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OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
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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 Secondary School Activities Commission TITLE NUMBER: 127

CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2, 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 _____

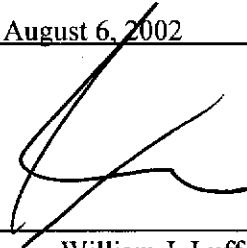
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 7

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Officials' Handbook

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 August 6, 2002.



William J. Luff, Jr.
Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

SCANNED

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION RULES

Comment period ends: June 3, 2002.

Background: These amendments are required to keep the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission current with regard to changes, trends and issues in the band and athletic programs.

Recommendations: It is the Department's recommendation that all proposals be approved with the exception of the following:

- Proposal One - This proposed amendment would change the boundaries of districts from five to eight.
- Proposal Sixteen - This proposed amendment would allow a coach to receive a lifetime pass with twenty years of coaching.
- Proposal Twenty-three - This proposed amendment would require three classifications in all sports.

Minor editorial revisions such as formatting - to be compliant with the Secretary of State's office, and gender preference - SSAC preference, were made.

PROPOSAL 1

Amend §127-1-5 Administration (pg. 2) as follows:

5.4 The Board of Control of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall delegate and assign to the Board of Appeals Directors, hereinafter constituted, the ~~power and authority to define, devise and/or create five (5) eight (8)~~ administrative districts in the State of West Virginia:

(a) Effective July 1, ~~1974~~ 2002, and until such time as it is necessary to change the boundaries of such districts, the ~~five (5) eight (8)~~ administrative districts shall be as follows:

- (1) First District: ~~Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Ohio, Taylor, Tyler and Wetzel. Mercer, Monroe, McDowell, Raleigh, Summers, Wyoming.~~
- (2) Second District: ~~Barbour, Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Pendleton, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur. Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Wayne.~~
- (3) Third District: ~~Boone, Braxton, Clay, Kanawha, Lewis, Nicholas, Putnam and Roane. Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Putnam~~
- (4) Fourth District: ~~Cabell, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wayne, Wirt and Wood. Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Webster.~~
- (5) Fifth District: ~~Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Mingo, McDowell, Monroe, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming. Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, Wood.~~
- (6) Sixth District: ~~Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Wetzel.~~
- (7) ~~Seventh District: Barbour, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur.~~
- (8) ~~Eighth District: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton.~~

PROPOSAL 2

Amend 127-1-5 Administration (pg. 2) as follows:

5.4(b) Any change in the boundaries of said administrative districts adopted by the Board of Appeals Directors shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Control at the annual meeting. ~~Such adopted change may be remanded to the Board of Appeals for further study and action only by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Control present and voting at the annual meeting. If the adopted change in boundaries is not remanded for further study and action, it shall be considered approved. Said change requires two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at the annual Board of Control meeting.~~

PROPOSAL 3

Amend 127-1-6 Officers and Duties (pg. 3) as follows:

6(d) An elected officer-member shall be eligible to serve two (2) regular five (5) year terms in succession. Upon completion of the two successive terms, a former officer-member shall not be appointed to nor elected to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term during the five (5) year period immediately following the expiration of his regular term. ~~An alternate officer member who serves more than one (1) year of an officer member's unexpired term shall be eligible to be elected to the next succeeding regular five (5) year term. Serving more than one half of an unexpired five (5) year term shall constitute one of the two permitted successive terms.~~

PROPOSAL 4

Amend 127-1-8 Board of Appeals as follows:

~~§127-1-8 Board of Appeals. Directors.~~

PROPOSAL 5

Amend 127-1-11 Executive Secretary (pg. 6) as follows:

~~§127-1-11 Executive Secretary. Director.~~

PROPOSAL 6

Amend 127-1-11 Executive Secretary (pg. 6) as follows:

11.3 The Executive Secretary Director shall serve during at the will and pleasure of the Board of Appeals but shall not be removed during his/her ~~the~~ term of office contract period except for just and reasonable cause. ~~Inefficiency, failure to carry out duties hereinafter set forth shall be deemed sufficient cause for removal of the Executive Secretary. Reasonable cause may include, but not be limited to the following: immorality, incompetency, cruelty, insubordination, intemperance, willful neglect of duty, unsatisfactory performance, the conviction of a felony or a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere to a felony charge.~~

PROPOSAL 7

Amend 127-1-12 Duties of the Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director (pg. 6) as follows:

- 12.1(b) Based on employee evaluations and/or employee performance, the Executive Director shall make the appropriate recommendation of the employment status of all other employees.

