

Revise By-law 2.060 – Multiple School Interscholastic Activities
Submitted by Jeff Asmus, Principal, Heyworth

By-law 2.060 currently reads:

By-law 2.020 – Multiple School Interscholastic Activities

Member schools must adhere to the following conditions when participating in any interscholastic multiple school (four or more schools) contest or other activity:

- (a) athletic activities, not sponsored by this Association, must be hosted by a school which is a member of this Association or a school which is a member of another state activities or athletic association which is recognized by the Board of Directors of this Association.
- (b) multiple school conference activities may not begin before 1:00 p.m. on a school day, except those specifically approved by the Board of Directors may begin as early as 8:00 a.m. on a school day;
- (c) multiple school non-conference activities may not begin until after the completion of the regular school day, unless they are events sponsored by the state government, a state teachers organization, or a statewide organization such as the Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations, the Illinois Association of Student Councils, etc.;
- (d) awards presented to schools and individuals are within the limitations established by these By-laws;
- (e) lodging arrangements for student participants are exclusively the prerogative of the member school;
- (f) student participants must be eligible under all the provisions of these By-laws;
- (g) no participating school may exceed participation limits established in these By-laws;
- (h) inter-state activities are approved through the established procedures of the National Federation of State High School Associations; and
- (i) except for the State Final meet or tournament, practice rounds or other practice or workout sessions at the site of an interscholastic contest do not begin sooner than fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the school day.

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Rationale

In some areas of the state, it is impossible to secure golf sites on a Saturday. Schools must play on week days. This change would streamline the process.

Revise By-law 2.070 – Qualification of Coaches Submitted by Ron Conner, Principal, Clinton

By-law 2.070 currently reads:

2.070 QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES

Athletic coaches in member schools shall be regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois and be:

- (a) teaching or supervising classroom activity at least two periods daily in the member school; or
- (b) employed full-time in any elementary or junior high school in the legal attendance area of the member high school; or
- (c) an assistant teacher, resource aide, lay supervisor or other paraprofessional who is employed at least half-time per day in the member school; or
- (d) a full time teacher in any elementary district, any of whose territory is a part of the member high school's district; or
- (e) teaching full time, within the provisions of the Illinois School Code, in a member high school or in a vocational or special education cooperative in which the member school participates; or
- (f) a retired teacher from the member high school.

Revise By-law 2.070 to read:

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Athletic coaches in member schools shall be regularly certified to teach in the schools of Illinois and be:

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- (b) employed full-time in any elementary or junior high school in the legal attendance area of the member high school; or
- (c) an assistant teacher, resource aide, lay supervisor or other paraprofessional who is employed at least half-time per day in the member school; or
- (d) a full time teacher in any elementary district, any of whose territory is a part of the member high school's district; or
- (e) teaching full time, within the provisions of the Illinois School Code, in a member high school or in a vocational or special education cooperative in which the member school participates; or
- (f) a retired teacher from **an IHSA** member high school.

Rationale

Once you are a certified teacher there is no logical reason to make you ineligible to coach simply because you retire. The fact is that retired individuals have acquired years of experience they should be allowed to share with student athletes. Also, since By-law 2.071 allows schools to hire certified teachers from other schools to coach for them, why should a retired certified teacher be limited to coach only at the school from where he/she retired? By allowing this use of retired teacher/coaches we provide additional positive opportunities for our school administrators as they seek to employ experienced coaches for their school's athletic programs.

Revise By-law 3.153 (Special Provisions for Summer Participation) – AS AMENDED ON 10/29/07
Submitted by Jonathan Green, Principal, Pinckneyville

By-law 3.153 currently reads:

- 3.153 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. 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 By-law 3.153 to read:

- 3.153 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 **Tuesday** ~~Sunday~~ of Week **6** ~~5~~ in the IHSA Standardized Calendar. **Coaches may not have any contact with students from Sunday of Week 2 through Saturday of Week 3. Contact days may resume on Sunday of Week 4 and must end by Tuesday of Week 6.** 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.

Rationale

This would give student-athletes, coaches, parents, etc. a larger window for vacation and time off. The weeks in June and July are sufficient to get all contact dates completed.

