



2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



818 OHSAA HIGH SCHOOLS – 815 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., Wednesday, May 15, 2024

FAVOR	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN	ISSUE	
<u>560</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>1 B</u>	<p>New Exception to Bylaw 2-1-1 – Alternative Divisional Assignment This exception will allow schools to request a move up to Division I on a sport-by-sport basis for one sports season. If desired, the request must be received by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office by the established deadline (to be published on the OHSAA website). If requested for an individual sport, all athletes on that school's team must compete in Division I.</p> <p>Issue 1 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>
<u>761</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2 B</u>	<p>Modify Bylaw 4-6-2 – Residency This modification will absolve school administrators from enforcing the Residency Bylaw (<i>i.e. ensuring the student has a parent living in Ohio</i>) for a particular student once that student is subject to custody orders involving child protective services, social services or a similar state agency.</p> <p>Issue 2 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>
<u>719</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>3 B</u>	<p>Modify Definition of "School Day" Within Bylaw 4-4-3 – Restoration and Removal of Scholastic Eligibility This modification will address the transition of athletic eligibility between grading periods and amend the OHSAA's definition of a school day to not include calamity days (where school is cancelled due to weather or similar circumstances).</p> <p>Issue 3 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>
<u>745</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4 B</u>	<p>Modify Exception to Bylaw 4-7-3 – Midseason Transfer There are currently two exceptions which will allow a student to play the same sport for two different schools during the same season, but both exceptions require the schools to be at least 50 miles apart. This modification alters the second exception when a student transfers to a different school midseason due to the death or incarceration of the student's parent(s) or the intervention of Children's Services or a similar government agency. If such a situation transpires, the modification will allow the Executive Director's Office to restore full transfer eligibility at the new school even if it is less than 50 miles from the former school. The proposed new language waiving the midseason 50-mile requirement would NOT apply to "standard" custody transfers (<i>i.e. parent to parent custody changes without children services intervention</i>).</p> <p>Issue 4 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>
<u>562</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>5 B</u>	<p>Modify Bylaw 4-7-3 – Midseason Transfers This modification will allow for midseason transfer students to be fully eligible at a new school in the same season at the sub-varsity level only, provided that the student meets the requirements of a transfer exception to restore full eligibility. The change does not permit a student who has played for the varsity team at the school from which they are leaving (or if there has not been a distinction between varsity and sub-varsity competition) to gain sub-varsity eligibility at the school to which they are transferring. Lastly, this modification does not permit the Executive Director's Office to grant eligibility for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport impacted by the midseason transfer.</p> <p>Issue 5 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>
<u>692</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>6 B</u>	<p>Modify Bylaws 9-2-1 and 9-2-2 – Contests with Out-of-State Schools This modification will allow schools to: 1.) travel to bordering states or provinces an unlimited number of times strictly to practice without prior approval from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office; and 2.) travel to a non-bordering state for practice purposes only one time per sports season with prior approval from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. The previous language only permitted teams to practice while out-of-state if they were also participating in a contest(s) during that trip. Additionally, the new language clarifies that schools are permitted to miss school time at their discretion when they exercise their one-time travel to a non-bordering state or province.</p> <p>Issue 6 B Passed, effective date August 1, 2024</p>