PROPOSAL 8

Amend 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership (pg. 9) as follows:

- 3.2(e) students at a junior high or middle feeder school who are not provided the opportunity to participate because of age may move up to their high school if granted permission by the county board of education or governing body of a private/parochial school and the school principals involved.

PROPOSAL 9

Amend 127-2-3 Enrollment and Team Membership (pg. 10) as follows:

- 3.6 Students enrolled in the ninth grade of a four, five or six year high school may participate on the high school team. Also, ninth graders of a feeder school may participate on their high school team if granted permission by the county or governing body of a private/parochial board of education and the school principals involved. However, once a student becomes a member of that team said student will be ineligible for the junior high team in that sport.

- 3.2(d) Students enrolled in the ninth grade of a four, five or six year high school may participate on the high school team. Also, ninth graders of a feeder school may participate on their high school team and sixth grade students of a K-6 elementary feeder school may participate on their junior high team if granted permission by the county board of education or governing body of a private/parochial school and the school principals involved. Once a ninth grade student becomes a member of the high school team said student will be ineligible for the junior high team in that sport.

PROPOSAL 10

Amend 127-2-5 Semester and Season (pg. 10) as follows:

- 5.08(c) The Board may also assess appropriate penalties to the student athlete or to the school if said Board determines through its investigation that said student athlete or said school did try to evade the rule by subterfuge. In no event may a student be allowed to participate in more than four (4) seasons in any one sport in grades 9-12.

PROPOSAL 11

Amend 127-2-6 Scholarship (pg. 11) as follows:

- 6.1(a) Two of those four full credit subjects must be in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics or Science and may or may not be in the same area. A semester course that constitutes 8100 minutes of instruction (block schedule) will count as two subjects.

PROPOSAL 12

Amend 127-2-6 Scholarship (pg. 11) as follows:

- 6.1(b) If a student has completed all state, county and school requirements for graduating, he or she The student may select four full credits from any area of the curriculum offered by the school.

PROPOSAL 13

Amend 127-2-7 Residence-Transfer (pg. 11) as follows:

- 7.44 ~~9(f)~~ Nine months at the new residence will be required to make it a bona fide move. If a family moves into a new school zone and remains there for less than nine months, the move will not be considered bona fide and the family's child who is enrolled and participating in athletics in the new school zone becomes ineligible there the day the family leaves the new school zone.

PROPOSAL 14

Amend 127-2-7 Residence-Transfer (pg. 11) as follows:

- 7.2217 (a) If there has been a divorce in a family and sole custody has been awarded by the court granting the divorce to one of the parents, the athletic eligibility of the student will be established at the school that serves the area where that parent resides. The eligibility of a student whose parents are divorced or legally separated by court decree is determined by establishing initial residency with one parent.

PROPOSAL 15

Amend 127-2-7 Residence-Transfer (pg. 11) as follows:

- 7.2217 (b) ~~If joint custody has been awarded, the student will be eligible in the zone where either parent resides.~~ After establishing initial residency with one parent, all subsequent transfers will require a period of ineligibility for the remainder of that school year unless a change of residency is decreed by the court.

PROPOSAL 16

Amend 127-3-6 Coaches (pg. 16) as follows:

- 6.86 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.~~

PROPOSAL 17

Amend 127-3-7 Camps/Out-of-Season Coaching (pg. 18) as follows:

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

PROPOSAL 18

Amend 127-3-7 Camps/Out-of-Season coaching (pg. 18) as follows:

- 7.2 A coach or surrogate ~~principal designee of each sport or activity 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 seven 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 during Weeks 50, 51, and 52 of the National Federation Standardized Calendar.~~

PROPOSAL 19

Amend 127-3-8 Forfeit and Restitution (pg. 19) as follows:

- 8.3 If a team or individual ~~student participating in an individual contest leaves the field or court playing area in protest and fails to complete the contest,~~ the contest is forfeited and the school ~~principal or his designee and the violator must appeal~~ may be required to appear before the Executive Secretary Director to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

PROPOSAL 20

Amend 127-3-9 Game Officials (Does Not Apply to Cheerleaders) (pg. 19) as follows:

- 9.3 ~~The visiting school is responsible for selection of game officials to the extent that selection is made possible by mutual agreement. The initiative is placed upon the host school by the rules. However, if names are not submitted in accordance with the rules, the visiting school should take steps to secure agreement upon satisfactory officials. 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.~~

PROPOSAL 21

Amend 127-3-10 Classifications (pg. 20) as follows:

- 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 period. 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.~~

PROPOSAL 22

Amend 127-3-10 Classification (pg. 20) as follows:

- 10.2 ~~Each member high school shall be classified as either AAA, AA, or A based on the enrollment figures as described in subsection 10.4 above.~~
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 State 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.

