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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION TITLE NUMBER: 127

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

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 3

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Provisions Governing Contests

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON May 22, 1998 AT 5:00 PM. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

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TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULES
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§127-3-1 General.

- 1.1 **Scope** - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests
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§127-3-6. Coaches.

- 6.1 A member of a school faculty, substitute teacher or student teacher 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 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 Boards of Education.
- 6.3 A substitute teacher is defined as a person who has met the licensure requirements as specified by the West Virginia State Board of Education and has been approved as a substitute teacher of that county board of education, private, or parochial school.
- 6.4 A college student fulfilling teacher training responsibilities as a student teacher may be assigned certain coaching responsibilities during that period of training. This assignment will be administratively consistent with said student teacher's role in the classroom and shall be approved by the county board of education or the governing board of a private or parochial school. Said student teacher will work directly under the supervision of the appointed coach or assistant coach.
- 6.5 An authorized certified individual must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) The coach has completed approved training: NFICEP Sport Science and Sport First Aid (12 hours of instruction and test).
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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 Coaching shall be interpreted to mean instruction, direction, or supervision of members of athletic teams, individually or as a group, for the purpose of developing ability or skill to perform in athletic contests.
- 6.7 The head coach shall be required to attend any sports rules clinic in his coaching assignment which is sponsored by this Commission. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic.

Proposal 11

Amend §127-3-6 **Coaches** (pg. 28) by adding the following:

6.8 All coaches of member schools who upon retirement from coaching with at least 20 years of coaching experience 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 Card and photo identification.

Rationale:

This would be a positive gesture on our part to say thank you to our coaches that have dedicated themselves to coaching youth in their schools. The lifetime Courtesy and Identification Card would be requested by the school principal who would verify the coach's experience.

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

Philosophy:

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

- 7.1 School-organized out-of-season practice or school-organized summer camps shall not be permitted.
- 7.2 A coach or surrogate may not be present as an observer, lecture participant, staff member, or in any capacity at any summer camp where the number of his athletes (students who would be under his supervision the next season in that sport) exceeds fifty percent of the number of persons designated as the starting line-up or cheerleading squad (i.e. basketball - two or less; football - five or less; wrestling - six or less; baseball - four or less; etc.). Nor may a school or related organization be involved in fund raising projects to subsidize student attendance at or in camps.
- 7.3 A coach or surrogate shall not work with individuals in any form of drills or practice of his coaching assignment except during those dates specified as the season for that specific sport.
- 7.4 Students throughout the school year who are not participating in a school's athletic program may voluntarily participate in an off season conditioning program. **This program may also occur during the summer subject to Board of Education approval and the following provisions:**
 - (a) Participation in the program must be open to all students enrolled in school.
 - (b) Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.
 - (c) Participants will provide their own clothing (sweatsuit, shoes, etc.).
 - (d) Activities will be limited to running, weight training, and stretching exercises. Agility drills that do not involve specific skills of a given sport are permitted.
 - (e) Specific equipment pertaining to a given sport may not be used. This includes such items as footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, wrestling mats, discus, etc.
 - (f) In those cases where schools schedule all athletes into the last period of the school day, the guidelines in items (c), (d), and (3) shall apply unless the class is considered a part of the physical education program and credit is given. There shall be no teaching of sport specific skills taught in this case unless those same skills and course of study are taught in all physical education classes at this same time of the school year.
 - (g) The Board of Education may choose to compensate the supervisor or director.

7.5 Coaches may not promote, initiate, organize, supervise, or participate in out-of-season events involving athletes of the same sport as their coaching assignment. **An exception to the above is where the Board of Education would approve a coach to organize and/or supervise a recreation program for youth.** However, this type assignment must be recreational in nature, include a variety of activities, and comprise no coaching or instruction of that same sport as his school coaching assignment. In addition to the above, gymnasiums or facilities opened for recreational activities must use the following guidelines:

- (a) The gymnasium or field is open to all students for participation.
- (b) A variety of activities is available to students and is not limited to one sport or activity on a given day.
- (c) Supervisor or director must be approved by the Board of Education.
- (d) There is no coaching or instruction in the skills and technique in any sport.
- (e) Comparable opportunities are provided both sexes.
- (f) Participation is voluntary and is not required directly or indirectly for membership on a school squad.

