

**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: June 3, 2002 **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

Thirty-seven 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. Changes the number of administrative districts from five to eight. (Vote: Yes-86 No-0)
2. Changes procedure for determining administrative district boundaries from Board of Appeals to Board of Control approval. (Vote: Yes-87 No-0)
3. Clarifies number of terms an alternate Board of Appeals member may serve. (Vote: Yes-84 No-0)
4. Changes the title of Board of Appeals to Board of Directors to be consistent with National Federation state associations. (Vote: Yes-88 No-0)
5. Changes the title of Executive Secretary to Executive Director to be consistent with National Federation state associations. (Vote: Yes-88 No-0)
6. Specifies reasonable courses for termination of the Executive Director contract. (Vote: Yes-92 No-0)

7. Specifies that the Executive Director will evaluate staff and make recommendations for employment. (Vote: Yes-91 No-0)
8. Permits an exception to WVSSAC Rules 127-2-4.2 and 127-2-4.3 to allow students at the junior high and middle school level who exceed the age limit to participate at the high school level. (Vote: Yes-74 No-16)
9. Permits sixth grade students in K-6 elementary feeder schools to participate on the middle school/junior high team. (Vote: Yes-69 No-15)
10. Prohibits a student from participating in more than four seasons in any one sport in grades 9-12. (Vote: Yes-90 No-0)
11. Defines courses allowed to fulfill the rule requiring two subjects. (Vote: Yes-87 No-0)
12. Changes the Scholarship Rule to allow two full credit subjects from any area of the curriculum rather than requiring English, Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science. (Vote: Yes-83 No-4)
13. Eliminates the requirement for nine months of residence for a bona fide change of residency. (Vote: Yes-88 No-1)
14. Defines eligibility for students whose parents are divorced or legally separated. (Vote: Yes-89 No-0)
15. Establishes eligibility if student changes residence after establishing initial residency. (Vote: Yes-86 No-0)
16. Allows coaches and athletic directors to receive lifetime WVSSAC Courtesy and Identification Card prior to retirement. (Vote: Yes-89 No-0)
17. Permits school organized out-of-season practice and related activities during Weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar. (Vote: Yes-50 No-34)
18. Allows coaches or principal designees to attend summer camp during Weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar. (Vote: Yes-43 No-31)
19. Establishes consequences if an athlete or team leaves the playing area in protest prior to the end of a contest. (Vote: Yes-87 No-0)
20. Recommends use of contest contracts between officials and schools. (Vote: Yes-84 No-4)
21. Changes classification enrollment figures from 10-11-12 to 9-10-11. (Vote: Yes-76 No-8)
22. Changes classification from two years to four years unless a 20% change in enrollment occurs. (Vote: Yes-70 No-15)
23. Requires a three class tournament structure in all sports. (Vote: Yes-80 No-2)
24. Eliminates the stipulation that member schools may only play other member schools. (Vote: Yes-75 No-6)
25. Eliminates contests or practices which involve alumni participants. (Vote: Yes-75 No-6)
26. Prohibits protests of a contest or ejection. (Vote: Yes-77 No-6)
27. Eliminates protest rules because they are already in a preceding rule. (Vote: Yes-88 No-0)
28. Establishes a comment procedure for member schools for tournament alignment. (Vote: Yes-84 No-4)
29. Increases the length of the cross country season by an earlier start date. (Vote: Yes-78 No-3)
30. Establishes 16 meets as the maximum team contests for cross country. (Vote: Yes-85 No-2)
31. Provides an overtime procedure for junior high/middle school football. (Vote: Yes-78 No-11)
32. Establishes a two week earlier start for the golf season. (Vote: Yes-79 No-8)
33. Changes the maximum team contests for soccer from 19 to 20. (Vote: Yes-72 No-10)

34. Allows softball teams to play 31 games if participating in a conference tournament or a tournament with four teams. (Vote: Yes-79 No-0)
35. Increases the maximum team contests for volleyball to 23 if participating in a tournament. (Vote: Yes-78 No-0)
36. Increases the maximum team contests allowed in wrestling from 16 to 18 matches. (Vote: Yes-85 No-0)
37. Establishes consequences for individuals found guilty of assault or battery of an official, administrator, coach or player. (Vote: Yes-90 No-0)

IMPACT

Instruction

None

Leadership

Proposal 2 would change authority to determine administrative districts from the Board of Appeals to the Board of Control.

