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-12 23:22:41)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Jun 2006 23:22:41 -0400

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Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-06-12 23:22:41

Posted from IP: 24.159.116.178

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I am a parent of two boys who attended a private school. It was a choice that our family made. It was made when they were at the age to begin attending school. The reason(s) we decided to send them to a private school were to allow them the opportunity to have prayer in school for one, which was an option when I attended public school in West Virginia many years ago. The other reason was the educational aspect, specifically the reading program. The program Wood County was using at the time was outdated (Open Court) and no longer being used in several states due to its limitations in serving all students. Both of my sons have graduated from Parkersburg Catholic High School. They excelled academically as well as athletically.

To propose that private schools compete separately from public schools is unfair to those students and families who have made that choice. We continued to pay taxes all the years that our children attended Catholic. They participated with their peers in recreational league as well as county/state programs as they got older. The only separation that was made was based on age or grade in school until they reached high school. Never once were my sons not allowed to play because they were richer, poorer, taller, shorter, handsome, unattractive, etc. They did get better opportunities because my husband and I worked with them, made them work harder, and practice. What message are we trying to send to anyone when we level the playing field by eliminating anyone who may challenge us?

During the time my sons attended high school, I watched several AAA schools utilize students out of district and state to participate in and win some state championships. They did this according to WVSSAC rules. I'm sure those students worked hard to achieve that. How is that different than what happens in private schools?

The students of private schools are no different than those at public schools, they are children relying on adults to decide something that will have long term effects on their athletic futures in the state of WV. Please don't disappoint them, make a fair and unprejudiced decision.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-12 22:06:44)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Jun 2006 22:06:44 -0400

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Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-06-12 22:06:44  
Posted from IP: 63.92.149.149

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proposal 6 amendment 127-3-10 All private schools will be AP  
I am in favor of this rule change as I think that private schools should not be in the same class as small public schools. This is unfair to the small public schools to have to compete with schools that are located in large cities. At private schools all the students play sports but only about 1/3 of the students at public schools play sports giving the private schools a much greater pool of athletes. Also, private schools can have players from outside the attendance area that would be normal for a public school. This is an unfair advantage of the private schools over the public schools.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-12 21:36:41)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Posted: 2006-06-12 21:36:41

Posted from IP: 63.92.149.149

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Proposal 6 Amendment 127-3-10 All private schools will be classified as AP: Yes I'm in favor of putting the private schools in their own class. They have the distinct advantage of allowing the maximum number of students into their school and keep the enrollment there if they choose. Even more, their dominance of the sports in single A should be enough proof that they have clear advantages. The boys single A basekball is dominated by catholic schools every year, along with other major sports such as football and baseball. It isn't a level playing field for all schools and I thought that is the point of this vote.

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Proposal 6 amendment 127-3-10 classify private schools as AP. I am completely in favor of this amendment and for removing private schools from the single A classification of public schools. Public single A schools are at a great disadvantage to private schools. Small public schools are in rural areas with very limited populations to draw athletes from. Private schools are located in the largest population areas of the state and serve students who'd be attending triple A or double A schools. Populations of private schools are exclusive and often have 100% participation in one sport or another. Single A schools generally only have about 1/3 the total school population participating in athletics. Moorefield High, with a population of 440 has about 140 athletes for all sports, Wheeling Central by comparison with a population of about 440 would have 440 athletes. Private schools have dominated the state Single A tournaments for the last several years in almost every sport!

- far beyond the realm of probability were the pool of athletes equal. Athletes from small schools are already at a disadvantage when pursuing college level recognition. Participation in state tournaments is often the only means of recognition and these athletes are denied that opportunity by the systematic elimination of public school teams in state tournaments by the domination of private schools. I was secretary at Moorefield High from 1993 to 2005. I am also the parent of 3 sons who participated on several football and the baseball state

tournament teams. I shared in the amazing run of this small town school and its incredible group of HOME TOWN athletes. Its a shame that the governing body of these small schools would deny another small town the opportunity to see their athletes rise to the height of their sport by the unfair and unjustifiable inclusion of private schools, schools that are not and have not for several years been held to the same rules regarding ! attendance area.

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I would just like to address the problem of single A schools trying to compete against private schools. I have gone for many years to watch volleyball, basketball, & football games and you cannot tell me that the private schools do not have an advantage. The playing field is not equal when it comes to a private school and a single A school. The principals & athletic directors have seen the same problems we have and have voiced their opinions in their vote. Please take heed and give them your support. Thank you

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I want to comment on the public/private school issue and appears you might have intended this to be difficult.

1-don't kick the private schools out. let them remain "A" and "kick" the public schools into their own division such as "A+". this will take care of the discrimination issues threatened by the privates.

OR

2-let them remain as they are BUT require that all students pay for their own enrollment thus stopping the rich supporters from enticing kids to enroll. Also let them have students from anywhere in the world BUT unless they are from their approved zone, the students are not eligible for sports.

3-there is no way the current system is fair to small schools. I live part time in Texas and that is why they created a separate class for public schools. To have a fair system, there must be rules which ALL members abide by. If the privates CHOOSE not to abide by the same standards and you insist on leaving the current classifications, then let the public schools have athletes from anywhere in the world also.

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Private schools have had an advantage for too long. They belong in a class of their own as they are in Virginia and Maryland and other states. The enrollment numbers of private schools do not accurately compare with the enrollment numbers of rural single A schools. If you took the best athletes from neighboring rural communities it may compare with that of private schools; however, public schools are restricted by school districts. Private schools do not have special ed. students in their enrollment; public schools must count all students regardless of ability / disability. Please vote for this proposal.

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Address1: 1557 19th Ave.  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-06-08 11:53:18  
Posted from IP: 24.159.85.228

Comments for section 127-2-3 10  
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We feel that small rural counties Class A schools are at a huge disadvantage to the private schools. We feel that the private schools should play for State Championships in a class by themselves. The private schools can recruit from a very wide area and the public schools have to use students that live within their area. This causes a lot of bad feelings between the public and private schools.

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No virus found in this incoming message.  
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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.3/359 - Release Date: 6/8/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 11:25:25)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 11:25:25 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

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Name: Nancy Lewis

Organization: Aunt

Email: [nlewis@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:nlewis@assessor.state.wv.us)

Title:

Address1: 5818 US 220 South

Address2:

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-06-07 11:25:25

Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Our students in the public schools work really hard to compete in sports at the local level all year. If they are lucky enough to reach the state finals, they don't have a chance. The private schools can recruit the best athletes for their schools to participate in their sports. If you look at the statistics, you will see why the private schools should not be competing with the public schools.

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No virus found in this incoming message.

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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 11:07:54)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 11:07:55 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100  
#####  
Name: Rodney Keller  
Organization:  
Email: [rkeller@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:rkeller@assessor.state.wv.us)  
Title:  
Address1: 204 Washington Street  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-06-07 11:07:54  
Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Private schools should have their own playoffs. The competiton is unfair. They have the ability to recruit based on athletic ability alone.

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No virus found in this incoming message.  
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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 11:05:14)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 11:05:15 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Name: Lee Lehman

Organization:

Email: [llehman@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:llehman@assessor.state.wv.us)

Title:

Address1: 204 Washington Street

Address2:

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Community Member

Posted: 2006-06-07 11:05:14

Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Private schools should not be eligible to compete with public shools.  
They have the option to recruit based on athletic ability-public schools don't.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 11:04:16)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 11:04:17 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100  
#####  
Name: Robert Wagoner  
Organization:  
Email: [rkwagoner@citlink.net](mailto:rkwagoner@citlink.net)  
Title: Grandparent  
Address1: PO Box 147  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Augusta, WV 26704  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-07 11:04:16  
Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10  
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I do not feel that it is fair for Wheeling Central, Parkersburg Catholic etc., Private schools to compete against public schools, in sports, it is very unfair to the public schools because when you can recruit player it makes a big difference in players. The public schools can not recruit so the have a limited number of skilled player unlike private schools who can recruit the better players from around the area. Maybe you should let the private schools have their own play- offs

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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 11:01:09)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 11:01:10 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100  
#####  
Name: Amy Shockey  
Organization:  
Email: [ashockel@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:ashockel@assessor.state.wv.us)  
Title:  
Address1: Snyderville Road  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Fisher, WV 26818  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-06-07 11:01:09  
Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Private schools have the ability to recruit based on athletic ability alone. This is not fair. They should have their own playoffs to make competition fair.

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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 10:57:36)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 10:57:37 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

#####

Name: Norma Wagoner  
Organization: Parent  
Email: [nwagoner@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:nwagoner@assessor.state.wv.us)  
Title:  
Address1: PO Box 147  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Augusta, wv 26704  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-07 10:57:36  
Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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I do not feel that it is fair for the private schools to compete against public schools in sports, because the private schools can recruit players and the public schools can not. And this is not fair to the students of public schools.  
I suggest that you have the private schools have their own play offs.

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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 10:56:36)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 10:56:36 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

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Name: Sara Whetzel

Organization:

Email: swhetzel@hardynet.com

Title:

Address1: 204 South Elm Street

Address2:

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Community Member

Posted: 2006-06-07 10:56:36

Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Private schools should have their own playoffs. They have the ability to recruit based on athletic ability alone. This is a benefit not afforded to the public schools in WV.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-07 10:52:34)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 10:52:35 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

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Name: Jim B. Wrotchford

Organization: Moorefield High School Athletic Boosters

Email: [jratchfo@assessor.state.wv.us](mailto:jratchfo@assessor.state.wv.us)

Title: Vice President

Address1: 965 Ogden Farm Road

Address2:

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-06-07 10:52:34

Posted from IP: 129.71.112.10

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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I feel that private schools should not be eligible to participate in playoffs due to fact that they have the ability to recruit their players based on athletic ability alone. This is not an option for the public schools in WV, therefore making the competition unfair. Private schools should have their own playoffs.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-06 23:48:41)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 6 Jun 2006 23:48:41 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

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Name: Jackie Williams

Organization:

Email: [robwms@hardynet.com](mailto:robwms@hardynet.com)

Title:

Address1: 145 Sandy Lane

Address2:

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Parent-Family

Posted: 2006-06-06 23:48:41

Posted from IP: 63.92.149.88

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Please vote to put private schools in a separate class for sports. I think that is only fair because they do not follow the same rules as state schools. Most private schools require their students to participate in a selected number of sports. That makes the number of participants unequal. Private schools have more money. That, too gives them an advantage. In private schools, coaches can be employed only to coach. State schools' coaches also have to teach in order to make an income. I am from a town with championship teams so this is not sour grapes because we have not won against private schools. A common complaint it that this is all a reaction to schools tired of being beaten. Like I said, that is not my case. I have just seen how unjust it is to compete with schools with a different set of rules. PLEASE take a stand and VOTE for private schools to be in their own class. THANK YOU.

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Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.8.2/357 - Release Date: 6/6/06

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-06 13:50:47)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 6 Jun 2006 13:50:47 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Myron Seese  
Organization: Hundred High School  
Email: [myronjs@yahoo.com](mailto:myronjs@yahoo.com)  
Title: Athletic Director  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Hundred, WV 26575  
Role: School System Staff  
Posted: 2006-06-06 13:50:47  
Posted from IP: 168.216.129.17

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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Hopefully, the State Board of Education will fulfill the desire and wisdom of our principals. The principals have declared and recognized an unfair system in a state-wide vote.

The private/parochial schools are not at fault; it's the system that allows distinct disadvantages for our small public schools to compete on a "level-playing" field.

The past state Class A champions in all sports prove the fact that the system is not providing all WV students a legitimate opportunity to capture a state title.

I'm tired of hearing the phrase "sour grapes"! It's just not fair!

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-05 12:54:07)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 5 Jun 2006 12:54:07 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Tim Crites  
Organization: Moorefield High School  
Email:  
Title: Teacher/Coach  
Address1: Moorefield High School  
Address2: 401 North Main Street  
City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836  
Role: Teacher  
Posted: 2006-06-05 12:54:07  
Posted from IP: 168.216.186.14

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Good proposal. It should be placed into effect immediately.

Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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good rule change. It should be placed into effect immediately.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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good rule change. It should be placed into effect immediately.

Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-05 12:49:41)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 5 Jun 2006 12:49:42 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100

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Name: Tim Crites

Organization: Moorefield High School

Email:

Title: Teacher/coach

Address1: Moorefield High School

Address2: 401 North Main Street

City/State/Zip: Moorefield, WV 26836

Role: Teacher

Posted: 2006-06-05 12:49:41

Posted from IP: 168.216.186.14

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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Good rule proposal. Should be passed immediately.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-03 20:56:33)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Sat, 3 Jun 2006 20:56:34 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Tom Wamsley  
Organization: Tygarts Valley High School  
Email: twamsley@access.k12.wv.us  
Title: Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach  
Address1: Rt 1, Box 2-B-2  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Valley Bend, WV 26293  
Role: Teacher  
Posted: 2006-06-03 20:56:33  
Posted from IP: 209.33.121.131

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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This policy should be approved. I have been a head boys varsity basketball coach in West Virginia for 23 years. The present policy that allows students to be coached 3 weeks a year was a great first step for West Virginia.