Revise By-law 3.170 (Classification) Submitted by Anne Matz, Principal, Chicago (St. Scholastica)

By-law 3.170 currently reads:

3.170 CLASSIFICATION

The IHSA Board of Directors has the complete authority to establish and implement policies to determine the number of classes of competition in IHSA sports and activities and to classify schools participating in such sports/activities except as follows:

An enrollment multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools.

The definition of a non-boundaried school is: Any private school, charter school, lab school, magnet school, residential school, and any public school in a multi-high school district that does not accept students from a fixed portion of the district.

Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Revise By-law 3.170 to read:

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An enrollment multiplier of 1.65 will be added to all non-boundaried schools ***unless application of this multiplier is waived under a policy of waiver which would be established by the Board of Directors.***

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Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Rationale

In, 2005, nonboundaried schools were permitted to apply for a waiver of the multiplier. Ten schools were granted waivers as a result of the waiver policy developed by the IHSA staff and approved by the Board of Directors. This system should be brought back because it considered the unique missions and situations of some non-boundaried schools. Under the current system, some of these schools are not competitive at a higher classification and have provided little competition for their opponents.

Revise By-law 3.170 (Classification)
Submitted by William Lapp, Principal, Minonk (Fieldcrest)

By-law 3.170 currently reads:

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The definition of a non-boundaried school is: Any private school, charter school, lab school, magnet school, residential school, and any public school in a multi-high school district that does not accept students from a fixed portion of the district.

Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Revise By-law 3.170 to read:

3.170 CLASSIFICATION

The IHSA Board of Directors has the complete authority to establish and implement policies to determine **policies regarding the classification of schools participating** the number of classes of competition in IHSA sports **and activities** and to classify schools participating in such sports/activities except as follows:

Any change in the number of classes currently in practice for the 2007-08 school term in IHSA sports and activities shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the IHSA member schools voting on the question.

Proposals for changes in the number of classes in IHSA sports and activities shall take the form of petitions. In order for a petition to be submitted to the member schools of the IHSA for approval, the petition must have the support of fifty (50) IHSA member schools, five (5) IHSA approved athletic/activity conferences, or a combination of IHSA member schools and IHSA athletic/activity conferences equaling fifty (50) IHSA member schools with one (1) conference being equivalent to ten (10) IHSA member schools. Support of the petition by an IHSA member school shall be in the form of the signature of its Official Representative. Support of the petition by an IHSA approved athletic/activity conference shall be in the form of the signature of the president of that IHSA approved athletic/activity conference. Petitions need not be in the form of a single document, but may be an accumulation of documents reflecting the same proposal. Petitions must be submitted to the IHSA office by the deadline established for Constitutional Amendments (i.e. By-law changes).

Proposals for changes in the number of classes in IHSA sports and activities shall be placed on the same ballot as proposed IHSA Constitutional Amendments (i.e. By-law changes).

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The definition of a non-boundaried school is: Any private school, charter school, lab school, magnet school, residential school, and any public school in a multi-high school district that does not accept students from a fixed portion of the district.

Classifications shall be determined on an annual basis.

Rationale

1. A change in the number of classes force issues related to travel expenses and potential time concerns at school. These are issues that have a direct impact on the educational process thus requiring official school approval. This year's volleyball seeds are a perfect example of distance concerns. In addition to travel, the length of travel has forced the tournament into playing a regional semifinal and final on the same evening. This is not conducive to a strong tournament.
2. The IHSA maintains that it is a member school organization. Member schools should have an official voice through the legislative voting process for a change of such magnitude, especially in this day and age of Annual Yearly Progress.
3. The process of involving petitions would force those making proposals to generate initial support for the change, thus demonstrating a greater need for others to voice their opinions on the issue.

Revise By-laws 5.042 and 5.182 (Girls and Boys Basketball)
Submitted by Dan Williams, Principal, Ashland (A-C Central)

By-law 5.042 (Boys Basketball) currently reads:

5.042 Team Limitations

- 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 participate in any interscholastic tournament during the week (Monday through Friday) of the Class A Boys Regional Basketball Tournament.
- c. No Boys Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.

