

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 1**

Revise IHSA By-law 2.030 – Cooperative Team Sponsorship

Submitted by Peter Groom, Principal, Oak Park (Fenwick)

**IHSA By-law 2.030 Currently Reads:**

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 conference.

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 conference.

**Revise IHSA By-law 2.030 to Read:**

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 **or private school**, that school's actual enrollment, not multiplied enrollment is used to determine the eligibility of the cooperative team request.

- ~~(e) — Only private schools with non-multiplied enrollments of 200 or less are eligible for form cooperative teams.~~
- (c) 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;
  - (d) The cooperative sponsorship agreement is established for a period of two consecutive school years;
  - (e) 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;
  - (f) 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 conference.

#### **Rationale of Submitter:**

Private schools would like to have the same guidelines for forming Cooperative teams as all other schools, both boundaried and non-boundaried regardless of their size. As the participation numbers for certain sports declines, it will be more difficult for schools to maintain programs on their own. Additionally, this could encourage the growth of other sports that some schools have difficulty sponsoring due to the number of students participating, like Lacrosse.

## **2015-16 – Proposal No. 2**

Amend IHSA By-law 3.043.3 – Transfer

Submitted by Vinay Mullick, Official Representative, Chicago (Perspectives Charter Schools); Natalie Reynosa, Official Representative, Chicago (Noble Street Charter); Mark Rychlik, Official Representative, Chicago (Noble Academy); Mark Rychlik, Official Representative, Chicago (Pritzker College Prep); Matt Kelly, Principal, Chicago (DRW Trading College Prep); Estee Kelly, Principal, Chicago (Gary Comer College Prep); Vince Gay, Principal, Chicago (Ella Baker College Prep); Tom Mulder, Principal, Chicago (ITW David Speer Academy); Tressie McDonough, Principal, Chicago (UIC College Prep); Danny Wright, Official Representative, Chicago (Golder College Prep); Wendy Erskine, Principal, Chicago (Bulls College Prep); Rachel Terry, Official Representative, Chicago (Johnson College Prep); Jennifer Reid, Principal, Chicago (Rauner College Prep); Steven Dunlap, Official Representative, Chicago (Catalyst Maria); Sam Finkelstein, Principal, Chicago (Legal Prep Charter Academy); Kim Hinton, Principal, Chicago (International Charter School-Ellison); David Prater, Official Representative, Chicago (ACE Technical Charter); Alec Brown, Official Representative, Chicago (Istituto Health Science Career Academy); Alex Rock, Principal, Chicago (UNO-Garcia Charter); James Quaid, Principal, Chicago (DePaul College Prep); Fran Spaltro, Principal, Chicago (University); Jeanette Butala, Principal, Chicago (Providence-St. Mel); Meg Bigane, Principal, Wilmette (Regina Dominican); Jon Baffico, Principal, Chicago (St. Patrick); Peter Groom, Principal, Oak Park (Fenwick); Dan Tully, Principal, Niles (Notre Dame); Ken Hendrikson, Principal, Decatur (St. Teresa); Dennis Litteken, Principal, Breese (Mater Dei)

### **IHSA By-law 3.043.3 Currently Reads:**

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 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

### **Revise IHSA By-law 3.043.3 to Read:**

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 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;
- **The student is transferring for the first time from a non-boundaried school to a different non-boundaried school within a 30 mile radius of his or her residence;**
  - a. The principals of both non-boundaried schools involved accept the transfer by concurring there is no evidence of non-compliance with any IHSA By-law regarding the student's transfer;**
  - b. The principals of both non-boundaried schools involved concur via an affirmative statement that the transfer is not athletically motivated.**
- Change in family's financial position;
- Extenuating circumstances documented by the sending school's principal or official representative.

