

**West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
Series 3, Provisions Governing Contests**

Comment Period: May 13, 2020 - June 12, 2020

Action

A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy.

A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy.

N Comment was not accepted.

Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
§127-3-5.3. Awards				
2020-05-14 15:09:08	kathleen master saint albans wv	eliminate participation awards or limit to ribbons. trophies and the like should only be awarded to placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or bronze, silver, gold participants in individual competitions such as track, etc. When I TEAM wins, each player should receive an award. The losing should team receive nothing. This is how we learn to do better	N	
§127-3-7.2.a. Out of Season Coaching				
2020-05-14 15:09:08	kathleen master parent saint albans wv	i agree that flexible days should be used however they should be given a limit. just as you currently allow 12 flex days, maybe increase it to 15 or 20. Do not leave it open as some coaches are over eager or try too hard to compete with other coaches instead of promoting good team sportsmanship. ex. if i don't practice 100 days like that other coach there's no way to win. This attitude isn't accurate. Furthermore, athletic schedules can compromise family activities and sometimes kids get ousted by coaches for missing practices, etc. No penalties for family engagements.	N	

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<p>2020-05-19 16:02:18</p>	<p>Bill Mehle Head Baseball Coach Charleston Catholic High School Charleston WV</p>	<p>Expanding the number of flex days to 12 is reasonable and beneficial. Specifically for baseball, I think it is a value to give coaches the opportunity to begin an optional supervised throwing program in the weeks preceding the spring season for student athletes planning to try out for baseball to get their arms in throwing shape. Such a use of flex days can be an important injury mitigation, as players would be more ready to throw before going 100% during tryouts and early practice sessions. The proposal states with "principal approval," which is good. I think it would be beneficial to add that if a student athlete is in-season in one sport, the coach of the in-season sport would also need to approve of student athletes on their team participating in a flex day offered by an out-of-season coach. I assume this is a practice with coaches now, including during cross over seasons. For example, baseball practice begins during the basketball post season. I always get our schools basketball coaches permission for student athletes on his team who also play baseball to get their proscribed number of sport specific baseball practices in during the basketball post season.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	
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2 distinct commenters provided a total of 3 comments.

- Parent-Family: 2
- Teacher: 1