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

7.6 Coaches may participate in a formal development program of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) involving athletes 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 players.

Proposal 12

Amend §127-3-7 **Camps/Out-of-Season Coaching** (pg. 29) by adding the following:

7.7 Any coaching staff member who was employed the previous school year may be allowed to provide individual or group instruction that is sport specific on 10 separate days during the period from June 1 to July 31. Those 10 days must be predetermined and approved by the principal or designee of the school at which they were employed as a coach. Participation by student/athletes must be voluntary. All other sections of this rule shall be strictly enforced outside of the approved 10 day period. (Team camps may be a part of the designated 10 days.) Passage of this rule would require revision of 127-3-7.3).

Rationale:

To allow coaches to give individualized instruction in a more relaxed atmosphere.

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§127-3-10 Classification.

- 10.1 Classification of member high schools shall be determined every two years on the even number years. Such classification shall be based on the enrollment of grades 10-11-12 at the end of the second month of the odd numbered year preceding the reclassification. Such classification shall remain in effect for a two-year period.
- 10.2 Each member high school shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures as described in subsection 10.1 above.
- 10.3 A school may choose to compete in WVSSAC tournaments in a one class above its classification providing proper notification is made to the WVSSAC prior to April 1st of a new classification year. Approval of this option will be for a two year period and will be effective for all sports sponsored by the school.
- 10.4 The Board of Appeals may structure the WVSSAC tournament series in each sport by classification (AAA-AA-A). Each sport will be structured 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.

Proposal 13

Amend §127-3-10 **Classification** (pg. 32) by adding the following:

- 10.5 If a consolidation of two or more member schools occurs during the second year of a classification period, the new member school will be reclassified based on the enrollment of grades 10-11-12 in the consolidating schools.

Rationale:

Recently, more consolidations have occurred. This change will clarify the new school's status for classification in the second year.

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§127-3-20 Baseball.

- 20.1 **Rules:** Baseball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided herein.
- 20.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 37.
- 20.3 **Length of Season:** The baseball season will end for each team upon the completion of the State Tournament.

Proposal 14

Amend §127-3-20 **Baseball** (pg. 36) by adding the following:

- 20.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A baseball team will be permitted to play no more than 31 games if participating in a conference tournament; otherwise, the regular season will be 30 games exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournament contests. The conference tournament is to count as one (1) game.

Rationale:

In tournament play, there is no guarantee how many games a team will play. A team could play one game and be eliminated or play three to win the championship. As it stands now, every team must schedule the conference tournament to count as three games. The teams that are eliminated in the early rounds schedule for three games but only play one or two, while the championship team and their opponents are able to play all three games. If the tournament counts as only one game, all the conference teams can have a chance to play their allotted games.

- 20.5 **Scrimmages:** Two baseball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice; prior to the first game; without keeping score in a book or on a scoreboard; free substitution; using some format other than 3 outs per inning; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.
- 20.6 Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 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 baseball team while a member of his school team.
- 20.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

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- 20.9 The above will apply for junior high schools with following adaptations:
 - (a) Junior high teams may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
 - (b) Junior High season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.
 - (c) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

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

- 21.1 **Rules:** Basketball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.
- 21.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice for girls will begin on Monday of Week 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.
- 21.3 **Length of Season:** The boys and girls basketball season will end for each team at tournament elimination.