Proposal 3 establishes the allowed number of terms for an appointed Board of Appeals member.

Proposal 7 would require the Board of Appeals to follow contract termination similar to county boards of education.

Financial

Proposal 1 would result in an increased expense of \$20,520.00.

Proposal 16 Gate receipts at regional basketball, football playoff games, and state tournaments would decrease by approximately \$2,000.

Proposal 23 would result in an increase expense in the sports of cross country, swimming, and tennis. Increased revenue could be received in the sports of wrestling and soccer.

SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF INCREASE FOR ALL PROPOSALS ARE EXPLAINED ON THE FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET.

Administrative

Proposal 17 would require administrative decisions on scheduling activities and administrative supervision during the last three weeks of June. However, it would allow qualified coaches to have additional time to develop students' skills.

Proposal 28 would provide more involvement by principals.

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.

TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULES
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

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SERIES 4
PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONDUCT

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OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

§127-4-1 General.

1.1 Scope - These rules govern conduct for active and spectator participants, coaches and all other school personnel at interscholastic athletic events.

1.2 Authority - WV Code §18-2-5

1.3 Filing Date -

1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1987

§127-4-2 Sportsmanship.

2.1 Member schools are required to conduct all relations with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Acts which are prima facie evidence of failure to abide by this rule are those which are noted below and others of similar nature which violate the accepted code of good sportsmanship.

2.2 It shall be the responsibility of the home schools to take proper steps and precautions to insure that crowd and spectator control is handled reasonably at all interscholastic athletic contests including all post season athletic contest whether home or away. In addition to the spectators, attention must be directed to the safety, comfort and security of the coaches, officials, and ~~players~~ students. Their seating accommodations should protect them from spectator interference.

2.3 It shall be the responsibility of any team, ~~player~~ student, coach, or attendant to remain in or a part of a contest until its normal end as provided by the National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The exception to the above would be provided by the same National Federation Rules of that particular sport. The penalty for a violation by a coach, player, or team attendant will not only involve ejection during that particular contest but shall also involve that ~~player~~ student, coach, or team attendant not being a part of that school's team for the next regularly scheduled contest(s) as regulated in rule 127-4-3.8(c). The coach, ~~athlete~~ student, or team attendant may practice in the days prior to the contest but may not dress or participate on the day of the contest. Rule 127-3-8 further explains the forfeiture consequences.

2.4 It shall be the responsibility of a member school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon its faculty, student body, team members, coaching staff, and officials the values of sportsmanship in preparation for the conduct and management of interscholastic contests.

2.5 It shall be the responsibility of an administrator, spectator, ~~athlete, cheerleader~~ student, or coach to follow those directions provided for in the Code for Interscholastic Athletics.

§127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics.

3.1 The school administrator shall:

- (a) Encourage and promote friendly relationships and good sportsmanship throughout the school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times, by acquainting students and others in the community with ideals of good sportsmanship and by so publicizing these concepts and attitudes that all members of the school and community will understand their meaning.
- (b) Insist upon implicit compliance with all rules and regulations of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, hereinafter referred to in this rule as the WVSSAC.
- (c) Secure ~~qualified~~ WV registered officials for all contests.
- (d) Insist upon adequate safety provisions for all activities, for both participants and spectators.
- (e) Approve only those activities and schedules which are educationally and physically sound for the ~~school-pupil~~ student.
- (f) Encourage all to judge the success of the athletic program on the basis of the education goals and the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than on the basis of the number of games won or lost.
- (g) Insist that the ~~school-cheerleaders~~ student exemplify the highest standards of good sportsmanship as a means of inculcating desirable spectator attitudes.
- (h) Provide adequate hygienic, sanitary, and attractive facilities for the dressing and housing of visiting teams and officials.
- (i) Review with staff the Sportsmanship Rule.

3.2 The coach shall:

- ~~(a) Exemplify behavior that is representative of the educational staff of the school and a credit to the teaching profession.~~
- (~~b~~a) Demonstrate high ideals, good habits, and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and demand the same standards of the ~~players~~ students.
- (~~e~~b) Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of the ~~individual-players~~ student and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly.
- (~~d~~c) Be a modest winner and a gracious loser.
- (~~e~~d) Maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or of dissatisfaction with the officials.
- (~~f~~e) Cooperate with the school principal in the planning, scheduling and conduct of sports activities.

