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2023-2024



OUR VISION

"Seeking Excellence in Academics, Activities and Athletics"

OUR MISSION

In pursuit of excellence, the Colorado High School Activities Association strives to create a positive and equitable environment in which all qualified student participants are challenged and inspired to meet their highest potential.

To fulfill this mission the Colorado High School Activities Association will:

- ◆ Act as an integral component of the educational process.
- ◆ Provide equitable opportunities for participants that encourages all qualified students to take part in the activity/athletic experience.
- ◆ Promote and support the social and emotional well-being of student participants through activities.
- ◆ Continue to assess the inherent risks of sports participation and provide safe competitive environments per the NFHS, the Colorado High School Activities Association playing rules and bylaws per recommendations of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Administrate, interpret, and seek compliance with the CHSAA By-laws as needed to promote fair play within Colorado activities and athletics.
- ◆ Provide an environment that enhances personal development through sporting behavior, character education, teamwork, leadership and citizenship while increasing values that partner the educational standards of the State of Colorado.
- ◆ Recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Colorado athletes, teams, coaches and administrators through our academic and activity awards programs.

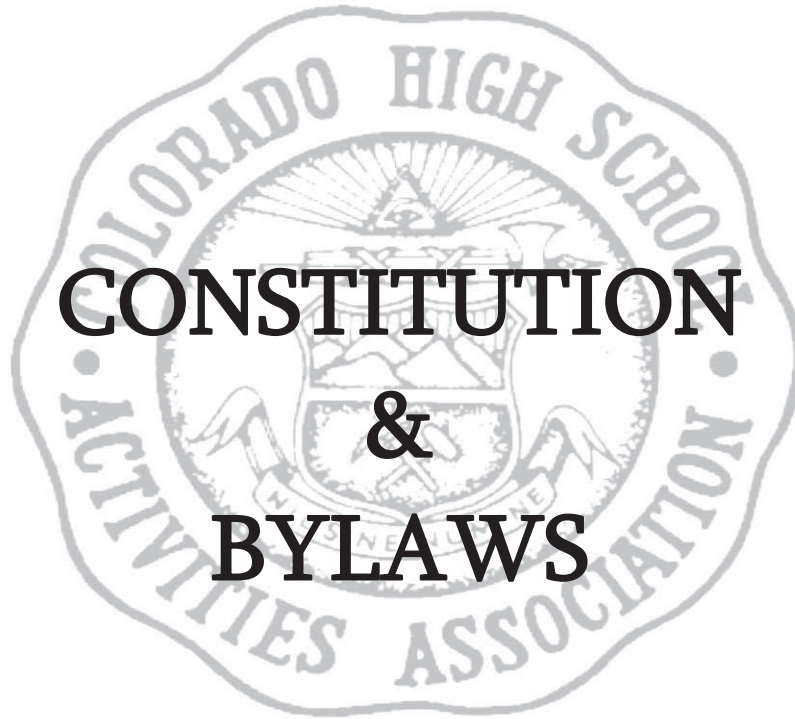
OUR CORE VALUES

- ◆ Participation is a privilege
- ◆ Participation in athletics and activities are education-based
- ◆ Participation promotes healthy lifestyle instruction
- ◆ Participation promotes respect for diverse cultures, creeds, socio-economic status, racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identity, and geographic locations.
- ◆ Participation assists students to remain in school, perform better academically and become better citizens
- ◆ Participation finds and nurtures the best effort in each participant
- ◆ Participation demands respect for fair play and appreciation for the equitable application of procedures, rules and regulations.
- ◆ Participation provides a bigger window and, ultimately a larger purpose to students' lives.

OUR COMMITMENT

- ◆ Zero tolerance holding ourselves, student-athletes, educational leaders, coaches, officials, judges and the many stakeholders accountable in creating an environment that is free from racism and discrimination.

**COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**



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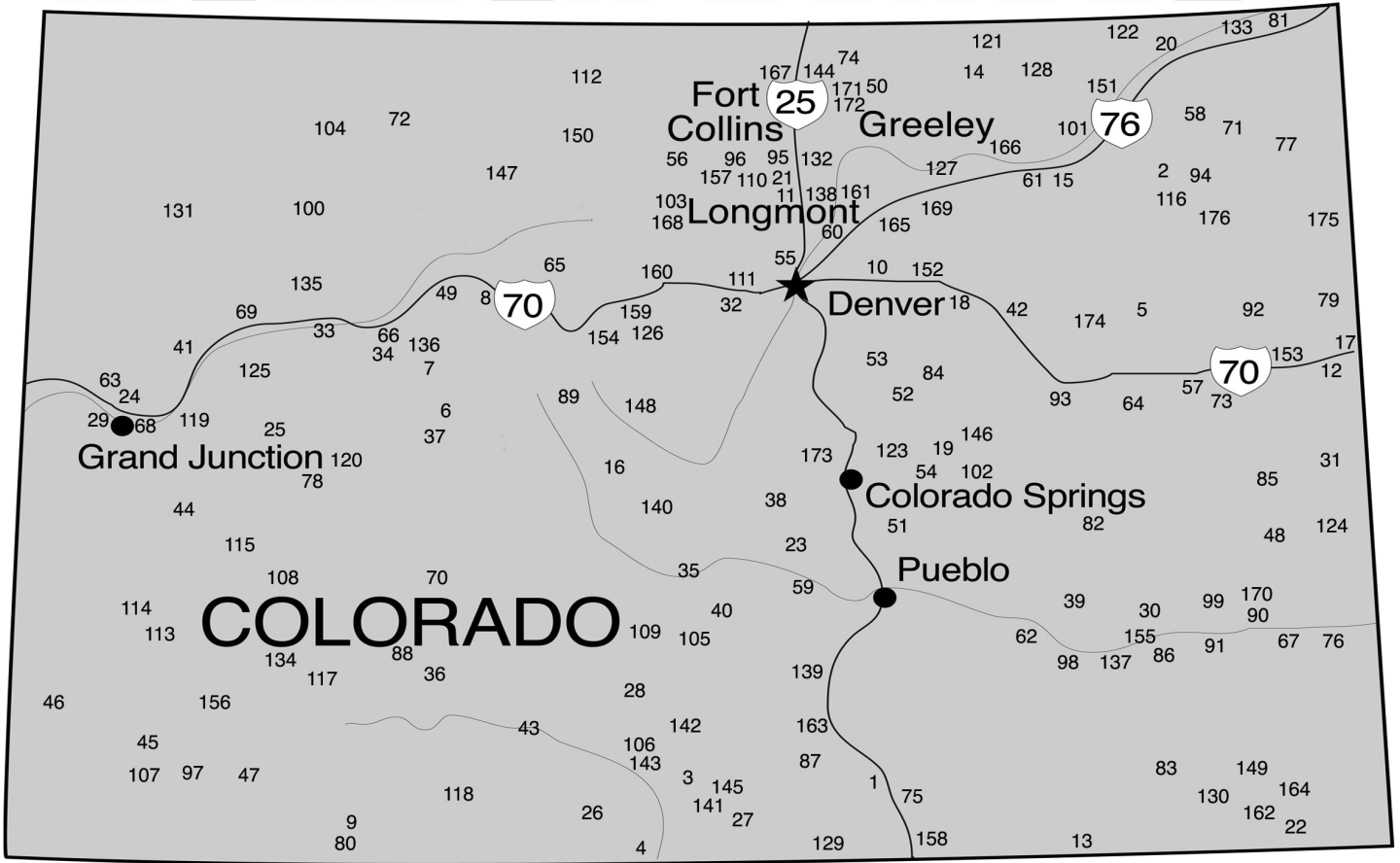
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Denver Metro Area

Abraham Lincoln
The Academy
Adams City
Addenbrooke Classical Academy
Alameda
Arapahoe
Arrupe Jesuit
Arvada
Arvada West
Aurora Central
Aurora West Prep
Bear Creek
Bellevue Christian
Beth Eden Baptist Academy
Boulder
Brighton
Broomfield
Bruce Randolph
Castle View
Centaurus
Chaparral
Chatfield
Cherokee Trail

Cherry Creek
Collegiate Academy
Colorado Academy
Columbine
Conifer
D'Evelyn
Dakota Ridge
Dawson School
Denver Academy
Denver Academy of Torah
Denver Christian
Denver East
Denver Jewish Day
Denver North
DSST (Byers)
DSST (College View)
DSST (Conservatory Green)
DSST (Green Valley Ranch)
DSST (Montview)
Denver South
Denver Waldorf
Denver West
Douglas County
Eagle Ridge Academy
Eaglecrest

Englewood
Evergreen
Fairview
Flatirons Academy
Forge Christian
Front Range Christian
Gateway
George Washington
Golden
Golden View Classical Academy
Grandview
Green Mountain
Heritage
Highlands Ranch
Hinkley
Holy Family
Horizon
Jefferson
Jefferson Academy
John F. Kennedy
Justice
Kent Denver
KIPP Denver Collegiate
Lakewood

Legacy
Legend
Littleton
Lotus School for Excellence
Lutheran
Machebeuf
Manual
Mile High Academy
Monarch
Montbello
Mountain Range
Mountain Vista
Mullen
Northfield
Northglenn
Overland
Peak to Peak
Pinnacle
Pomona
Ponderosa
Prairie View
Prospect Ridge Academy
Ralston Valley
Rangeview
Regis Jesuit

Regis Jesuit (Girls Division)
Riverdale Ridge
Rock Canyon
Rocky Mountain Lutheran
Saint Mary's Academy
Sheridan
Shining Mountain Waldorf
Skyview
SkyView Academy
Smoky Hill
Standley Lake
Stargate School
STEM Highlands Ranch
Strive RISE
Strive SMART
Thomas Jefferson
Thornton
ThunderRidge
Valor Christian
Vanguard Classical
Vista Peak
Westminster
Wheat Ridge
William Smith



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Colorado Springs Metro

Air Academy
 Atlas Prep
 Banning Lewis
 Cheyenne Mountain
 CIVA Charter
 Classical Academy
 Colorado Deaf & Blind
 Colo. Springs Christian
 Colo. Springs School
 Coronado
 Discovery Canyon
 Doherty
 Evangel Christian
 Falcon
 Fountain-Ft. Carson
 Fountain Valley
 Hanover
 Harrison
 James Irwin
 Liberty
 Lewis-Palmer
 Manitou Springs
 Mesa Ridge
 Mitchell
 Palmer
 Palmer Ridge
 Pike's Peak Christian
 Pine Creek
 Rampart
 Saint Mary's
 Sand Creek
 Sierra
 Thomas MacLaren
 Vanguard School
 Vista Ridge
 Widefield

Fort Collins Metro Area

Fort Collins
 Fossil Ridge
 Front Range Baptist
 Heritage Christian Academy
 Liberty Common
 Poudre
 Poudre Community Academy
 Rocky Mountain
 Timnath

Greeley Metro Area

Dayspring Christian
 Frontier Academy
 Greeley Central
 Greeley West
 Northridge
 Union Colony Prep
 University

Longmont Metro Area

Frederick
 Longmont
 Lyons
 Mead
 Niwot
 Silver Creek
 Skyline
 Twin Peaks Charter

Pueblo Metro Area

Dolores Huerta Prep
 Pueblo Centennial
 Pueblo Central
 Pueblo County
 Pueblo East
 Pueblo South
 Pueblo West
 Swallows Charter

1 Aguilar
 2 Akron
 3 Alamosa
 4 Antonito
 5 Arickaree
 6 Aspen
 7 Basalt
 8 Battle Mountain
 9 Bayfield
 10 Bennett
 11 Berthoud
 12 Bethune
 13 Branson
 14 Briggsdale
 15 Brush
 16 Buena Vista
 17 Burlington
 18 Byers
 19 Calhan
 20 Caliche
 21 Champion Academy
 22 Campo
 23 Cañon City
 24 Caprock Academy
 25 Cedaredge
 26 Centauri
 27 Centennial
 28 Center
 29 Central (GJ)
 30 Cheraw
 31 Cheyenne Wells
 32 Clear Creek
 33 Coal Ridge
 34 Colorado Rocky Mountain
 35 Cotopaxi
 36 Creede
 37 Crested Butte Community
 38 Cripple Creek-Victor
 39 Crowley County
 40 Custer County
 41 DeBeque
 42 Deer Trail
 43 Del Norte
 44 Delta
 45 Dolores
 46 Dove Creek
 47 Durango
 48 Eads
 49 Eagle Valley
 50 Eaton
 51 Edison
 52 Elbert
 53 Elizabeth
 54 Ellicott
 55 Erie
 56 Estes Park
 57 Flagler

58 Fleming
 59 Florence
 60 Fort Lupton
 61 Fort Morgan
 62 Fowler
 63 Fruita Monument
 64 Genoa-Hugo
 65 Gilpin County
 66 Glenwood Springs
 67 Granada
 68 Grand Junction
 69 Grand Valley
 70 Gunnison
 71 Haxtun
 72 Hayden
 73 Hi-Plains
 74 Highland
 75 Hoehne
 76 Holly
 77 Holyoke
 78 Hotchkiss
 79 Idalia
 80 Ignacio
 81 Julesburg
 82 Karval
 83 Kim
 84 Kiowa
 85 Kit Carson
 86 La Junta
 87 La Veta
 88 Lake City
 89 Lake County
 90 Lamar
 91 Las Animas
 92 Liberty (Joes)
 93 Limon
 94 Lone Star
 95 Loveland
 96 Loveland Classical
 97 Mancos
 98 Manzanola
 99 McClave
 100 Meeker
 101 Merino
 102 Miami-Yoder
 103 Middle Park
 104 Moffat County
 105 Moffat
 106 Monte Vista
 107 Montezuma-Cortez
 108 Montrose
 109 Mountain Valley
 110 Mountain View
 111 Nederland
 112 North Park
 113 Norwood
 114 Nucla
 115 Olathe
 116 Otis
 117 Ouray
 118 Pagosa Springs
 119 Palisade
 120 Paonia
 121 Pawnee
 122 Peetz
 123 Peyton
 124 Plainview

125 Plateau Valley
 126 Platte Canyon
 127 Platte Valley
 128 Prairie
 129 Primero
 130 Pritchett
 131 Rangely
 132 Resurrection Christian
 133 Revere
 134 Ridgway
 135 Rifle
 136 Roaring Fork
 137 Rocky Ford
 138 Roosevelt
 139 Rye
 140 Salida
 141 Sanford
 142 Sangre de Cristo
 143 Sargent
 144 Severance
 145 Sierra Grande
 146 Simla
 147 Soroco
 148 South Park
 149 Springfield
 150 Steamboat Springs
 151 Sterling
 152 Strasburg
 153 Stratton
 154 Summit
 155 Swink
 156 Telluride
 157 Thompson Valley
 158 Trinidad
 159 Vail Christian
 160 Vail Mountain
 161 Valley
 162 Vilas
 163 Walsenburg
 164 Walsh
 165 Weld Central
 166 Weldon Valley
 167 Wellington
 168 West Grand
 169 Wiggins
 170 Wiley
 171 Windsor
 172 Windsor Charter
 173 Woodland Park
 174 Woodlin
 175 Wray
 176 Yuma