Proposal 15

Amend §127-3-21 **Basketball (Boys and Girls)** (pg. 37) as follows:

- 21.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** ~~A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 21 games if participating in a holiday tournament; otherwise, the regular season will be 20. A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 20 games in the regular season with the following exceptions: (1) If a team participates in a four team tournament and no more than 2 games played by each team, 21 games will be allowed in regular season (2) If a team participates in an eight team tournament and no more than 3 games played by each team, 22 games will be allowed in regular season.~~ Sectional, regional and state tournament contests are not included in the above numbers.
 - (a) The maximum number of quarters for a player in one season is 100 exclusive of sectional, regional and state tournament contests. However, if participating in a holiday tournament, the limit will be 104 (4 team tournament) and 108 (8 team tournament).
 - (b) A player can play only 5 quarters in one day.
 - (c) Participation in a quarter, regardless of time, will be considered one quarter.
 - (d) Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter.
 - (e) One alumni game may be played and not counted against the total number of games. The game must be a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of that school. This game may be played no earlier than the date specified for the first contest.
 - (f) ~~A team may participate in one holiday tournament with no more than 4 teams and no more than 2 games played by each team. (The Holiday Tournament must be sanctioned and held during the specified Holiday Tournament dates.)~~

Rationale:

More schools are going to 8 team tournaments, particularly out of state tournaments, such as the Myrtle Beach Roundball Classic and many others. By eliminating the holiday restriction, it may make it easier to find dates for tournaments. It will also allow for one additional game for basketball if they should play in an eight team tournament.

- 21.5 A high school basketball team is permitted to participate in a preview and a scrimmage or two scrimmage games with the following conditions:

1. Scrimmage:
 - (a) Not under game conditions
 - (b) Prior to the first game
 - (c) Admission may be charged
 - (d) Use of registered officials would not be a violation of the game conditions
 - (e) After seven (7) days of practice
 2. Preview:
 - (f) All of the above
 - (g) Must be 3 or more teams
 - (h) Teams desiring to participate would be allowed to play two quarters of the basketball time.
- 21.6 Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.
- 21.7 A student may not play or practice on a non-school team while a member of his school team.
- 21.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

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Proposal 16

Amend §127-3-21 **Basketball (Boys and Girls)** (pg. 37) by adding the following and relettering:

- 21.9 The above rules will apply for Junior High Schools with the following adaptations:
- (a) Girls may begin practice on Monday of Week 19 and boys on Monday of Week 20. The first contest for girls will be played on Wednesday of Week 21 and Wednesday of Week 22 for boys.
 - (b) The girls basketball season will end on Saturday of Week 33 and Saturday of Week 34 for boys.
 - (c) Tournament play on the state level shall be prohibited.
 - (d) Boys and girls basketball teams will be permitted to play no more than 20 games. Holiday tournament exception does not apply. (Delete holiday if Proposal 15 passes.)
 - (e) All junior high players may play a maximum of 80 quarters for one season.
 - (f) All junior high players may play a maximum of 4 quarters per day.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) Junior highs are not permitted to play an alumni game.
 - (i) Scrimmages: Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.
 - (j) A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high schools.

Rationale:

These additions to the rule will further clarify the status of a junior high/middle school basketball program.

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§127-3-22 Cheerleading.

- 22.1 **Rules:** Cheerleading rules established by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission will be used as the official rules for all interscholastic competition and regular season contests.
- 22.2 **Organized Practice:** Organized squad practice will begin on Monday of Week 5.

Proposal 17

Amend §127-3-22 - **Cheerleading** - (Pg. 38) by adding the following:

- 22.3 **Length of Season:** The high school cheerleading season will end on the last day of the Girls' State Basketball Tournament or Boys' State Basketball Tournament. The junior high/middle school cheerleading season will end on the last day of the junior high/middle school girls' or boys' basketball season.

Rationale:

The addition to this rule clarifies the end of season for junior high/middle school teams.

- 22.4 **Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.**
- 22.5 **A student may accept awards in West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.**

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§127-3-24 - Football.

- 24.1 **Rules:** Football rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.
- 24.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team conditioning practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on the Friday of Week 8.
 - (a) The Board of Appeals, upon written request, may grant permission for a football team to play its first game one day earlier if the playing field is used by more than one high school.
 - (b) The following table establishes for senior high school the first date pads with no live contact, first date to use pads with total contact, earliest date for scrimmage or Grid-O-Rama, date for first contest and date season must be completed.