PROPOSAL 23

Amend 127-3-10 Classification (pg. 20) as follows:

- 10.4 The Board of Appeals ~~may shall~~ 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 24

Amend 127-3-12 Legal Opponents (pg. 21) as follows:

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

PROPOSAL 25

Amend 127-3-12 Legal Opponents (pg. 21) as follows:

- 12.4.3 Member schools of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall not participate in any interscholastic contest or practice against non-school teams or in any interscholastic contest or practice which involves alumni participants, with the exception of that provision provided for member high schools against that school's alumni team in basketball, softball, and volleyball.

PROPOSAL 26

Amend 127-3-16 Sports Rules - Game Protests (pg. 22) as follows:

- 4615.3 The protest of a game contest or ejection will not be allowed, ~~by the Board of Appeals when it is based on judgement decision on the part of an official or even a misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules.~~ Accordingly, the Board of Appeals is not authorized to order contests to be replayed or ejections to be reconsidered.

PROPOSAL 27

Amend 127-3-16 Sports Rules - Game Protests (pg. 22) as follows:

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

PROPOSAL 28

Amend 127-3-18 State Championships (pg. 22) as follows:

- 4817.2 The Board of Appeals ~~may shall~~ divide the state into sections and regions for the purpose of determining championships in the sports sponsored by this Commission. The Board of Appeals shall have charge of directing and making necessary arrangements for tournaments, meets and contests leading to and including state championships. ~~The principals of involved schools will be consulted and given the opportunity to participate in the alignment of schools for sectional and regional tournaments. 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 Appeals. 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.~~

PROPOSAL 29

Amend 127-3-23 Cross Country (Boys and Girls) (pg. 25) as follows:

- 2322.2 ~~Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week 7 and the first meet may be held on Wednesday of Week 9. Organized team practice will begin on Monday Week 5 and first meet may be held on Wednesday of Week 7.~~

PROPOSAL 30

Amend 127-3-23 Cross Country (Boys and Girls) (pg. 25) as follows:

~~2322.4~~ Maximum Team Contests: ~~No limit.~~ A cross country team will be permitted 16 meets exclusive of regional and state contests.

PROPOSAL 31

Amend 127-3-24 Football (pg. 26) as follows:

~~2423.9(g)~~ Junior High/Middle 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 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.

PROPOSAL 32

Amend 127-3-25 Golf (Boys and Girls) (pg. 27) as follows:

~~2524.2~~ Organized Team Practice: Organized team practice will begin on Monday of Week ~~7~~ 5 and the first contest may be played on any day after ~~the opening of practice~~ the first day of the season.

PROPOSAL 33

Amend 127-3-26 Soccer (Boys and Girls) (pg. 27) as follows:

~~2625.4~~ Maximum Team Contests: A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than ~~49~~ 20 matches ~~if participating in a conference tournament; otherwise the regular season will be 18 matches~~ exclusive of sectional, regional, and state tournaments. ~~The conference tournament is to count as one (1) match.~~

PROPOSAL 34

Amend 127-3-27 Softball (pg. 28) as follows:

~~2726.4~~ Maximum Team Contests: A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 31 games if participating in a conference tournament or a tournament with a minimum of four participating teams; 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.~~

PROPOSAL 35

Amend 127-3-31 Volleyball (Girls) (pg. 30) as follows:

~~3130.4~~ Maximum Team Contest: A volleyball team will be permitted to play in no more than 23 matches if participating in a conference tournament; otherwise the regular season will be 22 matches exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests. The conference tournament is to count as one (1) match.

PROPOSAL 36

Amend 127-3-32 Wrestling (pg. 31) as follows:

~~3231.4~~ Maximum Team Contest: A wrestling team will be permitted to have ~~46~~ 18 matches exclusive of ~~one (1) conference or county tournament;~~ regional and state tournaments.