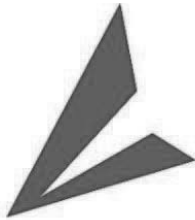
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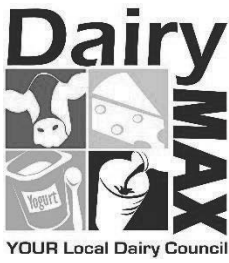
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MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES 2023-2024

1. ***WINTER AND SPRING REGAIN DATES***
-- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 17, Rule 1710 (d) (2).....page 51
2. ***TRANSFER 365 DAYS FROM THE LAST DATE OF PARTICIPATION***
-- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.1page 65
3. ***CLARIFYING ATHLETIC TRANSFERS***
-- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.4page 68
4. ***PROTECTION FOR GAME OFFICIALS***
-- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 22, Rule 2230.1page 91
5. ***SUNDAY CONTACT***
-- Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.5page 99

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as needed. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com,

NFHS/CHSAA Calendar

WEEK #	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	7/2 - 7/8	7/7 - 7/13	7/6 - 7/12	7/5 - 7/11
2	7/9 - 7/15	7/14 - 7/20	7/13 - 7/19	7/12 - 7/18
3	7/16 - 7/22	7/21 - 7/27	7/20 - 7/26	7/19 - 7/25
4	7/23 - 7/29	7/28 - 8/3	7/27 - 8/2	7/26 - 8/1
5	7/30 - 8/5	8/4 - 8/10	8/3 - 8/9	8/2 - 8/8
6	8/6 - 8/12	8/11 - 8/17	8/10-8/16	8/9 - 8/15
7	8/13 - 8/19	8/18 - 8/24	8/17 - 8/23	8/16 - 8/22
8	8/20 - 8/26	8/25 - 8/31	8/24 - 8/30	8/23 - 8/29
9	8/27 - 9/2	9/1 - 9/7	8/31 - 9/6	8/30 - 9/5
10	9/3 - 9/9	9/8 - 9/14	9/7 - 9/13	9/6 - 9/12
11	9/10 - 9/16	9/15 - 9/21	9/14 - 9/20	9/13 - 9/19
12	9/17 - 9/23	9/22 - 9/28	9/21 -9/27	9/20 -9/26
13	9/24 - 9/30	9/29 - 10/5	9/28 - 10/4	9/27 - 10/3
14	10/1 - 10/7	10/6 - 10/12	10/5 - 10/11	10/4 - 10/10
15	10/8 - 10/14	10/13 - 10/19	10/12 - 10/18	10/11 - 10/17
16	10/15 - 10/21	10/20 - 10/26	10/19 - 10/25	10/18 - 10/24
17	10/22 - 10/28	10/27 - 11/2	10/26 - 11/1	10/25 - 10/31
18	10/29 - 11/4	11/3 - 11/9	11/2 - 11/8	11/1 - 11/7
19	11/5 - 11/11	11/10 - 11/16	11/9 - 11/15	11/8 - 11/14
20	11/12 - 11/18	11/17 - 11/23	11/16 - 11/22	11/15 - 11/21
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24	12/10 - 12/16	12/15 - 12/21	12/14 - 12/20	12/13 - 12/19
25	12/17 - 12/23	12/22 - 12/28	12/21 - 12/27	12/20 - 12/26
26	12/24 - 12/30	12/29 - 1/4	12/28 - 1/3	12/27 - 1/2
27	12/31 - 1/6	1/5 - 1/11	1/4 - 1/10	1/3 - 1/9
28	1/7 - 1/13	1/12 - 1/18	1/11 - 1/17	1/10 - 1/16
29	1/14 - 1/20	1/19 - 1/25	1/18 - 1/24	1/17 - 1/23
30	1/21 - 1/27	1/26 - 2/1	1/25 - 1/31	1/24 - 1/30
31	1/28 - 2/3	2/2 - 2/8	2/1 - 2/7	1/31 - 2/6
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34	2/18 - 2/24	2/23 - 3/1	2/22 - 2/28	2/21 - 2/27
35	2/25 - 3/2	3/2 - 3/8	3/1 - 3/7	2/28 - 3/6
36	3/3 - 3/9	3/9 - 3/15	3/8 - 3/14	3/7 - 3/13
37	3/10 - 3/16	3/16 - 3/22	3/15 - 3/21	3/14 - 3/20
38	3/17 - 3/23	3/23 - 3/29	3/22 - 3/28	3/21 - 3/27
39	3/24 - 3/30	3/30 - 4/5	3/29 - 4/4	3/28* - 4/3
40	3/31* - 4/6	4/6 - 4/12	4/5* - 4/11	4/4 - 4/10
41	4/7 - 4/13	4/13 - 4/19	4/12 - 4/18	4/11 - 4/17
42	4/14 - 4/20	4/20* - 4/26	4/19 - 4/25	4/18 - 4/24
43	4/21 - 4/27	4/27 - 5/3	4/26 - 5/2	4/25 - 5/1
44	4/28 - 5/4	5/4 - 5/10	5/3 - 5/9	5/2 - 5/8
45	5/5 - 5/11	5/11 - 5/17	5/10 - 5/16	5/9 - 5/15
46	5/12 - 5/18	5/18 - 5/24	5/17 - 5/23	5/16 - 5/22
47	5/19 - 5/25	5/25 - 5/31**	5/24 - 5/30**	5/23 - 5/29
48	5/26 - 6/1**	6/1 - 6/7	5/31 - 6/6	5/30 - 6/5**
49	6/2 - 6/8	6/8 - 6/14	6/7 - 6/13	6/6 - 6/12
50	6/9 - 6/15	6/15 - 6/21	6/14 - 6/20	6/13 - 6/19
51	6/16 - 6/22	6/22 - 6/28	6/21 - 6/27	6/20 - 6/26
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* Easter Sunday

** Memorial Day week

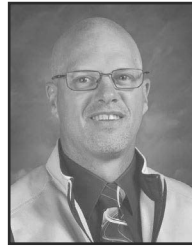
MEET THE CHSAA STAFF



Mike Krueger
Commissioner



Bethany Brookens
Associate
Commissioner



Michael Book
Assistant
Commissioner



Ryan Casey
Assistant
Commissioner



Rashaan Davis
Assistant
Commissioner



Jenn Roberts-Uhlig
Assistant
Commissioner



Justin Saylor
Assistant
Commissioner



John Sullivan
Assistant
Commissioner



Colorado High School Activities Association



Amanda McClure
Director of Communication



Sarah Vernon-Brunner
Director of Finance



Audra Cathy
Coordinator of Sports
(Jenn Roberts-Uhlig)



Laikyn Cooper
Coordinator of Sports
(Bethany Brookens)



Nikki Jimenez
Coordinator of Activities
(Rashaan Davis)



Cathy Lenz
Executive Assistant
(Mike Krueger)



Colette Stone
Coordinator of Sports
(Justin Saylor)



Monica Tillman
Coordinator of Sports
& Officials
(Mike Book)



Sandra Williamson
Coordinator of Sports
(John Sullivan)

2023-2024
Colorado High School Activities Association
Officers – Board of Directors

RYAN WEST, President
Principal, Englewood High School
Term Expires: 2025

MIKE KRUEGER
Secretary-Treasurer
CHSAA Commissioner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TY GRAY, Superintendent
Dolores County Re-2J School District
District 1 Representative
Term Expires: 2026

MICHEAL JOBMAN, Superintendent
Deer Trail 26J School District
District 10 Representative
Term Expires: 2027

JOE BROWN, Athletic Director
Niwot High School
District 2 Representative
Term Expires: 2024

SYBIL BOOKER, Principal
Overland High School
At-Large Representative
Term Expires: 2026

SARA CRAWFORD, Athletic Director
Kit Carson High School
District 3 Representative
Term Expires: 2025

DR. EMMA MARTINEZ, Superintendent
South Conejos School District
At-Large Representative
Term Expires: 2025

CAMERON WRIGHT, Athletic Director
Twin Peaks Charter
District 4 Representative
Term Expires: 2025

WENDY DUNAWAY, School Improvement Manager
Colorado Department of Education Representative
Term Expires: 2027

SHAWN TERRY, Athletic Director
The Academy
District 5 Representative
Term Expires: 2025

ROBERT FRAMEL, Superintendent
Kit Carson School District
Colorado Association of School Boards Representative
Term Expires: 2025

JIM FLANIGAN, Athletic Director
Mountain Vista High School
District 6 Representative
Term Expires: 2025

TONY EXUM
Colorado State Senator
Term Expires: 2025

JIM PORTER, Athletic Director
Coronado High School
District 7 Representative
Term Expires: 2027

RYAN SILVA, Principal
Cherry Creek High School
Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals
Term Expires: 2027

ELIZABETH JAMESON, Principal
Elizabeth High School
District 8 Representative
Term Expires: 2026

ALFIE LOTRICH, Superintendent
Fowler School District
District 9 Representative
Term Expires: 2025

ADVISORY MEMBERS:

SUSANA CÓRDOVA, Colorado Commissioner of Education
JUBAL YENNIE, Colorado Association of School Boards
BRET MILES, Colorado Association of School Executives
BETHANY BROOKENS, CHSAA Associate Commissioner
MIKE BOOK, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
RYAN CASEY, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
RASHAAN DAVIS, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
JENN ROBERTS-UHLIG, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
JUSTIN SAYLOR, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
JOHN SULLIVAN, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner
AMANDA MCCLURE, CHSAA Director of Communication
SARAH VERNON-BRUNNER, CHSAA Director of Finance
ALEX HALPERN, CHSAA Legal Counsel

CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ryan West
President



Ty Gray
District 1



Joe Brown
District 2



Sara Crawford
District 3



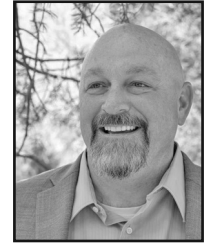
Cameron Wright
District 4



Shawn Terry
District 5



Jim Flanigan
District 6



Jim Porter
District 7



Elizabeth Jameson
District 8



Alfie Lotrich
District 9



Micheal Jobman
District 10



Sybil Booker
At-Large
District 2, 3, 4



Dr. Emma Martinez
At-Large
Districts 7-10



Wendy Dunaway
Colorado Department
of Education



Robert Framel
Colorado Association
of School Executives



Stacey Zis
Colorado Association
of School Boards



Ryan Silva
Colorado Association
of Secondary School
Principals



Tony Exum
Colorado State
Senator



Alex Halpern
CHSAA
Legal Counsel

2023-2024 CHSAA Committees

Each year outstanding personnel are asked to contribute their expertise and time to serve on various standing committees for the Colorado High School Activities Association. Committee members are selected for their expertise, representation of geography, classification and leadership in activity administration. CHSAA is committed to adding committee members who represent the underrepresented areas of our membership, to include race, gender/gender identity, ethnicity, age, national origin and/or disability. Committee work is invaluable to the overall coordination of the numerous activities and programs of our member schools. Responsibilities of the standing committees cover the spectrum of meetings, recommendations for procedural and rule changes, evaluation of on-going programs and service as a liaison between local activity administrators and the CHSAA office.

BASEBALL	CLASSIFICATION AND LEAGUE
Aaron Riessen, Chair, Riverdale Ridge (1 st term, 2024)	ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (CLOC) (4-year terms)
Elijah Bonner, Denver Academy (2026)	Clay Abla, Chair, Littleton Public Schools (1 st term, 2025)
Tom Breiske, Rock Canyon (2026)	Paul Cain, Mesa County School District (2027)
Bryan Dermer, Merino ((2024)	Kurt Clay, Delta School District (2027)
Rob Harrison, Denver North (2025)	John Cure, Wray (2025)
Darron Mitchell, TCA (2026)	Richard Judd, Kent Denver (2025)
Brady Nighswonger, Yuma (2024)	Audra Lane, DeBeque (2027)
Vince Orlando, Eaglecrest (2024)	LeRoy Lopez, Evergreen (2027)
Greg Perrin, Buena Vista (2025)	Mark Lowther, Fowler (2025)
Jim Porter, Coronado (2026)	Elly Naill, Pueblo East (2025)
Nate Porter, Palisade (2025)	Sean O'Donnell, Pagosa Springs (2027)
Shelby Thompson, Stratton (2026)	Angela Powell, Holyoke (2027)
	Patrick Simpson, Jefferson County School District (2025)
	Terita Walker, Denver East (2025)
	Ryan West, Englewood (2025)
	Lindsay Yost, Skyline (2027)
BASKETBALL	
Douglas Clinkscales, Chair, Manual, (1st term, 2025)	COACHING EDUCATION & REGISTRATION
Wendy Birhanzel, Sierra (2026)	Jesse Shawcroft, Chair, Centauri (2nd term, 2024)
Sybil Booker, Overland (2026)	Brian Bishop, Boulder (2024)
Rob Johnson, Chaparral (2025)	Jared Felice, Fountain Fort Carson (2026)
Jeremy Kerns, Byers (2025)	Dick Katte, CHSCA (Advisor)
Karson Kuntz, Otis (2025)	Jeremy Kerns, Byers (2026)
Chase McBride, St. Vrain School District (2025)	Dora King, Bethune (2026)
Mike Reigan, Middle Park (2025)	Cora Lanter, Severance (2025)
Bradd Schafer, Montrose (2026)	Al Melo, Harrison (2024)
Jesse Shawcroft, Centauri (2025)	Becky Mudd, CHSCA (Advisor)
Dana Unruh, Prairie (2026)	Todd Schuler, Regis Jesuit (2026)
Steve Wilson, Simla (2026)	Nick Troupe, Pinnacle (2024)
	Abram Ziemer, Forge Academy (2024)
BUDGET/PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION	CROSS COUNTRY
Rick Mondt, Chair, Briggsdale Schools (1st term, 2024)	Kevin Clark, Chair, Thompson Valley School District (1st term, 2025)
Shelley Becker, Harrison School District (2026)	Brady Archer, Mancos (2026)
Damian Brown, Montbello (2026)	Chantelle Jordan, Pagosa Springs (2026)
Jeremy Burmeister, Platte Valley School District (2026)	Kim McConnell, Peak to Peak (2026)
Jackie Crabtree, Salida School District (2024)	Amy Miller, North Fork (2024)
Gordon Jones, Thompson Valley School District (2026)	Gentry Nixon, Battle Mountain (2024)
Chris Noll, District 11 School District (2026)	Diane Shuck-Gray Douglas County (2025)
Casey Powell, Aurora Public School District (2024)	Ron Shepherd, Rocky Ford (2025)
Lisa Roberts, Grandview (2025)	Karen Smidt, Brighton (2024)
Bill Sutter, Boulder Valley School District (2026)	Jeena Templeton, Castle View (2026)
Josh Trahan, Pine Creek (2024)	Dani Unrein, Windsor (2025)

