

## 2014-15 Handbook Changes

### **By-law 2.030:**

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the formation of cooperative athletic teams or activity programs by two or more member schools under the following conditions:

- (a) The schools are located in the same geographical area;
- (b) All schools participating in the cooperative are Class A (in a 2-class system) or Class 1A or 2A (in a 3 or 4-class system) schools according to the IHSA Classification System; or, in the event one or more of the cooperating schools is a Class 3A or 4A public school, the cooperative team is for a sport other than Boys Football or Boys or Girls Basketball; In the event one or more of the schools involved in the cooperative is a public non-boundary school, that school's actual enrollment, not multiplied enrollment is used to determine the eligibility of the cooperative team request.
- (c) Only private schools with non multiplied enrollments of 200 or less are eligible to form cooperative teams.
- (d) The combined enrollments of all schools involved in the cooperative team, calculated according to the IHSA Classification System, is utilized to determine the classification for the cooperative team;
- (e) The cooperative sponsorship agreement is established for a period of two consecutive school years;
- (f) The governing boards of all schools participating in the cooperative team agreement jointly make the application to the IHSA Board of Directors for approval of the cooperative team agreement;
- (g) The joint application includes:
  - (1) Written approval from the conference(s) of which the cooperating schools are members, and/or in which the cooperative team will participate, or, in the event the cooperative team will not be affiliated with a conference, written approval from a minimum of seven schools included in the cooperative team's schedule of competition;
  - (2) A statement signed by the principals of all cooperating schools designating the name under which the cooperative team will compete;
  - (3) A report of the number of students from each of the cooperative schools expected to participate on the cooperative team;
  - (4) A report of the number of students, if any, from each of the cooperating schools who have been participating in the sport involved, in programs offered on a non-cooperative basis by their own schools;
  - (5) A statement expressing the reasons for the formation of a cooperative team;
  - (6) Written assurance that the cooperative team will not limit participation opportunities for students in any of the cooperating schools.

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 **and written approval from the conferences.**

**No additional interpretation required.**

### **By-law 2.120:**

In every sport and activity, each member school shall be represented by its **head coach** at an annual rules interpretation meeting or online rules presentation sponsored by the Association, provided rules interpretation meetings or online rules presentations are conducted in that sport and activity. Failure to

comply with this requirement may be penalized by the Board of Directors. This shall include all individual as well as team entries.

**Amend Illustration 72 to reflect that the requirement to participate in the rules meeting is now on the head coach of each sport.**

**By-law 2.180: (Became effective on February 7, 2014)**

School teams may travel out of state any distance provided the participating students miss no more than **two** school days, including travel to and from the competition. The number of instances that any single school team can use this provision is limited to two occasions per school year.

**Q. Is this by-law applicable to contests conducted out of state when no school time is missed? A. No.**

**By-law 3.043.3:**

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~~ **may grant** eligibility based on documentation that the transfer **met one of the following conditions:**

- **The student is enrolling for the first time in the student's home public member high school with boundaries;**
- Change in family's financial position;
- Extenuating circumstances documented by the sending school's principal or official representative.

**No additional interpretation required.**

**By-law 3.153: (This by-law takes effect in 2015)**

Persons who coach a sport at a member school may have a maximum of 25 days of contact in that sport with students from that school during the period between the last day of classes or Monday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar (whichever date is earlier) in the spring each year and Sunday of Week 5 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. **Additionally, there may be no contact during the mandatory "Dead Week" for either Week 52 or Week 1 (whichever week encompasses the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday) of the IHSA Standardized Calendar. This "Dead Week" would be determined annually by the IHSA.** Students may have a maximum of 25 days of contact per sport with persons who coach that sport at the school they attend during the same time period. A day of contact is defined as any date on which any coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques of any sport takes place. These limitations apply to all sports except Baseball and Softball. An exception may be made by the Executive Director under the guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for competitions sponsored and conducted directly by the National Governing Body for the sport.

**Q. Are open gyms, camps, contact days, or physical conditioning programs allowed during the dead week? A. No.**

**Q. Does By-law 3.153 apply to activity programs such as marching band? A. No**

**By-law 4.021:**

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

**No additional interpretation required.**

**By-law 5.071:**

**Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Football teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Monday** of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Football no earlier than Friday of Week 8 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**No additional interpretation required.**

**By-law 5.341:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Cheer team practice earlier than Monday of **Week 17** 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 **Monday** of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 31 in the Standardized Calendar.

**No additional interpretation required.**

**By-law 5.342:**

No Competitive Cheerleading team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **six (6) dates** exclusive of the IHSA state series.

**By-law 5.343:**

- a. No individual shall be permitted to participate on a member school's Competitive Cheerleading team unless he/she is a rostered participant on the member school's winter (basketball) sideline cheerleading team.
- b. **No member of a Competitive Cheer Team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than 6 dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.**

**No additional interpretation required.**

**By-law 5.353:**

**Individual Limitation**

- a. No individual shall be permitted to participate on a member school's Competitive Dance team unless he/she is a rostered participant on the member school's winter (basketball) game day performance team.
- b. No member of a Competitive Dance Team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than 6 dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

**No additional interpretation required.**