

**2012-13 -- Proposal No. 1**

**Amend By-law 2.030 – Cooperative Team Sponsorship**

Submitted by Shane Gordon, Principal, Winchester

**By-law 2.030 currently reads:**

When a cooperative team completes two years of approved operation and the boards of education involved wish to renew the agreement for another two-year period, the involved school(s) shall submit to the IHSA, by the established date, an application that addresses the items listed in sub-section (f) from above.

**Revise By-law 2.030 to read:**

When a cooperative team completes two years of approved operation and the boards of education involved wish to renew the agreement for another two-year period, the involved school(s) shall submit to the IHSA, by the established date, **notification that they wish to continue the cooperative with no changes.**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

Once a cooperative is established, there is no need to create extra work for the schools involved in the cooperative or the schools on the cooperative's schedule by requiring all of the paperwork involved in forming a cooperative. It should only be necessary to inform the IHSA that the cooperative intends to remain, unchanged. If there are going to be changes to the cooperative, the conference of affiliation/schools on the schedule would indeed need to be notified.

**2012-13 -- Proposal No. 3**

**Amend By-law 2.140.3 – Participation Limitations During Strike**

Submitted by Kim Kolze, Principal, Lake Zurich

**By-law 2.140.3 Currently Reads:**

A school which has a football game scheduled with a school which is on strike on the Monday preceding the scheduled game shall have the option to cancel the game with the striking school and schedule a game with another school provided it has a pending alternative contract. If this option is exercised, the striking school shall forfeit the scheduled contest and receive a forfeit loss. The non-striking school shall receive a forfeit win and may play the alternate contest, which shall not count as a win or loss for the non-striking school.

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**Rationale of Submitter:**

Under the current by-law, the non-striking school is disadvantaged and unable to plan appropriately due to the uncertainty of the strike. This will allow schools to plan for workers, officials, transportation and practices. Schools will also be able to communicate more effectively with families and make plans for playing another opponent.

**2012-13 -- Proposal No. 4 Combined with Proposal No. 5 by the Submitter**

Amend By-laws 3.021 and 3.022 – Scholastic Standing

Submitted by Steve Lemon, Official Representative, Berwyn-Cicero (Morton)

**By-law 3.021 Currently Reads:**

They shall be doing passing work in at least twenty five (25) credit hours of high school work per week.

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**Schools that offer only five classes per day may request a waiver annually from the IHSA Board of Directors to require the passing work in at least twenty (20) credit hours of high school work per week to be eligible for participation.**

**By-law 3.022 Currently Reads:**

They shall, unless they are entering high school for the first time, have credit on the school records for twenty five (25) credit hours of high school work for the previous semester. Such work shall have been completed in the semester for which credit is granted or in a recognized summer school program which has been approved by the Board of Education and for which graduation credit is received.

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**Rationale of Submitter:**

1. The by-law established last year created a no-pass-no play policy for schools that only offer five classes.
2. The vast majority of IHSA member schools offer six or more classes and the students can fail one or more classes and still be eligible. Not the case with schools that offer five classes.
3. Not all schools require the passing of 20 credits towards graduation.
4. IHSA belief statement includes “equity and fairness must always be safeguarded”.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 7 – Amended by Submitters**

**By-law 3.034.3 – Residence**

Submitted by Brad Bevis, Official Representative, Edwardsville (H.S.); Jeff Flater, Official Representative, Byron; Marjorie Johnson, Official Representative, Morton; Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling; Jim Prunty, Official Representative, Chicago (St. Ignatius) on behalf of the Residency/Transfer Ad-Hoc Committee and IHSA Board of Directors

**By-law 3.034.3 Currently Reads:**

Foreign Exchange Students: Foreign exchange students attending school in Illinois under the auspices of approved student exchange programs, shall be considered eligible regarding residence for a maximum period of one calendar year, commencing with the date of their enrollment and beginning attendance at an IHSA member school. To be considered for approval, a foreign exchange program must assign students to schools by a method which insures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The Board of Directors shall establish additional criteria by which it shall approve foreign exchange student programs.