EQUITY	GOLF
Derek Chaney, Chair, Douglas County Schools (2 nd term, 2025)	Adam Baumgartner, Chair, Rye (1 st term, 2025)
Devin Aragon, Children’s Hospital of CO (Advisor)	Jeff Collins, Northridge (2026)
Melynda Brown, Mullen (2025)	Sarah Crawford, Kit Carson (2024)
Dave Craddock, Pueblo Centennial (2024)	Wendy Davies, Ralston Valley (2025)
Michael Giles, Aurora Pubic Schools (2026)	Kayla Garey, Tinmath (2026)
Gentry Nixon, Battle Mountain (2025)	Mike Jacobsma, Dawson (2026)
Chris Page, Highlands Ranch (2026)	Greg Jones, Monte Vista (2026)
Chuck Puga, Denver Public Schools (2026)	Nick Kosovich, Fairview (2026)
David Smith, Brighton (2025)	Joey Mahmood, Mullen (2026)
Chaka Sutton, Special Olympics Colorado (Advisor)	
La Touva Tolbert, Cherry Creek SD (2026)	
ESPORTS	GYMNASTICS
Shawn Collins, Chair Arvada West (1 st term, 2024)	Lisa Sparrow, Chair, Overland (2 nd term, 2026)
Alexandra Bak, Cherry Creek (2024)	Maxine Ehrmann, Thornton (Advisor)
Boris Costa-Guerra, Denver Public Schools (2026)	Taelore Fehr,Green Mountain (2024)
Brian Davenport, Regis Jesuit (2024)	Stacey Folmar, Elizabeth (2025)
Tyler Hufford, Walsh (2024)	Kimberly Hufford, Roosevelt (2025)
Ed Manzanares, Kipp Denver (2025)	Ana McNulty, Alamosa (2025)
Jose Martinez, Bear Creek (2024)	Patrick Simpson, Jefferson County Schools (2026)
Tim Roettgen, Wray (2024)	Jo-Di Tapia, CHSGGJA (Advisor)
Dennis Sierra, Highlands Ranch (2026)	Jessica Toomey, Loveland (2025)
FIELD HOCKEY	HALL OF FAME
Jon Hill, Chair, Colorado Academy (1 st term, 2025)	Derek Chaney, Chair, Douglas County Schools (1 st term, 2025)
Ryan Bishop, Boulder (2026)	Ann Abromaitis Strother, Highlands Ranch (2026)
Lisa Griffiths, Smoky Hill (2026)	Joe Brown, Niwot (2026)
Jeff Holloway, Kent Denver (2024)	Adria Herscher, Cherry Creek (2024)
Sarah Jacobs, St. Mary’s Academy (2025)	Dick Katte, (Advisory)
Michael Tasker, Denver East (2024)	Stephanie Leasure, Doherty (2024)
	Darnell McDonald, Cherry Creek (2026)
	Kevin McWain, Severance (2024)
	Dan Mohrmann, Single Wing Media (2025)
FOOTBALL	Marcia Neville, Advisor
Chris Noll, Chair, Colorado Springs District 11 (2 nd term, 2024)	
Shane Baughman, Dove Creek (2025)	
Aaron Bravo, D60 School District Pueblo (2026)	
Tracie Cormaney, Pine Creek (2026)	ICE HOCKEY
Reed Doughty, Flatirons Academy (2026)	Terita Walker, Chair, Denver East (1st term, 2025)
Trey Eder, Eads (2024)	Craig Denney, Glenwood Springs (2024)
Colleen Ford, Lyons (2026)	Bill Hall, Colorado Academy (2025)
Mike Griebel, Thomas Jefferson (2025)	Kevin Insana, Mountain Vista (2025)
Gregg Hawkins, Palisade (2026)	Matt Wilson, Palmer (2026)
Mike Hughes, Lakewood (2026)	
Paul Jefferson, Gateway (2026)	
Michael Jobman, Deer Trail (2025)	LACROSSE - BOYS
Levi Kramer, Wray (2026)	Bobby Ecker, Chair, Vail Mountain (1 st term, 2025)
Chris Medina, Lamar (2024)	Logan Bobzien, Arapahoe (2026)
Zach O’Dell, Pueblo West (2025)	Nate Hallahan, Green Mountain (2025)
Joe Roskam, Sierra (2024)	Adam Kelsey, Denver South (2025)
Shawn Terry, Academy (2025)	Darren Withey, Chatfield (2025)
Josh Vialpondo, Walsenburg (2026)	

LACROSSE - GIRLS	SOCCER
Melynda Brown, Chair, Mullen (1 st term, 2026)	Mike Lovinguth, Chair, Arrupe Jesuit (1 st term, 2024)
Conrad Crist, Rocky Mountain (2024)	Ty Gordon, Frederick (2024)
Terry Ellis, Valor Christian (2025)	Josh King, Grand Junction Central (2025)
Madison Hathaway, Grand Junction (2024)	Veronica Marcelo, Denver South (2025)
Kelli Logan, St. Mary's Academy (2024)	Meghan Sanders, Rampart (2026)
Kali Maxwell, Air Academy (2026)	Jon Shub, Doherty (2025)
MUSIC	SOFTBALL
Cynthia Eversole, Chair, CMEA (1 st term, 2024)	Marty Tonjes, Chair, Horizon (1st term, 2025)
Gary Ambrosier, CMAA (Advisor)	Kendal Berman, Meeker (2025)
Janay Bird, St. Vrain Valley School District (2026)	John Everhart, Elizabeth (2025)
Casey Cropp, All-State Band (Advisor)	Joe Generose, Standley Lake (2024)
Michelle Ewer, Ralston Valley (2026)	Deb Kortbawi, Highlands Ranch (2025)
Keith Farmer, Grandview (2025)	Mitchell Martinez, Holy Family (2026)
Bill Kohut, Denver School of the Arts (Advisor)	Brenna Milliken, Arvada West (2026)
Shawn Murphy, Rocky Mountain (2025)	Kim Sanchez, Dolores Huerta (2026)
Jeff Peckham, Palmer (2024)	Jarrett Sweckard, Pueblo South (2025)
Garlyn Saddler, Englewood (Advisor)	Marla Tappy, Brush (2025)
Jack Seltenright, Widefield School District (2026)	Jon Watson, Fruita Monument (2024)
Derek Smith, Bayfield (2026)	
Karen Stacks, Legacy (2026)	
Kim Waller, Alamosa (2026)	
Kevin Whitelaw, TCA (Advisor)	
Jack Yonce, Colorado Bandmasters Assoc. (Advisor)	
OFFICIALS' FEES	SPEECH ACTIVITIES
Eric Johnson, Chair, Windsor (1 st term, 2025)	Ashley McCulloch, Chair, Eaglecrest (1 st term, 2024)
Travis Greenless, Mancos (2026)	Christine Jones, Cherokee Trail (2026)
Bob Marken, Official (2025)	Maryrose Kohan, George Washington (2024)
Jeremy McCormick, Delta (2026)	Danielle Lopez, Delta (2025)
Katie Parker, Calhan (2026)	Renee Motter, Air Academy (2024)
Ryan Wehrman, University (2026)	Anna Steed, Strive Prep – Rise (2024)
Randy Wilson, Wiggins (2026)	Louis Uribe, University (2024)
SKIING	SPIRIT
Luke DeWolfe, Chair, Steamboat Springs (2 nd term, 2025)	Jim Porter, Chair, Coronado (1 st term, 2024)
Sean DePaula, Nederland (2025)	Gina Haug, University (2025)
Bob Feroldi, Platte Canyon, Alpine (Advisor)	Christina Leone, Rock Canyon (2024)
Brian Inman, Clear Creek (2025)	Kim MacTaggaret, Bear Creek (2025)
Jennifer Morandibenson, Aspen (2026)	Madison Miller, Aspen (2025)
Amy Peters, Lake County (2026)	Eno Ocansey, Northfield (2025)
Karl Remsen, Lake County, Nordic (Advisor)	Dirk Peterson, Limon (2025)
Paul Steiner, Eagle Valley (2024)	Melissa Sivernell, Northglenn (2026)
Seth Waldman, Nederland (2023)	Katie Yocom, Gilpin County (2026)

SPORTSMANSHIP	TENNIS
Larry Bull, Chair, Cherry Creek Schools (1 st term, 2026)	Kris Roberts, Chair, Cheyenne Mountain (2 nd term, 2025)
Andre Bala, Smoky Hill (2025)	Brian Bonn, Valor Christian (2024)
Emily Dunn, Timnath (2026)	Joe Brown, Niwot (2024)
Brianne Howe, McClave (2026)	Karl Buck, Centaurus (2025)
Cora Lanter, Severance (2026)	Brandon Carlucci, Poudre Valley Schools (2024)
Amy Miller, Northfork (2025)	Laura Jones, Regis Jesuit (2025)
Ezekiel Ocanasey, Northfield (2025)	Marc Knutilla, St. Mary's (2025)
Spencer Phillips, Loveland Classical (2026)	Brittany Storgaard, Holy Family (2025)
Diane Shuck, Douglas County (2026)	John D. Webster "JD", Vail Christian (2026)
	Peter Weyhrich, Arapahoe (2024)
	Tyler Zappia, Mountain Range (2025)
SPORTS MEDICINE	
Kevin Clark, Chair, Thompson Valley Schools (1st term, 2024)	
Dr. Jay Albright, Children's Hospital Colorado	
Adam Baumgartner, Rye (2024)	
Jeb Davis, CATA President (2025)	
Dominic Di Manna, ATC	TOURNAMENT & PLAYOFF FINANCE
Dr. Erica Elzey, Kaiser Permanente	Paul Cain, Chair, Mesa County Schools (1st term, 2025)
Mike Felice, Mesa Ridge (2026)	Trent Kerr, Wiggins School District (2025)
Dr. Deb Jacobson, SCL Health	Carol Vezzani, Swink (2025)
Jim Keller, CATA Liaison	Chad Walker, Roosevelt (2025)
Dr. Sue Kirelik, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children	Jason Wilkins, Cherry Creek (2025)
Dr. Justin Newman, Advanced Orthopedic	Chantelle Jordan, Pagosa Springs (2026)
Dr. K. Brooke Pengel, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children	Chase McBride, St. Vrain Valley School District (2026)
Dr. Alex Reed, UC Health	Chrissy Steigerwald, Thomas MacLaren School (2026)
Chad Smidt, Orthopaedic & Spine Center of the Rockies	
Dr. Jack Spittler, UC Health	
Emily Sweeney, Children's Hospital	
Harry Waterman, Boulder Valley School District (2025)	
STUDENT LEADERSHIP	TRACK & FIELD
Alice Stoneback, Chair, Air Academy (1st term, 2026)	Wes Smock, Chair, Grandview (1 st term, 2026)
Jeff Allen, Douglas County (2026)	Nick Baker, Lewis-Palmer (2025)
Shirelle Bandy, Limon (2026)	Dom Douglas, Chatfield (2025)
Kristi Brethauer, Heritage (2025)	Derek Gilmore, Golden View Classical
Trey Downey, Central HS (GJ) (2024)	Marko Hahn, Salida (2024)
Judd Farner, Riverdale Ridge (2025)	Klark Kindler, Meeker (2026)
Andrya Hernandez-Robles, Westminster (2026)	Al Melo, Harrison (2026)
Amanda Jones, Greeley West (2026)	Catie Olney, North Park (2026)
Darius Ortega, Denver South (2026)	Sandra Rahe, Revere (2025)
Bryan Timme, Regis Jesuit (2026)	Anne Rice, Thomas Jefferson (2026)
	Wayne Vaden, Northfield (2024)
	Lindsey Yost, Skyline (2025)
SWIMMING & DIVING	UNIFIED BOWLING
Jill Schrader, Chair, Heritage (1 st term, 2025)	Chris Enzinger, Chair, Littleton (1 st term, 2023)
Amber Austin, Monarch (2026)	Joe Brown, Niwot (2026)
Hilarie Bartling, Wellington (2026)	Aaron Bravo, Pueblo School District 60 (2024)
Kim Garcia, Kent Denver (2026)	Pete Scheck, Longmont (2026)
Beth Hulac, Denver Public Schools (2025)	Chaka Sutton, Special Olympics Colorado (Advisor)
Angela Powell, Holyoke (2024)	Kaly Warnari, Rangeview (2026)
Brynn Thomas, Cherry Creek (2026)	

VOLLEYBALL	WRESTLING
Matt Heckel, Chair, Dakota Ridge (2 nd term, 2024)	Travis Stinar, Chair, Platte Valley (2 nd term, 2024)
Joe DeAngelis, Hoehne (2024)	Jeff Buck, Cherokee Trail (2024)
Shane Forrest, Montrose (2025)	Pat DeCamilis, Silver Creek (2024)
Rod Graham, Debeque (2024)	Sandra George, Chatfield (2025)
Tara Hatfield, Addenbrooke (2025)	Don Haddad, St.Vrain Valley Schools (2026)
Mike Prusinowski, Jams Irwin (2026)	Curtis Hintz, North Fork (2025)
Tara Savolt, Valley (2024)	Brittaney Hudson, Bennett (2026)
Autumn Sereno, Green Mountain (2025)	Jason Humphrey, Prairie View (2025)
Sammi Swennes, Simla (2025)	Rick Jacoby, Bennett (2024)
Dave Walck, Fossil Ridge (2025)	Tom LaFramboise, Eagle Valley (2024)
	Sean McNames, Rocky Ford (2024)
	Ron Ortivez, Jr., La Veta (2026)
	Rachel Salaz, Mead (2025)
	Jon Watson, Fruita Monument (2026)

Committee Member Term

Each member is appointed to a 3-year term, with the exception for the Classification and League Organization Committee which is appointed for a 4-year term for re-classification. Terms expire at the end of each school year. The year in parenthesis is the year the term ends.

Chair Term

Chairs may be appointed to two 3-year terms and one additional term (not as chair).

Coaches and Officials Organizations Committee Participation

The president of each coaches' and officials' association will be invited to attend each sport committee meeting and present an informational agenda item.

Failure to attend a committee meeting without notification can result in removal from committee appointment prior to term end.



