

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. 2

Amend By-law 2.050 Schools With Which Contests May Be Held

Submitted by Dr. David Kibelkis, Principal, Midlothian (Bremen)

By-law 2.050 Currently Reads:

Member schools may permit eligible students to participate in competitive activities as school representatives only with the following:

- (a) schools which are members of this Association;
- (b) schools which are members of an athletic or activities association in another state which is recognized by the Board of Directors of this Association;
- (c) schools which are not members of this Association but are approved for interscholastic participation by the Board of Directors of this Association;
- (d) schools which are not members of an athletic or activities association in another state but are approved for interscholastic participation by such an association;
- (e) junior high schools, provided that in any event other than a dual contest, only eligible ninth grade students represent the junior high school; and
- (f) cooperative athletic teams approved by the Board of Directors under the provisions of these By-laws.
- (g) The Illinois High School Association Executive Director is authorized to waive the provisions of this By-law for the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) when the ISVI is in competition only with other schools for the blind provided such competition is governed by the standards adopted by the North Central Association of Schools for the Blind.
- (h) The Illinois High School Association Executive Director is authorized to waive the provisions of this By-law for the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) when the ISD is in competition only with other schools for the deaf.

Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in activities with non-school groups.

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Member schools may not permit students to participate as school representatives in activities with non-school groups. **Exception: Until an IHSA state series is approved in boys and girls lacrosse, member schools may compete against lacrosse club teams.**

Rationale of Submitter:

This proposal will facilitate the growth of boys and girls lacrosse.

This proposal would take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Amend By-law 3.021 – 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.

Physical Education can be used as a .50 credit class to meet the 25 credit hour requirement, even if the member school is giving academic credit less than .50 or no credit at all. Students must be passing Physical Education in order to use the class towards academic eligibility.

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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.

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. 5

Amend By-law 3.022 – Scholastic Standing

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

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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2012-13 -- Proposal No. 6
Amend By-law 3.031.4 – Residence
Submitted by Robert Rose, Official Representative, Bolingbrook

By-law 3.031.4 Currently Reads:

In the cases where ISBE has granted a legislative waiver for children of faculty members to attend the school tuition-free, the students shall have eligibility at the school where the parent teaches.

Revise By-law 3.031.4 to Read:

In the cases where ~~ISBE has granted~~ a legislative waiver **has been granted** for children **of district and/or school-employed certified personnel** to attend the school tuition-free, the students shall have eligibility at the school where the parent **is employed by the school and/or district as a certified staff member.**

Rationale of Submitter:

It would accommodate those individuals who, in addition to faculty members who hold a teaching certification, also hold a professional certification in another area while maintaining employment in the respective school he/she serves. Examples of this certification include, but are not limited to, Registered School Nurse, School Resource Officer, or School Psychologist.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 7**Amend 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: 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 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 will not be eligible unless participating in an approved exchange program as noted above.**

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. 10

Delete By-law 3.043.4 – 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

Delete By-law 3.043.4

~~The student transfer attendance from one private school to a different private school which is located within a 30 mile radius of his or her residence; the student resides full time with his or her parents, custodial parent, surviving parent, or guardian; the student is changing high school attendance for the first time; and the principals of both private high schools involved accept the transfer, concurring that there is no evidence of a) any violation of, or noncompliance with, any by-law, or b) any recruiting in connection with the transfer; or;~~

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. 11**Add By-law 3.043.6 – Transfer**

Submitted by: Vinay Mullick, Official Representative, Chicago (Perspectives Charter Leadership Academy, High School of Technology, Math & Science Academy, Joslin Campus); Phil Radke, Official Representative, Chicago (Urban Prep Academy for Young Men-Englewood Campus); Brandon Lenore, Official Representative, Chicago (Urban Prep Academy-West Campus); Steve Silva, Official Representative, Chicago (Bulls College Prep); Dave Church, Official Representative, Chicago (Muchin College Prep); Mark Rychlick, Official Representative, Chicago (Pritzker College Prep); Jennifer Johnston, Official Representative, Chicago (Rauner College Prep); Jacob Morgan, Official Representative, Chicago (UIC College Prep); Kathleen Cook, Official Representative, Chicago (Henry Ford Power House Charter); Roy Elmer Hickman, Official Representative, Chicago (Epic Academy Charter School)

Add By-law 3.043.6 to Read:

The student transfers attendance from one public high school in a school district which supports two (2) or more public schools to a charter public school with no boundaries in that school district, and the transfer is 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 from one public school attendance area to another; the student resides full time with his or her parents, custodial parent, surviving parent, or guardian; the student is changing high school attendance for the first time and the principals of both high school involved accept the transfer, concurring that there is no evidence of a) any violation of, noncompliance with, any by-law, or b) any recruiting in connection with the transfer.