PROPOSAL 37

Amend 127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics (pg. 35) as follows:

~~3.87(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.

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**TITLE 127
LEGISLATIVE RULE**

OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

**SERIES 7
OFFICIALS' HANDBOOK**

§127-7-1. General.

1.1. Scope - These rules establish the general requirements, reports to be filed, code of ethics, officiating fees, game contracts and classification of officials at athletic events.

1.2. Authority - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-25.

1.3. Filing Date - June 7, 2002.

1.4. Effective Date - August 6, 2002.

§127-7-2. Editorial Note.

2.1. As permitted by West Virginia Code subsection (f), section seven, article two, chapter twenty-nine A, this rule is omitted from publication. It is available from the West Virginia Secretary of State's office. A copy of the Handbook has been provided to all member schools and officials (2002-2003). This handbook relates to West Virginia Code section twenty-five, article two, chapter eighteen and is the issue dated 2002-2003.

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.

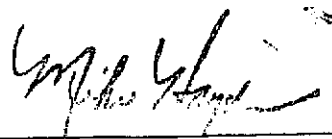
EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ 32,679	\$	\$ 59,847	\$ 92,526	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ (1a) 6,000	\$	\$ (1a) 10,000	\$ (1a) 16,000	\$
CURRENT EXPENSES	(1b) 2,520		(1b) 7,560	(1b) 10,080	
REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS	(1c) 1,500		(1c) 2,500	(1c) 4,000	
EQUIPMENT	(1d) 19,500		(1d) 32,500	(1d) 52,000	
OTHER	(23) \$147 Cross Country 1480 Swim 1532 Tennis		(23) (447) (2,246) (4,594)	(594) (3,726) (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
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WV Secondary School Activities Commission
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.

THE AMERICAN LEGION



Parkersburg Post 15, 2505 Ohio Avenue, P.O. Box 724, Parkersburg, WV 26102

23 May 2002

Mr. G. A. McClung, Asst. Superintendent
WV Department of Education
Charleston, WV. 25305

MAY 28 2002

Re: Proposed 21 Day Rule.

Dear Superintendent McClung,

On behalf of the American Legion Parkersburg Post 15 permit me to register a negative viewpoint regarding the proposed 21 day rule now being considered by the State Board of Education. I respectfully request the board vote against this proposal.

This proposal, if passed, will be very detrimental to the summer baseball program known as American Legion baseball. Here's why, legion baseball can not start each year until the high school teams have completed their seasons. This means in early June. If the high school coaches are allowed, as now proposed, to practice 21 day's in June, this means most legion teams can not start until that 21 day period has been completed.

In WV most of our athletes play multiple sports, basically football and basketball. I know in the case of Parkersburg Post 15, if this rule was effective at this time we could not have a team until July because our team is made up of the football, basketball and baseball players.

I also see this proposal as being most unfair to the multi-talented athlete, if the boy excels in both football and basketball, as most do, he will be under extreme pressure from both the football and basketball coaches to participate in their particular sport. One might argue that is not a problem as the coaches will have to share the boy equally. We all know that this will not fly as each coach will look the boy in the eye and simply tell him if he wishes to play his sport he should choose to show up for his 21 day sessions. The proposal also says this a voluntary program. Oh yes, we can say that, but we know what the coaches say, be there or else. It's not fair to put the boy in this position. I view this proposal as real trouble for the schools athlete directors to settle coaches complaints against each other.

Please weigh this proposal carefully and do what is best for the athlete keeping in mind the negative aspects as it effects American Legion baseball.

Most sincerely,

R.T. Cunningham
Athletic Officer, Post 15

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ELMER L. PRITT
Executive Director

April 26, 2002

Dr. David Stewart
West Virginia Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Department of Education
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Dr. Stewart:

Re: Proposed SSAC Rule Dealing with Summer Athletic Activities

At our Wednesday, April 24, 2002, Board of Directors meeting, discussion took place concerning proposed policy revision permitting student participation in summer activities related to athletics. The Board of Directors unanimously directed me to convey to you their desire to expressly prohibit allowing more involvement between coaches and student athletes during the summer session. They feel very strongly that present guidelines are adequate and that further expansion of summer activities would be detrimental to the students. The RESA IV Board of Directors unanimously supports last year's limiting out-of-season practice.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer L. Pritt