Commissioners' Historical Sketch

Secretaries (Commissioners):

John C. Casey.....	May 1921-December, 1926
*R.W. Truscott.....	December, 1926-July, 1948
Glenn T. Wilson.....	July 1948-February 1966
Ray C. Ball, Jr.	February 1966-August 1986
Ray Plutko.....	August 1986-July 1990
Bob Ottewill.....	July 1990-June 2002
William Reader.....	July 2002-June 2010
Paul Angelico.....	July 2010-June 2017
Rhonda Blanford-Green.....	July 2017-June 2022
Michael Krueger.....	July 2022-Present

**Note: Mr. Truscott's title was changed on September 30, 1930, to Commissioner at the time the Executive plan was adopted.*

Presidents' Historical Sketch

The Presidents from 1921 to present were as follows:

R.W. Truscott, Loveland (temporary).....	May-October, 1921	Mel Schwartz, Lakewood.....	1976-77
John C. Cory, Denver.....	October, 1921-February, 1922	Dean Crosier, Gilcrest.....	1977-78
James H. Wilson, Rocky Ford.....	Feb. 1922-Sept., 1923	Larry Vibber, Fowler.....	1978-79
Robin L. Hunt, Fowler.....	1923-27	Robert Lucas, Fort Morgan.....	1979-80
John C. Unger, Hugo.....	1927-30	Don Weber, Limon.....	1980-81
Lemuel Pitts, Pueblo.....	1930-36	Gib Funk, Colorado Springs.....	1981-82
Glen T. Wilson, La Junta-Greeley.....	1936-45	Bob McKendry, Lakewood.....	1982-83
Paul C. Stevens, Wheat Ridge.....	1945-52	Don Breese, Monument.....	1983-84
Willard N. Greim, Denver.....	1952-53	Ray Rhoades, Burlington.....	1984-85
Ray C. Hume, Grand Junction.....	1953-54	Rob Conklin, Denver.....	1985-86
William C. Hinkley, Aurora.....	1954-55	Tano Ozzello, La Junta.....	1986-88
Frank M. Hickey, Canon City.....	1955-56	Gary Cox, Boulder.....	1988-90
Art Watson, Limon.....	1956-57	James Poole, Bethune.....	1990-92
H.C. Skoglund, Center.....	1957-58	Donald Albers, Thornton.....	1992-94
Chester C. O'Hanlon, Denver.....	1958-59	Stephen Beaber, Deer Trail.....	1994-96
Robert W. Turner, Greeley.....	1959-60	Leslie Moore, Denver Public Schools.....	1996-98
A.J. Consbruck, Burlington.....	1960-61	Jim Smith, Hi-Plains.....	1998-99
L.W. Green, Rifle.....	1961-62	Dennis Teeters, Mesa County Valley Schools.....	1999-01
D.I. Peterson, Johnstown.....	1962-63	Tom Arensdorf, Flagler.....	2001-03
Charles Melien, Salida.....	1963-64	Jay Cornils, Pueblo City Schools.....	2003-04
Vernon Heaston, Lakewood.....	1964-65	Woodie Smith, Overland.....	2004-05
Victor Wall, La Junta.....	1965-66	Randy Holmen, McClave.....	2005-07
Harold Ferguson, Loveland.....	1966-67	Harry Waterman, Greeley West.....	2007-08
Bill McGraw, Grand Junction.....	1967-68	Kevin Land, Jefferson County Schools.....	2008-09
Fred Rock, Burlington.....	1968-69	Shelli Miles, Widefield.....	2009-2011
W.A. Negus, Monument.....	1969-70	Harry Bull, Cherry Creek Schools.....	2011-2013
Sollie Raso, Pueblo.....	1970-71	Curt Wilson, Centauri Schools.....	2013-2015
Eugene Albo, Aurora.....	1971-72	Eddie Hartnett, Boulder.....	2015-2017
Jack Kitterman, Monte Vista.....	1972-73	Jim Lucas, Pine Creek.....	2017-2019
Robert Wilson, Denver.....	1973-74	Troy Baker, Buena Vista.....	2019-2021
Lloyd Gaskill, Limon.....	1974-75	Luke DeWolfe, Steamboat Springs.....	2021-2023
Jerry Ellis, Pueblo.....	1975-76	Ryan West, Englewood.....	2023-2025



Colorado High School Activities Association

Historical Sketch 1921 – 2023

In May of 1921, a group of superintendents and principals met in Boulder, Colorado, and organized the Colorado High School Athletic Conference. The purpose of this organization was to better regulate and develop the interscholastic school athletic program.

There were nine local associations or leagues by the time the first constitution was printed: Northern, North Central, Northeastern, Western Slope, Suburban, Southeastern, Arkansas Valley, South Central and San Juan Basin.

R.W. Truscott, Loveland, was elected temporary president and J.C. Casey, Eaton, temporary secretary. John C. Cory, Principal of South High, Denver, was a member of the first Board of Control and the second president. He resigned because Denver did not see fit to join the Conference at that time. James H. Wilson of Rocky Ford was then elected president to succeed Cory.

In 1924, the Colorado High School Athletic Conference joined the National Federation of State High School (Athletic) Associations and has been an active member ever since.

In 1943, the name of the organization was changed to the Colorado High School Activities Association so that all interscholastic activities might come under its administration and supervision.

The minutes of the Board meetings record vividly the gradual growth of the Association in both members and functions, until it is now in a position to play a major role in the organization, development and supervision of all the many activities carried on among high schools.

In 1924-25 there were nine leagues in the Conference with a total of 80 member schools. Now, there are 36 leagues with 363 member schools in the Colorado High School Activities Association. The CHSAA member schools have a combined enrollment of almost 283,371 high school students. The Junior High/Middle School Auxiliary membership, formed in 2015, represents an additional 70 schools.

Current Commissioner, Michael Krueger and his staff of seven administrators and ten support personnel are responsible for the administration of all sanctioned athletics and activities, educational outreach, fiscal management as well as state-wide operational efficiencies for member schools and their stakeholders. Ryan West, Principal at Englewood High School, is the Association's 64th Board of Directors President.

CHSAA Hall of Fame

For more than 30 years, the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame recognizes the people who make up high school activities.

The CHSAA Hall of Fame represents small schools and large, from the Western Slope, Southern Colorado, Northern Colorado, Eastern Plains, and the Front Range. Although most members are retired, others continue to serve students with enthusiasm.

There are 223 inductees in the CHSAA Hall of Fame representing many years of outstanding leadership, high moral character, outstanding citizenship, and the ideals embodied by the CHSAA.

CHSAA Hall of Fame

René Aafedt (2022); Ann Abromaitis Strother (2022); Betsy Allen* (2005); Gary Ambrosier (2013); Bobby Anderson (2011); Jonathon Archuleta (2014); Justin Armour (2011); Chris Babbs (2005); Tricia Bader-Binford (2017); Jim Baggot* (1991); Ray C. Ball* (1990); Alice Barron (1989); Judy Beardsley (2016); Tonya Beaber Hanks (2013); Martha Benham (2021); Jerome Biffle* (2013); Chauncey Billups (2012); Rhonda Blanford-Green (2012); Bob Bledsoe (2010); Manual Boody* (1990); Michelle Bostrom (2000); Donald Breese (1999); Maceo Brodnax, Jr. (1999); Bobbi Brown-Vandenberg (2017); Irv Brown (2003); Gregg Browning* (2007); Larry Brunson (2007); Christine Bullard (2011); Francis “Gene” Bunnelle (1996); Alex Burl, Jr.* (1999); Farley Burl (2003); Paul Cain (2021); Carol Callan (2006); Jeff Campbell (2016); Jamie Carey (2019); Pauline Carochi (2013); Katie Carter (2019); Jeffrey Carter (1998); Jack Cella (1996); Dan Cholas (2007); Bob Chavez (2002); Patty Childress (2018); Darryl Clack (1993); Earl “Dutch” Clark* (1989); Jenny Coalson (2017); Ray Coca (2016); Debbie Cook (2016); Sandra Cole (2009); Rob Conklin (2000); Gilbert Cruter* (1989); Jim Danley (2007); Joyce Davisson (1997); Donnie Day (2016)*; George Demetriou (2011); Morton Dickson III (2018); Jim Dorsey (2012); Mickey Dunn* (1997); Cody Dusenberry (2006); L. D. Elarton (2017); Scott Elarton (2018); T.R. Ellis (2021); Maurice “Stringy” Ervin (2016); Richard Evans (2006); Pam Fagerlund (2012); Melody Fairchild (2009); Tom Falgien (2000); Pete Falletta (2019); Bill Fanning* (1994); Larry Farmer (2016); David Filsinger (2005); Tom Fincken (2005); Kathy Francis Nunnery (2007); Terri Fritzler-McNair (2002); Gib Funk* (1991); Ken Furman* (1997); Victor Garcia (2010); Gib Gardner* (2009); Dale Garland (2022); Lloyd Gaskill* (1990); Don Gatewood (2008); Jess Gerardi (2016); Guy Gibbs (2002); Shauna Gilmore (1990); Gary Glover (2021); Manuel Gonzales (2013); Rick “Goose” Gossage (2006); Bernie Goss (2014); Tanya Haave (1993); Tom Hancock (2008); Phyllis Jojola Hardt (1999); Jim Hartman Jr.* (2022); April Heinrichs (1994); Barry Helton (1996);

Matt Hemingway (2008); Dick Hewson (1995); Judy Hildner (2016); Tracy Hill (1993); Steve Hill (2000); Bill Hinkley* (1989); Brenda House (2001); Allen Hower (1998); Natalie Hughes (2016); Laurice “Lo” Hunter (1996); Hale Irwin (2006); Mike Jackson (2006); Marc Johnson (2011); Charlotte Jorgenson (2010); Dick Katte (1999); Bill Kehmeier (1992); Donald Kimble* (2017); Dr. Jack Klapper (2018); Mike Kronkright* (1993); Duane B. Lewis (2012); Dave Logan (1992); Virginia Lorbeer (2000); Ray Lutz (2004); Kurby Lyle* (1994); Don McCall (2008); Bill McGraw* (1989); Jayne Gibson McHugh (1991); Mary Gore (1992); Bette Lunn (1998); Helen McCall (2014); Darnell McDonald (2021); Lloyd McMillan* (1995); Pat Manson (2001); Kristin (Jensen) McKay (2011); Andrea Melde Hooks (2019); Don Miller (2009); Warren Mitchell* (2001); Ruby Miller* (1990); Glenn Morris* (1997); Daryl Monasmith (2007); Frank Montera* (2007); Ben Montoya (2019); Leslie Moore (2010); Sally Moos (2022); Irv Moss (2016); Herman Motz (2005); John Mraule (2003); Bill Musgrave (1996); Marcia Neville (2014); Bill Noxon (2010); Bob Ottewill (2006); Tim Ottmann (2022); Larry Overton (2001); Sam Pagano (2013); Frank Palmeri* (2012); Pat Panek* (1991); Lou Piel (1995); Robert Plank (2013); Jim Poole (2008); Joan Powell (2008); Mike Provenzano (2013); Shelia Quillen (1998); Don Quinn (2002); Carl Ramunno (1998); Mark Randle (2013); Sollie Raso* (1992); Earl Reum* (1990); Brian Richmond (2017); John Rivas* (1994); Fred Rodriguez (2009); Lonnie Rogers (2001); Jeff Rohlwing (2004); Joe Romig (1993); George Rykovich (2022); Al Schalge* (1993); Mel Schwartz* (1993); Lowell Sharp (2000); Ron Shavlik (2002); Mary F. Shea (2016); Frank Sferra* (1991); Ken Shaw (2017); Joe Silva (2017); Eulalia Skinner (2002); Bob Smith (1997); Kent Smith (2017); Cari (Jensen) Smith (2011); Shirley Snyder* (1995); Ken Soper (2008); Tom Southall (1999); John Stearns (2010); Sally Stewart (2004); Bart Stevens (2018); Anita Stites-Rowland (2004); Scott Stocker (2004); Joseph Strain* (2012); Dr. Darwin Strickland (2014); Dale Stryker (1994); Richard Tate (2010); Dennis Teeters (2004); Fred Tesone (2009); Bob Thompson (1994); Carol Ulrich (1997); Amy Van Dyken-Rouen (2016); Becky Varnum Bucolo (2019); Brenda Ververs-Liggett (2003); Larry Vibber* (2002); Ron Vlasin (2016); Terri Ward (2018); Don Weber (1995); Michael P. Weiker (1996); Bill Weimar* (1992); Byron White (1998); Sharon Wilch (1997); Don Wilson* (1995); Robert Wilson* (2003); Scott Wilson (2005); Edward “Chuck” Williams (2016); Art Wollenweber (2016); Jimmy Womack (2003); Dick Yates (2006); Scott Yates (2019); Steve Zabel (1995); 1924 Windsor High School Boys’ Basketball Team and 1957 Mead High School Boys’ Basketball Team. 1966 Manual Basketball Team (2014); 1979 Evergreen Volleyball Team (2013); 1999 Columbine Football (2018).

CONSTITUTION OF THE COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1

100. NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 2

200. MISSION STATEMENT

In pursuit of educational excellence, the Colorado High School Activities Association strives to create a positive and equitable environment in which all qualified student participants are challenged and inspired to meet their greatest potential.

To fulfill this mission, the Colorado High School Activities Association will:

- Act as an integral component of the educational process.
- Administrate, interpret, and seek compliance with the CHSAA Bylaws as needed to promote competitive equity within Colorado activities and athletics.
- Provide diverse and equitable opportunities for participation that encourages all qualified students to take part in the activity/athletic experience.
- Provide an environment that enhances personal development through sporting behavior, character education, teamwork, leadership, and citizenship while increasing values that partner with the educational standards of the State of Colorado.
- Recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Colorado athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators through our academic and activity awards programs.

Involvement in interscholastic activities is a privilege. All member schools and their school communities are expected to adhere to the CHSAA standards for the enhancement of interscholastic activities in Colorado.

ARTICLE 3

300. EQUITY CODE

1. The Colorado High School Activities Association is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access and opportunities to participate in activities and athletics under the Title IX Education Amendment.
2. Member schools shall ensure that all students have equal access and opportunities to participate in activities and athletics without unlawful discrimination based on disability, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.
3. The Colorado High School Activities Association recognizes the right of transgender student-athletes to participate in interscholastic activities free from unlawful discrimination based on

sexual orientation and gender identification. To insure appropriate gender assignment for purposes of athletic eligibility, a transgender student-athlete's home school will perform a confidential evaluation to determine the gender assignment for the prospective student-athlete. The CHSAA will review athletic eligibility decisions based on gender assignment of transgender student-athletes in accordance with its approved policies and appeals procedures.

ARTICLE 4

400. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in interscholastic activities. Sexual harassment involving unwanted verbal or physical sexual advances or request for sexual favors from any supervisor, peer or any person attempting to victimize through interactions should be reported to the appropriate authorities.

ARTICLE 5

500. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

No qualified student with a disability shall, solely by reason of that disability, be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of any CHSAA sponsored activity. This policy applies to any student(s) who (a) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, or (b) has a record or history of such an impairment, or (c) is regarded as having such an impairment.

The CHSAA will provide reasonable accommodations, when necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability. Such reasonable accommodations shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access to CHSAA sponsored activities unless the provision of such reasonable accommodation would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved and/or provided that participation does not pose a risk to the health and safety of the student or other students.

Determinations as to whether a student is disabled will be based on state and federal law. Determinations as to whether a student is otherwise qualified will be based on the eligibility requirements of the CHSAA Bylaws and the applicable sports rules. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified students with disabilities in conformity with the requirements of federal and state law.

It is the student's responsibility to self-identify, to provide current and adequate documentation of his/her/their disability, and to request accommodations. Determinations as to whether requested services and requested accommodations are required will be made by the Commissioner, subject to established CHSAA appeals procedures.