### **Rationale of Submitters:**

This proposed transfer by-law amendment reinforces that transfers from/to non-boundaried schools will not take place due to athletic reasons. This is stated in the fourth and fifth bullet points dealing with finances and/or extenuating circumstance. Two years ago a partial return to the 2012-13 transfer rule was passed by the membership. This negated the 2013-14 transfer rule that was developed by a special committee and passed by the membership in the fall of 2013 which required a 365-day ineligibility period for all transfer students. Since the passage of the transfer by-law two years ago did not fully restore the transfer rule to the 2012-13 version, this proposed addition to section 3.043.3 would complete the return to the transfer policy as it existed in 2012-2013. The 2012-13 policy effectively allowed all students to be eligible following a one-time transfer (except those going from a boundaried to a non-boundaried school). This by-law proposal would re-establish a more consistent transfer policy for students in member schools.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 3**

Revise IHSA By-law 3.043.3 - Transfer

Submitted by Peter Groom, Principal, Oak Park (Fenwick)

**IHSA By-law 3.043.3 Currently Reads:**

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 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

**Revise IHSA By-law 3.043.3 to Read:**

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 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;
- ***The student is transferring prior to the beginning of their junior year and will not be playing a varsity sport;***
- Change in family's financial position;
- Extenuating circumstances documented by the sending school's principal or official representative

**Rationale of Submitter:**

By adding the provision above it allows a student to transfer to a school and be allowed to play a non-varsity sport if they are transferring as a freshman or sophomore. A student playing a non-varsity sport has no impact on the overall record of any varsity team or the state series. If a student starts in a school and does not feel it is the right fit, they have the ability to make a change early in their high school career when many transfers take place. It is entirely possible that the transferring student will not have the opportunity to play after one year of ineligibility due to roster size limitations at the varsity level.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 4**

Add IHSA By-law 3.048 - Transfer

Submitted by Dr. Chuck Nagel, Superintendent/Principal, East Peoria

**Add IHSA By-law 3.048**

A transfer student who has a Past Link with a Receiving School to which the student transfers shall be ineligible at the Receiving School for Three Hundred Sixty-Five (365) days following the student's enrollment at the Receiving School.

A Past Link means that during the Twelve (12) months period prior to enrolling at the Receiving School, any of the following occurred:

- (1) The transfer student attended an open gym or athletic camp at the Receiving School.
- (2) The transfer student played on a non-school sports team which had a coach, manager, trainer, or a player who (a) was a coach, manager, trainer, or player at the Receiving School at the time the transfer student enrolled at the Receiving School, or (b) had been a coach, manager, trainer, or player at the Receiving School anytime during the Twelve (12) month period prior to the student's enrollment at the Receiving School.
- (3) The transfer student received instruction from a coach, manager or trainer who (1) was a coach, manager, or trainer at the Receiving School at the time the transfer student enrolled at the Receiving School, or (2) had been a coach, manager or trainer at the Receiving School anytime during the Twelve (12) month period prior to the student's enrollment at the Receiving School.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

This by-law amendment is intended to reduce the number of athletically motivated transfers. Many transfers begin with affiliations with non-school teams. Some transfers are motivated by a desire to play for a particular coach and others are motivated by a desire to play with other players. The new restrictions outlined in this by-law are consistent with the overall philosophy of the Association.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 5**

Add IHSA By-law 3.074 – Recruiting of Athletes

Submitted by Brendan Conroy, Principal, Chicago (St. Rita)

**Add IHSA By-law 3.074 to Read:**

**A person who is a coach at any member school may not be involved in any aspect of organizing or coaching any grade school team and/or club team, including any age 14 and under team in the specific sport he/she coaches.**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

1. It is a conflict of interest for high school coaches to coach any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade school teams and/or any clubs, summer, or AAU teams.

**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. 7**

Eliminate IHSA By-law 3.121 – All-Star Participation

Submitted by Brendan Conroy, Principal, Chicago (St. Rita)

**IHSA By-law 3.121 Currently Reads:**

~~No student at a member school shall participate on a all star team in basketball, football, soccer or volleyball during the student's high school career until completing their interscholastic athletic eligibility in that particular sport. A student may participate in no more than three (3) all star contests in a sport.~~

**Rationale of Submitter:**

1. All-star participation is allowed in all other sports except the ones listed above.
2. Why are we depriving our student/athletes the opportunity to participate in an all-star event as underclassman if he/she is one of the best in that sport and is invited to participate.
3. The NCAA has eliminated their rule telling a high school student/athlete the number of all-star games he/she may participate in. Why are we restricting a student/athlete to a number of all-star games after completion of their interscholastic athletic eligibility?
4. Most states allow student/athletes to participate in all-star events throughout their 4 years of high school participation.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 8**

Amend IHSA By-law 3.153 – Special Provisions for Summer Participation  
Submitted by Briant Kelly, Official Representative, Libertyville

**IHSA By-law 3.153 Currently Reads:**

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. The 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.