Before the 3 week coaching period in the summer was implemented, it was distressing to see athletes over the summer break begin running with the wrong crowd and become influenced by behaviors that our coaches would not allow if we could legally have contact with them. Athletics is just about the only "hook" that we have with some of our students, and to lose that over the course of the summer has prevented some students from continuing in certain programs that were forcing the athletes to maintain their academics and their behaviors to a higher standard than what they would try to maintain on their own.

The negative of the 3 week period is that the multi-sport athlete is so pressed for time trying to give 2-3 sports equal time. Extending the coaching period over the summer would relieve the pressure of the 3 week period and allow us coaches to maintain contact with the athlete over the duration of the summer.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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This policy should be approved. I have been a head high school basketball coach in West Virginia for 23 years. My teams have regularly scheduled private schools such as Clarksburg Notre Dame and Parkersburg Catholic, while competing against

Morgantown St. Francis (now closed) and Wheeling Central Catholic in tournament competition. I have coached at small rural schools who do not enjoy the advantage of having an entire county (and sometimes more) counted as their legal attendance area as the private schools do.

Just 3 years ago, one of our starters from our Girls Varsity Basketball team traveled to Clarksburg every day during her junior & senior years to be a member of Notre Dame High School. Her trip took her past Elkins High School, Buchannon High School, Lewis County High School, and South Harrison High School each day. Religion had no bearing on her choice as she nor her family are Catholic or are of a religious nature.

The November/December 2005 edition of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), of which our WVSSAC is a proud member, has an article in regards to the public/private school athletic debate. It would be well worth your time to consider this article as it describes what many other states do to try to "level the playing field" between public and small private schools. You will find that many states have in force the policy that WV is trying to implement.

Religious discrimination has nothing to do with this policy. However the tenets of every world religion dealing with treating everyone fairly with the same advantages do come into play. I would think that any private school that prides itself on teaching religious doctrine would be embarrassed to compete with the advantages presently granted to them.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-26 7  
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Comments for sectiona 127-3-26 7 2  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-08 01:02:46)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 8 Jun 2006 01:02:46 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Brian Pratt  
Organization: GWHS - Asst Coach / Parent  
Email: [bjpratt24@charter.net](mailto:bjpratt24@charter.net)  
Title:  
Address1: 3826 Virginia Ave SE  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Charleston, WV 25304  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-08 01:02:46  
Posted from IP: 24.179.94.104

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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I like the idea of allowing additional coaching opportunities in the summer, however I would like to see additional limits. I know however that some coaches use the current 3-week period and practice 4 - 5 hours a day. I would like to see either a limit to the number of hours a sport could be practiced in a week, or a limit to the number of actual practices a team/coach could have in the summer. Something like a limit of twenty 2-hour practices per summer. Otherwise, I fear that students that play multiple sports will not get a summer vacation. I have a daughter that played 3 sports last year and between the first part of August and May 21st she was always in-season. I feel she needs more than 2 weeks in the summer to recover but it is difficult for a 16-year old to tell a coach she won't be attending their practice. Although attendance is 'optional', those that feel that preference is not given to those that show up in the summer and participate do not live in the real ! world.

Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I can see where the traditional single 'A' rural schools feel that they are at a disadvantage. The Charleston Newspaper just gave out their sports schools of the year in each class for the 10th year in a row. They give points based on final standings for each sport. All ten years that the award has been in place a private school has won the single 'A' championship. After a ten year dominance a change needs to be made. Private single 'A' schools are located in more populated areas with more advantages. Plus, if player is not happy with their playing time at a

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-07 22:45:36)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 22:45:36 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Gwen Grose  
Organization:  
Email: [grosesg@frontiernet.net](mailto:grosesg@frontiernet.net)  
Title:  
Address1: 424 Barkwill Street  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: St. Marys, WV 26170  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-06-07 22:45:36  
Posted from IP: 70.100.74.156

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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It is time the WVDE takes a stand supporting West Virginia public school student athlete. The private schools joined the WVSSAC during the 1970's and appeared to bring their own 'guidelines' to the organization. Private schools admittedly, recruit (supposedly for enrollment only) student athletes while public schools are prohibited from this practice. I feel that ALL students (public school and private school) should be bound by the same guidelines, but since they are not then the board should approve the proposed amendment creating a new classification for the private schools.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-07 19:15:33)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 7 Jun 2006 19:15:33 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-06-07 19:15:33  
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I am adamantly opposed to the proposal to segregate private schools into a separate athletics class. I have daughters playing high school soccer, one for a private school and another for a public school. Recruiting does not take place in girl's soccer. IN fact, girls' sports continue to get the short end of the stick, but that is a complaint for another day. After experiencing the rigors of private school education, it is absurd to even suggest that recruiting takes place due to athletics. Private schools barely have enough players to field teams. Parents choose to send their children to these types of schools for the acedemics. Leaders of our education system should be setting positive examples for our children vs. enhancing the ability of a few to have their way due to sour grapes.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-06 23:16:16)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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I am very much against this provision!

Children should not be seperated, public or private. I thought segregation was a thing of the past? What will this teach our kids? If you put private school children in a seperate class it will create a border that should not be there. Isnt there enough of those in life, dont we have to teach kids to reach out beyond, social, economical and racial boundaries?

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-06 17:28:33)

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
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The proposal is very short sighted and does nothing to further teh educational standards of any of the students. Public dollars should be spent wisely

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-06 14:21:46)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 6 Jun 2006 14:21:47 -0400

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Role: Community Member

Posted: 2006-06-06 14:21:46

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I do not believe that private schools should be placed into a seperate division. I have never seen or known of any coach or athletic director to recruit atheletes nor any system to recruit students to improve their educational standing. What I see is no different than what the public schools do because of an outdated countywide system that allows a student to go to any school within the county to better their chances of a scholarship or just a winning season.

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Posted: 2006-06-06 07:42:11  
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The activities provided through the WVSSAC are for THE STudents. LET THEM PLAY! The proposal, as written, is discriminatory! Public Education is not to discriminate against anyone. Private schools were graciously accepted into the WVSSAC and now some members are wanting to segregate them.

Is there a problem? It seems there is. Is it the private schools? NO! It seems to be more urban vs rural than anything else, and money, which unfortunately, always is an issue. All schools in the WVSSAC, who support football, have to deal with the unfunded mandate of having an Athletic Trainer. Revenue sharing with all member schools would help with this issue and help Athletic Trainers provide support to other sports, especially at schools without football, which are mainly small Single A schools. Also, revenue sharing could help the rural schools with activity transportation, which is another issue they face. The WVSSAC makes money off the student-athletes. As much of that money, as reasonable, should be given back to the member schools for the benefit of the student-athletes. Having student-athletes at practice is invaluable to the student-athlete and thier team.

Going to 4 classes, in all sports where possible, would benefit the student-athletes. More teams would make the play-offs and they would get to experience the competition of a tournament atmosphere. Sports and Activities are for the student-athletes, LET THEM PLAY!

I would hope the WVBOE has the insight and knowledge to reject this proposal and hopefully put fairness and integrity at a high level into interscholastic sports and activities in West Virginia.

I have taught and coached in public and private schools and in urban and rural schools. I have been involved with the well being of student-athletes through coaching and athletic training and as a member of professional organizations, such as, WVATA, WVAHPERD, AAHPERD NASPE WVDE Health and Physical Education Leadership Academy and others. Thank you for allowing and considering my input on this issue.

Eric W. "Rick" Tennant BS, MS, AT, CAPE

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Posted: 2006-06-05 20:34:11  
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To whom it may concern. I would like to espress my concern about the possible seperation of the private schools from the other schools. I am a soccer enthusiats, and a parent of a child that was in the public school system, and is now at Huntington St.Joe. This may be the smallest catholic school in the state. We have always enjoyed competition, this is one reason we sent our son to a private school. Not for the athletics alone, but the structure and the competition in the classroom. I want my son to strive to be the best he can be without lowering the bar, and competing against lessor competion both in the classroom and on the field. This will allow him to compete in the real world. I have a problem with someone wanting to eliminate good competition just to win. Why can we not compete against the best, and find a lesson in winning and losing. My son was not recruited by the school, he was drawn to the environment in the classroom, the standards that are set as a whole!

. If the decision is made to seperate the schools, winning a championship against anything but the best would not mean as much. Please do not lower the bar so a few COACHES (not children) can win a championship. Mark Conley.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-05 14:27:09)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Penalizing "private" schools (by locking them out of the present size-based classifications) because the public schools are unable to beat them on a regular basis for "big-sport" State Championships smacks of unconstitutional discrimination against these primarily Christian Schools. The weak rationalizations that have been put forth by several of the public school administrators show very poor "sportsmanship" and a sad lack of "fair play." Allowing this Amendment to stand would send yet another very poor message to the young athletes: "If you can't beat them fair and square, change the rules and throw them out of 'your' league!" As a parent of a public school scholar-athlete, I do not want to see this message sent to my son nor any of the others throughout this State. If you do not strike down this unreasonable amendment, even if it is ultimately found to be unconstitutional (as I feel confident it will), the bad-faith message will have been sent to our youth, and the damage! will be terrible.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-05 13:53:05)

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Mr. Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC Executive Director  
2875 Staunton Turnpike  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Dear Mr. Hayden:

This letter is to state my strong opposition to the proposal to create a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia.

- Primarily, the proposal to segregate is illegal.
- The accusations that our school system recruits students for athletic purposes is unfounded and absurd. The only "perk" an athlete in the private school system receives is a \$4,500+ tuition invoice.
- Single-A schools support small communities and small, private schools. Because of the decline in West Virginia's population, several single-A schools have consolidated and become double-A and triple-A schools. This, leaves fewer single-A schools in the pool of athletic competition.

- West Virginia is a rural state, and due the geographical location of many single-A schools and the location in which students reside, transportation to athletic practice is difficult, and, therefore, all athletic students do not participate in sporting activities. Students attending a private school should not be discriminated against because they live in a less rural area and have transportation to participate in athletics.

- Charleston Catholic High School does not win State athletic titles every year. The boys high school basketball team won the State Title in 2000 and in 2006. Clearly, this is not an indication of athletic recruiting.

- Charleston Catholic High School has won the State academic title in the Quiz Bowl for the past 5 years. I do not hear single-A schools complaining about recruiting for academics.

- When Notre Dame dominated the football arena during several years when Lou Holz was coach, other colleges of the same size did not seek to illegally ban private colleges from the NCAA.

- If coaching staff is inadequate, it should be replaced.

- Charleston Catholic, as well as other private schools, set very high standards for the students. These standards are set for discipline, academics, athletics, community service, and other life-related aspects. The students work hard to meet expectations. To punish and discriminate against their achievements is unconscionable.

- More than 80 percent of students at Charleston Catholic High School have been in a Catholic/private school since elementary school. To force children and parents to choose between family values and athletics is an injustice to West Virginia's youth.

- Home-schooled children are permitted to play athletics in the public school system and not a segregated home-school class of athletics.

- Financially, the public school system gains by receiving tax dollars from the more than 6,000 Catholic high school students who do not attend public school. This proposal to segregate private schools and create a separate private school class for athletics will provide an increase in the public school student body. This will be a huge financial expense for the public school system.

I can list many more reasons why creating a private school class for post-season athletic competition is illegal, immoral, and discriminatory, but I think my message is clear.

Sincerely,

Krystyna A. Gerencir  
834 Echo Road  
So. Charleston, WV 25303

cc: State Board of Education

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-04 22:20:49)

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I am adamantly opposed to a separate class for private schools. It is a shame that the public sector is so worried about such a small percentage of students. I think that the fallout of a separate class would definitely be discriminating.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-02 09:08:42)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 2 Jun 2006 09:08:43 -0400

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I am writing to express my opinion on the upcoming proposal to create a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia. I do not feel this would be in the best interest of the students or our the state as a whole. This is a step backward toward segregation. I believe it would have a negative impact on both the public and private schools. Students who attend private schools should not be penalized from competing with their friends and peers who attend public schools. Athletic children may not want to attend a private school if they will not be allowed to compete against their regular season competitors in post-season play, thus jeopardizing the schools funding. I believe the public schools would be cheated out of fair and worthy competition as well. I think this proposal is flawed and do not support it. Thank you for granting me this opportunity to give my opinion.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-02 00:22:36)

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I am submitting this letter in opposition to the WVSSAC proposal that would create a separate competitive classification for private secondary schools. As the parent of a student-athlete at Charleston Catholic High School (CCHS), and as a former secondary school and collegiate student-athlete, I consider this proposal to be misguided, and I encourage its rejection by the State Board of Education.

This proposal appears to be motivated by an institutional focus, namely: that private schools, by virtue of their location and the "talent pool" therein, gain an unfair competitive advantage (via recruitment) over public schools with comparable enrollments, and should therefore be barred from championship competition against those schools. This reasoning is fundamentally flawed, and I wish to offer the following points in defense of the current system of classification.