The following procedures shall apply:

1. A student with a disability who requests an accommodation must identify him/herself to the principal of his/her/their school. The student must provide documentation that clearly indicates the presence of a disability as defined by state and federal law, the impact of the disability on his/her/their eligibility and/or ability to participate in a CHSAA sponsored activity, and a justification of the need for the requested accommodation. A student who provides a current Individualized Education Plan or a Section 504 Plan shall be deemed to have a disability.

2. The principal, on behalf of the student, shall present a formal request for accommodations to the CHSAA, together with all necessary supporting records.
3. Requests will be promptly evaluated by the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner who is assigned to the specific CHSAA-sponsored activity for which the student seeks a reasonable modification.
4. The Assistant Commissioner, upon examination of all documents and consideration of the student's individual circumstances and the purposes for the related rule, may grant approval of the accommodation.
5. Such reasonable modifications shall be approved when necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved.
6. Denial of reasonable modification requests shall be appealable to the CHSAA Commissioner. Appeals must be received within thirty (30) days of the petitioner's notification of denial.
7. The Commissioner's decision shall be subject to the appeal provisions of the CHSAA Bylaws.
8. During the evaluation of the reasonable modification request, the student may participate in the CHSAA-sponsored activity provided that participation does not pose a risk to the health and safety of the student or other students.
9. These procedures shall be applicable to any requests for accommodations, including, without limitation, requests pursuant to Article 1770.11.
10. Please refer to the "CHSAA Policies" Section in this document for specific information Regarding **On-the-Spot** Reasonable Modification allowances.

NOTE: Member school administrators should contact their district and/or state ADA coordinator for local guidance on ADA questions or clarification.

This policy shall apply to all CHSAA sponsored activities and is intended to be consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which states that no recipient of federal financial assistance may discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities solely by reason of disability. This policy is also intended to be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and C.R.S. §24-34-601(2)

ARTICLE 6

600.

MEMBER SCHOOLS

- 600.1 DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP – A high school eligible for CHSAA membership shall be defined as an educational institution, public, charter, or private which provides instruction for its students in a defined physical building or space dedicated to a multi-student instructional setting. The building generally will contain physical space necessary to hold athletic competitions, non-athletic activities and may have surrounding areas designated for outside athletic activities and non-athletic activities.

For the purposes of membership, a PUBLIC senior high school shall be defined as a school that is directly under the control and direction of the elected Board of Education for the district in which it resides. A CHARTER school is a school that has been chartered by a public school district(s), or the state of Colorado, but is under the direction of a governing body that is NOT the elected Board of Education for the district in which it resides.

Any PUBLIC senior high school may become a member of the Association through its school district board of education (600.7 is not applicable). Any rights or interests resulting from membership within the CHSAA is the property of the school district in which the member school is located. Any CHARTER school may request membership and must follow the requirements for becoming a member as outlined in 600.7.

NOTE: A high school is defined as a school which houses grades 9-12 or 10-12, or is a new school which will eventually house grades 9/10-12.

600.11 ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS — In order to become a member of the CHSAA, the board must annually pass a resolution indicating that it will accept the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as the minimum standards for conducting its interscholastic program.

600.12 RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE — The principal or superintendent of the member school shall be the representative of the member school in all activities of the association.

Q1: Who is the responsible representative in a private member school?

A1: The principal, head of school, headmaster or superintendent of the private school.
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600.2 Any PRIVATE school may by application to the CHSAA and upon written request of the headmaster or principal, with approval of the school's governing board, become an associate member.

600.21 Any vested rights or interests, personal property or cash assets, past or present, of the CHSAA, and/or its public school members will not be a part of or pertain to associate member schools.

600.22 ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS – In order to become an associate member of the CHSAA, the private school's governing board must annually pass a resolution indicating that it will accept the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as the minimum standards for conducting its interscholastic program.

600.3 An associate member shall have all the privileges guaranteed by the CHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, rules and/or policies as long as it follows the same and upholds the purposes of such rules and/or policies.

600.4 Any ACTIVITY-ONLY school may, by yearly application to the CHSAA, and upon written request of the principal, become an activity-only member. Activity-only member schools must complete the new school process outlined in bylaw 600 to seek full membership (athletics and activities), unless they are a public school as defined by bylaw 600.1.

NOTE: A yearly membership and per activity fee will be assessed for schools under this bylaw.
600.5 Each member school (public, charter, or private) will maintain detailed athletic, financial, scholastic attendance and pupil transfer records. The CHSAA Commissioner, Board of Directors, and/or the secretary of the league of which the school is a member may request the records for review.

600.51 Any school that is tuition-based and offers any form of financial aid or assistance, is required, as a condition of membership, to provide documentation to be on file with the Commissioner prior to the start of competition each school year that delineates: how financial assistance is determined, what agency is used to determine need, total number of students receiving financial aid, total number of student athletes by sport and total number of student athletes by sport receiving financial aid.

600.6 All schools (public, charter and private), seeking membership, may only become members of the Association at the start of each two-year cycle.

EXCEPTION: Public schools may come in during the middle of a cycle, but must compete at the JV level for team sports. Individual sports may compete at the varsity level.

Q1: May a public school, as defined by 600.1, become a CHSAA member in the middle of a 2-year cycle?

A1: Yes, a public school may come in during the middle of a cycle, but they may only offer sub-varsity team sports until the start of the new cycle. They will be allowed to start varsity level for individual sports immediately in the middle of a cycle.

600.7 The following procedures shall govern the process for any charter or private school to become members of the CHSAA:

600.71 The school shall formally apply for membership to the Commissioner before the February CLOC meeting (odd years). The Commissioner shall receive the application and appoint a review committee to conduct a review of the applicant school and make a recommendation concerning the qualification of the school for probationary membership.

600.72 The review committee shall determine that the applicant school, at a minimum, (a) has the staffing, facilities, and knowledge necessary to participate as, and fulfill the obligations of, a member school; (b) understands and is able and willing to comply with the rules and bylaws of the CHSAA; (c) has established at least two varsity sports teams; (d) has competed against CHSAA member schools for at least one year; (e) has access to adequate facilities and staff to maintain an interscholastic activity program; (f) has demonstrated the ability to work cooperatively with the member schools, leagues, and the CHSAA administration; and (g) has attended at least one Legislative Council meeting and a minimum of two league meetings. Documentation of attendance at the league meetings must be provided.

NOTE: For a school to become a member of the Association, the process requires a minimum of 24 months to complete. The applying school must demonstrate that it has adequately met the minimum criteria above. Please see 600.73, 600.74, 600.75 below. Public schools that are governed by appointed board members (BOCES, charter, option school, etc.) and private schools shall be required to complete the membership process in full.

600.73 The initial membership fee for all new schools shall be \$5,000, plus the standard activity fees as required. Following the first year, the membership fee will be the same as all schools with membership lasting more than one year.

- 600.74 The review committee shall submit its recommendation to the CLOC for consideration at its February meeting (prospective members), and subsequent November meeting (probationary member) during odd years. If the CLOC determines that the applicant school qualifies for probationary membership, it shall refer the matter to the Legislative Council for a decision. If the Legislative Council approves the recommendation of the CLOC, the applicant school shall be admitted as a probationary member effective July 1 of the next even year cycle. The CLOC is not bound by the review committee's recommendation.
- 600.75 During the period of probationary membership (which only applies to non-public schools, as defined in 600.1), the applicant school shall meet all the responsibilities and enjoy the privileges and prerogatives of a full member school. The school's probationary membership shall continue for a period of two school years, except that the Board of Directors may, upon recommendation of the CLOC extend such probationary membership for an additional term not to exceed one school year. The CLOC shall also have the authority to recommend to the Board of Directors that the application be rejected prior to the end of the probationary period for demonstrated inability to meet the requirements and expectations of the CHSAA.
- 600.76 At the end of the probationary period, the CLOC shall recommend to the Legislative Council that the applicant school shall or shall not be admitted to full or associate membership. The final decision on membership shall be made by a vote of the Legislative Council.
- 600.77 The decision of the Board of Directors or Legislative Council to deny membership shall be final and non-appealable.
- 600.8 Any public, charter or private school that offers specialized sports training in any sport as part of its curricular or extracurricular educational programs shall NOT be eligible for membership in the Colorado High School Activities Association due to the inherent competitive advantages derived from such programs.

610. LEAGUES

- 610.1 All schools in the Association that wish to be members of a league may be assigned to a primary league at the discretion of the Legislative Council. Primary leagues established by the CLOC and approved by the Legislative Council shall be considered the formal leagues for all Legislative Council business, including bylaw proposals, Legislative Council membership and voting privileges. Schools may elect to join a secondary league(s) in activities for purposes of scheduling and post season honors.

Q1: What is the status of an individual school when its primary league dissolves and one or more members is unable to locate a new home?

A1: If a school is unable to locate a new home following the dissolution of its primary league, the school will be considered an independent and may apply directly to the Classification and League Organizing Committee (CLOC) for proper placement.

NOTE: A school must show evidence of having sought a new placement prior to applying to the Classification and League Organizing Committee for league placement.

610.2 Independent status applies to any CHSAA member school which does not choose to be a member of a league or which, by Legislative Council action, is independent for one year or more after its request for league membership.

610.21 Following the one or more year(s) of independent status, the Legislative Council may require that a school remain independent for a maximum of one additional year after its subsequent request for league affiliation.

610.22 Independent schools:

- (a) shall not receive direct representation on the CHSAA Legislative Council;
- (b) shall send all requests for waivers and reports, which are normally submitted to leagues, directly to the CHSAA Commissioner;
- (c) may submit proposed amendments to the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws through the CHSAA Board of Directors.

610.3 The procedure for a school to apply for league membership is as follows:

610.31 A school which seeks league membership shall apply to the CLOC prior to the February CLOC meeting of the odd year and provide the following:

- (a) A letter to the Commissioner citing its league preference.
- (b) A letter from the president of the league it is leaving (if applicable), noting the league's vote concerning the school's request to leave.
- (c) A letter from the president of the league to which it is making application, noting the league's vote concerning the school's request for membership.
- (d) Requests for league membership not processed by the CLOC shall require a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Legislative Council members voting even if the 30-day Legislative Council deadline is met.

610.32 The CLOC shall review all relevant materials related to the request and may forward a recommendation to the Legislative Council. The CLOC shall not be bound by either the sending or receiving league's vote or the school's specific league preference.

610.4 The powers and rules of a school, league or division shall be compatible with the powers and rules of the CHSAA.

610.41 A school or league may adopt rules, limitations or requirements more restrictive than those adopted by the CHSAA, but may not impose rules, limitations or requirements which would make ineffective any rules of the CHSAA.

Q1: May a league require all of its members to play fewer games than the maximum allowed in a particular sport by the CHSAA Bylaws?

A1: Yes.

610.5 League agendas and minutes should be distributed to boards of education or other school governing bodies on a regular basis and under conditions prescribed by each local board of education or school governing body.

620. NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS AND AFFILIATION WITH STATE ASSOCIATION

No school may be a member of a league of the Association, unless it is a member in good standing of the Association.

Q1: May a member high school compete against a non-member high school?
A1: Yes, provided the non-member high school follows the same eligibility rules used by CHSAA members (i.e., age, scholastic eligibility, etc.). Any team competing against a member school must be recognized and sponsored by the local school board or governing body. This does not include “club” teams, which do not fit the definition of a school in 600.1. Teams formed by “home school organizations” may be scheduled provided they follow the academic and behavioral standards of the association.

Q2: Does a game against a non NFHS member school count for rankings or seeding purposes?
A2: No. Games against non-member schools should be listed as non-varsity opponents in MaxPreps

ARTICLE 7

700. DISSOLUTION - ASSOCIATION FUNDS & PROPERTIES

In the event of the termination of the active operation of the Association, the Board of Directors shall preserve, manage, and maintain the assets of the Association in trust for the benefit of the public school members of the Association as of the date of termination. In this role, the Board of Directors will have all of the powers of a fiduciary as set forth in Section 15-1-804 of the Colorado Fiduciaries’ Power Act.

Upon the direction of a two-thirds positive vote of those members voting of the Legislative Council, the Board of Directors shall dissolve the Association and distribute its assets. Upon dissolution, after payment of all debts and liabilities, the assets of the Association shall be allocated among and distributed to the public school members in accordance with the following formula:

Each public school that has been a member for five years or less as of the date of termination shall be allocated one share. Each public school that has been a member for more than five but not more than ten years shall be allocated two shares. Each public school that has been a member for more than ten but not more than 20 years shall be allocated three shares. Each public school that has been a member for more than 20 years shall be allocated four shares. The total assets available for distribution shall be divided by the total number of shares, and each public school member shall receive a payment equal to the number of shares to which it is entitled.

ARTICLE 8

800. ORGANIZATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- 800.1 The legislative authority of this Association except as herein limited, including the right to establish Bylaws and rules for the Association, shall be vested in a body to be known as the Legislative Council of the CHSAA.
- 800.11 A school adversely affected by a decision of the Legislative Council may appeal that decision to the Legislative Council by the following procedure:
- (a) At a formal meeting of its Board of Education or private school governing board, a resolution is adopted to appeal the decision.
 - (b) Within 30 days of the Legislative Council decision, the superintendent shall notify the Commissioner, in writing, of the school's desire to appeal.
 - (c) Upon such written notice, the Commissioner shall direct the chairperson of the CASSA (Colorado Association of Superintendents and Senior Administrators)/CHSAA Advisory Committee to appoint a Review Committee of a minimum of three members of the CASSA/CHSAA Committee to meet and review the Legislative Council's decision and to either support or not accept the Legislative Council decision.
 - (d) The appealing school district shall be liable for the cost of the appeal.
 - (e) The Review Committee shall study all documents related to the Legislative Council's decision and allow the following to present their positions: the appealing school, the President of the Legislative Council or his/her/their designee, and/or other schools potentially affected by the appeal and then render a decision.
 - (f) The ruling of the Review Committee shall be substituted for the original decision of the Legislative Council unless two-thirds of those Legislative Council members voting vote to uphold the Legislative Council's original decision.
 - (g) If the original decision was made at the January Legislative Council meeting, the Legislative Council shall reconsider the decision at its' April meeting.
 - (h) If the original decision was made at the April Legislative Council meeting, the Commissioner shall conduct an electronic vote of the Legislative Council
- 800.2 MEETINGS — The Legislative Council shall meet in regular session two times each school year. The meetings shall be held in winter and spring, except as set otherwise by the Board of Directors.
- NOTE: Public comments are welcomed at the CHSAA Legislative Council held at the beginning of regularly scheduled in-person meetings. Public comment request must be submitted to the Commissioner in writing (email accepted) seven days prior to the meeting's scheduled date. Request must include presenter's first and last name, and topic. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per presenter. Public comments by multiple presenters may only take a maximum of thirty minutes of the Legislative Council's agenda. Board of Directors nor CHSAA staff will not ask questions or provide comment during the public comment session.
- 800.3 MEMBERSHIP — Each primary league recognized by the Legislative Council shall be entitled to one representative to the Legislative Council.
- 800.31 Each primary league with 10 to 19 schools shall be entitled to an additional representative.