**Revise IHSA By-law 3.153 to Read:**

Persons who coach a sport at a member school may have a maximum of ~~25~~ 20 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. The students may have a maximum of ~~25~~ 20 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.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

Currently, there are 25 contact days in the summer, which are probably too many for high school athletics. A normal summer consists of about 9 weeks (63 days), but if you exclude Saturdays and Sundays, there are 45 days available. Furthermore, many school districts are also closed on Fridays, which could limit the summer to 36 days available. If high school athletes want to participate in multiple sports, 25 contact days is very difficult to manage for two or three sports. By limiting the contact days to 20 day, it will help a high school athlete that wants to participate in multiple sports and also have some personal time during the summer.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 9**

Amend IHSA By-laws 5.041 & 5.191– Boys and Girls Basketball Season Limitation  
Submitted by Brendan Conroy, Principal, Chicago (St. Rita)

**IHSA By-law 5.041 Currently Reads:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Basketball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 19 or later than Saturday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.041 to Read:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its **Varsity** Boys Basketball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 19 or later than Saturday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar, **except that a school may organize its non-varsity Boys Basketball teams and begin practice starting on Saturday of Week 18.**
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**IHSA By-law 5.191 Currently Reads:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Basketball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.191 to Read:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its **Varsity** Girls Basketball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar, **except that a school may organize its non-varsity Girls Basketball teams and begin practice starting on Saturday of Week 17.**
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Basketball no earlier than Monday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

Having tryouts on non-school day (Saturday and Sunday) would allow more time to properly evaluate players. This is especially important for freshman and sophomores.

Many schools have one gym to conduct tryouts. Conducting tryouts for 3 teams on a school day is difficult to schedule, if the tryouts are to be thorough and fair.

This change would benefit the student/athletes, giving them more opportunity to showcase their skills.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 10**

Amend IHSA By-laws 5.042 and 5.192 – Boys and Girls Basketball Team Limitations

Submitted by Brendan Conroy, Principal, Chicago (St. Rita)

**IHSA By-law 5.042 Currently Reads:**

- a. No Boys Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:
  - (1) twenty-one (21) games and no (0) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (2) nineteen (19) games and one (1) tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (3) eighteen (18) games and two (2) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (4) sixteen (16) games and three (3) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No Boys Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.042 to Read:**

No Boys Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **30 games.**

- (1) Teams are allowed to participate in total of 3 tournaments.**
- (2) Each game in a tournament counts as one game.**
- (3) No team shall play in more than 5 different games during any given tournament.**

**IHSA By-law 5.192 Currently Reads:**

- a. No Girls Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:
  - (1) twenty-one (21) games and no (0) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (2) nineteen (19) games and one (1) tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (3) eighteen (18) games and two (2) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series; or
  - (4) sixteen (16) games and three (3) tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No Girls Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.192 to Read:**

No Girls Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **30 games.**

- (1) Teams are allowed to participate in total of 3 tournaments.**
- (2) Each game in a tournament counts as one game.**
- (3) No team shall play in more than 5 different games during any given tournament.**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

- 1. This would allow for a maximum of 30 games.
- 2. Give our student/athletes more opportunities for exposure possibly leading to college scholarships.
- 3. This would simplify the formula for total number of games played in a season as every game played counts toward the team total.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 11**

Add IHSA By-law 5.074 – Football Playoffs

Submitted by Eric Brauer, Official Representative, Palos Heights (Chicago Christian) and Tom Schergen, Official Representative, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

**Add IHSA By-law 5.074 – Football Playoffs**

1. The IHSA football playoffs will be based on the current 8 class system.
2. The playoffs will include 48 teams per class for a total of 384 teams.
3. The regular season will be limited to 8 games.
4. The 384 playoff teams will be identified using the current IHSA points system.
5. The top 16 teams in each class will receive a bye in round 1 and will be the host team in round 2.
6. Round 1 games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
7. All week 11, 12, and 13 games will continue to be hosted using the current IHSA model and week 14 will continue to be the state championship games.
8. Teams not making the playoffs may schedule a week 9 game with another school not making the playoffs.
9. All revenue from round 1 games will be retained by the host school. All expenses (including officials' fees) will be paid by the host school. The host school will pay the visiting team 20% of the net profit.