Revise By-law 5.042 to read:

- a. No Boys Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **25 games, exclusive of the IHSA series.**
~~(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 participate in any interscholastic tournament during the week (Monday through Friday) of the Class A Boys Regional Basketball Tournament.
- c. No Boys Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.
- d. ***Each tournament played would count as three (3) games, regardless of the number of games actually played in the tournament. Those three (3) games would be applied toward the 25 games allowed.***

By-law 5.182 (Girls Basketball) currently reads:

5.182 Team Limitations

- 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 participate in any interscholastic tournament during the week (Monday through Friday) of the Girls Regional Basketball Tournament.
- c. No Girls Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.

Revise By-law 5.182 (Girls Basketball) to read:

5.182 Team Limitations

- a. No Girls Basketball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than **25 games, exclusive of the IHSA series.**
~~(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 participate in any interscholastic tournament during the week (Monday through Friday) of the Girls Regional Basketball Tournament.
- c. No Girls Basketball team, representing a member school, shall play in more than five (5) different games during any given interscholastic basketball tournament.
- d. ***Each tournament played would count as three (3) games, regardless of the number of games actually played in the tournament. Those three (3) games would be applied toward the 25 games allowed.***

Rationale

More scheduling flexibility would be provided member schools if they were given a designated total number of games allowed regardless of the number of tournaments played in. Allowing member schools to play in any number of tournaments desired yet staying at or under the total allotment of twenty-five (25) gives them the option of participating in more or fewer tournaments to fill their schedule instead of more or fewer regular season games. This would eliminate the need to rely on scheduling schools a long distance away or scheduling schools multiple times to round out their schedules.

Tournaments are not hard to find. More and more tournaments are being formed each year. As coaches and administrators change, so does the loyalty or faithfulness to a tournament. As teams change tournaments and with the restriction of a maximum of three tournaments, some traditionally strong tournaments with a rich and long-lived history have trouble maintaining a full field. Some tournaments are in danger of not continuing because of the lack of participating schools. There are only so many schools to go around and with consolidations/coops/mergers those schools are becoming fewer in number.

Those individuals responsible for scheduling need the added flexibility that this proposal would provide.

Revise By-laws 5.051 (Boys Cross Country), 5.251 (Girls Swimming), 5.261 (Girls Fall Tennis), 5.291 (Girls Volleyball) and 5.301 Girls Cross Country
Submitted by Ross Treumper, Principal, Naperville (North)

By-law 5.051 currently reads:

5.051 Season Limitation (Boys Cross Country)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Cross Country teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 18 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.051 to read:

5.051 Season Limitation (Boys Cross Country)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys Cross Country teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Wednesday of Week 6** ~~Monday of Week 7~~ or later than Saturday of Week 18 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

By-law 5.251 currently reads:

5.251 Season Limitation (Girls Swimming)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Swimming teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.251 to read:

5.251 Season Limitation (Girls Swimming)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Swimming teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Wednesday of Week 6** ~~Monday of Week 7~~ or later than Saturday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

By-law 5.260 currently reads:

5.261 Season Limitation (Girls Fall Tennis)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Fall Tennis teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 17 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.260 to read:

5.261 Season Limitation (Girls Fall Tennis)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Fall Tennis teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Wednesday of Week 6** ~~Monday of Week 7~~ or later than Saturday of Week 17 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

By-law 5.290 currently reads:

5.291 Season Limitation (Girls Volleyball)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Volleyball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 19 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.290 to read:

5.291 Season Limitation (Girls Volleyball)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Volleyball teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Wednesday of Week 6** ~~Monday of Week 7~~ or later than Saturday of Week 19 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

By-law 5.300 currently reads:

5.301 Season Limitation (Girls Cross Country)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Cross Country teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 18 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.300 to read:

5.301 Season Limitation (Girls Cross Country)

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Cross Country teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than **Wednesday of Week 6** ~~Monday of Week 7~~ or later than Saturday of Week 18 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Rationale

This change would bring pre-season equity to all sports and not cause schools to unduly modify academic calendars to accommodate sports. Currently, football, boys and girls golf and boys soccer operate from this start date. There are an increased number of high schools in Illinois that are changing their academic calendars to finish first semester before winter break. The current IHSA Season Limitations for these sports would cause tryouts to begin on the first day of school. In order to best meet the needs for all students, starting all Fall seasons on Wednesday of Week 6 would guarantee each Fall sport the opportunity of four (4) days of uninterrupted, extended practice time for conditioning, teaching and team selection. One can only conclude that it is not the intent of the IHSA to have athletics drive academics in such a manner.