**Revise By-law 3.034.3 to Read:**

**International and** Foreign Exchange Students: Students attending school in Illinois under the auspices of approved student exchange programs shall be considered eligible regarding residence and transfer for a maximum period of one calendar year, commencing with the date of their enrollment and beginning attendance at an IHSA member school. To be considered for approval, a foreign exchange program must **be approved by the IHSA and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET)**. It must also assign students to schools by a method which insures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The Board of Directors shall establish additional criteria by which it shall approve foreign exchange student programs. **International students attending school in Illinois who are not participating in an approved student exchange program will not be eligible with respect to residence or transfer for the duration of their high school attendance unless they meet the requirements of the applicable provisions of the residency and transfer By-Laws as determined in an official ruling from the Executive Director. For purposes of this By-Law, the residential school exception set forth in By-Law 3.034.1 shall not apply to establish a student's residency.**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

In recent years, we have seen a large increase in the number of international students attending IHSA member schools. If these students are not in an approved foreign exchange program, they do not meet the requirements of the Association's Residence and Transfer By-laws since they do not typically reside with [or transfer with] their parents, custodial parent or court appointed legal guardian. However, under our current by-laws international students become eligible after 365 days of ineligibility. The influx of international students has the potential to negatively influence competition between IHSA member schools. This issue is complicated further by the fact that international students on F1-Visas may only attend public high schools for one year and there is no limit to the number of years they may attend private schools. As a result, the vast majority of international students not attending a member school through an approved foreign exchange program attend private schools.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 8**

**Amend By-law 3.042 – Transfer**

Submitted by Brad Bevis, Official Representative, Edwardsville (H.S.); Jeff Flater, Official Representative, Byron; Marjorie Johnson, Official Representative, Morton; Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling; Jim Prunty, Official Representative, Chicago (St. Ignatius) on behalf of the Residency/Transfer Ad-Hoc Committee and IHSA Board of Directors

**By-law 3.042 Currently Reads:**

Once classes begin in a school for the current school year, if a student changes attendance from that high school to another high school, the student shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year in any sport in which he/she participated or was participating in a practice or interscholastic contest in the current school year at the school from which the transfer occurs; or

Once classes begin in a school for the current school year, if a student changes attendance from that high school to another high school, the student shall be ineligible for a period of thirty days, commencing on the first day of attendance at the new high school, in any sport in which he/she was not participating or had not participated during the current school year at the school from which the student transferred.

**Revise By-law 3.042 to Read:**

~~Once classes begin in a school~~ **After the official start date of an IHSA sport season** for the current school year, if a student changes attendance from that high school to another high school, the student shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year in any sport in which he/she participated or was participating in a practice or interscholastic contest in the current school year at the school from which the transfer occurs; or

Once classes begin in a school for the current school year, if a student changes attendance from that high school to another high school, the student shall be ineligible for a period of thirty days, commencing on the first day of attendance at the new high school, in any sport in which he/she was not participating or had not participated during the current school year at the school from which the student transferred.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

This proposal closes a loop hole for fall sports. Under the current by-law, in the fall, students may practice a sport at a IHSA member school and retain eligibility for the same sport at another IHSA member school, provided the transfer takes place prior to the start of school at the sending school.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 9****Amend By-law 3.043.3 – Transfer**

Submitted by Brad Bevis, Official Representative, Edwardsville (H.S.); Jeff Flater, Official Representative, Byron; Marjorie Johnson, Official Representative, Morton; Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling; Jim Prunty, Official Representative, Chicago (St. Ignatius) on behalf of the Residency/Transfer Ad-Hoc Committee and IHSA Board of Directors

**By-law 3.043.3 Currently Reads:**

The student changes attendance from a private school or a public school with no boundaries to a public high school located in the school district in which the student resides full time with his or her parents, custodial parent, surviving parent, or guardian; the student is enrolling for the first time in a public member high school with boundaries; and the principals of both of the high schools involved accept the transfer, concurring that there is no evidence of a) any violation or avoidance of, or noncompliance with, any by-law, b) any recruiting in connection with the transfer; or

**Revise By-law 3.043.3 to Read (Replaces 3.043.4 and 3.043.4):**

**In the event the student transfers attendance from any high school to any other high school, and the transfer is not in conjunction with a change in residence by both the student and his or her parents, custodial parent, surviving parent, or guardian to a residence outside the boundaries of the public school district attendance area the family originally resided in, the Executive Director then grants eligibility based on documentation that the transfer was necessitated by one or more of the following:**

- **Change in family's financial position**
- **Extenuating circumstances documented by the sending school's principal or official representative**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

In recent years, we have seen an increasing number of transfers for athletic purposes. This proposal will provide better guidelines for approving transfers and require more documentation from the sending school. This proposal removes the provision permitting a one time transfer to a student's home public school and removes the provision permitting a transfer from one private school to another private school.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 12**

**Amend By-law 3.053 – Participation Limitations**

Submitted by Brad Bevis, Official Representative, Edwardsville (H.S.); Jeff Flater, Official Representative, Byron; Marjorie Johnson, Official Representative, Morton; Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling; Jim Prunty, Official Representative, Chicago (St. Ignatius) on behalf of the Residency/Transfer Ad-Hoc Committee and IHSA Board of Directors

**By-law 3.053 Currently Reads:**

After they enroll in the ninth grade, they shall not be eligible for more than four (4) school years of competition in any sport.