**Rationale of Submitters:**

Over the last 6 years, at least 53 high schools in the greater Chicagoland area have changed conferences. If we are honest, that is due in large part to football. Next year, 2 new conferences will form, up in the northern tip of Illinois. If we want to stop the carousel, we need to be open about a playoff change.

**Advantages:**

1. Conference stability – by needing less wins each win to make the playoffs, schools are going to be less likely to jump ship. Football has broken up at least 6 conferences in the last 7 years.
2. Easier non conference scheduling – schools will not be out hunting down a week 1 win and will be more likely to play a local rival or better competitive game because its not a “must win” to make the playoffs game for as many schools
3. Participation – gives more student athletes a chance to participate in the IHSA State Playoffs, a luxury that is afforded to every other sport in the state of Illinois, except football
4. Competitiveness – by giving the best 16 teams a bye in week 9, you avoid an 8-0 playing a 2-6 team. You are also hopefully matching up the other 32 teams within the same class with similar enrollments for a competitive game. A 3-5 team would play a 5-3 team. This should promote more competitive games across all classes.

**Disadvantages:**

1. A 10 team conference who needs 9 conference games would not be able to play all 9 games, so these leagues (and it looks like there are 2 of them in Illinois) would have to play only 8 conference games.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 12**

Amend IHSA By-laws 5.112 and 5.252 – Boys and Girls Soccer Contest Limitations

Submitted by Mark McDowell, Principal, Quincy (Notre Dame)

**IHSA By-law 5.112 Currently Reads:**

No Boys Soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) Seventeen (17) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) Sixteen (16) matches plus 1 tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) Fifteen (15) matches plus 2 tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.112 to Read:**

No Boys Soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **twenty-five (25) games exclusive of the IHSA series.**

**IHSA By-law 5.252 Currently Reads:**

No Girls Soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) Seventeen (17) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) Sixteen (16) matches plus 1 tournament exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) Fifteen (15) matches plus 2 tournaments exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.252 to Read:**

No Girls Soccer team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **twenty-five (25) games exclusive of the IHSA series.**

**Rationale of Submitter:**

For many schools, scheduling and travel time present specific challenges. This proposed change would make it easier for schools to schedule games, provide more options of playing in tournaments/showcases, and reduce travel time. In addition, soccer season limitations would fall in line with season limitations for baseball, softball and tennis.

**Effective thirty (30) days after passage**

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 13**

Revise IHSA By-laws 5.152 and 5.322 – Boys and Girls Volleyball Contest Limitation

Submitted by Larry Tucker, Principal, Chicago (Marist)

**IHSA By-law 5.152 Currently Reads:**

No Boys Volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) twenty-one (21) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) nineteen (19) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) eighteen (18) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (4) sixteen (16) matches plus three (3) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (5) fifteen (15) matches plus four (4) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series.

No Boys Volleyball team representing a member school shall play in more than five (5) different matches during any given volleyball tournament.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.152 to Read:**

No Boys Volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) twenty-one (21) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) nineteen (19) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) eighteen (18) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (4) sixteen (16) matches plus three (3) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (5) fifteen (15) matches plus four (4) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series.

A Boys Volleyball team representing a member school shall be allowed to play in more than five (5) different matches during any given volleyball tournament, **with any amount of matches after five (5) to be counted against their season match total.**

**IHSA By-law 5.322 Currently Reads:**

No Girls Volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) twenty-one (21) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) nineteen (19) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) eighteen (18) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (4) sixteen (16) matches plus three (3) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (5) fifteen (15) matches plus four (4) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series.