- 800.32 Each primary league with a total student enrollment of 10,000 students (based on actual enrollment) shall be entitled to a total of three Legislative Council representatives.
- 800.33 Each primary league with 20 or more schools shall be entitled to a total of four representatives.
- 800.34 The superintendents of the state, through the Colorado Association of School Executives CASSA/CHSAA Superintendents' Council, shall elect three representatives to the Legislative Council. One of those representatives must be a 4A/5A representative.
- 800.35 The school boards of the state, through the Colorado Association of School Boards, shall elect five representatives (one from each of the five geographic areas – North, South, East, West, and Metro Denver, based on CASB regions) to the Legislative Council.
- 800.36 The Colorado Athletics Directors Association shall elect three representatives to the CHSAA Legislative Council. The representatives shall be elected board members of the CADA.
- 800.4 ELECTIONS — Members of the Legislative Council shall be elected by the league, in a manner to be determined by each league, and the representative of each league shall be certified to the Commissioner of the Association by the secretary of the league. If a league fails to certify a representative, the President of the Legislative Council shall have power to appoint some eligible person, residing in such league, to serve with full authority to act, until a representative is certified by the secretary of the league.
- 800.5 QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – School representatives eligible to serve on the Legislative Council are limited to superintendents, district athletic directors, principals, athletic directors, activities directors or other designated administrative personnel, including members of Boards of Education and members of private school governing boards.
- 800.6 OFFICERS — The officers of the Legislative Council shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.
- (a) The President shall be chosen from the membership of the Board of Directors. The election process for President shall be as follows: The nominations shall be made by a member(s) of the Board of Directors at the February Board of Directors meeting. Final voting for President will take place at the Spring Board of Directors meeting, and the President will be announced to the Legislative Council. Write-in candidates will not be accepted at the Legislative Council meeting.
- 800.61 The President shall serve a two-year term.
- 800.62 To be eligible to be elected as the Colorado High School Activities Association Board President, the candidate must have completed two full years on the board and be in the third or fourth year of their term.
- NOTE: Any member who is filling in for a vacancy during the third or fourth year or a term is not eligible.

Q1: May a member of the Board of Directors run for President after completing their first year?

A1: No, a member of the Board of Directors can only be considered in the third or fourth year, and must have completed two years to be eligible for election.

- 800.63 In the event the President cannot fulfill his/her/their obligations due to illness, absence or other reason, the President, or in his/her/their absence the Commissioner, shall appoint a replacement to assume the duties of the President on a temporary basis for purposes of conducting a Board of Directors or Legislative Council meeting. Should the President vacate the position before the end of his/her/their term, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.
- 800.64 The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall be the Commissioner.
- 800.65 The President of the Association, with the approval of the Legislative Council, may appoint a parliamentarian, sergeant at arms, or other officers. The duties and authority of officers appointed by the President shall be determined by the President, but shall not exceed nor depart from that authority specifically delegated or exercised by the president of a democratic organization.
- 800.66 The Legislative Council shall have complete legislative authority, except as herein limited, including the right to establish Bylaws and rules for the Association.
- 800.67 REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS — The Legislative Council shall have the right to review the decisions of the Board of Directors, and may alter or set aside such decisions, if in the judgment of the Legislative Council, such decisions are in violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association. The Legislative Council shall not hear individual eligibility appeals.
- 800.68 SUSPENSION — The Legislative Council or Board of Directors shall have the power to require any league to suspend any of its member schools or to suspend or permanently disbar any student for violation by the student or his/her/their school of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association.
- 800.69 MEMBERSHIP DUES — The Legislative Council shall have the power to establish and fix the annual fee to be paid by each member school for the services rendered by the Association.
- 800.70 The proceeds derived from games, contests, or other activities sponsored by the Association or any of its leagues or divisions shall be shared between the participating schools and the Association in such manner as shall be determined by the Legislative Council.
- 800.71 The Legislative Council shall have the power to suspend a school for non-payment of its service fee, and a school or league for non-payment of proceeds from games, contests or other activities sponsored by the Association.
- 800.72 BUDGET — The budget of the Association shall be approved by the Legislative Council. See bylaw 810.7.

800.73 IN SESSION — Action of the Legislative Council shall be taken only when the Legislative Council is in session. The Board of Directors may authorize an electronic vote which constitutes a session of the Legislative Council.

810. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

810.1 The executive authority of this Association shall reside in a committee to be known as the Board of Directors of the CHSAA.

810.10 In the event a Board member is placed on administrative leave by that member's school district administration or Board of Education, that Board member shall not be eligible to represent his/her/their district on the CHSAA Board of Directors. The position shall remain unfilled until a resolution of the member's school status is determined.

810.11 The Committee shall consist of the CHSAA Commissioner (as a non-voting member), the State Commissioner of Education or his/her/their appointee, the President of the Colorado Association of School Boards or his/her/their appointee, a current elected member of the Colorado State Legislature appointed by the CHSAA Board of Directors, two (one principal, one superintendent) representatives of the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE), the President and a member from each of the districts as established in 810.44 of this section. The President, during the final year of his/her/their term when his/her/their district is represented by a second Board of Directors member, shall vote only to break a tie of the committee.

(a) The Committee shall select two at-large members from among nominated candidates within the diverse populations in each of three regions in the state, representing the ten districts noted in 810.43. A district may have two representatives, including the at-large representative. The diverse at-large members must be a woman and one minority, who may also be a woman. Minority means a person of color—American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African-American-not of Hispanic origin, and Hispanic, Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. The diverse at-large members will be recommended and petitioned by the CHSAA staff, Board of Directors Regions and the Committee. The Committee shall make the final decision. The at-large members must be a woman and one minority, who may also be a woman regardless if the district representative from that same district is a women or minority. The diverse at-large positions shall serve four-year terms, except in the first year where one will serve four and one two years to begin the rotation of terms as designated by the table below:

Region 1 (Districts 2, 3, 4): 2019-23; 2025-29

Region 2 (Districts 1, 5, 6): 2023-27; 2029-2033

Region 3 (Districts 7, 8, 9 & 10): 2021-25; 2027-31

The districts above can be found in section 810.44. Note: there is a 2-year gap between each 4-year term.

810.12 The Board of Directors may approve advisory members to the Board of Directors along with members of the CHSAA administrative staff.

(a) Advisory members shall have all the rights and privileges of full members, including holding an office (except the administrative staff). Advisory members may not vote.

810.2 NOMINATION

1. Each Board of Directors member shall place on file with the Commissioner the rotation of leagues the district will follow when nominating a person to serve on the Board of Directors. The district may also opt to have no rotation.
2. In the fall of the school year in which a Board of Directors member's term shall expire, the member shall notify the president of each league in his/her/their Board of Directors district of the impending vacancy on the Board of Directors.
3. By December 20, each league president shall forward, in writing to the outgoing Board of Directors member, its league's nomination for the Board of Directors position.
 - a. The nomination shall be signed by the league president and each superintendent in the league.
4. The members of the Legislative Council from the leagues within a district shall fill regular vacancies at the completion of a term by nominating from that district a person who meets qualifications as established in Article 8, Section 800.5 for membership on the Legislative Council. Nominations for this office will be made at the Legislative Council meeting.
(Exception: Diversity at-large-member)

810.3 ELECTION — The final voting will take place at the Spring Legislative Council meeting by a majority of those voting. Only Legislative Council members representing leagues within that nominee's district are allowed to vote for their Board of Directors representative. If the representatives from that district are unable to reach agreement on a candidate, then all Legislative Council members in attendance will vote.

810.31 The Board of Directors may, upon the recommendation of the Legislative Council members from the district where the vacancy occurs, fill vacancies prior to the completion of a term by appointment, but in no event shall a term of a member thus appointed, extend beyond one year. The Winter Legislative Council will conduct a formal election to determine the representative for the remainder of the term.

810.32 The election of all members of the Board of Directors shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner but in no event shall the Commissioner have authority to question the method of election unless the Constitution or Bylaws are violated.

Q1:	What happens in the event that the nominee is not approved by a majority of representatives of a district, or by the Legislative Council?
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A1:	The league will be asked to resubmit a new nominee.
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810.4 Districts shall elect members at the designated Spring meeting of the Legislative Council in the year designated below for that district.

810.41 A Board of Directors member term shall be four years and that member may not succeed himself/herself.

810.42 The term of an outgoing member shall extend through the June Board of Directors meeting of the designated year and the newly elected member shall be seated at the next scheduled meeting following June to coincide with the start of the new school year.

810.43 The selection of representatives from the different districts shall be made on the following designated years and at regular four-year intervals thereafter:

District 1	2026, 2030, 2034
District 2	2024, 2028, 2032
District 3	2025, 2029, 2033
District 4	2025, 2029, 2033
District 5	2026, 2030, 2034
District 6	2025, 2029, 2033
District 7	2027, 2031, 2035
District 8	2026, 2030, 2034
District 9	2025, 2029, 2033
District 10	2027, 2031, 2035
CASB	Four calendar years
CASE	Four calendar years
CDE	Four calendar years
State Legislator	Two calendar years

NOTE: The term of each member who serves through appointment by CASB, CDE and CASE shall be at the discretion of the appointing entity, but in no case shall an appointed member of the Board of Directors serve more than four consecutive calendar years. The eligibility term of the member of the Colorado State Legislature shall be limited by state term limit statutes. He/she/they must be an active legislator in order to remain on the Board of Directors and be re-appointed annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

810.44 The membership is represented by the following districts:

DISTRICT 1 - San Juan, Southwestern, Western Slope

DISTRICT 2 - Centennial, Frontier, NCAC, Longs Peak

DISTRICT 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, North Central

DISTRICT 4 - Colorado, Foothills, Jefferson County

DISTRICT 5 - Denver Prep, Confluence, Metropolitan

DISTRICT 6 - Continental, Mile High, Front Range, 5280

DISTRICT 7 - CS Metro, CS Metro North, CS Metro South, Pikes Peak, Tri-Peaks

DISTRICT 8 - Black Forest, Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, Southern Peaks

DISTRICT 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, West Central

DISTRICT 10 - Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC

810.45 If the President has one year remaining on his/her/their presidential term and his/her/their Board of Directors district term has expired, he/she/they shall be eligible to be President the year following the expiration of his/her/their Board of Directors term. The district represented by such a Board of Directors member may elect a new member to a four-year

Board of Directors term, the first year of which will run concurrently with the second year of the presidency of the representative of the same district in which case the President may vote only to break ties (810.11).

When a Board of Directors member serves as President, a district may nominate a new member to a four-year Board of Directors term at the intervals listed in 810.43. At no time may a single league be represented by more than one member.

810.46 A Board of Directors member who is selected to complete only the final year of his/her/their district's term, may serve an additional term upon approval by the district members.

810.5 Each Board of Directors member shall conduct one meeting each year to which the leagues within his/her/their district are invited. Each Board of Directors member who represents a District shall communicate with the league presidents/District Athletic Directors that the board member represents before and after each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

810.6 GENERAL — The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President. It shall have the authority to make decisions necessary to insure the smooth functioning of the Association and the interscholastic program. Its authority does not include the legislative power delegated to the Legislative Council, except that by a two-thirds vote of those members voting it may alter a ruling of the Legislative Council in order to resolve conflicting legislation or to correct unanticipated problems created by Legislative Council action.

NOTE: Members of the Association and public are welcome to speak before the CHSAA Board of Directors at every regularly scheduled in-person meeting. Alternately, if an in-person attendance of the presenter is not feasible, the potential presenter can submit their comments in writing to be communicated by the Board President. Public comment request must be submitted to the Commissioner in writing (email accepted) seven days prior to the meeting's scheduled date. Request must include the presenters first and last name and topic. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per presenter. Public comments by multiple presenters may only take a maximum of thirty minutes of the Board's agenda. Board members will not ask questions or provide comment during the public comment session.

Q1:	What is necessary for the Board of Directors to overturn a Legislative Council decision?
A1:	It requires a two-thirds majority of voting Board members to overturn a decision.

810.61 SAFEGUARD — Within 30 days after schools have been notified of Board of Directors action which alters previous Legislative Council action, members of the Legislative Council may file with the Commissioner a request for a mail ballot on the issue. If 25% of the members of the Legislative Council request the mail ballot, it shall be sent to the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council may then affirm or reverse the Board of Directors decision.

810.7 BUDGET — The Commissioner, as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, shall prepare the preliminary budget of the Association for review and approval through the Budget Committee Report and shall submit it to the Legislative Council for approval. A tentative budget shall be submitted to the Legislative Council members a minimum of two weeks prior to the designated spring meeting of the Legislative Council.

810.71 The Board of Directors shall submit a financial report to the Legislative Council which clearly indicates the financial operations of the Association and all liabilities and assets including reserve funds.

NOTE: The Board of Directors will approve the final operating budget, as presented by the Commissioner and Director of Finance, at their June meeting.

810.8 The Board of Directors shall hear appeals or protests as outlined in the Appeals Article of the Bylaws.

810.9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER — The Board of Directors shall appoint the Commissioner. The Commissioner hires the Associate Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and other salaried employees as deemed necessary and proper and shall fix their salaries.

810.91 The Board of Directors authorizes the Commissioner as its representative to determine eligibility, interpret CHSAA Bylaws, impose and enforce penalties. The Board of Directors requirements of the Commissioner are delineated in various other Bylaws. Further duties charged to the Commissioner are noted in 820.7.

820. COMMISSIONER

820.1 The chief administrative officer of the Association shall be the COMMISSIONER.

820.2 SELECTION — The Commissioner of the Association shall be selected by the Board of Directors from a list of qualified candidates.

820.3 QUALIFICATIONS — The Commissioner of the Association shall be a person who has demonstrated responsibility in the field of secondary education including administration and the development, promotion and planning of activities.

820.4 TERM OF OFFICE — The term of office of the Commissioner shall not exceed five years on one contract, but this shall not prevent reappointment.

820.5 SALARY — The salary of the Commissioner shall be fixed at the time of appointment.

820.6 SECRETARY-TREASURER — The Commissioner shall be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

820.61 The Commissioner shall arrange for an annual audit of the books of the Association by a Certified Public Accountant. This audit shall be financed as a regular item of expense in the annual budget.

820.7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER — The Commissioner shall be the chief administrative officer and shall take the initiative in enforcing the regulations and policies of the Association and in promoting its aims and objectives.

820.71 The Commissioner shall:

- (a) Decide all questions of eligibility and interpretations of rules and impose and enforce penalties;

- (b) Prepare forms for use by the schools, distribute reports and bulletins and arrange and conduct tournaments, contests and other activities;
- (c) Collect and account for all funds of the Association and render proper reports;
- (d) Provide for the selection of officials for specific activities and contests in cases where participating schools cannot agree and where specific provision is made for the selection of officials in the Bylaws of the Association.

820.8 The Associate Commissioner or other employee designated by the Commissioner or Board of Directors may be empowered to assume the duties and authority of the Commissioner in his/her/their absence.