No change will cause school districts to consider moving away from the positive benefit for students to finish the first semester before winter break. As our Constitution states:

1.140 In the performance of these functions, the objectives of the Association shall be:

- (b) to regulate interscholastic programs in both character and quantity in regard to the generally accepted objectives of secondary education and so they shall not unduly interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performance of their regular day-to-day school duties;

Revise By-law 5.171 – Girls Badminton

Submitted by Tim Feigh, Official Representative, Darien (Hinsdale South)

By-law 5.171 currently reads:

5.171 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Badminton teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 35 or later than Saturday of Week 45 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Badminton no earlier than Monday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Revise By-law 5.171 to read:

5.171 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Badminton teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week ~~33~~ **35** or later than Saturday of Week 45 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Badminton no earlier than Monday of Week ~~35~~ **37** in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Rationale

The rationale is mainly three fold, it increases competitive opportunities, it is in line with other sports, it increases scheduling flexibility and moves some late night weekday meets to the weekend. It is more consistent with other sports (Boys Gymnastics). It adds twelve more days to the season. It adds more weekends for tournaments. The state final will not be affected, only the start of the season.

<p>Revise By-law 5.172 – Girls Badminton Submitted by Tim Feigh, Official Representative, Darien (Hinsdale South)</p>

By-law 5.172 currently reads:

5.172 Contest Limitation

- a. No Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than sixteen (16) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No member of a Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than sixteen (16) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Revise By-law 5.172 to read:

5.172 Contest Limitation

- a. No Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than **eighteen (18)** ~~sixteen (16)~~ dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.
- b. No member of a Girls Badminton team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than **eighteen (18)** ~~sixteen (16)~~ dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Rationale

Boys and Girls tennis just recently added two contests to their season and currently the badminton season is short. Adding two contests to the season would spark new tournaments and new competition between schools that currently cannot play because of contest limitations. In this rationale, we are not asking to increase the length of season. This is separate from Season Limitation proposal. This allows for more flexible scheduling and greater competitive equity with the other spring sports. Allows schools to schedule more matches with teams in their sectional complex. Currently there are 22-23 teams in every sectional complex. The state final will not be affected.

Revise By-laws 5.192 and 5.552 (Girls and Boys Bowling)
Submitted by Tim Kutz, Principal, Rockford (Guilford)

By-law 5.192 currently reads:

5.192 Contest Limitation

No Girls Bowling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Revise By-law 5.192 to read:

5.192 Contest Limitation

No Girls Bowling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than ~~eighteen (18)~~ **twenty (20)** dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

By-law 5.552 currently reads:

5.552 Contest Limitations

No Boys Bowling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Revise By-law 5.552 to read:

5.552 Contest Limitations

No Boys Bowling team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than ~~eighteen (18)~~ **twenty (20)** dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

Rationale

It would allow member schools to take advantage of the ever-increasing opportunities (dual meets & tournaments) becoming available to IHSA bowling teams.

Revise By-law 5.650 (Lacrosse), Add a New By-law 5.750 and Renumber Current By-law 5.750 to 5.850

Submitted by Ross Truemper, Principal, Naperville (North)

By-law 5.650 currently reads:

5.650 LACROSSE

5.651 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Boys or Girls Lacrosse teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 35 or later than Saturday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys or Girls Lacrosse no earlier than Monday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

5.652 Contest Limitations

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

- (1) Nineteen (19) matches exclusive of state playoffs; or
- (2) Eighteen (18) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of state playoffs; or
- (3) Seventeen (17) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of state playoffs.

Revise By-law 5.650 to read:

5.650 **BOYS** LACROSSE

5.651 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its ~~Boys or Girls~~ Lacrosse teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 35 or later than Saturday of Week 49 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in ~~Boys or Girls~~ Lacrosse no earlier than Monday of Week 37 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

5.652 Contest Limitations

No ~~Boys or Girls~~ Lacrosse team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than:

- (1) Nineteen (19) matches exclusive of state playoffs; or
- (2) Eighteen (18) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of state playoffs; or
- (3) Seventeen (17) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of state playoffs.