Elmer L. Pritt
Executive Director

ELP/cmp

G. A. McClung

From: Marcia Ritchie [mritchie@citynet.net]
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2002 11:00 AM
To: 'gmccclung@access.k12.wv.us'
Subject: Comment Response

Individual/Organization: Marcia Ritchie -Middle School Soccer Coach
101 2nd Avenue, Murraysville, WV 26164

Comments/ Suggestions:

In regard to WVSSAC Rules 127-2.4.2 and 127-2-4.3. Students at the junior high and middle school level who exceed the age limit should not be given special treatment. Having taught in the middle school, I have seen the immaturity level exhibited by these students. Age does not determine maturity. There are plenty of students in high school. School/coaches should not rush kids.

In regard to WVSSAC Rules that govern organized out-of-season practice and related activities during Weeks 50,51, and 52 of the calendar.

Being a parent of 3 students (middle /high school) and a middle school coach, I do not agree in allowing the coaches to start practices earlier than required.

It is hard on the student to make every practice, let alone out-of-season practices that coaches WILL require of them. There are coaches that will "weed out" students if they are unable or choose family vacations or other activities rather than practices. I do not see this as being beneficial to the students/family. That's what school sports are meant for-the children.

Schools and sports coaches are forcing children to pick one or 2 sports or activities earlier and earlier..then get burnt out in high school. Ages 11-14 are optimum learning ages for sports in the development of a child. Coaches are becoming too demanding and unaccommodating.

We need to develop better coaches. Not allow them to monopolize or waste time with longer and more unscheduled practices.

Speaking as a parent, coaches are turning kids off with their lack of consistency/direction and vision for their teams.

Thank you ,

Marcia Ritchie

MAY 30 2002

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

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

Individual/Organization: Tom Wansley / Tygart's Valley H.S.

Title: Athletic Director

Street Address: Rt 250 South City/State/Zip Mill Creek, WV 26280

Comments/Suggestions

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

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

§127-3-4. All Star Participation,

§127-3-5. Awards,

§127-3-6. Coaches.

Proposal #16 → Good Change - hope it passes

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Subject: Comment Response

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Street Address: Rt 250 South City/State/Zip Mill Creek, WV 26280

Comments/Suggestions

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Athletics, Provisions Governing Eligibility
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Individual/Organization: Wheeling Park High School - Dick Del

Title: Asst. Principal/Athletic Director

Street Address: 1976 Park View Rd. City/State/Zip Wheeling, WV 26003

Comments/Suggestions

§127-2-2. Waivers.

§127-2-3. Enrollment and Team Membership.

§127-2-5. Semester and Season.

§127-2-6. Scholarship.

§127-2-7. Residence - Transfer.

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

§127-3-21. Cheerleading.

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

§127-3-23. Football.

§127-3-24. Golf (Boys and Girls).

§127-3-25. Soccer (Boys and Girls).

Schools who play in large conferences will be effected most by this change. In our conference, we could play four games. This would reduce our scheduled games to sixteen. It also presents a problem for scheduling.

§127-3-26. Softball.

§127-3-27. Swimming (Boys and Girls).

§127-3-28. Tennis (Boys and Girls).

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

§127-3-30. Volleyball (Girls).

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Valley (Fayette)

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Individual/Organization:

Tyler Consolidated High School

Title:

Jimmy Wyatt, Principal

Street Address:

1993 Scher Knight Dr.

City/State/Zip

*Sistersville, WV.
26175*

Comments/Suggestions

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This would place more free admission cards out there for the member schools to absorb the costs.

§127-3-7. Out-of-Season Coaching.

This would put pressure on multi sport athletes on which sports to attend camp, etc. - could get competitive among coaches.

§127-3-8. Forfeit and Restitution.

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Title: Jimmy Wyatt, Principal

Street Address: 1993 Silver Knight Dr. City/State/Zip Sistersville WV
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§127-1-2. Name.

§127-1-3. Goals.

§127-1-4. Membership.

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§127-1-6. Officers and Duties.

§127-1-7. Meetings.

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§127-1-9. Funds.

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Individual/Organization: Allen Osborne / PoCa High

Title: Athletic Director / Basketball Coach

Street Address: Rt. 2 Box 50 City/State/Zip PoCa, WV 25159

Comments/Suggestions

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