Rationale of Submitter:

There are students each year who move residences and then enroll with charter (non-boundaried) schools. Per the rules, they are ineligible for athletic participation. In our opinion, if a student changes residence, they should be allowed to attend a charter school without having to sit out 365 days.

Quantitative Impact

Total Number of Chicago IHSA Member Schools: 116

Total Number of Chicago of IHSA Member Charter Schools: 35

Total Percentage of Chicago Schools Impacted: 30.2%

Total Enrollment in Chicago of IHSA Member Schools: 110,670

Total Enrollment in Chicago of IHSA Member Charter Schools: 20,727

Total Percentage of Chicago Students Impacted: 18.7%

Athletic Competitiveness of Charters

Of the 36 charter schools that are IHSA members, only two are eligible for the multiplier

Chicago North Lawndale Charter – Boys Basketball & Girls Basketball

Perspectives Charter Schools – Leadership Academy – Girls Track & Field

Talking Points

Isolated situation

Only in districts where public high school districts with one more high school, where public non-boundaried are an option (Chicago & Richton Park)

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.

Suggested Alternative Language:

The student shall not be eligible after four years have passed since the student entered ninth grade.

Rationale of Submitter:

This proposal eliminates high school redshirting.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 13

Add By-law 3.055 – Participation Limitations

Submitted by Michael Milkie, Superintendent and CEO of Noble Network of Charter Schools

Add By-law 3.055 to Read:

Students in their 9th-12th semesters of high school, or playing in 5th or 6th season of a sport, may play in conference games among teams in the Noble Network of Charter Schools only provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Rationale of Submitter:

Many students do not graduate in eight semesters in the Noble Network of Charter Schools. This by-law will allow limited participation for those students.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 14

Add By-law 3.180 – Use of Video Replay

Submitted by Ed Jodlowski, Principal – Mason City (Illini Central)

Add By-law 3.180 to Read:

During the boys and girls basketball state finals, the use of television replay may be permitted to correct clock discrepancies.

Rationale of Submitter:

To ensure that all teams have an equitable chance of success in the final games at the state tournament. We recognize that human error exists, but believe that this type of language could help to make sure that no team experiences a defeat at the hand of human error in such a prestigious event.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 15

Amend By-law 4.081 – Spirit Limitations

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

By-law 4.081 Currently Reads:

All cheers, performances, routines, or other activities conducted by a school's spirit squads (i.e. cheerleaders, pom poms, flags, drill team) shall be conducted in accordance with the Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Revise Bylaw 4.081 to read:

All cheers, performances, routines, or other activities conducted by a school's spirit squads (i.e. cheerleaders, pom poms, flags, drill team) shall be conducted in accordance with the Spirit Rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. **In addition, stunting is not permitted by sideline cheer teams.**

Rationale of Submitter:

Would allow students not capable of stunting to participate in the non-competition season.

2012-13 -- Proposal No. 16

Amend By-law 5.073 - Boys Football Contest Limitations and Add By-law 5.074 – Boys Playoff Structure

Submitted by Rich Wherley, Principal, Eureka and Kenton Bergman, Principal, Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)

By-law 5.073 Currently Reads:

No Boys Football team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than nine (9) games exclusive of the IHSA series and exclusive of the City of Chicago Prep Bowl series, participated in by the Chicago Public League and the Chicago Catholic League.

Revise By-law 5.073 to read:

No Boys Football team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **eight (8)** games exclusive of the IHSA series and exclusive of the City of Chicago Prep Bowl series, participated in by the Chicago Public League and the Chicago Catholic League.

Add By-law 5.074 to read:

Schools will be placed in their respective classes based on enrollment at the beginning of the season. The top 16 schools in each class based on record and playoff points will receive a first round bye. The next 32 teams in each class will be seeded based on wins and playoff points and will play a “play in” game. The highest seeded team will host the first two round games.

Rationale of Submitter:

Schools not making the playoffs end their season after week eight and start to prepare for the winter seasons. Schools can schedule an equal number of home and away games each year. The top performing schools will receive an extra home game in the first round of the playoffs. The top 16 teams receive a bye week to rest up players for a potential playoff run. Teams with losing records still have motivation late in the season. Teams with key players hurt (concussions) can provide time to heal to 100% before they resume play. There would be 384 schools in the playoffs which expands the playoffs by 1/3. 69% of the 564 schools would be in playoffs. Replaces conference championships with division championships which may affect those schools that are in conferences that have conference “cup” point totals used to determine an end of the year overall conference championship.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 17

Amend By-law 5.073 Boys Football Contest Limitation and Add By-law 5.074 – Boys Football Playoff Structure

Submitted by Hanns Meyer, Official Representative, Gilman (Iroquois West)

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Add By-Law 5.074 to Read:

Week #9 will be the first round of the playoffs. For the first round of the playoff series, all schools will be scheduled regionally and according to enrollment classification. The playoff point system will be used to seed teams for the first round of the playoffs. Any team wishing to opt out of the state series may do so by notifying the IHSA prior to the first round playoff seeding and pairings selection date.

