

2022 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

817 OHSAA HIGH SCHOOLS – 813 HIGH SCHOOLS VOTED

BALLOT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (GRADES 9-12)

NOTE: ALL ISSUES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR REFERENDUM BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HIGH SCHOOL – RESULTS – As of 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2022

FAVOR	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN	ISSUE	
<u>669</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1 C</u>	<p>Modify Constitution Article 5-7-3 and Add New Constitution Article 6-1-10 – Transfer of Schools From One Athletic District to Another</p> <p>This proposed modification of Constitution Article 5-7-3 and addition of Article 6-1-10 would clarify new procedures and factors used for evaluating a request for a school to change OHSAA athletic districts. The proposed amendment would 1) restrict requests to those that can meet "objective, published criteria," 2) restrict how frequently such changes may occur, 3) remove the final decision-making authority from the Board of Directors, which is composed of representatives from the impacted districts, and instead places the decision-making authority with the Executive Director, and 4) allow any denied transfer requests to be heard by the OHSAA Appeals Panel.</p> <p>Issue 1 C Passed, effective date May 16, 2022, and will apply to all requests for district transfers that are pending as of May 16, 2022.</p>
<u>785</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1 B</u>	<p>Modify Bylaw 1-4-1 – Definition of Interscholastic Contest</p> <p>This proposed modification would clean up the definition of an "interscholastic contest" by providing clarity and more detail/examples in the definition.</p> <p>Issue 1 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>773</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2 B</u>	<p>Modify Bylaws 1-5-1 & 1-5-4, Create New Bylaws 1-5-2 & 1-5-3 – Recognized & Emerging Sports</p> <p>The proposed modification to the definition of Recognized Sports removes the list of recognized sports from the bylaw and moves that list to the General Sports Regulations, to be modified as needed by the Board of Directors. New Bylaws 1-5-2 and 1-5-3 provide definitions of Emerging Sports and Sponsored Events, respectively. The proposed changes also clarify that Emerging Sports are Recognized Sports covered under the OHSAA catastrophic insurance policy. The modification in renumbered Bylaw 1-5-4 clarifies that all OHSAA recognized sports, including school club teams, must abide by all OHSAA rules, including the transfer and residency bylaw.</p> <p>Issue 2 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>793</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3 B</u>	<p>Create New Exception to Bylaw 4-1-1 – Student Manager Exception</p> <p>The proposed amendment would enable schools to reward and/or recognize a student manager or a student with an intellectual or physical disability for his/her special contributions to a team and allow them to play in a game without requiring the school to verify certain aspects of eligibility (scholarship, age, etc.). The participation of such a student would only be permitted one time per sports season and the opposing coach and officials would have to be made aware of the student's participation before the student enters the contest. This concept is already captured in the exception to Bylaw 2-2-2 so, if passed, that exception would also be modified to remove the requirement for such a student to be eligible in all respects.</p> <p>Issue 4 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>393</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4 B</u>	<p>New Exception to Bylaw 4-3-1 – Students Attending Member Public School Playing Sports at Neighboring District School</p> <p>This proposed new exception would permit a student enrolled at a MEMBER public school that does not sponsor a team sport in which the student desires to participate to petition to play that sport at a public school located in a bordering public school district pursuant to the bordering district's duly adopted Board of Education resolution. Reciprocal language is also included for students in a multiple high school (or multi-7/8 grade school) district. An OHSAA form would need to be utilized and, if approved by the Board of Education, must be on file at the OHSAA. Resolutions for the next school year must be received by the OHSAA Office by June 30 each year, and no student may participate at another school until approved by the Executive Director's Office.</p> <p>ISSUE 4 B FAILED</p>
<u>674</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>5 B</u>	<p>Modify Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-6-2 –18-Year-Old Provision in Residency</p> <p>This proposed amendment would permit the Executive Director's Office to approve residency eligibility after considering extenuating circumstances that may compel a student who is 18 and no longer eligible for a legal change of custody/guardianship to transfer schools and move into a new residence with a primary relative while his/her parents are living outside of Ohio. This proposal mirrors the exception to the 18-year-old provision found within the change of custody exception under the transfer bylaw. If approved, the student would still have to meet the requirements of a transfer bylaw exception in order to restore eligibility for the entire season.</p> <p>Issue 5 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>

