

2015-16 – Proposal No. 6

Amend IHSA By-law 3.110 – Coaching School Participation

Submitted by Tim Burkhalter, Official Representative, Lake Forest (H.S.)

IHSA By-law 3.111 Currently Reads:

During the school year, a person who is a coach at any member school may not be involved in any respect with any coaching school, camp, or clinic for any interscholastic sport or which provides instruction in any skill of an interscholastic sport and is attended by more than two (2) persons from the coach's school. Violation shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days. Programs that involve only demonstration of skills and sports theory without providing instruction and requiring active participation by attendees are not considered coaching schools.

IHSA By-law 3.112 Currently Reads:

Students may attend a coaching school, camp or clinic during the summer months provided they do not attend before school is out in the spring or after Sunday of Week Number 5 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. Such coaching schools, camps and clinics may be conducted by an individual, group or even a member school and instruction at such programs may be provided by any person. However, in the case of a school-sponsored camp, participation may not be restricted to high school students who have been certified eligible for athletics.

Add IHSA By-law 3.112.1 to Read:

During the summer months (which shall be defined as the period of time between the last day of student attendance at a student's member school and Sunday of Week 5 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar), any number of students from a member school may attend a coaching school, camp, or clinic. If a coach at a member school is involved in any respect with a coaching school, camp, or clinic attended by students from the coach's school, the days on which the coaching school, camp, or clinic occur shall be considered a part of the school's contact days, as outlined in IHSA By-Law 3.153.

Add IHSA By-law 3.112.2 to Read:

During any other time of the calendar year, any number of students from a member school may attend a coaching school, camp, or clinic provided no person who is a coach at the students' member school is involved in any respect with the coaching school, camp, or clinic. If a coach at a member school is involved in any respect with a coaching school, camp, or clinic, the number of students from a member school who can attend the coaching school, camp, or clinic shall be limited to the number outlined in IHSA By-Law 3.111.

Add IHSA By-law 3.112.3 to Read:

Violations of the above provisions shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days, pending a ruling from the Executive Director.

Rationale of Submitter:

This proposal clarifies the current by-law and establishes when students can/can't attend a coaching school, camp, or clinic during two (2) distinct periods of time within a calendar year.

2015-16 – Proposal No. 15

Amend IHSA By-law 5.361 – Scholastic Bowl Season Limitation

Submitted by Michael Dunn-Reier, Official Representative, Aurora (Illinois Math and Science Academy)

IHSA By-law 5.361 Currently Reads:

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Scholastic Bowl teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 8 or later than Sunday of Week 38.
- b. Each school belonging to this Association shall be limited to practicing and participating in no more than one (1) scholastic bowl tournament beginning the Sunday of Week 38 and ending the Monday of Week 8.

Revise IHSA By-law 5.361 to Read:

Schools belonging to this Association may organize their Scholastic Bowl teams at any time during the year to practice or to participate in interscholastic contests.

Rationale of Submitter:

The scholastic bowl season currently starts in mid-August. For 90% of the schools in Illinois who field scholastic bowl teams, the *de facto* end of the season will continue to be defined by the IHSA State Tournament which is held in mid-March. Eliminating the *de jure* end of the season will allow those schools in the 10% to plan out their competition year to include preparing for, and competing in, the established multi-state tournaments that are scheduled for late May and early June.

Teams are already allowed to practice year round and compete in one off-season tournament; we also recognize that a number of the most competitive and prestigious Quiz Bowl tournaments already being attended by Illinois teams occur late in the school year, or soon after the school year ends.

2015-16 – Proposal No. 16

Amend IHSA By-law 5.362 – Scholastic Bowl Contest Limitation

Submitted by Michael Dunn-Reier, Official Representative, Aurora (Illinois Math and Science Academy)

IHSA By-law 5.362 Currently Reads:

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall participate on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No individual shall compete on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Revise IHSA By-law 5.362 to Read:

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall participate on more than ~~eighteen (18) dates~~ **twenty seven (27)** dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series, **between Monday of Week 1 through Sunday of Week 52.**
- b. No individual shall compete on more than ~~eighteen (18) dates~~ **twenty seven (27)** dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series, **between Monday of Week 1 through Sunday of Week 52.**

NOTE: If this proposal passes it will be necessary to change the current definition of what an IHSA scholastic bowl match is. It would read: An event in which teams of **four (4) or** five (5) students representing two (2) high schools compete with or against each other in academic quizzing, utilizing a format and rules comparable to the IHSA series, **and utilizing questions that cover an extensive range and variety of academic areas**, is considered a scholastic bowl contest.

Rationale of Submitter:

Scholastic Bowl is defined as a 5-on-5 competition, limited to 18 dates for the last 20 years. Over the last decade, another activity known as Quiz Bowl has become more and more popular in Illinois. Quiz Bowl is essentially equivalent to Scholastic Bowl in all respects, except that it is a 4-on-4 competition -- so it is not governed or controlled by IHSA By-Laws. [Like 3-on-3 basketball, Quiz Bowl uses all the same "Skills of the Sport."]

A number of Scholastic Bowl teams, including those who have filled their 18 dates, also compete in Quiz Bowl for another 8, 10, or even 12 dates -- which by definition do not currently count towards the 18. Also, many worthy Quiz Bowl tournaments are held outside the Scholastic Bowl season as currently defined. Sadly, the "playing field" is no longer "level."

We propose to modify the definition of Scholastic Bowl to include 4-on-4 competition, with a new maximum of 27 dates. These changes will not only bring Quiz Bowl competition under the umbrella of Scholastic Bowl, they will re-level the playing field by limiting the combined total number of dates. Allowing competition year-round makes sense in this context, since teams will be required to plan their entire year so they don't exceed 27 dates.