

2021-22 Proposal 1 – Board of Directors – Election Divisions
Modify By-law 1.320
Submitted By: Tom Schergen, Principal – Chicago (De La Salle)

Summary of Proposed Change:

- Eliminates language for at-large Board of Directors positions to not be from the same Board Division.

Rationale of Submitter:

With the by-law change in 2021 to add a fourth at-large position to the Board of Directors, eliminating the limitation of only one at large Board member per Division would allow for a stronger pool of candidates to serve on the IHSA Board of Directors. This section of the by-law existed when fewer at-large positions were available. In addition, at-large board members are still nominated and elected by the membership, therefore, member schools would still be able to limit Division at-large members through the election process.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 1.320 – Board of Directors – Election Divisions

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2021-22 Proposal 3 – Participating Under an Assumed Name
Modify By-law 3.090
Submitted By: Paul Karafiol, Principal – Chicago (Lake View)

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Adds language regarding the limits of participating under an assumed name to include names on legal documents or those which students use in school or social situations.

Rationale of Submitter:

The purpose of this rule is to prevent students from competing in place of other students, and from using assumed names to circumvent other rules or prohibitions of IHSA. However, the original rule phrasing "any name other than their own" is actually ambiguous on the key point, namely, what names count as "their own" names. The revised rule is specific about what names are generally acceptable: the ones on a student's legal documents, and the ones that they commonly use in school and social situations. Furthermore, it acknowledges that students may use names different from the ones on their legal documents for a variety of reasons:

- Students may adopt or reject a name as their racial, ethnic, or religious identities evolve.
- Students may adopt or reject a name as their gender identity evolves.
- Students may choose to adopt or reject a name based on positive or negative experiences with adults in their lives, for example, to take a stepparent's name in order to acknowledge that person's importance, or to reject the name of an abusive parent.

Particularly for adolescents who are developing their own identities as individuals, using a name that affirms the student's identity and experiences is a crucial support. Legal name changes are difficult, time-consuming, and expensive, so it's not uncommon for people of all ages to use names in social and even formal situations that don't exactly correspond to those present on their legal documents (birth certificate, passport, etc.). The test proposed here--that the student commonly uses the name in school or social situations--allows a student to represent themselves in IHSA events as who they "really are" everywhere else, without allowing students to assume names for the purposes of circumventing IHSA rules.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 3.090 – Participating Under an Assumed Name

In the event students participate in interscholastic competition under ~~any other name than their own, or the name of another competitor or student, or any name other than those that are on their legal documents (birth certificate, school registration, etc.) or which they commonly use in school or social situations~~, a student's principal shall immediately suspend violators from further interscholastic participation. The future interscholastic participation of **any** violators and/or persons contributing to a violation shall then be considered by the Board of Directors.

2021-22 Proposal 8 – 5.070 Boys Football Amend By-law 5.071 Season Limitation Submitted By: Nathan DeBaillie, Principal – Orion
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Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Modify the football season limitation to permit all levels of football to begin contests on Thursday of Week 8.

Rationale of Submitter:

Currently non-varsity contests are allowed to be held on Thursday of Week 8. With the state-wide shortage of officials, allowing varsity teams to compete within the same timeframe may help in scheduling officials.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 5.070 – Boys Football Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to the Association shall organize its Boys Football teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 21 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Boys Football no earlier than Thursday of Week 8 ~~(for non-varsity contests only) or Friday of Week 8 (for all other contests)~~ in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

2021-22 Proposal 9 – 5.070 Boys Football

Amend By-law 5.072 Pre-Season Practice Requirements

Submitted By: Brett Detering, Principal – Anna (A.-Jonesboro) and Adam Seaney, Principal – Oneida (ROWVA)

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Modify the practice requirement before competing in a football contest to 10 days instead of 12 days for students returning from military service.

Rationale of Submitter:

A student who is returning from Basic Training often cannot start practice until Monday of Week 7. As a result, the student is only able to participate in practice on 10 days prior to the first football game. A student returning from Basic Training is 2 practices short of being able to play in the first game, which would consist of 3-6 hours of practice. The physical activity that the student completed in Basic Training is equal to or greater than the 3-6 hours of practice time that the student has missed.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 5.072 – Boys Football Pre-Season Practice Requirements

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage in Boys Football after completing a minimum of 1 ½ hours of actual field practice on twelve (12) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic football contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete ten (10) days of practice prior to the first contest.** These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.