- (gf) Employ accepted educational methods in coaching, giving all players an opportunity to use and develop initiative, leadership, and judgment.
- (hg) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of the ~~players~~ students refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his the team's chances to win.
- (ih) Teach ~~athletes~~ students that it is better to lose fairly than win unfairly.
- (ji) Prohibit gambling, profanity, abusive language, and similar violations of ~~the true sportsman's code~~ good sportsmanship.
- (kj) Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, or others associated with ~~sports~~ athletic activities and discourage gossip and questionable rumors concerning them.
- (lk) Properly supervise ~~students~~ athletes under his immediate care and specifically observe a coach's responsibilities in conjunction with state ~~sponsored~~ interscholastic contests.

3.3 The spectator shall:

- (a) Realize that he represents the school just as definitely as does the member of a team, and, therefore, has an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through this behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- (b) Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- (c) Recognize that, since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the ~~players~~ students through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
- (d) Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
- (e) Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- (f) Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.

3.4 The ~~athlete~~ student shall:

- (a) Be courteous to visiting teams and officials.
- (b) ~~Play hard and~~ Participate to the limit of his ability. The true ~~athlete~~ student does not give up, nor does he quarrel, cheat, bet, or grandstand.
- (c) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman does not offer excuses for failures.
- (d) Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by observing team and training rules

conscientiously.

(e) Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining satisfactory scholastic standing and by participating in and supporting other school activities.

~~(f) Play for the love of the game.~~

(gf) Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

~~(h) Set a high standard of personal cleanliness.~~

(ig) Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without questions.

(jh) Respect the facilities of host schools and the trust entailed in being a guest.

(i) The cheerleader shall always cheer positively for the team and never negatively against the opponent.

3.5 The cheerleader shall:

~~(a) Be a positive influence on spectators.~~

~~(b) Always cheer positively for the team not negatively against the opponents.~~

~~(c) Know the game rules and officials' signals.~~

~~(d) Set a good example for fellow students and spectators.~~

~~(e) Impress the importance of accepting the decision of officials and discourage disagreement with them by the crowd.~~

~~(f) Station themselves where they are not distracting the players. (Not directly in the area under the basket).~~

~~(g) Be out of the way of officials and players.~~

~~(h) Be neat, clean and well-groomed.~~

3.65 The official shall:

(a) Place the welfare of the individual athlete student above all other considerations.

(b) Know the game rules thoroughly and give intelligent interpretations.

(c) Maintain confidence and control from start to finish.

(d) Work cooperatively with fellow officials and game administrators.

(e) Refrain from exhibiting emotions or arguing with a player student or coach. Maintain self-control under all conditions.

- (f) Be fair, impartial and professional.
- ~~(g) Maintain a high level of mental competency.~~
- (hg) Be neat and dress in the appropriate uniform.
- (ih) Be in adequate physical condition for the demands of the particular sport.
- (ji) Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, play, game situation, or fellow official.
- (kj) So conduct the game as to enlist the cooperation of ~~players~~ students, coaches, and spectators in the interest of good sportsmanship.

3.76 Protection, Facilities, and Assistance. The home team is expected to furnish ~~adequate police protection~~ supervision. Outdoor facilities or playing facilities should be separated from the spectators by a restraining barrier (fence, wire, rope, etc.). Officials should be provided with a parking space, private dressing facilities not accessible to unauthorized personnel, and should be paid no later than half-time of game. The use of trained, competent, adult "assistant officials," i.e., scorers, timers, chain and down marker crews, etc., is strongly recommended.

3.87 Statement of Policy. Insofar as unsportsmanlike actions by ~~players, cheerleaders~~, students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

- (a) The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of ~~players~~ students or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or having the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.
- (b) Any athlete student who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by ~~his~~ the principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any athlete student who strikes an opponent, coach, or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year, depending on the seriousness of the act.
- (c) Any coach, ~~player~~ athlete, or bench personnel ejected by an official will be suspended for the remainder of the game, match, meet or contest. He/~~she~~ will also face suspension in additional contest(s); the suspension will be assessed based upon ten (10) percent of the allowed regular season contests for each sport. Any tenth of a percentage from .1 to .4 will be a suspension equal to the whole number of the percent. Any tenth from .5 to .9 will be an additional contest added to the whole number. The suspension will include the number of indicated contests in that sport and at that level and all other sport contests in the interim at any level. A second ejection will result in the doubling of the suspension assessed for the first ejection. If he/~~she~~ is ejected for a third time during the same sport season, the individual will be suspended from participating or coaching for 365 calendar days from the date of ejection.