820.9 References to the Commissioner's duties and authority in the bylaws may be performed by the Associate Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners as a function of their duties as assigned by the Commissioner or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9

900. POWER AND DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS

900.1 The officers of the Association shall exercise the powers and be charged with the responsibilities associated with the office in a democratic organization, except as those powers and responsibilities shall be limited or supplemented by this Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

900.2 The President, or in case of his/her/their inability to act, the Commissioner or Acting President elected by the Board of Directors, shall have the power to call meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10

1000. COMMITTEES

1000.1 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES — The President, or in case of his/her/their inability to act, the Commissioner, shall appoint all standing and special committees.

1000.2 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS – No more than 25% of a sports committee may be made up of coaches and the committee chairperson may not be a coach. The remainder of the committee shall be made up of any of the following: superintendents, district athletic directors, principals, athletic directors, activities directors, or other designated administrative personnel, including members of Boards of Education and members of private school governing boards. This restriction is not applied to CHSAA administrative and non-athletic activities committees.

1000.3 MEMBER TERM — Each committee member shall serve one term not to exceed three years. Members of the Classification and League Organizing Committee shall serve a four-year term. Committee members may not succeed themselves.

1000.4 CHAIR TERM — Each chair shall serve a term not to exceed three years. Chairpersons may be appointed to a second term.

1000.5 Committee members shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the actual and necessary expenses in connection with attendance at meetings.

1000.6 In the event a Committee member is placed on administrative leave by that committee member's school district administration or Board of Education, that Committee member shall not be eligible as a representative to any CHSAA Advisory Committee. The position shall remain unfilled until a resolution of the member's school status is determined.

ARTICLE 11

1100. EMPLOYEE TORT AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION

A copy of this Bylaw is available at the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 12

1200. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Legislative Council, Board of Directors, or any league may propose amendments to this Constitution. All amendments for final ratification must be submitted to the Commissioner by Friday of Week 26/36 per NFHS calendar. All amendments and committee reports for final ratification must be submitted by the Commissioner to the various leagues by the Friday of Week 24/39. An amendment shall be adopted when it receives a favorable vote of two-thirds of those Legislative Council members voting.

Amendments to the Constitution may not be considered for approval if the amendment applies a different standard to a classification.

AMENDMENT SCHEDULE (per NFHS calendar)

Prior to Winter Legislative Council meeting (January)

Week 22 – Thursday, bylaw proposals and committee reports due to Commissioner.

Week 23 – Monday, Commissioner gets proposals and committee reports to membership.

Week 24 – Monday, committee amendments due to Commissioner.

Week 24 - Friday, Commissioner delivers final LC packet to leagues.

Prior to Spring Legislative Council meeting (April)

Week 36 – Thursday, bylaw proposals and committee reports due to Commissioner.

Week 37 – Monday, Commissioner gets proposals and committee reports to membership.

Week 39 – Monday, committee amendments due to Commissioner.

Week 39 - Friday, Commissioner delivers final LC packet to leagues.

1210. AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

1210.1 Amendment of the Bylaws of the Constitution shall be according to the procedure as outlined for the amendment to the Constitution except that the amendment of the Bylaws shall be adopted by a favorable vote of a majority of those Legislative Council members voting.

Amendments to the Bylaws may not be considered for approval if the amendment applies a different standard to a classification.

1210.11 Exception: Any bylaw amendment proposed to the April Legislative Council which addresses the same bylaw considered in January of the same year requires a 60 percent of those voting for passage.

1220. COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Proposed committee reports must be submitted to the Commissioner by Friday of Weeks 22/36. Proposed committee reports by the Commissioner to the various leagues by the Monday of Weeks 24/39 per NFHS Calendar.

1230. AMENDMENT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1230.1 Proposed amendments to committee reports must be submitted by the Commissioner to the various leagues at least 30 days before the next meeting of the Legislative Council. If not submitted by this deadline, amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of those Council members voting in order to pass. Amendments specified in the Constitution as requiring a two-thirds vote shall require a two-thirds vote even if submitted by the 30-day deadline.
- 1230.2 The Legislative Council, Board of Directors or any league may propose amendments to committee reports. If an amendment is not submitted by the Commissioner to the various leagues at least 30 days before the next meeting of the Legislative Council, it must receive a two-thirds vote of those Legislative Council members voting in order to pass.

1241. SECONDING AMENDMENTS

A Legislative Council representative may not second an amendment presented by his/her/their own league.

1250. CHANGES IN AMENDMENTS

The wording of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may not be changed during the meeting, except in cases where the Council recognizes an obvious oversight by the presenter. Any change may not alter the intent of the original proposal. A two-thirds favorable vote of those council members voting is required in order to make the change due to an obvious oversight.

ARTICLE 13

1300. RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 1300.1 The Bylaws of the Association shall embody Rules of Order and Standing Rules as necessary to ensure proper organization and methods of transacting business for meetings of the Legislative Council, the Board of Directors and standing committees of the Association. Where not specifically provided for in the Rules of Order or Standing Rules within the Bylaws of the Association, all matters of parliamentary procedure shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*. Challenges to meeting or voting procedures must be addressed prior to the adjournment of each Legislative Council meeting. The Parliamentarian shall rule on all challenges but his/her/their ruling may be overturned by a majority vote of those members voting. Once the meeting has been adjourned, all action by the Legislative Council shall be final.
- 1300.2 All meetings of the Association and its leagues shall be open to the public. This does not preclude any of the above from holding executive sessions.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE 14 STANDING RULES - DUES

1400. RULES OF ORDER - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- 1400.1 TIME OF MEETING — Meetings of the Legislative Council shall be held in accordance with the provision of Article 8, Section 800.2, of the Constitution, and shall be at an hour and a place as determined by the Board of Directors. Such time and place shall be specified in the notice of meeting sent to each member at least one week prior to the date of meeting.
- 1400.2 CALL TO ORDER — At the stated hour, the President shall take the chair, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.
- 1400.3 QUORUM — More than half the elected representatives shall constitute a quorum.
- 1400.4 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS — Reports of committees shall be considered in their proper place in the order of business. The President shall determine the manner of voting, provided that no action may be taken on committee reports, except in a regular business session of the Legislative Council.
- 1400.5 MOTIONS — No motion shall be debated until seconded. Any member may request that motions shall be written, delivered to the President and read before debate.
- 1400.6 DEBATE — No member shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Legislative Council, unless he/she/they is the mover or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he/she/they shall be permitted to speak in reply. No member shall speak more than a total of five minutes on any question.
- 1400.7 DEMAND FOR YEAS AND NAYS — Any member shall have the right to demand the yeas and nays on any question, before the decision is announced by the chair. Any member may, when his/her/their name is called, be allowed a maximum of two minutes in which to explain his/her/their vote.
- 1400.8 PRIVILEGES OF NON-MEMBERS — Members of the Board of Directors and advisory members shall be entitled to all the privileges of representative members of the Legislative Council, except they shall have no vote.

1410. STANDING RULES

- 1410.1 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS — Members of the Legislative Council and members of the Board of Directors shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the actual necessary expenses in connection with attendance at meetings of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall have power to prescribe the method of computation and limitation to reimbursement.

1410.11 Expenses for attendance at all other meetings may be paid to members attending, providing such meeting has been authorized by the Board of Directors, the Legislative Council or the Commissioner.

1420. MEMBERSHIP DUES

1420.1 Payment of membership dues shall be made by October 1. The membership dues shall be recommended by the CHSAA Budget Committee and Legislative Council.

NOTE: Members pay annual membership dues. Membership dues helps assist in the operational costs for the member association and administration of sports and activities. As a non-profit and non-government funded association, membership dues provide a predictable and ongoing funding base for the operations of the association.

1420.11 REINSTATEMENT — A member school which has failed to pay its membership dues and participation fees to the Association may be reinstated by payment of delinquent fees in an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE 15

1500. CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

1500.1 2022-2024 Classifications

NOTE: Through the legislative process, the CLOC Committee may have re-classified some member schools based upon bylaw 1500.21 and all provisions.

CHSAA classification enrollment ranges for each activity are approved by the Legislative Council in the odd numbered years preceding the beginning of the two-year classification cycle.

<u>ONE CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>
Field Hockey	5A (1- up)
Skiing (boys & girls)	5A (1- up)
Unified Bowling	5A (1- up)
Volleyball (boys)	5A (1- up)
Wrestling (girls)	5A (1- up)
<u>TWO CLASSIFICATIONS</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>
Gymnastics (girls)	4A (1-1610) 5A (1611-up)
Ice Hockey	4A (1-1446) 5A (1447-up)
Lacrosse (boys)	4A (1-1630) 5A (1631-up)
Lacrosse (girls)	4A (1-1594) 5A (1595-up)

Swimming and Diving (boys) 4A (1-1594)
5A (1595-up)

Tennis (boys) 4A (1-1330)
5A (1329-up)

THREE CLASSIFICATIONS

2022-2024

Golf (boys and girls) 3A (1-772)
4A (773-1619)
5A (1620-up)

Softball (girls) 3A (1-630)
4A (631-1441)
5A (1442-up)

THREE CLASSIFICATIONS (continued)

2022-2024

Speech 3A (1-990)
4A (991-1500)
5A (1501-up)

Swimming and Diving (girls) 3A (1-1160)
4A (1161-1690)
5A (1691-up)

Tennis (girls) 3A (1-1079)
4A (1080-1499)
5A (1500-up)

FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS

2022-2024

Cross Country (boys and girls) 2A (1-327)
3A (328-691)
4A (692-1397)
5A (1398-up)

Soccer (boys and girls) 2A (1-351)
3A (352-800)
4A (801-1478)
5A (1479-up)

Spirit 2A (1-270)
3A (271-630)
4A (631-1340)
5A (1341-up)

Wrestling (boys) 2A (1-300)
3A (301-955)
4A (956-1639)
5A (1640-up)

FIVE CLASSIFICATION

2022-2024

Baseball	1A (1-100) 2A (101-270) 3A (271-630) 4A (631-1390) 5A (1391-up)
Music	1A (1-87) 2A (88-271) 3A (272-618) 4A (619-1391) 5A (1392-up)
Track (boys and girls)	1A (1-93) 2A (94-293) 3A (294-799) 4A (800-1398) 5A (1399-up)
Volleyball (girls)	1A (1-93) 2A (94-299) 3A (300-629) 4A (630-1374) 5A (1375-up)

SIX CLASSIFICATIONS

2022-2024

Basketball (boys and girls)	1A (1-73) 2A (74-190) 3A (191-411) 4A (412-938) 5A (939-1452) 6A (1453-up)
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SEVEN CLASSIFICATIONS

2022-2024

Football	A6 (1-72) A8 (73-171) 1A (172-335) 2A (336-799) 3A (800-1217) 4A (1218-1679) 5A (1680 -up)
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The CHSAA Commissioners will set classifications based on Bylaw 1500.11/1500.21 and present to the CHSAA membership in January of the odd numbered years.

1500.11 The determination as to whether the total number of classifications should be increased is based upon CHSAA sports/activity commissioners' evaluation of the total number of full programs participating in a given sport/activity.

NOTE: In order to add a new event or discipline in a pre-existing sport or activity, the changes must be recommended by the appropriate sports or activity advisory committee, and approved by the Legislative Council.

1500.12 EXCEPTION: Schools having only boys or only girls enrolled shall have their enrollment doubled for the purpose of classification.

1500.2 The Legislative Council shall approve classifications for each activity based on the following policies:

Note: The Classification, Appeals and League Organizing Committee (CLOC) when hearing and voting on appeals will consider the criteria as outlined in this member bylaw. The only objective criteria is to classify all schools by hard non-negotiable, CDE numbers. Our Membership voted (approved) to allow the CLOC Committee to consider and apply additional criteria (per member bylaw) on a school-by-sport specific basis.

Classification of schools shall be based upon the CDE Student Membership Counts to address competitive and classification balance. The CHSAA Staff may also consider other factors to justify placing programs up or placing down (reclassifying). Factors including but not limited to:

- Socio economics of the school's population (Free and Reduced Lunch Rate)
- Demographics of the school's population (includes approved 5th Year Transition Programs Only)
- Participant safety concerns
- Competitive non-success and success
- Competitive history and balance
- Geography
- School's enrollment trend
- School's participation rate in CHSAA sponsored activities (CHSAA Participation Survey)
- Entry or selection process of the school
- Prior year out-of-building student percentage on rosters

1500.22 Four-year high schools shall count their total enrollments, including all ninth graders not housed at the high school.

NOTE: When a new school comes in as a member, and doesn't have all four grades, the enrollment number that will be used for classification purposes shall be in correspondence with the number of grades that they will be offering the first year they are members. For example, if they have grades 9/10/11, their enrollment number should reflect three grades for their classification during that first cycle of membership.

EXCEPTION: A new school may apply to the CLOC for an exception to the classification rules if one or more grades are not yet included at the school or for other extenuating circumstances. The variance may be granted for one or two years.

1500.23 Classification will be in effect for a minimum of two years based on even years.

1500.24 In January of the odd numbered year of the two-year cycle, schools will declare for each activity and for each gender, the classification in which they prefer to compete for the next two-year cycle.

1500.25 Each school shall submit a declaration form indicating the classification in which the school chooses to compete in each activity for the two-year cycle. A school failing to meet the designated deadline shall be subject to late penalties and shall not be permitted to declare a classification other than the one dictated by its enrollment.

In order to change a declaration after the designated deadline, a school shall appear at the February meeting of the CLOC to request an exception to the designated deadline. The school may also request an exception directly from the Legislative Council; such an exception requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of those council members voting.

1500.26 Classification enrollment ranges for the upcoming declaration cycle in all sports will be determined as defined in 1500.2. The Legislative Council, (odd numbered years), will consider the enrollment ranges as recommended by the CHSAA Commissioners and approved by the CLOC.

The classification as declared in 1500.25 will be based on the CDE Student Membership Count described in Bylaw 1500.2.

SCHEDULE (per NFHS calendar)		
December	Even-numbered years	Preliminary CDE numbers are due Week 18
January	Odd-numbered years	Final CDE numbers are due Week 29
January	Odd-numbered years	CHSAA Commissioner presents classification placements to the membership
February	Odd-numbered years	CLOC Appeals Meeting & final recommendations
Spring	Odd-numbered years	Legislative Council approves classification placements

1510. CLASSIFICATION, APPEALS AND LEAGUE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Classification, Appeals and League Organizing Committee (CLOC) is a standing committee of the Association which reports to the Legislative Council. The Classification, Appeals and League Organizing Committee's responsibilities are:

- (a) Meets twice a year.
- (b) May propose new leagues based on the best interests of member schools and recommend league alignments to the Legislative Council).
- (c) Processes requests for the expulsion of league members not meeting reasonable league member expectations. A one-year probationary period must be served by the school in question before the request for expulsion can be considered by the CLOC. If a league member is expelled, the school will play as an independent for the two-year cycle or remaining year of the cycle.