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Date Organized Practice</u>	<u>First Date Pads No Live Contact</u>	<u>First Date Live Contact Allowed</u>	<u>Earliest Date For Scrimmage Or Grid-O-Rama</u>	<u>Date For First Contest</u>	<u>Date Season Must Be Completed</u>
1997	Aug. 4	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 16	Aug. 29	Nov. 8
1998	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 15	Aug. 28	Nov. 7
1999	Aug. 2	Aug. 6	Aug. 10	Aug. 14	Aug. 27	Nov. 6
2000	July 31	Aug. 4	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 25	Oct. 28
2001	July 30	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 24	Oct. 27
2002	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 13	Aug. 17	Aug. 30	Nov. 2
2003	Aug. 4	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 16	Aug. 29	Nov. 1

- c. Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.
 - d. No football camps sponsored by a member school or by other school related organizations where football coaching and instruction is given are permitted.
 - e. The use of football uniforms, protective equipment, tackling or blocking dummies, charging sleds, or similar devices are strictly prohibited during the conditioning program. However, during the DATE OF PADS NO LIVE CONTACT, the use of sleds, shields and blocking dummies will be allowed. The purpose of this period is to permit gradual adaptation of the players to carrying the weight of their pads and adjusting to temperature variation.
- 24.3 **Length of Season:** The football season will end for each team by Saturday of Week 18 (**Week 17 in the year 2000**) or by play-off elimination.
 - 24.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A football team will be permitted to play no more than 10 games exclusive of the play-off games.
 - (a) The total number of quarters for a player in one season is 40 exclusive of the play-off games.
 - (b) A player can only play 4 quarters in one day.

- (c) Any player who participated in one or more downs in one quarter shall be charged with one quarter of play, except those downs in which the football teams are in a free kick formation, or the offensive team is in a scrimmage kick formation, as defined in the National Federation Football Rule 2-17-2, the down will not count as a down.
- (d) Overtime is considered as an extension of the fourth quarter.
- (e) Interscholastic practice game or games in which teams representing a member school play against alumni or other people shall not be allowed.

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

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

24.6 Special Regulations:

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

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

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

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

- (a) Organized team conditioning practice will begin on Monday of Week 6 and the first game played during Week 10.
- (b) The following table establishes the first date for organized practice, the first date pads with no live contact, the first date for live contact, earliest date for a scrimmage, the date for first game and the date season must be completed.

<u>Year</u>	<u>First Date Organized Practice</u>	<u>First Date Pads No Live Contact</u>	<u>Date Live Contact Allowed Full Equip.</u>	<u>Earliest Date For Scrimmage</u>	<u>Date For First Game</u>	<u>Date Season Must Be Completed</u>
1997	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Week 10	Nov. 8
1998	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Week 10	Nov. 7
1999	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Week 10	Nov. 6
2000	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Week 10	Nov. 4
2001	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Week 10	Nov. 3
2002	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Week 10	Nov. 9
2003	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Week 10	Nov. 8

- (c) The football season will end on Saturday of Week 18.
- (d) 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.
- (e) The total number of quarters for a player in one season is 32, exclusive of the playoff game in Rule 127-3-24(d)
- (f) A junior high school football team is allowed one preseason scrimmage under the following conditions:
 - (1) Scrimmage will not be played under game conditions.
 - (2) Scrimmage must be played prior to first game of regular season.
 - (3) Admission may be charged.
 - (4) Registered officials may be used.

Proposal 18

Amend §127-3-24 Football (pg. 41) as follows:

- 24.9 (g) Junior High School football teams may be permitted to play overtime periods in County or League Playoffs or when advancement to finals must be determined during County or League Championship Playoffs. A maximum of 2 overtime periods will be permitted in accordance with the National Federation Football Rules ~~40~~ 20 yard line overtime procedure.