<u>FAVOR</u> 544	<u>OPPOSE</u> 247	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 22	<u>ISSUE</u> 6 B	<p>Add Note to Transfer Bylaw 4-7-2 – Shifting Period of Ineligibility The proposed modification, which would be in the form of a Note under Bylaw 4-7-2, would give the Executive Director’s Office the authority to adjust the period when a student would fulfill the transfer consequence if they are unable to compete during all or part of the first 50 percent of the season due to extenuating circumstances through no fault of the student-athlete. This would NOT allow for the transfer consequence to be waived, nor would it allow for the student to regain eligibility for the OHSAA tournament.</p> <p>Issue 6 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> 595	<u>OPPOSE</u> 182	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 36	<u>ISSUE</u> 7 B	<p>Modify Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1 – Bona Fide Move Changes/Clarifications Besides moving language from the former “Note 1” to more clearly articulate to which school(s) a student can potentially attempt to restore full athletic eligibility via this exception, the proposed modification would do the following:</p> <p>1) Set a new minimum mileage move requirement (15 miles) for a student attempting to use this exception at a non-public school and;</p> <p>2) Decrease the required move distance to allow for the selection of any school when the distance between the two residences is 80 miles (currently 100 miles).</p> <p>Issue 7 B Passed, effective date May 16, 2022</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> 767	<u>OPPOSE</u> 17	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 29	<u>ISSUE</u> 8 B	<p>Remove Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 5 – State School of Deaf/Blind Since the State School for the Blind and State School for the Deaf are no longer members of the OHSAA, this proposal would remove the exception for students transferring to these schools.</p> <p>Issue 8 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> 517	<u>OPPOSE</u> 273	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 23	<u>ISSUE</u> 9 B	<p>Create New Exception to Transfer Bylaw 4-7-2 – Return to Non-Public System of Education The proposed exception would give the Executive Director’s Office authority to approve a one-time transfer of students back to a non-public school located within the same system of education provided:</p> <p>(a) the student had been continuously enrolled in the same system of non-public education between grades 4-8 and;</p> <p>(b) the student has not attended more than one other high school during the course of their high school enrollment and;</p> <p>(c) the student returns to the same system of non-public education prior to the start of the student’s junior year and;</p> <p>(d) the student can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Director’s Office that the transfer is not occurring/not taking place for athletic reasons.</p> <p>Issue 9 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> 537	<u>OPPOSE</u> 257	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 19	<u>ISSUE</u> 10 B	<p>Add New Exception to Transfer Bylaw 4-7-2 – Adult Bad Behavior Exception The proposed exception would provide a pathway for a student who may have been subject to inappropriate adult behavior to transfer schools and not be subject to a period of ineligibility so long as:</p> <p>(a) there is documented evidence the adult conduct was directed specifically towards the student; and</p> <p>(b) the adult conduct is of such a nature as to trigger a criminal investigation or an event which is otherwise a “reportable” event that would require a mandatory reporter to report to the proper legal authorities; and</p> <p>(c) the student suffered/suffers physical harm and/or severe emotional distress that required/requires medical treatment and/or mental health treatment, which was contemporaneously documented at the time of the event; and</p> <p>(d) there is no evidence the transfer is due to the student/family’s displeasure with a former coach’s training tactics and/or the student’s playing time.</p> <p>Issue 10 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2022</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> 666	<u>OPPOSE</u> 122	<u>ABSTAIN</u> 25	<u>ISSUE</u> 11 B	<p>Modify Bylaw 4-10-2 and Bylaw 4-10-4 – Amateurism The proposed modification clarifies that money can never be accepted as a result of participation in interscholastic competition and also clarifies that a student can be a professional in one sport but still retain their amateur status in a different OHSAA recognized sport. The proposed amendments to Bylaw 4-10-4 provide objective criteria the Executive Director’s Office would consider when reviewing a request for reinstatement of an athlete’s amateur status.</p> <p>Issue 11 B Passed, effective date May 16, 2022</p>

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<u>254</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>21</u>	12 B	<p>Create New Bylaw 4-10-3 – Name Image and Likeness Regulations The proposed new bylaw would allow student-athletes to sign endorsement agreements using their name, image and likeness for commercial purposes so long as the following criteria are met:</p> <p>a) The student-athlete does not utilize the name, logos, mascots, trademarks or other proprietary properties of any OHSAA school team, OHSAA school, or the OHSAA during any promotions and; b) The student-athlete does not engage in any NIL marketing/endorsements during “official team activities” and; c) The agreement/contract shall never require the student-athlete to display a sponsor’s product, or otherwise advertise for a sponsor, during “official team activities” and; d) The agreement/contract shall only impact the individual student-athlete with whom the contract is entered and shall never provide any money, merchandise, services of value or any other benefits directly to the student-athlete’s school/team and; e) The student-athlete shall not receive compensation for use of the student’s name, image, or likeness involving the promotion of casinos, gambling, alcohol, drug use, or tobacco use and; f) The student-athlete who intends to enter a verbal or written contract providing compensation to the student for use of their name, image, or likeness shall disclose the proposed agreement/contract to the member school at which the student is enrolled and/or participating. Each member school is encouraged to specify a specific school designee to whom such information should be reported. The extent of the disclosure shall be to the satisfaction of each member school but the school shall not advise the student-athlete against entering into the contract unless any of the stipulations in (a)-(e) appear to be violated.</p> <p>For purposes of this bylaw, “the student-athlete” shall include the individual student-athlete or any other individual legally authorized to enter into a contract on the student’s behalf, such as a parent or legal guardian.</p> <p>ISSUE 12 B FAILED</p>
<u>674</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>31</u>	13 B	<p>Modify Bylaw 5-1-1 – Awards Bylaw The proposed modification increases the permitted award amount from \$400 to \$500 and clarifies that the award threshold from participation in an event is reset after each competition. It also clarifies that graduating seniors are no longer subject to award limitation; clarifies that awards above the \$500 threshold can be accepted for non-recognized sports; and clarifies what type of gift cards/gift certificates are permitted.</p> <p>Issue 13 B Passed, effective date May 16, 2022</p>

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