First: As a sports official, I consider this proposal incongruent with sportsmanship, as I understand it. Indeed, by limiting an athlete's opportunities for competition, this proposal is clearly not focused upon the good of the athlete, that is, the sense of achievement that an athlete attains upon earning a championship in fair and open competition. Rather, in this proposal, the focus is taken away from the athlete, and is then misdirected upon the good of the institution that the athlete represents, as defined by a win-loss record. One can

only surmise that proponents of this proposal believe that a more favorable win-loss record will benefit their institution; however, such "benefits" (pride, for example) are transitory at best. Put succinctly: if the cost of pride is integrity, then I suggest that we choose integrity.

Second: As a basis for competitive classification, enrollment alone, that is, the size of a school's "talent pool," does not paint a complete picture of the athletic landscape. One must also consider resource availability, i.e., funding for extracurricular activities, and the effect that those resources (or the lack thereof) have upon athletic competition. The inescapable fact is that private schools do not have the resources of an entire county school system at their disposal. As a result, athletic programs at private schools are constantly at risk. Without the generosity of alumni and parents, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for private schools to offer athletic programs. Therefore, in this regard, private schools face a significant disadvantage in competition with public schools.

Third: The justification for this proposal stopped just short of alleging that private schools admit students on the basis of athletic ability. Such allegations are absurd, and are an affront to private schools, which operate under extremely rigorous ethical standards. Even if one were not inclined to believe this, it is a matter of fact that the application for CCHS admission does not ask for the speed of the applicant's fastball, the height of the applicant's vertical jump, or the applicant's fastest time in the 100-meter dash. Therefore, it is patently obvious that athletic ability is not a criterion for admission to CCHS. I suspect that the same can be said of every other private school in West Virginia.

Fourth: The justification for the proposal also stops just short of alleging that prospective student-athletes and their families are somehow induced to select private school enrollment over enrollment in local public schools. There are, in fact, inducements to private school enrollment; however, these inducements are intangible, and are solely grounded in the academic and ethical standards upon which the private schools are founded. No reasonable person could consider such "inducements" illegal or unethical. Furthermore, since WVSSAC rule 127-2-9 already prohibits "The use of influence by a person or group connected or not connected with the school to secure or retain a student for athletic participation ...," an administrative remedy already exists for unethical student-athlete recruitment, namely: administrative sanctions against the offending parties. As such, reclassification of all private schools for the purpose of remediating alleged infractions is, at minimum, redundant.

Fifth: the proposal implicitly suggests that private school students are, on average, more "athletically gifted" than their public school counterparts. I am not a sociologist; however, I suspect that this contention has no basis in fact. I choose to believe that every child has nearly unlimited potential, and that failure to achieve that potential is a direct consequence of inadequate adult leadership. Consequently, if one wishes to understand the root cause of athletic (or academic) failure, then one need look no further than the adults involved.

In conclusion: the athletic prowess of an educational institution, large or small, in no way reflects its success as a center of learning. Academic excellence must be the first and only measure of success for any educational institution, and for a private institution, this measure of success is particularly imperative, since enrollment is neither compulsory or inexpensive. To suggest that athletic success is a sufficient "return on investment" for the families of private school students trivializes the core values of private education, and is, in a word, outrageous. The proposal to segregate private schools for the purpose of athletic competition is equally outrageous, and I hope that the Board of Education will act accordingly, and reject the proposal.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-01 22:19:20)

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Schools that have not been successful in regional and state competition can attempt to change that in one of two ways: 1) eliminate the competition, or 2) improve their athletic programs.

It seems that some school administrators are focusing on (1) when they should attempt (2).

Eliminating competition will not help students to become better athletes, nor will it help them win college scholarships. In fact, eliminating competition frequently leads to a lowering of standards and expectations.

Eliminating competition teaches students that they don't have to improve in order to win, that they only have to change the rules. This is a sad lesson to teach those students.

In fact, public school students can compete. The students at public schools are just as good athletes as those at private schools. They should NEVER be told that they are inferior; they are NOT. Those administrators and coaches who are, by this proposal, telling public school students that they can't compete should be ashamed of their conduct.

Public school students are just as talented as private. The difference is in the athletic programs, founded and run by administrators, coaches and parents. This is not a difference between public / private schools as much as it is a difference between urban / rural schools.

Take a look at the Class A schools that have either won or finished as runner-up in state championships recently. For last year, in virtually every case the school was located either in or near one of the larger cities in the state. There are numerous reasons for this. For instance:

- a) Students in smaller schools are able to play in summer leagues against athletes from larger schools; this competition encourages improvement.
- b) YMCAs and fitness facilities are available so that athletes can train all year, by true weightlifting and other activities.
- c) Students have access to pools (indoor for year round use), multiple golf courses, and tennis courts.
- d) Larger areas have a much larger pool of coaches from which to select.

Yes, rural schools are at a disadvantage with regard to these and other issues. But these are urban vs. rural differences, not public vs. private.

In all of the discussion of this proposal so far, there has been no discussion about improving the ATHLETIC PROGRAMS for the students. This is really what should be done. Schools that are successful in athletics are successful because of the athletic program the coach or school has created. A state championship team is formed not in one year, but by many years working in one system. By improving its athletic program, a school can improve its players' performance, which will lead to greater success in regional and state competition.

There are ways for a rural school to overcome the advantages of the more urban schools, but this requires more work and a lot of dedication. Some rural schools have established good programs; many have obvious and significant weaknesses, employ coaches with a limited desire to overcome those weaknesses, and believe the only way they can achieve success is by removing teams that have been successful. That's the easy way to win. The hard way is to improve your own team.

Coaches and administrators should be telling their students that they are as good as any students in private schools. And then those adults should work to put together a program that will make their schools as successful as they want to be. They can:

- a) Organize carpools and travel to larger cities for summer league basketball, not just a couple times a month, but a couple times a week.
- b) Build a true weight room and train kids how to correctly work out, then put together a program to encourage them to do that. I'm not talking about a couple weight benches and a coach who says, "Lift." I'm referring to a true weight program designed by a physical therapist or exercise physiologist who truly knows what to do. This type of program will pay dividends for students the rest of their lives.
- c) Insist that coaches go to clinics and pay for their way to do that. Have them go to seminars by college coaches. Your coaches should be learning all the time, not just about the game they coach, but about how to motivate and inspire teenagers. Sadly, some rural coaches are not teachers (either in occupation or ability); they may know something about the game, but have not developed the skills to teach, motivate and inspire. They need to continually work on and learn these skills.

There are many other things that small, rural schools can do to improve their athletic programs. Yes, it will take some money. But more importantly it will take a coach or administrator who believes that their programs can improve, someone who is willing to do the hard organizational work to make that happen.

The message school administrators should be sending to students and parents is:  
"You are as good as any students in the state. Now let's work hard and prove it."

Unfortunately the message being sent by this proposal is: "You are not as good as the students in private schools. They're better, and you can't compete with them."

Let me leave you with one final, but very important thought. The real question should be: WHAT CAN THE WVSSAC DO TO ASSIST ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS, BUT ESPECIALLY RURAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO IMPROVE THEIR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS?

That is the real question that needs answered.

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I very much disagree with the proposal to create a new private school class for  
post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia.

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I believe that formation of a separate class for private schools is a grave mistake. There is no rational reason to split off 14 private schools, many of which do not play most SSAC sports, into their own class. To create such small classes is to make a championship meaningless.

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I am opposed to placing all private schools in a classification of their own. I can only speak for Catholic Schools, but we follow a very strict school guideline, much the same as the public schools, if not stricter. We have been a part of the WVSSAC since the early 1970's and have always followed their rules and guidelines to the best of our ability. The accusations of recruiting athletes is absurd. Any student who wants to be part of our school is welcomed whether they compete in athletics or not. All students must pay tuition. In hardship cases, we try to find tuition aid for any and all students they have that need. We offer No Scholarships to students. We have over 95% of our students attend college, with 90% of them graduating college. To place them in a class of their own is unfair. The schools that are demanding this are schools that for the most part are isolated, rural schools, they can't offer summer leagues, weight training programs after school, AAU, or the other things that you will find in most urban communities. This is not their fault nor should we be punished for it. A large percentage of their kids are bussed and have after school jobs, or their parents work long hours and cannot pick up or take them to these things. I am asking that you don't punish kids just for the fact that they are offered and can take advantage of different things. This is just High School Athletics. It should be a fun time for boys and girls to enjoy sports and competing with and against others before they have to go out into the world and become

responsible adults and parents themselves. Thank you for your consideration and time.

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As a parent, I try to stay out of the affairs of the school system. I trust the teachers and administrative staff to deliver a quality education. Now as a family we are faced with a situation that seems to border on the ridiculous. Because we have chosen to send our children to a Catholic school, we are being targeted. Targeted as having a unfair advantage in athletics. My children have attended Catholic schools since they were in pre-school, I did not send them there to become a super athlete, I send them to the school so that if they wanted to pray and freely talk about God they could. If my child chooses to try the athletic programs they are welcomed, as we have a no-cut policy. Should they enjoy the athletic program they are encouraged to reach their full potential. My children are not super athletics. They were not recruited for athletic ability, we chose to send them to a Catholic school. To answer another question, do private schools recruit. My answer is yes, we recrui!  
t for any students you wish to come to our school. Recruitment for a private school is it's lifeblood. This recruitment is not based on your athletic ability or academic ability. Rather it based on if you desire a faith based education for you children. If your child is a great athlete or great scholar, their are no tuition waivers. Tuition waivers are only based on financial need. No child is turned away.

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-06-04 12:12:44)

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Moving private schools into their own AP class is not the answer, and in fact, is quite unsettling. I am a resident of Wood County, and I pay my taxes yearly. I support the public schools in my district. I support the fundraising efforts by the schools in my community, regardless of whether their public or private. I do these things because it's in the best interests of ALL our children. My husband and I choose to send our children to Parkersburg Catholic schools because we are catholic, and because we believe it's the best environment for our children. We have that right to choose what we think is best for our children. We pay their tuition, and make many sacrifices to see that they can attend school there. Once again, let me state that we also pay our property taxes to the public schools every year. We support the public education in Wood County. So, why would the state board of education consider voting against us participating in all of the same athletic venues as !

our public schools in the state? It will only manage to create more division among people in the state. If the goal is really to level the playing field in Class Single A athletics, then the board and the SSAC should use the tool already at their disposal which is to draw the line between classes based on total enrollment grades 10-12. It's really not an issue of public vs. private, but rather one of the larger schools dominating Single A athletics. A simple adjustment in the line between AA and A school classification would level the playing field and avoid creating more animosity amongst citizens statewide. I predict that if you vote to support the proposal to move us into an AP classification, you will be revisiting this same issue in a couple of years when someone starts complaining that certain public schools are dominating the Single A athletic arena. Please keep in mind that you are representatives to ALL of West Virginia's children...don't vote in favor of a dec!

ision that clearly will discriminate against anyone affiliated with a religious based school. In closing, let me share with you three words that are the cornerstone to an education at Parkersburg Catholic High School. They are charity, wisdom and heart. We empower our students to be charitable to one another, and to their community. We ask them to always show wisdom in their decisions both in and out of school. Lastly, we stress actions from the heart...make choices based on love and consideration for the feelings for our neighbor. As board members, I am asking all of you to consider these three words as you decide what is best for ALL our children!

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As a parent of former Charleston Catholic student athletes, I am strongly opposed to the proposal to segregate our students from current competitive classes afforded public school students throughout WV. The educational "package" available at CCHS provided an outstanding opportunity for students to excel in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the community at large. The administration and faculty is to be commended for their dedication to students as athletes and as individuals. The academic environment is enhanced by the athletic achievement, but is not dependent upon it. Research has proven that student athletes are usually "overachievers" in the classroom as well, and one need only compare the success of these alumna with the norm to realize that CCHS serves as an excellent example. Few WV students will become professional athletes, and virtually none will achieve that distinction from a single "A" school. Let's put our priorities in the right place so that we serve to direct our youth to become productive adults. If the "numbers" are there to play competitively with public schools, then let the students compete. Let's concern ourselves with a commitment to lifestyles, fitness and personal growth, rather than envy and slander. It's the character we're building here, not the kingdom!

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I honestly believe that this rule is total discrimination against Private schools.

If the public schools can't beat the private schools lets just put them in a class by their self. Come on, only a fool would vote for this idea.

I believe the reason the Private schools joined the WVSSAC in the first place years ago was to get away from only playing against their self.

It more of a rural vs urban problem, than a private vs public problem.

I honestly hope you people on the State BOE vote a solid NO against this idea.

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I am submitting a comment in opposition to the classification of the proposed AP Classification for Private Schools. I believe there are far better ways to deal with the supposed inequalities between the public and private schools. Creating a 4th class could have far-reaching ramifications that impact sports beyond basketball, which is obviously the driving force behind this proposal. Private schools may be dominating Class A Basketball, but public schools are dominating other sports. Moorefield recently won 4 football titles in a row. Doddridge has won 4 girls track titles in a row. Ravenswood has won 5 or 6 cross country titles in a row. Private schools compete in those sports as well.