Rationale of Submitter:

Allowing all teams to participate in the playoff series will reduce the continued football-driven conference realignments. It will allow schools to keep current regular season schedules intact without being influenced by scheduling to attain the minimum playoff wins/points. It will allow schools to opt out of the state series, if they choose, to avoid first round mismatch games of high seeds vs low seeds.

2012-13 -- Proposal No. 18

New By-law 5.074 – Boys Football Playoff Structure

Submitted by Rich Wherley, Principal, Eureka and Scott Adreon, Principal, Maroa (M.-Forsyth)

New By-law 5.074 to Read:

The IHSA will create even numbered divisions for member schools in football only that will be used by schools to develop a regular season schedule. The division will be based on school size and geography. The division will be realigned every even numbered year. Open or out of division dates will be the same weeks for all schools.

Rationale of Submitter:

1. IHSA Philosophy: As stated in the rationale on grouping and seeding, the IHSA believes in geographic competitions while adhering to our educational objectives that save time and money:

“The cornerstone of IHSA state tournaments has long been geographic assignments to the state series leading to geographic representation at State Final tournaments. The geographical concept was developed to insure that interscholastic participation was compatible with a school’s educational objectives. The geographic concept helped maintain a “reasonableness” to competition and safeguarded key resources such as time and money, while, at the same time, providing for a structure that was equitable to all member schools.”

2. Football State Playoff Format: Each football season is similar to a tournament based on pool play to ultimately get into the state series. This proposal does not seek to alter criteria for selecting football playoff berths. Rather, the objective of this proposal is to offer a sensible and equitable system of scheduling regular season football games similar to the Chicago Public League.

3. Growth of sport: The number of IHSA schools participating in football has declined since the peak of participation in SY 1980-1981.

4. Conference Alignment: Conference alignment throughout Illinois is in a perpetual state of flux. Too frequently, conference affiliations are created and broken based solely upon the criteria of achieving a football playoff berth or simply securing a nine game schedule. Enrollment issues currently create difficulties in sustaining conferences.

5. Playing Out of State Opponents: Over 34 Illinois schools currently schedule football opponents out of state due to necessity. As some communities grow and others decline in number, the enrollment differences between schools in a conference may reach a point of unbalance. However, the current conference system obliges small schools to compete with larger schools. Re-scheduling opponents outside of the conference is an arduous task.

6. Community Growth: Many schools are forced to sever conference affiliations due to declining enrollments or vast population disparities between schools within a conference. Also, there are many schools that are consolidating or closing due to the tough economic times. This creates scheduling problems especially in weeks 3-7. Also, if a community is experiencing major growth, they could easily outgrow a conference but the other schools in the conference cannot afford to drop the school because they would find it too difficult to replace them on the schedule.

7. Cooperative Teams: Currently, 52 schools host football coops. Most schools maintain these partnerships in order to be competitive within their football conferences. Furthermore, most coop programs are precluded from breaking their partnerships by an inability to secure a full 9-game football schedule with opponents of comparable enrollments.

8. States That District: Currently 35 of the 50 states (70%) use a districting type system. Others states that let their high schools schedule all of their games will either let all schools in the playoffs (Minnesota and Indiana), or use a multiplier for playing a school in a higher classification (Ohio).

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.

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. 22

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 **Wednesday** of Week **6** or later than Week **20** 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 **6** or later than Saturday of Week **20** in the Standardized Calendar.

Rationale of Submitter:

Having sideline cheer in the fall and competitive cheer in the winter creates a season that is too long. The sideline cheer squad and the competitive cheer squad are often the same team and it creates a situation where the squad is practicing daily through the fall and winter. Moving competitive cheer to the fall will also resolve scheduling conflicts with the newly instituted competitive dance program. In addition, if competitive cheer moves to the fall, some cheerleaders may chose to participate in gymnastics in the winter.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 23

Amend By-law 5.342 – Competitive Cheerleading Contest Limitation

Submitted by Dr. Michael Gardner, Principal, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North)

By-law 5.342 Currently Reads:

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

Revise By-law 5.342 to Read:

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

Rational of Submitter:

A maximum of seven competitions (7), excluding the IHSA state series, provides reasonable opportunities for schools to compete within the interscholastic contest over the five month (22 week) competitive cheerleading season and brings competitive cheerleading to the same number of competitions as competitive dance. This proposal will provide an equal opportunity for all schools to experience competitive cheerleading events and maximize the opportunities for interscholastic participation.

2012-13 – Proposal No. 24

Amend By-law 5.352 – Competitive Dance Contest Limitation

Submitted by Trish Betthausser, 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.