If suspensions are imposed to a player student or bench personnel at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the suspension is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next WVSSAC sponsored sport.

Any coach suspension that cannot be enforced during the sport season in which the ejection occurs will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of that same sport.

(d) In case of spectators physically molesting an official, administrator, coach, or player student, the school may be given one of two options: 1) ~~take action file charges~~ against the offender (s) or 2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC. Any person found guilty of WV State Law 61-2-15a Assault, Battery on Athletic Officials while these individuals are working or as a result of working an athletic contest shall be banned from all WVSSAC athletic events for a minimum of 365 days from the date of being found guilty. The school filing charges shall notify the WVSSAC of the incident and outcome of any legal action.

(e) The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.

(f) A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike ~~actions~~ conduct if he makes degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating this dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he has a legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

(g) A player student or team attendant shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or his designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules. A coach shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or ~~his~~ the designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules unless a player altercation is taking place and the official requests assistance. Violation of this rule shall cause the coach, ~~participant student~~, or team attendant to be immediately ejected from the contest, team penalized according to game or contest rules and that coach, player student, or team attendant will not be eligible to participate in the next contest as outlined in Rule 127-4-2.3.

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

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

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

(b) **Probation.** Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways. A school, coach, ~~player~~ student, or team attendant on probation is being told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension. A school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and all WVSSAC ~~sponsored~~ tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation. ~~A stronger form of probation could provide that a school may not enter any competition toward sectional, regional, or state championship nor may the school enter any sanctioned events.~~

(c) **Suspension.** A school/coach suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

(d) **Fine.** A fine may be levied by the Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director. It may be levied in addition to a warning, probation, or suspension.

3.4410 **Appeals.** All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, ~~players~~ student, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with **Section 127-6**.

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) _____

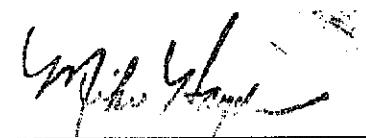
SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2, AND GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG RANGE EFFECT IN ITEM 3.					
EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ 32,679	\$	\$ 59,847	\$ 92,526	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ (1a) 6,000	\$	\$ (1a) 10,000	\$ (1a) 16,000	\$
CURRENT EXPENSES	(1b) 2,520		(1b) 7,560	(1b) 10,080	
REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS	(1c) 1,500		(1c) 2,500	(1c) 4,000	
EQUIPMENT	(1d) 19,500		(1d) 32,500	(1d) 52,000	
OTHER	(23) \$147 Cross Country		(23) (447)	(594)	
	1480 Swim		(2,246)	(3,726)	
	1532 Tennis		(4,594)	(6,126)	
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$ (23) \$1,586.00	\$ (16) 2,000.00	\$ (16) 2,000.00	\$ (16) (-2000.00)	\$ (23) 1,586.00 \$ 0

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

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4/22/02

WV Secondary School Activities Commission



DATE

AGENCY

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET - CONTINUED

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 \$10,000 to \$16,000.
- 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 are approximately \$60.00 annually. The increase of 42 more representatives would be an additional expense of \$2,520.00.
- 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 \$1500 in personal services due to a \$500 honorarium received by each member.
- d. The current expense for each Board member is \$6,500 annually. The additional three members would result in an increase expense of \$19,500.

Proposal 23

Additional classes would require more days of tournament play which would increase expenses and possibly decrease instructional time. Possible increased revenue could result in wrestling (\$936) and soccer (\$650). However, the sports which have shown losses may have increased losses due to additional days of tournament play (cross country - \$147; swim - \$1480; tennis - \$1582).

SPECIFIC AMOUNTS OF INCREASE OR DECREASE FOR ALL PROPOSALS ARE EXPLAINED ON THE FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET.

**TITLE 127
WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION
Provisions Governing Conduct
Comment Response Form**

Please use this form when commenting. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

Individual/Organization: _____

Title: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Comments/Suggestions

§127-4-2. Sportsmanship.

§127-4-3. Code for Interscholastic Athletics.

Return comments by June 3, 2002 to:

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