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I also wish to comment on the addition of a 4A class for football. With 16 teams making the football playoffs already, it is likely for at least one or two 5-5 teams to make the playoffs. The proposed class 4A would have pretty much everyone in the playoffs. Teams that are 2-8 have no business in the playoffs. As far as the inequity between the smallest and largest Class AAA schools, the inequities between the smallest and largest Class A schools are at least as great. At least a small Class AAA school still has over 600 kids to draw from. A small Class A school may only have 70-80 students to draw from, while a large Class A school has

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I'm totally opposed to this change. You're teaching young athletes that if you can't win, change the system to make it weaker so you can win. VERY DUMB MOVE. Coaches need to improve their school programs. Increased competition makes programs better.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-02 17:29:06)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 2 Jun 2006 17:29:07 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Posted from IP: 68.119.158.202

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The WVSSAC proposal to create a separate sports classification for private schools sends a harmful message to both private and public school students and parents. It conveys to the public that excellence is not to be respected, modeled nor rewarded and, even more troubling, promotes discrimination and appears to be a response born out of envy. Please DO NOT APPROVE the separate sports classification for private schools.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-06-01 06:39:47)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Posted: 2006-06-01 06:39:47

Posted from IP: 70.105.138.211

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

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I oppose the creation of a "private school" classification for post season athletic competition. As the public & private schools compete all season long that it only makes sense to continue thier competition together in post season. It also is probably not legal to segregate in this manner.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-31 08:29:01)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 31 May 2006 08:29:01 -0400

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I would like to place my strong objections on the record in opposition to the proposed rules of the SSAC that would penalize and discriminate against the private schools who compete in SSAC sanctioned high school athletic tournaments. This proposal is nearly too ludicrous and childish to be taken seriously since, based on the news interviews I have read and seen featuring the rule's advocates, the motivation for the proposal seems to be based on the premise that a number of smaller schools have a limited ability to compete athletically against private schools located in urban areas. The Board's review of the history of championships that have been won in a dominating fashion over an extended period of time by public schools in the "A" category should serve as a direct rebuttal to the version of the truth that is being peddled by this rule's advocates. I am a native West Virginian and a graduate of John Marshall High School in Glen Dale. John Marshall is a AAA school that h! as been outmatched (with a few rare exceptions) in virtually every sport since the school was formed in 1969 by virtue of the fact that it has been placed in a region that contains the most powerful sports programs in the state. In short, the odds of JM winning a championship are long, at best, in any given year because of the dominating competition its faces. So, if the SSAC's goal is to create a competitive environment wherein every school has a legitimate shot at a championship, then I respectfully suggest that the entire classification system

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-31 09:56:55)

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I strongly oppose the proposal to segregate private schools into a separate class for the purposes of athletics. As classification is based on school size, I do not understand the issues that have motivated this proposal. Even with the size classification, CCHS athletes often compete against Class A schools that have a much larger student population; and therefore, draw from a much larger pool of athletes. The rules should not be changed because some Class A schools have decided it is easier to eliminate some of the competition than to build stronger athletic programs.

My daughter is a freshman at CCHS and is a gifted athlete. She not only participates in three sports, but excels in them. She was selected to be on the All-State soccer team and placed high (2nd, 2nd, 3rd and 5th) in all four of her track events in the State Meet. The one thing I can assure you of is that she was NOT recruited. In fact, she was put on a waiting list and notified just before the start of her seventh grade school year that she was accepted. We decided on CCHS because of its academic reputation, not its athletic program. We drive sixty miles a day and pay over six thousand dollars a year for my daughter to attend CCHS, because, as the NCAA is known for saying, she wants to go pro in something other than sports.

Please do not punish children because they have opted for private school over public school. PLEASE REJECT THIS PROPOSAL!

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 11:21:26)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 30 May 2006 11:21:27 -0400

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Posted from IP: 205.188.117.13

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I am opposed to segregating private schools into a separate class for athletic purposes. What a step backward this proposal is! I am currently one of the High School Girls Soccer coaches at Charleston Catholic High School. I have served as the director for the WVSSAC State Soccer Tournament for two years, a huge job for our very small school, but one that I was honored to accept. I felt it was our turn to host such an event. Both of my children played sports at Charleston Catholic. In soccer, our boys were thrilled to make it to the state tournament, our girls have yet to do it. Should the decision to discriminate against the Catholic schools and segregate them into a separate class move forward, most of our athletes will have no place to compete within our state. Charleston Catholic players, parents, coaches, administration, and fans, give our teams the best we have, regardless of class. We compete in many of our sports with class AA and AAA schools as so many sports in West Virginia do not have enough schools competing to provide separate classifications. I know of no coach at our school that recruits athletes. On the other hand, I know of several instances where students from our school were approached by the public schools in our area, asking them to transfer and play for that school. Our students go to Charleston Catholic because of the excellent education it offers. Our success in sports is a by product of that environment.

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 10:19:07)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Posted: 2006-05-30 10:19:07

Posted from IP: 129.71.218.25

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I oppose the proposal to make a separate class for private schools. CCHS is a very small school and consequently we have a very small group from which to select our athletes. There is no recruiting involved; in fact just the opposite occurs--we lose athletes every year to play at Capitol or GW to be seen for college recruiting purposes. If you take away the only real competition our good athletes have in playing the public schools, we will lose the remaining student athletes we have. There is no sound basis for implementing this change; just the opposite.

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Posted from IP: 63.150.223.65

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I strongly oppose the proposal to segregate private schools into a separate class for the purposes of athletics. I fail to understand how it is allegedly "unfair" that private schools may draw from a larger geographic area than Class A public schools.

Classification is based on school size, not geographic area; if a private school has the number of students to result in it falling into a certain class then that should be the only criteria considered. The proposal is clearly motivated by the basest of considerations -- some of the Class A schools have decided that they can't beat some of the private schools on the field, so elimination of the competition is a way to "get even."

As the girls' soccer coach at CCHS, my team and I are routinely faced with the prospect of playing schools that are many times bigger than the student body at CCHS. Contrary to the reaction of the schools that have submitted this proposal, however, our attitude is to relish the opportunity to play the best competition, regardless of size or the geographic area from which the students are drawn.

Additionally, contrary to the implications of the proposal (that private schools recruit athletes) our team loses, rather than gains, players to public schools

every year. Our reaction is not to try to change the rules but to work hard to improve the athletes that want to attend CCHS and to improve the team as a whole.

As far as I know no coach at CCHS recruits athletes. To the contrary, the school is sensitive, perhaps overly sensitive, to the appearance of recruiting.

This proposal would be the death knell for CCHS girls' soccer. Currently we compete at the highest level with the best teams in the state, regardless of size. The creation of a separate class for private schools would, when applied to soccer, result in the departure of every player who has any hope of playing soccer in college. The competition would be so limited and of such poor quality that no college would take notice of any of our players. This would be extremely unfair both to these athletes -- to make them choose between the excellent education afforded by CCHS and the opportunity to compete in college -- and to the school itself.

Please reject this petty, vindictive proposal.

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**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 30 May 2006 11:25:24 -0400

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Posted from IP: 64.12.114.51

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I oppose having private schools being separated from other schools within the state in athletics and feel they should compete and play all schools throughout the state.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 11:26:50)

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I strongly oppose the proposal to separate private schools into a separate class for athletics. The proposal will effectively eliminate the athletic programs of private schools (which may be the intent of the authors of the proposal). There is absolutely no public policy reason to make this change.

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I am against this proposal. With the consolidation of our school system, we have fewer schools to group into our three sports category. It should mean something to be called champion. It should mean you are a champion in academics, you play and practice in an organize setting, and have strong support from parents, coaches and community. This is something all schools should strive for no matter if they are classified AAA, AA or A.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 14:54:00)

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Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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I am a parent of two current and one past student at Charleston Catholic. Only one of my children is involved in athletics at the school, but I still feel very strongly that the movement to create a separate private school class is wrong. I attended Catholic High School in the bad old days when the Catholic Schools did not participate in the SSAC (with the exception of Wheeling Central) When Catholic Schools did finally join the SSAC, I felt now that student-athletes at all West Virginia Schools could experience post season competition against the best teams the state had to offer. The creation of a Private classification makes those student attending private schools feel as if they are second class citizens. While I am sure that you will do the correct thing and strike down this ridiculous proposal, I wanted to voice my concerns and encourage you not to go backwards in time to the bad old days. Thank you.

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I oppose the proposed athletic policy that creates a new private school class for post season athletic competitions in WV. Don't penalize the students in WV's few private schools in participating in meaningful challenging sports competition. In so many ways kids in WV are already sheltered from the realities of the world outside of WV and the challenges of living in the mainstream of our society by virtue of the small small size of our state and the backward ways things are still done. Continue to let them play sports that challenge them as much as possible within our state system. VOTE DOWN THIS PROPOSED POLICY - it is totally unfair.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 16:56:56)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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If the proposal to move all private schools into their own class is accepted, the lives of thousands of students, the private school students, will be affected by more than post-season sports. The students who play sports, and want to play in college would have to make a painful choice about their future: should i give up a higher education standard, or should i give up hopes of playing in college. The determination of class is based upon the school's population, not it's location, it's reputation, it's educational standard, or it's ability to compete in post-season play. The remark made about catholic schools recruiting is shallow, and has no evidence to back it up, and ironically in my school's case (charleston catholic) our athletes have left to play for bigger schools. In the transition from middle school to high school about fifteen students leave each year to go to a bigger public school, and most of those students play sports, so it is the other way around, we don't recruit, public schools do! Who would want to pay \$3000 a year to go to a private school just to play sports? That \$3000 doesn't include book expense, food expense, uniform expense, or sports fees. Since we don't get government funding we have to do several fundraisers ourselves to cover just the warm-ups. So if we don't recruit, and the basis of moving us into our class can't be based on our skills and hardwork, then how is this proposal fair?

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-30 17:24:23)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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I oppose this proposal because athletics at both private and public schools will be severely damaged. This proposal is only supported because of some school rivalries. Schools should not be afraid of a little challenge.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-29 07:42:29)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 29 May 2006 07:42:30 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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My family and I are opposed to segregating Catholic schools from post season athletic competitions in West Virginia. We believe this proposal would be unfair to the students of all schools in West Virginia.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-26 14:26:58)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 26 May 2006 14:26:58 -0400

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Private schools are dominating the sports picture of Single A schools. Much of the concern is the expanded areas that private schools can attract students. To have a school state that their recruitment area can stretch from Wheeling to Charleston for religious reasons is just wrong, when public schools are limited to their districts. Private schools should be limited to the same district if they are located within a public school district.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-29 19:29:22)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Mon, 29 May 2006 19:29:22 -0400

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Please reject this recommendation for segregating the faith based schools from the public school for the athletic competitions. I believe that this competition mixing the faith based schools and the public schools provides learning opportunities for both communities. The faith based school do not recruit students for any reason, educational or athletic. These students work very hard to compete in these sports.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-26 16:12:32)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 26 May 2006 16:12:32 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-26 16:12:32  
Posted from IP: 216.12.112.171

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Our kids' educational environment needs less segregation - not more. If the public schools think they are less talented, they should simply add an annual tournament open only to themselves. Please don't allow a few win-at-any-cost people to split the publics and privates. I pay public school taxes - so I should have equal standing on this subject. Don't send a terrible message to our kids at both the public and private schools, that winning comes from whining.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-26 20:43:48)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Fri, 26 May 2006 20:43:49 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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This proposal is not the answer to the perceived issues. Let the competitive process dictate who plays who. There is especially one glaring inaccuracy in the proposal: we do not recruit. Most of the children my children play sports with, they have known since pre-school from Sacred Heart Grade School. In fact, we lose many students to public schools in the transition from middle school to high school. This proposal is discriminatory and should not be passed.

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-27 09:24:53)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Sat, 27 May 2006 09:24:53 -0400

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I am writing in response to the proposal for creating a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia. I am truly shocked that this proposal has made it far enough to even be considered. My assumption is that in someone's mind, private schools have a competitive advantage over other class A schools? Private schools do not recruit athletes; there are no scholarships given for athletic participation. Students are absolutely required to maintain their academic standing in order to even participate on sports teams. If we looked at all the athletes on the public school teams, would we find the same standards? I attended public schools all my life and I know there are good athletes that always "make the grade" regardless of their academic standing. I can also point to several high school athletes whose parents make special living accommodations just so their child can participate in athletics in specific schools.