Add a New By-law 5.750 to read:

5.750 GIRLS LACROSSE

5.751 Season Limitation

- a. ***No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Lacrosse teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 7 or later than Saturday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.***
- b. ***A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Lacrosse no earlier than Monday of Week 9 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.***

5.752 Contest Limitations

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

- (1) Nineteen (19) matches exclusive of state playoffs; or**
- (2) Eighteen (18) matches plus one (1) tournament, exclusive of state playoffs; or**
- (3) Seventeen (17) matches plus two (2) tournaments, exclusive of state playoffs.**

Renumber Current By-law 5.750 (Competitive Cheerleading) to By-law 5.850

Rationale

The essential change within this proposal is to split Boys and Girls lacrosse to Spring and Fall seasons, respectively. The rationale is three-fold: capacity to share resources, balance field usage and balance participation for girls.

In terms of shared resources, the programs could share capital equipment. Beyond that, as an emerging and growing sport, knowledgeable and IHSA qualified coaches and officials are limited. This would allow double the capacity for each sport in these areas.

In terms of field use, in the Fall, green space is generally used for football and boys soccer. In the spring, green space and stadiums are generally used for Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse; two programs in the Fall, five programs in the Spring. Generally in the Fall, stadiums are used by football and boys soccer. Generally, in the Spring, stadiums are used by Girls Soccer, Boys Track and Field, Girls Track and Field, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse; two programs in the Fall, five programs in the Spring. In both cases, moving Girls Lacrosse to the fall changes usage to three in the Fall and four in the Spring, balancing outdoor space usage.

In terms of participation, girls participate in the following sports per season.

Fall

Girls Cross Country
Girls Golf
Girls Tennis
Girls Swimming & Diving
Girls Volleyball

Spring

Girls Track and Field
Girls Softball
Girls Badminton
Girls Water Polo
Girls Soccer
Girls Lacrosse

Fall

Girls Cross Country
Girls Golf
Girls Tennis
Girls Swimming & Diving
Girls Volleyball
Girls Lacrosse

Spring

Girls Track and Field
Girls Softball
Girls Badminton
Girls Water Polo
Girls Soccer

As you look at the lists, note there are currently more teams in the spring and more teams that carry large numbers of participants in the Spring than the Fall. Also notice the crossover of individual student's participation links from Fall to Spring. This proposal would allow those students who want to participate in multiple sports to have more natural commonalities fall to spring than to split girls out of other spring sports like track and field, soccer, etc.

This proposal would help Girls Lacrosse grow in parallel with Boys Lacrosse. Many schools would need to consider adding both to maintain gender equity within programs available.

Revise By-law 5.751 (Competitive Cheerleading) Submitted by Jonathan Green, Principal, Pinckneyville

By-law 5.751 currently reads:

5.751 Season Limitation

- a. 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 5.751 to read:

5.751 Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall ~~allow~~ **organize** its Competitive Cheerleading squad, **practice or participate** ~~to participate~~ in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.

Rationale

Creates a specific timeline for cheerleading try-outs.

Add By-law 5.850 – Competitive Dance Submitted by Ron Conner, Principal, Clinton

Add By-law 5.850 to read:

5.850 *COMPETITIVE DANCE*

5.851 Season Limitation

- a. 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.***

Rationale

Competitive dance is a growing form of interscholastic competition that provides participation opportunities for high school students. Because several of the events conflict with school time and involve inordinate travel and expense, there is a need to regulate competition and standardize the period during which competition may take place. This regulation will conform with the IHSA objective that interscholastic programs “shall not unduly interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performances of their regular day-to-day school duties.”

Add By-law 5.950 – Competitive Pom Pons Submitted by Ron Conner, Principal, Clinton

Add By-law 5.950 to read:

5.950 COMPETITIVE POM PONS

5.951 Season Limitation

- a. ***No school belonging to this Association shall allow its Competitive Pom Pon team to participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 18 or later than Saturday of Week 39 in the Standardized Calendar.***

Rationale

Competitive pom pons is a growing form of interscholastic competition that provides participation opportunities for high school students. Because several of the events conflict with school time and involve inordinate travel and expense, there is a need to regulate competition and standardize the period during which competition may take place. This regulation will conform with the IHSA objective that interscholastic programs “shall not unduly interfere with nor abridge the regular program of teachers and students in the performances of their regular day-to-day school duties.”