Rationale:

Change the rule to coincide with the high school rule.

- (h) Junior High game ball: The football used involving only players in the eighth grade and below shall be the youth football. Games involving players of a combination seventh, eighth, and ninth graders may use the youth football by mutual agreement. Modification of the rule is listed in Rule 1-3-1, National Federation Football Rule Book.
- (i) Length of Quarters: The maximum length of quarters for ninth grade teams shall be 10 minutes. For teams composed of students below the ninth grade, the length of quarters shall be 8 minutes. For 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.
- (j) A ninth grade team in a high school program will follow the rules provided for junior high school.

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§127-3-1 General.

1.1 Scope - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests

1.2 Authority - WV Code §18-2-25

1.3 Filing Date -

1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1987

§127-3-26 Soccer (Boys and Girls).

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

26.2 Organized Team Practice: Organized Team Practice will begin on Monday of Week 5 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 8.

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

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

(a) The maximum number of quarters for a player in one season will be 72, exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments.

(b) A player shall not be permitted to participate in more than four quarters during any one day. Any part of a quarter counts as one quarter. In an overtime game, the overtime shall be considered an extension of the fourth quarter.

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

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

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

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

Proposal 19

Amend §127-3-26 Soccer (Boys and Girls) (Pg. 43) by adding the following and relettering:

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

(a) Junior high teams may play 14 matches including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

(b) Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Monday of Week 10.

(c) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 17.

(d) The maximum number of quarters for a player in one season will be 56.

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

Rationale:

This addition in the rule will further clarify the status of a junior high/middle school soccer program.

TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

SERIES 3
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTESTS

§127-3-1 General.

- 1.1 **Scope** - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests
- 1.2 **Authority** - WV Code §18-2-25
- 1.3 **Filing Date** -
- 1.4 **Effective Date** - July 1, 1987

§127-3-27 Softball.

- 27.1 **Rules:** Softball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided herein.
- 27.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 37.
- 27.3 **Length of Season:** The softball season will end for each team upon the completion of the State Tournament.

Proposal 20

Amend §127-3-27 **Softball** (pg. 43) by adding the following:

- 27.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 31 games if participating in a conference tournament; otherwise, the regular season will be 30 games exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests. The conference tournament is to count as one (1) game.

Rationale:

In tournament play, there is no guarantee how many games a team will play. A team could play one game and be eliminated or play three to win the championship. As it stands now, every team must schedule the conference tournament to count as three games. The teams that are eliminated in the early rounds schedule for three games, but only play one or two, while the championship team and their opponents are able to play all three games. If the tournament counts as only one game, all the conference teams can have a chance to play their allotted games.

- 27.5 **Scrimmages:** Two softball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice; prior to the first game; without keeping score in a book or on a scoreboard; free substitution; using some format other than 3 outs per inning; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.
- 27.6 Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.
- 27.7 A student may not play or practice on a non-school softball team while a member of his school team.
- 27.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the Awards Rule. Students may accept only this same type of an award in non-sanctioned event outside the sport season.

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

- (a) Junior high teams may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.
- (b) Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 45.
- (c) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

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§127-3-1 General.

- 1.1 **Scope** - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests
- 1.2 **Authority** - WV Code §18-2-25
- 1.3 **Filing Date** -
- 1.4 **Effective Date** - July 1, 1987

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

- 30.1 **Rules:** Track and Field rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.
- 30.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 35 and the first contest may be on Wednesday of Week 37.
- 30.3 **Length of Season:** The track and field season will end with the State Finals on Saturday of Week 47.
- 30.4 **Maximum Team Contests:** A track and field team will be permitted 16 meets exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.
- 30.5 **Participation Limitations:** Maximum of 4 events per participant per meet.
- 30.6 **Scrimmages:** Not permitted.
- 30.7 **Individual players 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 accept awards in WVSSAC sanctioned events and non-sanctioned events during the entire year. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule.