Let's take a look a past history in just one sporting category, boys' basketball. Over the past seventeen years in the class AAA boys division the following teams have participated in the Championship game:

Woodrow Wilson	10 times
Capitol	3 times
Fairmont	3 times

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-27 23:01:21)

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Posted: 2006-05-27 23:01:21  
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I, am writing to express my dismay and concern at the proposed discrimination segregating the Private Schools from the Public schools on the sports field. The reason for any High School team excelling in any sport is determined by the dedication and determination of the coaches and student participants. There have been many instances where the Private schools are not successful on the sports field, e.g. cross country, track, swimming, baseball to name a few, and this varies from year to year and is entirely dependent on the individual students' ability at the respective sport. At CCHS most of the sports' participants have attended the school since the elementary stage and in the case of my children from 6th and 9th grades for my daughter and son respectively. Both played sports the former basketball and the latter baseball and fortunately both were successful playing at State level although neither were successful in winning State titles. However the foremost!

reason for my children attending CCHS was for the academics, discipline and preparedness for college and introduction to responsibilities and expected values associated with the adult world. The State tournament is the showcase for the best-of-the-best West Virginian students so that they may exhibit their respective skills to the public and also gain exposure to visiting college coaches which may play a very important role the student's future. This proposed segregation highlights the petty nature of some coaches who would appear to have a chip on

their shoulders and exude the bitter smell of sour grapes in their inability to attain a place for their team in a State tournament. Nothing will be resolved by diluting the standard associated with the Class A State Tournaments in all sports just to appease a handfull of bitter coaches. What will the thoughts of the public/private school student athletes be if they are left wondering if they are the best Class A!

team in West Virginia if Class A schools are split? I urge you all to weigh the consequences carefully and would recommend that the current format remain unchanged.

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**Date:** Sat, 27 May 2006 21:32:57 -0400

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I am against placing the private schools in a seperate league. This reeks of sour grapes from a few public schools; state tournaments should be the best of the best, however they play out. The students I see at Charleston Catholic for the most part have been there since elementary school. Our own children started in 1999, one in 6th grade and one in 9th. I can assure you our decision to place our children in CCHS was based on their academic program. We approached them, applied and were accepted. Why did we look at private schools? At the time my son would be attending Roane County High School, over the years we watched their programs be slashed and changed--first they offered three languages, by 1999 they were down to one. I am also not a fan of block scheduling, I am sure the intent was not for kids to do their homework. At CCHS my children received an excellent education while the teachers and adminstration demanded respect, maintained rules, taught values, and at t!  
he end produced a person ready for college. Our daughter has played basketball since the 3rd grade and continued to do so at CCHS. Our son played baseball since kindergarten and continued on through high school. They were good at sports and became better through hard work and excellent coaching. It is this ethic of hard work and discipline that makes the difference in a team. Take our boys baseball team this year, everyone thought no way they are going to have a good season much less a great season, but through hard work they have made it to the state

tournament. They now deserve to compete against the best of the best our state has to offer in single A. Why did a public school win the state tournament in girls tennis this year, because they played the best, let's keep it that way.

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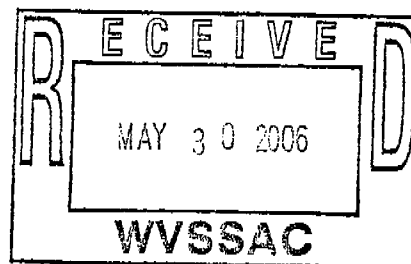
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Provisions Governing Contests

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§127-3-2.10.

§127-3-2.12.

§127-3-7.2.

§127-3-7.3.

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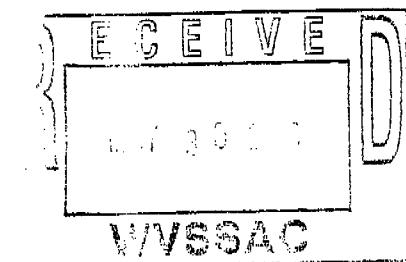
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Several things make the schools on unequal ground when competing. First, private schools draw their athletes from a much larger pool than most of the public single A schools have to draw. The cities of Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, and Wheeling, for example, have larger populations than many of the rural counties in which public single A schools are located even though many of the single A public schools are not the ONLY school in the county. The private schools are able to draw from anywhere within their diocese, but public schools are supposed to be confined to their attendance district. Public schools are forced to accept all types of students, but private schools are able to control their enrollments through selection. There are very few, if any, special needs students within the private schools, but special needs students are counted within the enrollment figures of the public high schools, even though few of them play sports or participate in extracurricular activities. How can a private school with only 57 students according to WVSSAC classification dominate girls basketball for years as Mercer Christian did? Many of the girls from the Mercer Christian teams received athletic scholarships, and several lived out of state. Surrounding states have a format in which private schools compete in tournaments against other private schools (Maryland and Virginia for example). Funding is another issue. Private schools have the luxury of a healthy budget. Most students attending and paying tuition come from upper-middle and middle class families and are able to field teams in many sports. How many public single A schools are able to offer the variety of varsity sports that Parkersburg Catholic and Wheeling Central can offer? The playing ground between private and public single A schools has been unequal for a long time. Year in and year out a Private School is name the outstanding sports program of Single A by the Charleston newspapers. Are the athletes that much better or work harder or want to win more than public school athletes? I don't believe so. It is obvious that private schools have a distinct advantage over public Single A schools. You now have the opportunity to right a wrong and move the private schools to their own classification where they belong. Do the right thing to save small school athletics - VOTE in favor of Proposal 6 (Proposition 127-3-10.1)!!!!!!!

*Jeremy Simmond*  
5/30/06



**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 06:50:33)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 06:50:33 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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I agree to some aspects, but how is the "Participation by students must be open to all students, voluntary, and not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school team" going to be enforced? If a softball coach wants his/her players to work on htting in the winter, and one of his players is playing basketball, the athlete still feels obligated to attend that "practice" even though it is not mandatory.

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I believe that this is ridiculous. I believe the easiest and most fair classifications for private schools would be to have them play a class up: Private A schools would be classified as AA and so forth.

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Ridiculous. Change to: A student shall not participate in more than 32 "VARSITY" games in one season, exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. Serving as a "courtesy or pinch runner" is not considered "participation" in a game.

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(1) This proposal is dangerous in its implications. Currently the WVSSAC divisions are based on a single demographic, population. To define the divisions based on demographics other than population changes everything. The next proposal could be to create divisions based on tax base, on population density, on race, or any other ridiculous demographic which will promote its sponsors agenda.  
(2) Assuming that this is a proposal born from the success of the private schools in division A, if I have a choice between playing against the best and playing against the rest, I choose playing against the best. I might be the perennial underdog but the victory will be that much sweeter when I am victorious. For example, 1980 US hockey team, NC State NCAA championship in 1983, 1969 Jets Superbowl III victory, the 1969 Miracle Mets, Gibson's homer in 1988 World Series, and innumerable more. I want to be on those teams whose character overcame the sheer athletic ability of their opponents.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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(5 AGAINST)  
MEADOW BRIDGE

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:09:52)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:09:52 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Shanelle Critchley  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: P.O. Box 325  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Danese, WV 25831  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:09:52  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.126

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I don't think it really matters because it is just games, not nothing really that important. It should be the coaches decision.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:08:37)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name: Raqueshia Rowe  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, WV 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:08:37  
Posted from IP: 168.216.124.75

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-2 12

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

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I think that public and private should be able to play together. I dont think it really matters what school you go to.I dont even think there should be a private or public school. WE should all go together.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-21 3

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:08:36)

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Tiffany Cole  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: P.O. Box 214  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Layland , WV 25864  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:08:36  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.56

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

IT doesn't really matter, I mean they're all people. Just because some go to private school and some go to public school, doesn't mean that they shouldn't play each other. It's stupid to classify them by private or public. They can all get to know each other and get along.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:08:02)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:08:02 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Sasha Goins  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: PO Box 18  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Prince, WV 25907  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:08:02  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.141

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I don't think it really matters. It should be the coaches decision on whether they think their public school team is good enough to play a private school team, than they should go for it. But it should be the coach's decision.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 07:54:32)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 07:54:32 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Don  
Organization: MBHS  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, WV 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 07:54:32  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.39

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-2 12

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

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Public and private schools should be separate or maybe not why? I have no clue  
cause I just ain't into sports and i could just care less about all of it. but i  
think we should be consolidated cause I dont like this place.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-21 3

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(21 FOR)  
MEADOW BRIDGE

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:17:24)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:17:25 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name:  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: ,  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:17:24  
Posted from IP: 168.216.98.78

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

As a parent, and a teacher and coach I strongly support this rule change based on the fact that I believe that under the current rules my son and my players are being discriminated against. We are forced to follow guidelines that those in the private schools are not. I am not saying they "recruit" but based on the nature of their system, they must find students in order for them to stay in business. So, in essence, they can follow the rules but because of the way the private school system operates they are allowed to bend them if they wish. This window of opportunity does not exist for the public school. We do not have the luxury, or the "offerings" to entice students to come to our schools. This is about fairness and equality. If a rules are established and circumstances arise that allow for them to be skirted then new rules must be established.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:11:02)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:11:03 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: joe  
Organization: mbhs  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25831  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:11:02  
Posted from IP: 168.216.123.215

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

i think that schools that are allowed to recruit should have to be in their own division. its not fair to let anyone play in west virginia games even if they live in another state.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:10:09)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:10:10 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Daniel Clendenin  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25831  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:10:09  
Posted from IP: 168.216.50.115

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think that public schools and private schools should be in a different division  
because private schools get to recruit while public schools do not.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:09:48)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:09:48 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Jessica Gilkerson  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, WV 25976  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:09:48  
Posted from IP: 168.216.124.21

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think that it is wrong to make a public school play sports against a private school. Private schools have better teams because they are aloud to go out and recrute the best players to be on their teams.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:09:08)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:09:08 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Emma Bumgarner  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:09:08  
Posted from IP: 168.216.122.21

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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During the season i don't care if we play against private schools. I don't like it when we have to play them during the tournaments because they get to recruit people from other places and we can't. It is not fair that they get to and we don't.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:08:19)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Hunter  
Organization: Meadow Bridge Highschool  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, WV 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:08:19  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.197

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I think that because private schools can recruit players from other states, they should be in their own sports class. It is unfair to athletes from public schools, to have to compete against athletes from out of state, for state championship titles. I think that private and public schools should be seperate from each other!

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Ben Toney  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: HC 35 Box 705  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Danese, WV 25831  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:07:48  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.39

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think that the public schools should have a chance and not play against people who are aloud to recruit. If Private schools should be aloud to recruit then I think that public schools should be aloud to. We should be in two different divisions. Thank you

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:07:38)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:07:38 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Amanda Yates  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25976  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:07:38  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.164

Comments for section 127-3-2 10 .  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I don't think that private schools should be able to play against public schools

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Travis Sheaves  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25831  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:07:35  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.150

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think that public schools shouldn't have to play private schools in the playoffs because they have the ability to scout and practice anytime that they want. I believe that the only fair thing is for the private schools to have their own league not only in the playoffs but during the regular season as well.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Tanyetta Bragg  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:07:25  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.123

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I think that public and private schools should have separate leagues form each other. Private schools can recrute where as public schools can not. It's unfair to play players that don't even live in West Virginia. Private schools can get players from other states.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:06:55)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Mary  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: Rt. 1 Box 31-H  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge , WV 25976  
Role:  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:06:55  
Posted from IP: 168.216.123.113

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I think that public and private schools should be seperate. Private schools can recruit from anyway, but public schools have to deal with the people who comes to that school.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:06:22)

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Katie  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, WV 25976  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:06:22  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.146

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I think that Public and Private Schools should not be able to play Private schools because they can recrute and we can't!