**Revise By-law 3.053 to Read:**

After ~~they enroll in the~~ **becoming a student in** ninth grade, ~~they~~ **the student** shall not be eligible for more than four (4) **consecutive** school years of competition in any sport.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

This proposal eliminates high school redshirting.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 19**

**Amend By-law 5.153 and 5.323 – Boys and Girls Volleyball Individual Player Limitations**

Submitted by Troy Parola, Athletic Director, Lake Villa (Lakes)

**By-law 5.153 and 5.323 Currently Reads:**

Students who participate on a school squad in Boys and Girls Volleyball may participate in:

- (1) seventy-two (72) games and no (0) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) sixty-six (66) games plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) sixty-three (63) games plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (4) fifty-seven (57) games plus three (3) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (5) fifty-four (54) games plus four (4) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Participation in a game or tournament shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of time) in the contest.

**Revise By-laws 5.153 and 5.323 to Read:**

Students may participate in no more than four (4) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA State Tournament Series except that a student who does not participate in the IHSA State Tournament Series may participate in one (1) additional tournament. Participation in a tournament shall mean that a student actually competes (regardless of the length of time) in a game.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

Many sports have no individual player limitations at all.



**2012-13 – Proposal No. 20**

**Amend By-law 5.201 – Girls Bowling Season Limitation**

Submitted by PJ Caposey, Principal, Oregon High School

**By-law 5.201 Currently Reads:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Bowling teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 19 or later than Saturday of Week 32 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Bowling no earlier than Monday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.201 to Read:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Bowling teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week **20** or later than Saturday of Week **33** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Bowling no earlier than **Friday** of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Rational of Submitter**

This change will align the boys and the girls season limitations. Due to the growth of both boys and girls bowling participation, it has become necessary to add a Regional tournament to the current State Finals Tournament structure. In an effort to avoid taking kids out of school to conduct the Regional, it is desirable to conduct the Regional on the Saturday before the current Sectional Tournament date. However, if this is done within the current season limitation by-law, the Girls Regional would be on the same day as the Boys State Finals. This would create a significant hardship for schools that only have 1 coach/staff for both boys and girls teams. By delaying the start of the girls season by 1 week and ending 1 week later, we will avoid this hardship WITHOUT increasing the length of the season and allow for the possibility of conducting a Regional Tournament for both boys and girls in the future. By moving the first contest date to Friday as opposed to Monday allows teams to practice virtually the same number of days as past years, while continuing to allow them to participate in long-established tournaments on the weekend of Week 21, even though the season starts 1 week later. This would in effect shorten the time from season start to first contest by 1 school day (which in fact is a holiday – Friday after Thanksgiving), and is in fact longer than other sports such as golf which only has 5 calendar days between start and first contest.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 21**

**Amend By-law 5.341 – Competitive Cheerleading Season Limitation**

Submitted by Dr. Jane Thorsen, Principal, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

**By-law 5.341 Currently Reads:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Cheer team practice earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Week 39 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Cheerleading squad to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.

**Revise By-law 5.341 to Read:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Cheer team practice earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Week **31** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Cheerleading squad to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week **31** in the Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

The competitive cheer season should end following the completion of the IHSA state final which is held Friday and Saturday of Week 31 in the standardized calendar. All other IHSA sports end at the completion of their respective state finals.

**2012-13 – Proposal No. 24**

**Amend By-law 5.352 – Competitive Dance Contest Limitation**

Submitted by Trish Betthausen, Official Representative, Lincolnshire (Stevenson)

**By-law 5.352 Currently Reads:**

No Competitive Dance team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than (7) competitions exclusive of the IHSA state series.

**Revise By-law 5.352 to Read:**

No Competitive Dance team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **five (5) meets** exclusive of the IHSA state series.

The proposed amendment is consistent with 5.342 Competitive Cheerleading. The two seasons are the same length and should have the same number of competition opportunities.

**Rational of Submitter:**

The proposed amendment is consistent with By-law 5.342 Competitive Cheerleading Contest Limitation. The two seasons are the same length and should have the same number of competition opportunities.