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Proposal 21

Amend §127-3-30 **Track and Field (Boys and Girls)** (Pg. 46) by adding the following and relettering:

- 30.9 The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:
 - (a) Junior high teams will be permitted 14 meets and only 2 meets per week.
 - (b) Junior high season will be completed by Thursday of Week 46.
 - (c) Participation limitation: Junior high/middle school athletes, regardless of grade levels (7, 8, or 9), may compete in a maximum of four events, of which only three may be running events including relays.

Rationale:

This addition in the rule will further clarify the status of a junior high/middle school track and field program.

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§127-3-1 General.

- 1.1 **Scope** - These rules govern the conduct of athletic contests
- 1.2 **Authority** - WV Code §18-2-25
- 1.3 **Filling Date** -
- 1.4 **Effective Date** - July 1, 1987

§127-3-31 Volleyball (Girls).

- 31.1 **Rules:** Volleyball rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise provided by Commission modification.
- 31.2 **Organized Team Practice:** Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 9.
- 31.3 **Length of Season:** The volleyball season will end for each team by tournament elimination.
- 31.4 **Maximum Team Contest:** A volleyball team will be permitted 22 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.

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

(a) **One alumni game may be played and not counted against the total number of games. The game must be between a team representing a member school and a team composed of alumni of the member school and/or alumni of schools consolidated to form the member school. The game may be played no earlier than the date specified for the first contest.**
- 31.5 In dual competition, a player may participate in a maximum of three 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.
- 31.6 **Scrimmages:** Two volleyball scrimmages with another high school may be conducted with the following conditions: after 7 days of practice; prior to the first game; no score kept; free substitution; time outs are permitted; the use of registered officials would not be a violation of game conditions.
- 31.7 **Individual players of a team must have practiced on 14 SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.**
- 31.8 A student may accept awards only in WVSSAC sanctioned events during the season of that sport. These awards must be consistent with the items mentioned in the awards rule. Students may accept only this same type of award in non-sanctioned events outside the sport season.

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- 31.9 The above will apply for junior high schools with the following adaptations:
 - (a) Junior high teams will be permitted 16 matches.
 - (b) Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 8 and the first contest may be played on Wednesday of Week 10.
 - (c) **Junior high season will be completed by Saturday of Week 18.**
 - (d) Junior high teams are permitted one (1) scrimmage under the same conditions as a high school.

Proposal 22

Amend §127-3-31 **Volleyball (Girls)** (Pg. 47) by adding the following:

31.9 (e) Junior high teams are not permitted an alumni game.

Rationale:

This addition in the rule will further clarify the status of a junior high/middle school volleyball program.

West Virginia Secondary School
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April 15, 1998

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Dear Ms. Cooper:

Please find enclosed the Fiscal Note Worksheet, Executive Summary, Notice of Comment Period on a Proposed Rule, and the proposed changes for the WVSSAC Rules and Regulations Handbook.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Carter".

Warren Carter
Executive Secretary

WC/rk

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

(Submit 4 copies)

HD NO. _____ DRAFT NO. _____ BILL NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUBJECT WV Secondary School Activities Commission FUND _____

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

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

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

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

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ 19,500	\$	\$ 26,750	\$ 46,250	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ (1a) 3,000	\$	\$ (1a) 5,000	\$ (1a) 8,000	\$
CURRENT EXPENSES	(1b) 2,100		(1b) 3,500	(1b) 5,600	
REPAIRS /ALTERATIONS	(1c) 900		(1c) 1,500	(1c) 2,400	
EQUIPMENT	(1d) 10,500		(1d) 16,750	(1d) 27,250	
OTHER	(11) 3,000		(11) 0	(11) 3,000	
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$

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

Proposal 1

a. If the number of administrative districts is raised from five to eight, the amount of annual student scholarships of \$1,000 each would increase from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

b. If the number of administrative districts is raised from five to eight, three additional representatives would need to be added to each of the fourteen Sport Coaches' Committees. Currently, each representative's expenses is \$50.00 annually. The increase of 42 more representatives would be an additional expense of \$2,100.00.

c. If the number of administrative districts is increased, the number of Board of Appeals members would increase from five to eight. There would be an increase of \$900 in personal services due to a \$300 honorarium received by each member.

d. The current expense for each board member is \$3,350 annually. The additional three members would result in an increase expense of \$10,050.