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 09:06:21)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 09:06:22 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

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Name: tyerl  
Organization: communtty  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25876  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 09:06:21  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.133

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

no, they are better schools because they can get people from other states to play

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

Comments for section 127-3-21 3

Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 07:57:37)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 07:57:37 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Alyssa Mauller`  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email: [mauller\\_mbhs07@yahoo.com](mailto:mauller_mbhs07@yahoo.com)  
Title:  
Address1: hc 61 box 557  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: danese , Wv 25831  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 07:57:37  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.123

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE SECTIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS.  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SHOULD BE DIFFERENT. I HAVE BEEN PLAYING BASKETBALL ALL MY LIFE  
AND I AM GETTING TIRED OF LOSING THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO  
PEOPLE WHO DO NOT EVEN LIVE IN WEST VIRGINIA. WHEN YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME  
PRACTICING TO GET BETTER AND OTHER PLACES JUST RECRUIT THE BEST. YOU SPEND ALL  
YOUR TIME PRACTICING TO BE THE BEST TEAM AROUND AND THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS JUST GO  
RECRUIT THE BEST AND MAKE THEM BETTER.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 07:55:04)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 07:55:04 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Deborah Poff  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High School  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1:  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: , 25976  
Role: School System Staff  
Posted: 2006-05-25 07:55:04  
Posted from IP: 168.216.123.89

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

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Comments for section 127-3-2 12

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Comments for section 127-3-7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-7 3

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Comments for section 127-3-10 1

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Public and Private should be judged separately. The private schools are allowed to recruit from anywhere. The public schools only have a certain district from which to choose players. This does not appear to be equal.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-21 3

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 07:54:02)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 07:54:02 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Kelly  
Organization: Meadow Brigde High  
Email: [Kelly May 09@yahoo.com](mailto:Kelly_May_09@yahoo.com)  
Title: Kelly  
Address1: 3355 Lockbrige rd.  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Brigde , WV 25976  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 07:54:02  
Posted from IP: 168.216.121.141

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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No I dont think that public and privit should be togeather. I think that they should be split in to two different groups.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-25 08:12:05)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 25 May 2006 08:12:05 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Eric Halstead  
Organization: Meadow Bridge High  
Email: [ericluke6@aol.com](mailto:ericluke6@aol.com)  
Title: Eric Halstead  
Address1: 5414 backus mt. rd.  
Address2: 5414 backus mt. rd.  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, wv 25976  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-25 08:12:05  
Posted from IP: 168.216.123.215

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

Private schools should have thier own playoffs beacouse to be playing with these rual communitis is extreamly unfair the only thing that the private schools have in common is size but tallent that the private schools bring in we may as well be playing Oak Hill Academy  
it just isnt fair they should at least have to play up a level at the very least when we have to work hard to put a decent team on the floor and a team like Mercer Christan just goes to states on talent alone  
it just aint fair beacouse all of our good atleats play up to 3 sports the christan schools are robbing of us of a chance to go to states i know with work we are good 2 but when you can pick from the world and we have to stay in our district and take what comes we just cant compete. I am a 3 sport athleat at Meadow Bridge, a freshman who started in all 3 I am counted on to come through for my school when you have a team of Sr. and Jr. and we are starting a Soph. and a Fr. we cant compete with that I work 2 hard not to go to states and im no the only one there are many of athleats who work so hard but get denied a chance to play to go to states beacouse of a private school who just plays thier worst players and still beat us by 30 I feel very strongly about this beacouse id give up everything togo to states sports is my life. Im not the only one there are so many kids that have what it takes to cary a team to glory only to get their chance taken away by a school where all of th!

em would be one of the best player on thier team if they were public.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 2 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-26 7  
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Comments for sectiona 127-3-26 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-31 8 1  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-24 08:57:57)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Wed, 24 May 2006 08:57:58 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Charlie Redden  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title: teacher  
Address1: Rt 1 box 165  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: meadow bridge, wv 25976  
Role: Teacher  
Posted: 2006-05-24 08:57:57  
Posted from IP: 168.216.105.31

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I feel that the private schools should be separated from the public schools in the WVSSAC. The private schools should have their own classification. I think it as a travesty that the private schools were allowed in the WVSSAC in the first place.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-23 14:54:07)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 14:54:08 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Rick Forren  
Organization: Parent  
Email: [rforren@walker-cat.com](mailto:rforren@walker-cat.com)  
Title:  
Address1: Rt. 1, Box 72A  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Meadow Bridge, wv  
Role: Parent-Family  
Posted: 2006-05-23 14:54:07  
Posted from IP: 65.117.172.58

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

I would like to support Proposal 6, Amend 127-3-10. My children attend a single A school. Looking at the ratio of public vs private schools in athletic competition, it is obvious there is not a level playing field. Year after year, the private schools grow in their ability to compete. As I watch my girls compete, I am ever aware of private schools playing students that not only do not live in the general area of the school, but some times not in the state of West Virginia. The number of private schools continue to grow in the surrounding area. We must realize that these private schools look at athletic success much like most colleges do in the fact that it helps draw more students to their program. Because of this, it becomes a matter of survival that they compete on a very successful level. Unfortunately, that path is currently Single A sports in West Virginia. Again, I would like to support Proposal 6 that would reclassify private schools into their own classification.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-05-23 14:47:43)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 14:47:43 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 100  
#####  
Name: Randall Patterson  
Organization: Greenbrier West High School  
Email: [rwpatter@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:rwpatter@access.k12.wv.us)  
Title: Principal  
Address1: PO Box 325  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Charmco, WV 25958  
Role: Principal  
Posted: 2006-05-23 14:47:43  
Posted from IP: 168.216.43.6

Comments for section 127-2-3 10

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I would like to state that I think that the State Board of Education should pass this proposal. It has the overwhelming support of Principal in the State of West Virginia. We continue to see Private Schools creating major problems for all public schools. Now is the time for action to save the public school from being privatized. This has gone on long enough in this great state. Private school want nothing to do with the Public Education System when it comes to education so why should we allow them to do what they are doing to our Athletics. They have already committed critical damage to our Public School structure. Thank you for doing what is fair and right.

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**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 14:17:54 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Melissa Patterson  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: PO Box 14  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Spring Dale, WV 25986  
Role: Service Personnel  
Posted: 2006-05-23 14:17:54  
Posted from IP: 168.216.80.90

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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I am in favor of Class A schools competing against only Class A schools and equaling the playing field.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-23 13:54:24)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 13:54:24 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Monica Hanshew  
Organization:  
Email:  
Title:  
Address1: P.O. Box 178  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Danese , WV 25831  
Role: Service Personnel  
Posted: 2006-05-23 13:54:24  
Posted from IP: 168.216.87.192

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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Iam in favor of this because I want my children to have a fair opportunity in sports.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-23 13:22:40)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 13:22:40 -0400

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Comment Received for Policy 101

#####

Name: Ed mcCall  
Organization: Citizens for Fair Play  
Email: [amccall@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:amccall@access.k12.wv.us)  
Title: member  
Address1: 113 Hawthorn Lane  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Daniels, WV 25832  
Role: Principal  
Posted: 2006-05-23 13:22:40  
Posted from IP: 168.216.70.145

Comments for section 127-3-2 10

Comments for section 127-3-2 12

Comments for section 127-3-7 2

Comments for section 127-3-7 3

Comments for section 127-3-10 1

Vote yes. The principals have spoken. The advantages that private schools have over small public schools is too great for equal competition. Let the small public school compete with schools of the same ilk. Likewise for private schools. Private schools must recruit-see billboards, tv ads, and full page newspaper spreads. Their districts are whole counties, plus they draw from contiguous counties and states. Meanwhile, public schools have a defined district that they must draw from. Private schools are located in relatively urban areas and as such can attract students from AAA and AA programs. They can also contact prospective students for recruitment while public schools are forbidden from making any such contact. The bottom line is that the two, private and public, are just too different to be classified the same. Public schools deserve the chance to compete for state championships. Private domination since their admission to the SSAC is well documented. It is time for the BO!

E to stand up for the small public schools. Give everyone a chance, even the small rural communities in WV, the opportunity to experience fair competition.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2

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Comments for section 127-3-21 3

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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2

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Comments for section 127-3-23 2

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Comments for section 127-3-23 2 2

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Comments for section 127-3-23 9 2

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Comments for section 127-3-26 7

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Comments for section 127-3-31 8 1

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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-23 10:07:27)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 10:07:28 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Christine Carder  
Organization: Wheeling Park High School  
Email: [ccarder@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:ccarder@access.k12.wv.us)  
Title: Principal  
Address1: 1976 Park View Road  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Wheeling, WV 26003  
Role: Community Member  
Posted: 2006-05-23 10:07:27  
Posted from IP: 168.216.240.19

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Changing of the rule would open the door for coaches working with students all summer long. In my opinion it would be taking away time from family vacations, summer employment, etc. Students need time away from coaches, coaches need time away from students. If this rule passes, coaches would be eventually contacting students throughout the summer break to participate in sports related activities. The rule as it stands now provides enough time for coaches and students to work together for program improvement. This extended time additionally puts more time on coaches who get dismal reimbursement for their efforts now and eventually would be expected to commit more time in order to compete with other schools.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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The WVSSAC task force met on this issue and has forwarded their recommendations regarding this proposal. Limiting the parochial and private schools to a single class will not necessarily solve the problem. The overall recommendation of the task force is that the transfer rule, if left alone, will take care of the problem.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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The purpose of 4 classification is to balance the numbers and have a reasonable opportunity to compete with schools of like size.

Comments for section 127-3-19 7

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Comments for section 127-3-19 7 2  
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Courtesy or pinch runner should not count as having participated in a game.

Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 2  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 101 (2006-05-23 07:20:04)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 07:20:05 -0400

**To:** fibanez@wvde.state.wv.us, butch.powell@wvssac.org

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Comment Received for Policy 101  
#####  
Name: Terry Murphy  
Organization:  
Email: [cchs98@aol.com](mailto:cchs98@aol.com)  
Title:  
Address1: 414 N Huron St  
Address2:  
City/State/Zip: Wheeling, WV 26003  
Role: Service Personnel  
Posted: 2006-05-23 07:20:04  
Posted from IP: 168.216.240.50

Comments for section 127-3-2 10  
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Comments for section 127-3-2 12  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-7 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-10 1  
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This provison is totaly wrong and should not be adopted, it is discriminating aganist the Private Schools. Unless you want a big Law suit brought aganist the State, it won't be passed. The private Schools have the same rights as the public schools, and vice versa. Private School have been part of the SSAC since 1970, and it has taken 36 yrs for them to start winning championship's. Now the rest of the State wants them put into there own class, this is discrimination and should not be passed.

Comments for section 127-3-10 1 1  
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Comments for section 127-3-19 7  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 3  
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Comments for section 127-3-21 6 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-23 2  
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Comments for section 127-3-31 8 1  
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**Subject:** Comment Received for Policy 100 (2006-05-18 14:17:30)

**From:** Nobody <nobody@wvde.state.wv.us>

**Date:** Thu, 18 May 2006 14:17:31 -0400

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AS A SINGLE "A" PUGLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, I SUPPORT THE CHANGE TO RULE 127-3-10. I HAVE A LIMITED POPULATION BASE BECAUSE OF THE RURAL NATURE OF MY LOCATION. IN MY CASE, THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS HAVE A BIG ADVANTAGE BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE WHOLE COUNTY IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED TO DRAW THEIR STUDENTS. IN MOST OF THESE COUNTIES, THE POPULATION IS LARGE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT MORE THAN ONE "AAA" OR "AA" SCHOOL. THERE IS ONE "AAA" AND TWO "A" SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING AS WVSSAC MEMBERS IN ALL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY.

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I would ask that the Board of Education vote down the proposal to create an AP class for the WVSSAC. This class would be segregation to the private students of the state of West Virginia. I know alot of the unhappiness in single A has been created by the success of Wheeling Central, but under no circumstances has Central not followed every rule that the public schools must follow. I think there needs to be a better solution to the problem.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I am a 1976 graduate of Weir High School, a 1980 magna cum laude graduate of West Virginia University and earned my law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1983. I have served as an elected member of the Hancock County Board of Education and was appointed by Gov. Gaston Caperton as the first secretary of the West Virginia Ethics Commission. My wife and I are the parents of three teenagers.

As a practicing attorney for the past 23 years, I have defended numerous young people charged with drug or alcohol-related crimes and successfully served as a special prosecutor in a drug-related murder case where an 18-year-old was sentenced to life with mercy. It is my considered opinion that by far the most reliable "anti-drug" for young people is their participation in competitive sports and other similar extracurricular activities.

I have come to believe that there may be, contrary to popular belief, an underemphasis on sports in our schools. In juvenile cases over the years I have had parent after parent tell me that they first "lost control" of their teenager when he or she quit sports in high school. As adults it is our responsibility to enable all children, regardless of whether they attend a public or private school, the best opportunities to stay busy and healthy. The AP proposal is a giant step backwards in that regard. I STRONGLY OPPOSE the AP proposal and believe it will, in the long-term, severely limit the ability of smaller public schools in our state to realize their potential in sports such as tennis, and will limit young people in private schools from eventually competing at all in sports such as wrestling where only one or two private schools may even be able to field a team for the state tournament in Huntington.

While I sympathize with the feelings of the AP proponents in major sports such as football (and support a 4-class system), I believe the adoption of the AP class will have a long-term negative impact on sports participation for the youth of our state and hope that the state Board of Education will show the wisdom to reject such a proposal.

Thank you.

Michael Edward Nogay  
Phone 304-723-1400

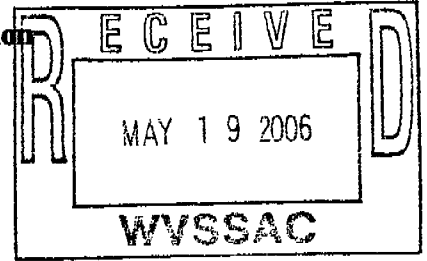
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West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission  
Series 2  
Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility



COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: June 12, 2006

COMMENT RESPONSE FORM

The following form is provided to assist those who choose to comment on §127-2-3.10 of WVSSAC Series 2: Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary.

Name: Dwight Goff Organization: Wirt County Middle School

Title: Head Football Coach

Street Address: Rt 1 Box 191-A

City: Elizabeth State: WV Zip: 26143

Please check the box below that best describes your role.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry        |
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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Concerning Proposal 6: I strongly feel that private schools §127-2-3.10 have been at a definite advantage for years. They always are playing athletes out of their district and have dominated play because they deal from a stacked deck. Thank you for having the brass to make this proposal. I sincerely hope the BOE will stand behind you. Also the AAAA change will help small schools like Wirt be more competitive and everyone will benefit, athletic and economically.

Please direct all comments to:

Mr. Mike Hayden  
Executive Director

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Great Changes!