No Girls Volleyball team representing a member school shall play in more than five (5) different matches during any given volleyball tournament.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.322 to Read:**

No Girls Volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) twenty-one (21) matches exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (2) nineteen (19) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (3) eighteen (18) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (4) sixteen (16) matches plus three (3) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series; or
- (5) fifteen (15) matches plus four (4) tournaments, exclusive of the IHSA series.

A Girls Volleyball team representing a member school shall be allowed to play in more than five (5) different matches during any given volleyball tournament, **with any amount of matches after five (5) to be counted against their season match total.**

### **Rationale of Submitter:**

Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams governed by the IHSA are limited to 5 full matches per tournament. Many of the top national tournaments outside of Illinois are 6-7 matches, which includes championship play. Illinois teams are forced to turn down opportunities to play in national level tournaments due to this rule. Changing this by-law would provide Illinois teams the opportunity to showcase their talents at high level tournaments, as well as exposing our players to college recruiters.



**2015-16 – Proposal No. 14**

Amend IHSA By-law 5.351 – Competitive Dance Season Limitation

Submitted by Dan Klett, Principal, Wauconda

**IHSA By-law 5.351 Currently Reads:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Dance team practice earlier than Monday of Week 17 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.
- b. No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Dance team to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.351 to Read:**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Dance team practice earlier than Monday of ~~Week 17~~ **Week 6** or later than Saturday of ~~Week 39~~ **Week 20\*\*** in the Standardized Calendar.
- b. No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Dance team to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of ~~Week 18~~ **Week 7** or later than Saturday of ~~Week 39~~ **Week 20\*\*** in the Standardized Calendar.

**Rationale of Submitter:**

1. Moving the season to the fall eliminates the conflict between the state tournament and final exams for many student athletes.
2. Moving the season to the fall will assist member schools with building usage for practice space and competitive scheduling.
3. Moving the competitive season to the fall eliminates the pressure on the student athlete to choose which spirit activity they would like to participate in. Many member schools share athletes in spirit sports.
4. The fall season provides a lesser game day performance schedule which allows for proper rest/recovery for the athlete within the practice/performance schedule.
5. Moving the high school competitive season to the fall will minimize the conflict with competitive studio dance allowing the option for more in-school participation.
6. Moving the high school competitive dance season to the fall could provide opportunities for spirit officials to cross over into both spirit sports without conflict.

**\*\*Note: The end of the season would be determined by the best fit with the IHSA standardized calendar as a fall competitive season.**

**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.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 17**

Revise IHSA By-law 5.340 – Competitive Cheerleading

Submitted by Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling and Dan Vosnos, Official Representative, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)

**IHSA By-law 5.340 Currently Reads:**

5.340 Competitive Cheerleading

5.341 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Cheer team practice earlier than Monday of Week 17 or later than Saturday of 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.

5.342 Contest Limitation

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.

5.343 Individual Limitation

- 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 Cheerleading Team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than six (6) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Revise IHSA By-law 5.340 to Read:**

5.340 **Winter Sideline**/Competitive Cheerleading

5.341 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall conduct its Competitive Cheer team practice earlier than Monday of Week 17 or later than Saturday of 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.

5.342 Contest Limitation

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.

5.343 Individual Limitation

- 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 Cheerleading Team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than six (6) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

**Rationale of Submitters:**

This will help keep winter sideline cheerleading and competitive cheerleading as separate entities and provide competitive balance for those schools with 2 distinct squads.

**2015-16 – Proposal No. 18**

Add IHSA By-law 5.370 – Fall Sideline Cheerleading

Submitted by Steve May, Official Representative, Wheeling and Dan Vosnos, Official Representative, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)

**Add IHSA By-law 5.370 - Fall Sideline Cheerleading****5.371 Season Limitation**

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize or hold tryouts for its Fall sideline cheer teams, practice or participate in interscholastic events earlier than Wednesday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. No fall cheerleading squad may practice or perform choreographed competitive cheer routines during the fall sideline cheer season.

**Rationale of Submitters:**

This change maintains a distinct separation between fall sideline cheerleading and winter competitive cheerleading. In many cases, fall sideline cheerleading is being used to circumvent the Competitive Cheerleading Season Limitations. This change puts the focus back on fall sideline cheerleading since fall sideline cheer season can't be used to work on a team's competitive routine.