Proposal 11

The issuance of additional courtesy and identification cards would impact the number of paid admissions at WVSSAC tournament contests. This would result in an estimated \$3,000 annual decrease in revenue.

4/8/98
DATE

WV Secondary School Activities Commission
AGENCY

Warren Carter

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

POLICY NUMBER AND TITLE: Policy _____
West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
Proposed Changes in Rules and Regulations

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: May 22, 1998 **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 their 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 problems in the band and athletic programs.

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

Twenty-three proposals are being submitted to the State Board by the 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. Changes the number of administrative districts from five to eight. (Vote: Yes-87 No-24)
2. Limits the term of an elected Board of Appeals member to two years and limits number of successive terms to two terms. (Vote: Yes-110 No-07)
3. Bases election of Board of Appeals principal members on RESA districts; principals will only vote for members in their district. (Vote: Yes-91 No-16)
4. Limits the term of appointed Board of Appeals members to two regular two year terms and allows appointed member to serve as an officer. (Vote: Yes-105 No-4)
5. Allows the person who proposed a rule to present the proposal to the WV State Board of Education. (Vote: Yes-75 No-31)

6. Allows students in WV School for Deaf and WV School for Blind to participate in sports at either school. (Vote: Yes-123 No-0)
7. Clarifies means of establishing eligibility. (Vote: Yes-116 No-0)
8. Defines bona fide change of residency. (Vote: Yes-84 No-34)
9. Clarifies eligibility for transfers during the school year and grants eligibility to any student who transfers and enrolls on or before the eleventh instructional day beginning the school term. (Vote: Yes-68 No-25)
10. Defines eligibility of a student whose parents are divorced during the school term. (Vote: Yes-111 No-2)
11. Allows the WVSSAC to issue complimentary Courtesy and Identification cards to retired coaches with at least 20 years of coaching experience. (Vote: Yes-112 No-6)
12. Allows a coaching staff member to provide individual or group instruction for 10 separate days from June 1 to July 31. (Vote: Yes-91 No-22)
13. Allows for reclassification during the second year of the classification period for consolidated schools. (Vote: Yes-118 No-0)
14. Allows 31 baseball games if participating in a conference tournament. (Vote: Yes-108 No-3)
15. Allows for 21 basketball games if participating in a four team tournament and 22 games if participating in an eight team tournament. (Vote: Yes-110 No-0)
16. Clarifies junior high/middle school basketball number of quarters per day and clarifies no holiday tournaments or alumni games. (Vote: Yes-109 No-0)
17. Changes the end of the junior high/middle school cheer season to coincide with the last day of the junior high/middle school girls' or boys' basketball season. (Vote: Yes-118 No-0)
18. Defines overtime periods for junior high school football. (Vote: Yes-114 No-0)
19. Defines the number of quarters for a player for one soccer season. (Vote: Yes-100 No-0)
20. Allows 31 softball games if participating in a conference tournament. (Vote: Yes-117 No-0)
21. Determines the end of the junior high track season. (Vote: Yes-113 No-0)
22. Clarifies that alumni games are only allowed for high school volleyball teams. (Vote: Yes-110 No-0)
23. Changes the penalties for coach, player, or bench personnel who are ejected from a contest. (Vote: Yes-92 No-21)

IMPACT

Instruction

None

Leadership

The addition of a total of three Board of Appeals members would influence the leadership of the WVSSAC.

Financial

Two of the proposals would collectively result in increased expenses of \$19,500. Specific amount of increase for each of the proposals is explained on the Fiscal Note Worksheet.

Administrative

Athletic directors/principals 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 or cause extra administrative work at the school level.