**Kelly Geddis**

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**From:** <drgoff@verizon.net>  
**To:** <kelly.geddis@wvssac.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:26 PM

Dear Mike,

I think you have some wonderful proposed rule changes for the new year. I sincerely hope that the State BOE stands behind you and is not intimidated by private schools. Concerning proposal 6 I strongly believe that private schools have been at a definite advantage for years. They always are playing athletes out of their district and have dominated play because they deal from a stacked deck. Thank you for having the brass to make this proposal. Also the AAAA change will help every one especially small schools like Wirt County to be more competitive and will benefit everyone athletically and economically. It will cause some logistical problems during play offs, but everyone will benefit in the long run. Thank you again for making these changes.

Sincerely,

Dwight Goff

Head Football Coach

Wirt County Middle School

5/16/2006

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#4 & #5

I am not in favor of the extended time for the summer practice. First, our fall athletes already lose the month of August for practice. Two years ago, we took away the month of June from the players and now we are taking the month of July from the players. I have not seen any improvement from the 3 additional weeks of practice in June. I don't see how 3 more weeks is going to make a marked difference either. If more of the same is the answer, then we should look at year round school with no breaks. This rule only gives in to the people who were breaking the rules throughout the summer. This just gives the coaches more reason to demand more time from the players.

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#6

I am opposed to this rule. I beleive If the private schools are a member of our organization then they shouldn't be penalized. We all must follow the same rules. If someone believes their is recruiting going on, bring the information forward and let the punishment be dealt out. Let's not punish them with just cause. If the private members are in their own class, why would they be members of our organization. At least now, we all must follow the same rules.

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By making 4 classes in football, the difference in school size from the largest to smallest in each class will be significantly smaller, allowing schools to compete for similar footing. Football requires such large numbers, that school size is a significant factor is each school having a chance at success. A side issue, football is the only sport that doesn't reward the teams who improve as the season progresses. By eliminating the bye week we could, we could have all teams in the football playoffs. The first round would be regional. After that the process would be exactly the same as it currently is. This would add no more weeks to the season.

Benefits:

1. All teams would have the ability to win a state championship.
2. This would also give everyone an additional game of revenue without extending our season.
3. Hopefully, this would encourage teams to play local opponents and reduce travel, thus eliminate dodging high caliber opponents.

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Role: Teacher  
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What this new proposal does is not give any consideration to the number of athletes who will realistically be denied an opportunity to participate in high school softball. Being a courtesy runner or pinch runner does very little to develop a non-starter's skills. High school athletics are about competition, otherwise why we would have sectional, regional, and state level tournaments, all geared toward winning a state championship? But high school athletics are also about giving the student-athlete an opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities to further develop his/ her life skills, not just the athletic skills.

The players on the bench need to play if they are going to develop and keep self-esteem. I personally like to see all players play, even if it is in a JV game. At a class A school, like mine, and I would suspect many other schools are similar, I keep players on the roster who will never develop the skill necessary to play in a varsity contest. Yet, I keep them on the roster so that they can belong to something. But they want to play too. So I scheduled some JV games so that these girls can play and also to develop a few girls for a future varsity team. I will no longer be able to do this under the new proposal unless I shorten the varsity schedule, which isn't fair either. The problem is while I had 20 players, my three backup pitchers all started in the field in the varsity. I cannot weaken my varsity for the sake of a JV game. This past season we only played JV five games and unfortunately had five girls quit because they lost interest.

A problem unique to baseball and softball is that of pitcher specifically; more so in softball. Being a pitcher requires a lot of practice, and if the backup pitcher is good enough to play in the field, then she should. A team like mine, may have nine or more players on a varsity bench, but none of which are a pitcher. It's also not fair to make a mockery of the game and pitch someone who isn't a pitcher. I would like to go one step further and suggest that the same is also true for the catcher's position.

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3. In the state tournament, if the team coming out of the loser's bracket wins the first championship game, they will play a third game on the same day, with only the 14 inning pitching regulation as the only safety regulation. What about the other players?
4. Softball has become a big summer sport. It is not uncommon to see the same teams playing 3 or 4 games per day on back to back days. The reason- softball is not as strenuous or physically demanding as other sports. Surely teams carry extra pitchers and catchers to address this concern. Just because it is done in the summer doesn't make it right, but it must be noted that it is probably more grueling in the summer due to heat and sun conditions.
5. Basketball, a much more physically demanding sport than softball, allows a player to play in five quarters per day. Why couldn't a softball equivalent be considered?
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Please consider amending the individual player 32 game limit proposal so that smaller schools can support a JV team and allow more girls to participate. I'm sure with proper thought and deliberation that a solution can be reached that would allow as many girls to participate as possible. I will be more than happy to discuss any of this with anyone at anytime.

Sincerely,  
Mark Witzberger  
Cameron High School

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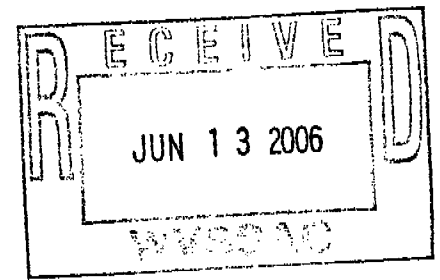
Please consider amending the individual player 32 game limit proposal so that smaller schools can support a JV team and allow more girls to participate. I'm sure with proper thought and deliberation that a solution can be reached that would allow as many girls to participate as possible. I will be more than happy to discuss any of this with anyone at anytime.

Sincerely,  
Mark Witzberger  
Cameron High School

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June 10, 2006

Mr. Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC, Executive Director  
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**Re: Public Comment Period  
Rule 127-3-10.1**

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal of a separate class for private schools in West Virginia.

I believe that the proposal stems from a great deal of misinformation and misconception. It appears that the main misconception stems from the idea that private schools can and do recruit. As a parent of two students at Charleston Catholic High School, I can only speak of what I have seen over the course of the years of my involvement in this school community and that is that under the watchful eye of principal Debra Sullivan, it doesn't happen. I'm sure that the facts and figures have been provided to you, but I would like to reiterate that a great percentage of high school students at CCHS have come to the school from one of the "feeder Catholic grade schools" in the Charleston area, or another private grade school, or may have moved into the area due to job transfers. While Charleston Catholic athletes enjoy success on the playing field, the primary focus of this school is academia, another arena in which they are highly successful. I believe that the hard work and high standards which must be met in the classroom spill over into the field of athletic competition as well as the success of our students in their other endeavors. While not every student at CCHS is a straight A student, each of them is expected to work hard in the class room and challenge themselves to achieve the highest grade possible. Again, it spills over into other aspects of their lives.

I have heard that some of the single A schools feel that they the private schools should be in a separate class because they may draw from a larger student base than "rural" single A schools. Please consider that there are some sports in which there is no class distinction (soccer, for example). Our athletes compete against schools much larger than we are, knowing that the mountain is harder to climb. The result is that our athletes work harder to climb the mountain. Sometimes they are successful, sometimes they aren't.

As a member of the SSAC, Charleston Catholic must adhere to the same requirements as

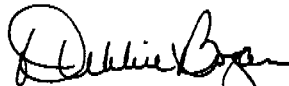
the other members. We all hear allegations of recruitment that goes on at other schools, or see students moving from one school to another, or families that move from one district to another and the list goes on and on. If those allegations are made, I believe they should be investigated. I do believe, however, that the people making those allegations should have a name, address and telephone number and should not be anonymous.

It is my opinion that the creation of a separate class within the SSAC for private schools is another example of changing the rules or lowering the bar because it may be unattainable. At Charleston Catholic, and I'm sure at many other schools, we teach our children to work hard and play by the rules. All of our children aren't star athletes or straight A students, but we don't lower the standard to make it easier for them to achieve something. Life just isn't that way. Sometimes in life we may not like the rules, but we must play by them. In my own home, my children know what the rules are. I don't move the "line in the sand". Because of this, my boys know that the rules are the same for both of them regardless of the circumstance. If we change the rules because someone doesn't like them, then they really aren't rules.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope that when you consider all sides of this debate that you will not relegate the private schools to a separate class.

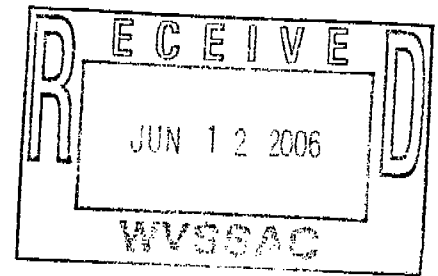
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Deborah M. Bogan

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June 8, 2006



Mr. Mike Hayden  
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Re: Proposal to create a new private school class

Dear Mr. Hayden:

We write in opposition to the recent proposal that the private schools currently in Class A be reassigned to a new class for post-season athletic competition. In short, this suggestion is silly, insulting, prejudicial and most likely illegal.

As a Catholic family who has attended Catholic schools since preschool, it is insulting that the children who work hard at school and work hard at practice are told in the end that they need to be put in a special class because they have succeeded. Having gone to the WV High School State Basketball Tournament this year – and having won – I can tell you those memories will last a lifetime. The recent proposal that the private schools be placed in a separate class for post-season competition makes this win bittersweet.

I read with interest “And the Winner is...” in the State track meet publication. Where is the Class A domination in 2005-06? Yes, in looking back, a Catholic high school in Wheeling has dominated. Has anyone noticed (or complained) that Doddridge County has won so many track titles in Class A (Girls)? Or, let’s look at Class AA Winfield’s track team (Boys and Girls). Wow, they are good. Maybe they should be put in separate class for the State track meet. Or, are we just talking about basketball?

If understood correctly, there are several concerns: Enrollment. There is only one Class A school with an enrollment issue. Recruitment. Charleston Catholic *DOES NOT* recruit. If an investigation were conducted among *all* classes, I would imagine that there are AA and AAA schools who would likely fall into the category of recruitment. Financial need scholarships. It would be completely unfair, embarrassing and humiliating to a child or family to be recognized or singled out because of their inability to pay. Do public schools recognize or single out the names of those who receive free lunch? I doubt it.

If there are individual schools, public or private, found to be in violation of WVSSAC rules and/or regulations, the individual schools need to be investigated and sanctioned. To punish an entire group is outrageous.

In summary, the words of 16 year old 2006 Class A high school boys basketball state champ puts this situation into perspective. "If the other schools want to win, they need to work harder." That is what we instill in our children, and it should be instilled in others as well. Whether it is in the classroom, on the ballfield or life in general, if you want to succeed, you must work harder.

We trust that after this proposal has been carefully reviewed, it will be rejected. Otherwise, I am sure it will be a hard fought battle. Be assured that if the private schools work hard enough, we will succeed.

We would enjoy discussing any issue with you. Please contact us at the above address and/or phone number.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Sassler Family

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cc: Ms. Virginia Harris  
State Board of Education

Dear WVSSAC,

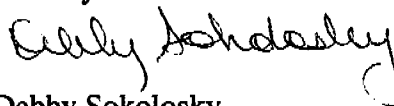
I am writing concerning the proposal to create a separate class for private schools in WV. Although we are not Catholic, my daughters have attended Catholic schools in Charleston since 1991. I am completely opposed to this proposal. I cannot comment on other schools in the state, but I have never seen any signs of recruiting of athletes during the time my children have attended the school. My oldest daughter played on the CCHS girls basketball team for four years. During that time, I know that all the girls who played on that team had spent their school years in Catholic schools in Charleston. One girl had moved to Charleston from out of state.

I think on examination you would find we have good, but very average athletes. We have athletes who perform in their sports as they do in the classroom. They are hardworking and drive to excel in all that they do.

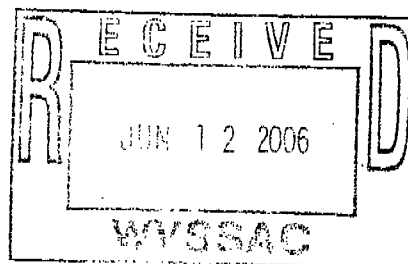
If we have any advantage, it would be in our urban setting. There is a higher population in Charleston as opposed to the rural areas. But as a disadvantage, we lose students who are above average athletes to the AAA schools in the area. These students may go to our schools through middle school, to transfer to area AAA schools in an effort to be noticed by college recruiters.

Please consider all sides to this argument. I do not feel the private schools have an unfair advantage in A sports. In all classes, there are schools that consistently do better than other schools. It is impossible to make every aspect completely equal without doing away with competition altogether.

Thank you



Debby Sokolosky




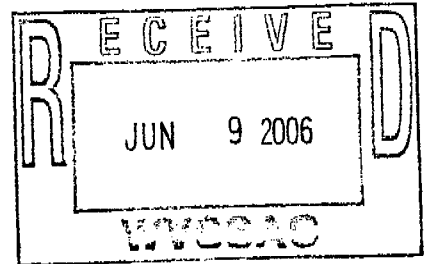
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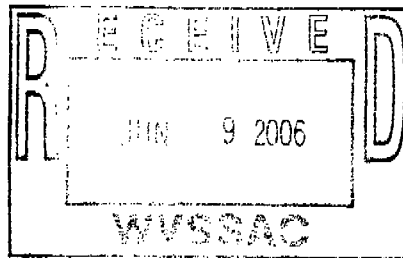
Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC Executive Director

Dear Director:

I disagree with the proposal to remove the parochial or private schools from the WVSSAC conference. It is unfair to exclude the students from this competition.