2021-22 Proposal 10 – Pre-Season Practice Requirements

Renumber Contest Limitation By-laws and replace with Pre-Season Practice Requirements By-laws for: Boys Cross Country; Boys Soccer; Girls Cross Country; Girls Swimming and Girls Volleyball

Submitted By: Brett Detering, Principal – Anna (A.-Jonesboro) and Adam Seaney, Principal – Oneida (ROWVA)

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Bringing the fall practice requirement for competition out of Board policy and into the by-laws along with an adjustment for a reduced number of practice days for students returning from military service.

Rationale of Submitters:

A student who is returning from Basic Training often cannot start practice until Monday of Week 7. As a result, the student is only able to participate in practice on 6 days prior to the first contest. The physical activity that the student completed in Basic Training is equal to or greater than the amount of practice time that the student has missed.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

5.062 – Boys Cross Country Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Boys Cross Country Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic boys cross country contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.063 ~~5.062~~ – Boys Cross Country Contest Limitation

Team: No Boys Cross Country team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than fifteen (15) dates exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Boys Cross Country on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

5.112 – Boys Soccer Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Boys Soccer Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic boys soccer contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.113 ~~5.112~~ Boys Soccer Contest Limitation

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.

5.212 – Girls Cross Country Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Girls Cross Country Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic girls cross country contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.213 ~~5.212~~ Girls Cross Country Contest Limitation

Team: No Girls Cross Country team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate on more than fifteen (15) dates exclusive of the IHSA series.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Girls Cross Country on more than eighteen (18) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series.

5.292 – Girls Swimming Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Girls Swimming Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic girls swimming contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.293 ~~5.292~~ Girls Swimming Contest Limitation

Team: No Girls Swimming team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than fourteen (14) dates exclusive of the IHSA series. If both swimming and diving are held at the same meet, it counts as one date. If there are two (2) separate meets where only swimming OR diving occur, the team could participate in both the swimming and diving and only count it as one date.

Individual: No individual shall compete in Girls Swimming in more than seventeen (17) dates exclusive of the IHSA series.

5.322 – Girls Volleyball Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Girls Volleyball Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic girls volleyball contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.323 ~~5.322~~ – Girls Volleyball Contest Limitation

No Girls Volleyball team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than thirty-five (35) matches exclusive of the IHSA State series.

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

Modified to Include Girls Tennis

5.302 – Girls Fall Tennis Pre-Season Practice Requirement ~~Girls Fall Tennis Contest Limitation~~

A student shall become eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest after completing practices on nine (9) different days excluding Sunday and any day on which the student actually plays in an interscholastic girls volleyball contest. **A student who is returning from military service will only be required to complete six (6) days of practice prior to the first contest. These practices must be conducted in accordance with Association By-Laws.**

5.303 ~~5.302~~ – Girls Fall Tennis Contest Limitation

No Girls Fall Tennis team representing a member school shall, in any one season, participate in more than twenty (20) dates exclusive of the IHSA State series.

No member of a Girls Fall Tennis team representing a member school, in any one season, participate on more than twenty (20) dates, exclusive of the IHSA series, shall play in more than five (5) different matches during any given volleyball tournament.

<p>2021-22 Proposal 11 – 5.290 Girls Swimming Amend By-law 5.291 Season Limitation Submitted By: Ron Lear, Official Representative – Plainfield (North)</p>
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Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Adjust the 1st contest date in Girls swimming to Friday of Week 7 instead of Monday of Week 8.

Rationale of Submitter:

The change would allow the same timing to schedule the 1st meet like the boys season and with the removal of the last week of the season in 19-20 school year would allow teams the ability to better balance and accommodate their schedules.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 5.291 – Girls Swimming Season Limitation

- a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Girls Swimming teams, practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 19 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.
- b. A member school may conduct its first interscholastic contest in Girls Swimming no earlier than **Friday of Week 7** ~~Monday of Week 8~~ in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

**2021-22 Proposal 13 – 5.370 Girls Wrestling
Amend By-law 5.373 Individual Limitation
Submitted By: Phil Morrison, Principal – Tolono (Unity)**

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Expands the match limitation in Girls Wrestling from 35 to 45 matches in any one season prior to the IHSA series. (Go into effect 30 days after passing).

Rationale of Submitter:

Make the number of matches a girl may wrestle consistent with the number of matches a boy may wrestle.

Text of By-law with Proposed Changes

Modify By-law 5.373 Girls Wrestling Individual Limitation

Students who participate on a school squad in Girls Wrestling may participate in no more than **forty-five (45)** ~~thirty-five (35)~~ matches in any one season prior to the IHSA series, regardless of competition format.

**This will go into effect 30 days after passing.