Sincerely,  
  
Logan Riley





June 7, 2006

Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC Executive Director

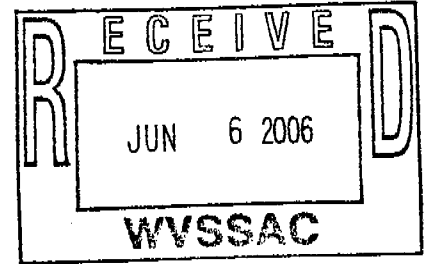
Dear Director:

The recent proposal concerning secondary school athletics makes no sense. It is inane to exclude private schools from competing against other similarly sized public schools because of the success of any one institution. Perhaps the dominance of any group is based on such things as hard work, superior coaching, or a larger population on which to draw student athletes. Did the NBA kick out the Boston Celtics during their dynasty years? Did the NFL exclude the Green Bay Packers? Did Major League Baseball omit the Yankees? Did the NCAA exclude UCLA during the Coach Wooden years? Of course not, each was allowed to compete. They only had to adhere to the same rules as all the other competitors in the various groups.

The WVSSAC should not impose special rules on any school. Let the players play. Let the coaches coach. Let the scoreboard determine the winner.

Sincerely,  
*Jeff & Mary Riley*  
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June 3, 2006

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Re: Comments- WVSSAC Proposal  
for Private School Class for  
post-season competition

Dear Sir:

We are the proud parents of two students enrolled in Charleston Catholic High School who participate in a variety of school sports under WVSSAC regulation. We write in opposition to the above proposal that is at best flawed and at the worst representative of patent, parochial bias.

It is unclear what interests of secondary school athletics will be advanced by this proposal. Obviously, the long standing concept of dividing schools for competition has always been to put schools of the same size in a common class. This proposal attempts to make a new division whose only criteria is the public or private nature of a member school. Meanwhile, all public schools continue to be grouped for post season competition based on the size of the student body. Why is the size of a student body from which athletes can be drawn suddenly irrelevant for private schools, but of continued relevance for public schools?

We have heard some proponents of this proposal argue that private schools can attract athletes by tuition incentives or scholarships. We know that in the case of our school students do not receive tuition incentives based on athletic prowess. Where is the data or objective evidence the WVSSAC relied upon to indicate there is some pattern or practice of granting such incentives? If the board approves this proposal, everyone realizes that litigation will result and the WVSSAC and the Board of Education will be asked to produce the data that supported the necessity of this proposal. How is the integrity of the board and the commission going to appear when everyone realizes there is no objective or verified data?

Even if there was data, anecdotal or otherwise, that suggested some instances of such incentives being offered by some private schools, why would the logical remedy be the ban of all private schools from any real post season competition other than between themselves? If the true

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goal of the commission was to prevent potential unfairness arising from such a practice, then it could have proposed a regulation that prohibited that activity by member schools. Already, a variety of specific regulations exist that protect members schools from unfair practices. Crafting one for a documented and meaningful problem would not have been difficult.

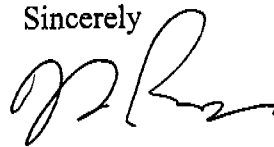
The disparity of the proposal becomes even more significant when one reflects upon the fact that, presently, all private schools are Class A schools. The number of Class A school athletes and teams in many sports are presently at minimum levels to insure adequate post season competition. To remove the small public and private schools from competition with each other, simply results in mediocre post season events for both classes since the caliber and quantity of available athletes will be reduced for both.

We will leave for others to discuss the legal prohibitions against the proposal. Suffice it to say that any attorney who spends the time to review this issue in light of the existing court decisions and statutes will discover that the proposal, even if enacted, would never withstand the scrutiny of judicial review. In light of this likely result, the board needs to consider why it would want to adopt a proposal that seeks to fix what is at best the potential for a crack in the system with a sledge hammer approach that will lead to the animosity of thousands of adults and students.

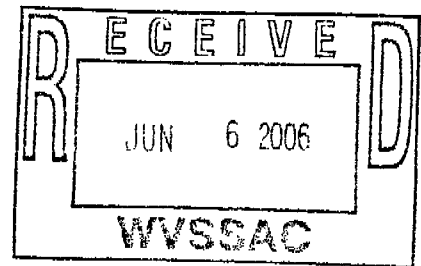
The WVSSAC supposedly stands to promote healthy, fair and unbiased athletic competition. Yet, in the end, the only result the commission's proposal achieves is to turn back years of progress to oust private schools from meaningful participation in secondary school championship events in order to benefit a group of public schools of the same size. This effort is plainly fueled by a bias held by some against private, religion based schools whose motivated athletes and teams often figure prominently in post season competition in various sports. This kind of parochial effort by the commission is the kind of embarrassing conduct that gives life to those awful stereotypes about our wonderful state.

Let us make one final point very clear. We believe it is incumbent on the board to do more than merely reject the commission proposal. This petty effort has undermined the credibility of the WVSSAC to many and, most particularly, to the over one thousand private school students in this state and their families. Accordingly, the board should adopt a resolution that reaffirms the equality of participation of private school members and specifically admonishes the effort by the WVSSAC in this instance. Only by taking this kind of clear action, will this sad chapter come to a close.

Sincerely



John and Frances Rollins



June 5, 2006

Mr. Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Hayden:

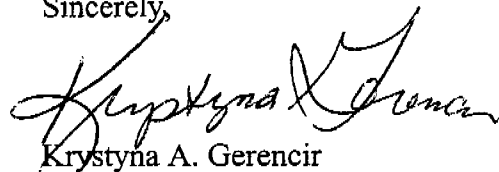
**This letter is to state my strong opposition to the proposal to create a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia.**

- Primarily, the proposal to segregate is illegal.
- The accusations that our school system recruits students for athletic purposes is unfounded and absurd. The only "perk" an athlete in the private school system receives is a \$4,500+ tuition invoice.
- Single-A schools support small communities and small, private schools. Because of the decline in West Virginia's population, several single-A schools have consolidated and become double-A and triple-A schools. This, leaves fewer single-A schools in the pool of athletic competition.
- West Virginia is a rural state, and due the geographical location of many single-A schools and the location in which students reside, transportation to athletic practice is difficult, and, therefore, all athletic students do not participate in sporting activities. Students attending a private school should not be discriminated against because they live in a less rural area and have transportation to participate in athletics.
- Charleston Catholic High School does not win State athletic titles every year. The boys high school basketball team won the State Title in 2000 and in 2006. Clearly, this is not an indication of athletic recruiting.
- Charleston Catholic High School has won the State academic title in the Quiz Bowl for the past 5 years. I do not hear single-A schools complaining about recruiting for academics.
- When Notre Dame dominated the football arena during several years when Lou Holz was coach, other colleges of the same size did not seek to illegally ban private colleges from the NCAA.

- If coaching staff is inadequate, it should be replaced.
- Charleston Catholic, as well as other private schools, set very high standards for the students. These standards are set for discipline, academics, athletics, community service, and other life-related aspects. The students work hard to meet expectations. To punish and discriminate against their achievements is unconscionable.
- More than 80 percent of students at Charleston Catholic High School have been in a Catholic/private school since elementary school. To force children and parents to choose between family values and athletics is an injustice to West Virginia's youth.
- Home-schooled children are permitted to play athletics in the public school system and not a segregated home-school class of athletics.
- Financially, the public school system gains by receiving tax dollars from the more than 6,000 Catholic high school students who do not attend public school. This proposal to segregate private schools and create a separate private school class for athletics will provide an increase in the public school student body. This will be a huge financial expense for the public school system.

I can list many more reasons why creating a private school class for post-season athletic competition is illegal, immoral, and discriminatory, but I think my message is clear.

Sincerely,



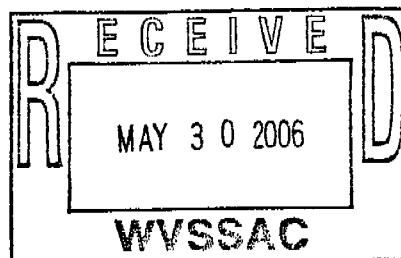
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cc: State Board of Education



**CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC  
Executive Director  
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May 26, 2006

Dear Mr. Hayden:

I am writing to express my opposition to the current proposal to create a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia.

Some reasons for my opposition include:

1) **Treating private schools differently, including segregation of private schools into a separate class, is unlawful.** WV State Code 18-2-25, which delegates authority to the WVSSAC and specifically cites expectations regarding participation by private and parochial schools, states that: ". . . (private and parochial secondary schools are) subject to the same regulations and requirements and upon the payment of the same fees and charges as those provided for public secondary schools." Under the current manner of classification, SSAC divisions are based on enrollment figures only. Changing the definition for one segment of SSAC member schools, while leaving the current definition intact for other schools, is contrary to West Virginia State Code. Private schools are equal members having the same expectations and requirements as their public school counterparts and have the right to expect fair and equal treatment.

2) **The proposal is divisive.** West Virginia schools, both public and private, should be united in providing the best possible academic and extracurricular activities for our youth. Sports can be a unifying vehicle, one that creates a healthy spirit of competition while promoting friendships among students from different schools all over the state. The creation of a separate class serves to divide rather than unite student athletes. One of the SSAC's goals is (3.2.1) ". . . To stress the cultural values, the appreciations and skills involved in these interscholastic activities and to promote cooperation and friendship." The proposal fails to meet this expectation.

3) **Instead of penalizing schools for their successes,** which is what the proposal does, analyzing these successes could be helpful. Why are some schools – public as well as private – more successful than others? How can other schools be more successful, not just athletically but curricularly? Schools can learn so much from each other and athletics offer the perfect venue for school personnel, coaches, student athletes, and parents to get glimpses into other ways of doing things and to develop relationships beyond their immediate circles. Similarly, the only way to get better athletically is to play against tough opponents. True competitors, true athletes, know this.

4) **The message this proposal sends to public school student athletes is a negative one which may have repercussions throughout their lives.** Underlying the proposal is the unfortunate, misguided message that public school athletes aren't good enough to compete in a larger arena. It's telling them to look for excuses. Involvement on athletic teams, working with excellent coaches and diligent teammates and playing in competitive contests, is a way to help young people develop positive, responsible attitudes that will help them achieve great things throughout their lives.

5) **All SSAC member schools are held accountable to the same rules and expectations.** These rules, properly and consistently enforced across all schools – public and private, large and small, rural and urban – should be sufficient to deal with incidents of wrong-doing.

In summary, the proposed change is ill-advised and should not be approved by the State Board of Education.

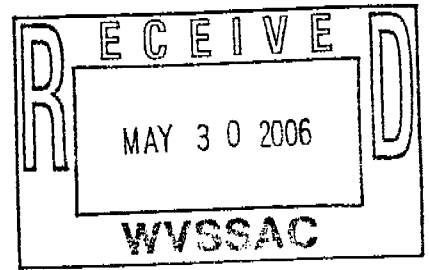
Sincerely,

Debra K. Sullivan, Principal

cc: State Board of Education members

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Mike Hayden  
WVSSAC Executive Director  
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Mr. Hayden,

I am writing in response to the proposal for creating a new private school class for post-season athletic competitions in West Virginia. I am truly shocked that this proposal has made it far enough to even be considered. My assumption is that in someone's mind, private schools have a competitive advantage over other class A schools? Private schools do not recruit athletes; there are no scholarships given for athletic participation. Students are absolutely required to maintain their academic standing in order to even participate on sports teams. If we looked at all the athletes on the public school teams, would we find the same standards? I attended public schools all my life and I know there are good athletes that always "make the grade" regardless of their academic standing. I can also point to several high school athletes whose parents make special living accommodations just so their child can participate in athletics in specific schools.

The fact of the matter is, many parents/children who are very interested in athletics choose to go to public schools over private schools. They feel they do not get enough "athletic exposure and competition" in private schools. There have been several students that my children have gone to school with, that have moved from a private school to the public school system because they did not feel the private school had a "good athletic program." Do you see any private grade school sporting events?

Let's take a look a past history in just one sporting category, boys' basketball. Over the past seventeen years in the class AAA boys division the following teams have participated in the Championship game:

Woodrow Wilson	10 times
Capitol	3 times
Fairmont	3 times
George Washington	3 times

Over the past seventeen years in the class A boys division the following teams have participated in the Championship game:

Wheeling Central	6 times
Parkersburg Catholic	4 times
Charleston Catholic	4 times

This is only one example, but all other sporting categories show the same type of results. It only stands to reason that if private schools are segregated for athletic advantage, then public schools in other divisions (with better records than the private schools) will also be segregated. Otherwise, this proposal would prove to be flawed, discriminatory, and illegal. The class category of high schools across the state has always been based on the number of students attending the school and should continue this way.

Sincerely,

*Terri U. Blake*  
Terri U. Blake

Cc: State Board of Education