Reasonable league member expectations include, but are not limited to: League meeting attendance, punctual filing of required paperwork, meeting league schedule expectations, hosting contests according to league standards, appropriate sporting behavior from players, coaches and fans, etc.

- (d) Processes appeals to compete in a specific activity in a classification other than dictated by a school's enrollment.
- (e) Review and make a formal recommendation on the sanctioning of any new activity.
- (f) Processes requests based on the following timelines:
 1. October 1st of even numbered years, the CHSAA collects school enrollments, establishes the enrollment ranges for all sport/activity classifications of the next two-year cycle, and establishes placement of schools in classifications.
 2. February (odd years): Receives appeals related to changes in the league or classification status of individual schools.
 3. Spring (odd years) CLOC committee report is presented to the Legislative Council for final approval. Requests not processed by the CLOC shall require a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Legislative Council members voting, even if the 30-day Legislative Council deadline is met.
 4. February (even years): The CHSAA staff may present sport and activity adjustments to the CLOC committee for consideration of approval based upon bylaw 1500.21 in extraordinary circumstances. The CHSAA staff may consult the activity committee in making this adjustment prior to presenting to CLOC. Information not available at the CLOC meeting in the previous year must be provided in order to make this adjustment. The CHSAA staff will not consider requests which have already been denied by the CLOC Appeals Committee unless new information is brought forward.

NOTE: Examples of extraordinary circumstances include: a school which has a drastic change in enrollment (increase or decrease) from the initial reporting of their enrollment in an odd year to the even year; or geographic availability of opponents due to programs that have dropped, or schools that have closed.

ARTICLE 16 GENERAL SCHOOL RULES

1600. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBLE TO ASSOCIATION

- 1600.1 The principal or superintendent of each school is responsible to the Association in all matters pertaining to the athletic/activities relations of his/her/their school.
- 1600.11 He/she/they may delegate powers to a coach/director/sponsor or faculty manager, but this does not relieve him/her of responsibility in case of infraction of these rules by his/her/their school.
- 1600.12 All contacts between member schools, its students, coaches or faculty members and the Association shall be made through the responsible officer of the school, to be designated by the superintendent. The Association shall rely only on decisions communicated through this officer.

No contests may be held without the sanction of the principal or superintendent.

Interscholastic activities should be handled entirely by the duly appointed administrative officer of the school (the superintendent or the principal) to whom the responsibility for the interscholastic program has been delegated by the Board of Education.

**REGISTRATION/REQUIREMENTS OF COACHES AND SPONSORS
OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

1620.1 Each year, by the first competitive date of each sports season, all member school athletic/activity directors must enter all of their athletic coaches and activity sponsors (music, speech, student leadership, etc.), regardless of level, rank, or pay, into the CHSAA Coach Registration platform. All first-year athletic coaches and activity sponsors, regardless of level, rank, or pay, must complete the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course.

1620.2 All member school athletic coaches and activity sponsors (hereafter referred to as "coaches") of interscholastic activity programs who assume full responsibility for students under their direction at any level (varsity, junior varsity, etc.) shall be a coach registered with the CHSAA: A registered coach is a coach who is: a) a coach who has completed the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course, or b) a CHSAA-certified coach whose certification is on file with the CHSAA.

NOTE: Coaches who have not coached a CHSAA-sanctioned activity at a member school anytime within the last three years, regardless of CDE-licensure or not, are required to complete the 1st Year Coaches Course.

1620.3 All member school Directors of Athletics and coaches of interscholastic athletic and activity programs shall:

- Annually pass the CHSAA Bylaws Test.
- Hold a current certification in first aid, CPR and AED.
- Every other year complete the free on-line NFHS "Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention" course or a school/district organized mental health class/course.

NOTE: A non-school employee may serve as the adult supervisor of students/athletes when appointed by a school administrator. These individuals may provide transportation to and from the activity and be responsible for the supervision of these student participants as approved by the school administration in areas where no coaching/directing takes place.

1620.4 Each coach shall be responsible for the contents of the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws and the pre-season and playoff bulletins. Coaches whose programs are in violation of CHSAA policies or Bylaws shall be subject to appropriate penalties from reprimand to restriction.

1620.5 All athletic coaches must annually complete one of the following: The online NFHS Concussion Course or a school organized sports medicine review that includes a head trauma/concussion component and emergency evacuation procedures.

1620.6 **PENALTY FOR USE OF NON-QUALIFIED COACHES** — A school using a coach who does not meet the requirements listed in 1620.2; 1620.3; 1620.5 shall be subject to penalties, to be determined by the Commissioner, which may include forfeiture, restriction, suspension of membership or other appropriate penalties.

Q1: Who is required to complete the CHSAA 1st Year Coaches Course? Are CDE licensed teachers required to take this test?

A1: All individuals who have never coached for a CHSAA member school at the high school level (all levels). Yes, all CDE teachers who are also 1st year high school coaches are also required.

Q2: Does a coach, who completes the 1st Year Coaches Course, quits coaching after 3 years, and then wants to come back and coach, have to take the 1st Year Course again?

A2: No, any coach who has a 3-year lapse does not need to take the 1st Year Coaching Course again. If they have a 4 or more year lapse, they DO have to take the 1st Year Coaching Course again.

Q3: What must a coach who is coaching at a CHSAA member school for the first time do in order to be registered and in compliance with CHSAA Bylaws (regardless of level and rank)? What does a veteran CHSAA coach have to do to be registered and in compliance?

A3: A first year coach will need to complete the CHSAA Bylaws test, 1st Year Coaches Course, First Aid/CPR/AED course, concussion course, and any additional state law requirements. Any veteran coach must complete the CHSAA Bylaws test, first aid/CPR course, annual concussion course, and any additional state law requirements. Additional CHSAA approved courses may be forthcoming.

1630.**ASSISTANT COACHES**

An assistant coach shall be under contract to the district. It is recognized that assistant coaches may at times during game and practice situations assume a supervisory role with one or more student participants.

1640.**OUTSIDE PAYMENTS**

1640.1 Each coach/director shall be under contract to the school district in which he/she/they coaches/directs, and may be employed solely as a coach/director. Coaches/Directors shall not receive any pay or other remuneration for coaching/directing, other than the stipulated contract salary or pay scale agreed to by the Board of Education.

1640.11 SOURCE OF SALARIES — All salaries or remuneration for the fulfillment of the school district coaching/director contract must come as direct payment from the employing school district or private school governing body. Acceptance of additional pay or any other remuneration either in money or merchandise from any organization or group outside of the school itself is a violation of this regulation. Recognized outside groups such as "booster" groups may make a donation to the school's or district's general activities fund, but may not specify any monies be utilized for the payment of salaries for Advisor A, Coach B, etc. This regulation, on the other hand, does not prevent school employees from receiving gifts or awards of no intrinsic value.

Q1: Can an outside group (i.e., Booster Club) help fund a specific school/ athletic program?

A1: Yes.

Q2: Can a Booster Club pay a coach directly for his/her/their coach's salary?

A2: No, funds must be given to the school administration for distribution.

1640.12 BOOSTER CLUBS – Booster clubs, athletic/activity foundations, or similar named outside organizations may be formed for the purpose of providing additional financial assistance to specific teams or general athletic/activity programs.

Any benefits provided by the outside organizations, which can include monetary contributions, facility improvements, equipment, transportation, awards, additional team support, etc., are subject to applicable State/Federal Regulations.

All booster club or similar donations to sport specific teams or general athletic/ activity funds by outside organizations must be approved by school and/or district administration.

Each member school is responsible for the activities of its booster clubs and any violations and penalties that result from lack of oversight.

1640.13 OTHER PAYMENTS – Personal contributions can be made to the school's athletic department for consideration of all student-athlete's needs. Donations or payments made by school personnel to an outside agency on behalf of individual school players or teams is deemed to be an illegal inducement and is prohibited.

1640.14 PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF COACH/DIRECTOR CONTRACT – PAY – A school using a coach/director who does not meet the requirements listed in Bylaw 1640 shall be subject to penalties, to be determined by the Commissioner, which may include forfeiture, restriction, probation, suspension of membership or other appropriate penalties.

1650.

COACHES REQUIRED TO ATTEND RULES MEETINGS

1650.1 All varsity head coaches shall attend annually a CHSAA approved rules clinic in their sport prior to the start of the first interscholastic contest.

Penalty: Coach placed on probation for first offense; restriction for subsequent offenses.

Q1: Are varsity head coaches required to watch CHSAA approved rules clinics?

A1: Yes. A varsity head coach will be placed on probation for his/her/their first offense unless he/she/they has attended/watched at least one rules interpretation clinic recognized by the CHSAA in his/her/their sport(s) prior to the start of current season.

Q2: What happens when a coach violates rule 1650.1?

A2: On the first violation, the coach will be put on probation. If a second violation occurs, the coach will be put on restriction.

ARTICLE 17 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1700. PARTICIPATION IS A PRIVILEGE

Participation in interscholastic activities as a part of a school's educational program is a privilege and not a right. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance which are related to school purposes. In this regard, the CHSAA and its member schools may exercise the fullest discretion permitted under law.

1710. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A student enrolled in a high school shall be eligible to represent that school in CHSAA-sanctioned interscholastic activities if the student meets the following specific requirements:

- (a) The student is a bona fide undergraduate member of the high school in which he/she/they is enrolled.

EXCEPTION 1: Home based and other students who attend a school without a program, and who meet statutory requirements shall be eligible. Statutory requirements state that a student in a home-based education program must be registered with a school district of participation a minimum of 14 days prior to being considered a home schooled student. Students who do not meet statutory requirements shall be considered ineligible for interscholastic competition, but may practice (provided he/she/they is registered with the school district).

EXCEPTION 2: A student who registers at the beginning of the school year in a non-public home-based educational program may participate in the activities program at a public or private school. In the case of a private school, the student must be accepted for inclusion in the school program by the school and meet any criteria set by that private school.

- (b) In the judgment of the principal of the student's school he/she/they is representative of the school's ideals in matters of citizenship, conduct and sportsmanship.
- (c) PLAN A — During the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Academic units of credit as defined by the school's accrediting agency (or school district) per semester and must not be failing more than the equivalent of one-half Academic unit of credit.

EXCEPTION 3 - Students who are seniors in their second semester, and are enrolled full time in college credit approved academic courses, and who do not need additional courses to graduate will be considered full time students and will not need to enroll in additional elective credits to be eligible for participation during that semester.

OR

PLAN B — During the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Academic units of credit per semester and must pass a minimum of the equivalent of 2.5 Academic units of credit.

OR

PLAN C — ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS – A school with an alternative academic program may request the formation of an alternative academic eligibility standard approved prior to implementation. The eligibility standard for alternative academic programs must be approved by the Commissioner.

NOTE: Factors which may cause the need for approval of said eligibility standard would include, but not be limited to, instructional systems where time of credit completion is variable, systems where no credit is awarded, etc. Concepts to be included in the alternative eligibility programs include the notion that participation is a privilege, students earn the right to participate by meeting acceptable academic expectations, that students must show acceptable academic progress during the immediate past and at the time of participation.

(Schools must notify the Commissioner, in writing, by September 15 of each year if they wish to change their previously declared option.)

Academic eligibility shall be determined by a periodic check of the student's grades in progress from the beginning of the grading period for each class, as determined by the policy of the student's school, to the close of the certification day for the interscholastic activity in question. In all cases, the periods of eligibility and ineligibility must be equal and at no time may the two groups become eligible on the same day. The school must declare when periodic eligibility will be checked (weekly, bi-monthly, monthly or at the quarter).

<p>Q1: A student at a school which checks eligibility every two weeks is declared ineligible at the two-week check. If the student meets the academic standard after a week of ineligibility, may he regain eligibility?</p> <p>A1: No. Because the school checks eligibility only every two weeks, the period of ineligibility must be two weeks.</p>
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(d) He/she/they must also have been eligible in accordance with paragraph "c" above at the close of his/her/their last prior semester of attendance.

1. During the preceding (18-week grading period) semester of attendance, the student must comply with the following:

In Plan A, the student must not have failed more than the equivalent of one-half Academic units of credit as defined by the school, accrediting agency or school district.

In Plan B, the student must have passed a minimum of 2.5 Academic units of credit during the previous semester.

For purposes of eligibility, a semester is considered to begin on the first pupil contact day as defined by the Department of Education or the member school district, following the

completion of the preceding semester. Further, a student will be considered as in attendance if he/she/they has been enrolled for 15 days or has practiced/tried-out for a team at any time during that semester.

Q1:	Can a senior graduate (or obtain a certificate of completion) at the end of the first semester and still participate in spring sports?
A1:	No. In order to participate, seniors must be enrolled in enough Academic credits during the semester of participation and they must have the ability to earn 2.5 Academic credits before graduation.

2. Regaining Eligibility — Students who have not met the academic requirements at the close of a semester may regain academic eligibility per the table below for the first semester.

FALL REGAIN DATES	
<i>The regain day is the Monday of the designated weeks:</i>	
Boys' Golf	Week 8
Boys' Tennis	Week 10
Gymnastics	Week 11
Spirit	Week 11
Softball	Week 9
Field Hockey	Week 11
Cross Country	Week 10
Volleyball	Week 11
Boys' Soccer	Week 11
Football	Week 11
WINTER REGAIN DATES	
<i>The regain day is the Monday of the designated weeks:</i>	
Winter	Week 20

SPRING REGAIN DATES	
<i>The regain day is the Monday of the designated weeks:</i>	
Spring	Week 36

NOTE: For Restricted Varsity Eligibility, see bylaw 1800.4

Q2:	May a student at a school which conducts no eligibility checks except at the close of the 18-week semester regain eligibility that semester?
A2:	No. By conducting no checks, the school makes all students eligible for the entire 18-week semester. Therefore, students must be declared ineligible for an entire semester.

- (e) The number of credits failed or passed during a semester shall be determined from the student's school transcripts and shall include all classes taken during the semester. Fractional credits awarded or not awarded by the school shall be added at the end of each semester to determine eligibility for the succeeding semester.

If, after credits are totaled, and failing credits total more than ½ credit in Plan A (.50) or passing credits total less than 2.5 in Plan B, students will not be eligible according to Paragraphs (d) or (e) of Article 17, Rule 1710 - General Eligibility.

Q3:	What credits can be used to accumulate 2.5 Academic units in meeting CHSAA eligibility standards?
A3:	Any credit accepted by the school, placed on the student's transcript and used toward meeting graduation requirements. Examples can be correspondence course credit, vocational school credit, college/university credit, online course credit, work study credit, and special education credit.

Q4:	A student is ineligible for the first semester because, at the close of the previous semester, he (1) received two F's under Option A; (2) he did not pass 2.5 Academic units under Option B; (3) he did not carry 2.5 Academic units; or (4) after attending 15 days he drops out of school without receiving credit. If he receives passing grades in all five of his classes on the date listed per the Fall Regain Date Table, is the student eligible for the remainder of the semester?
A4:	Yes, in 1, 2, 3 and 4, provided he continues to be eligible at each of the school's subsequent periodic (weekly, etc.) grade checks.

Q5: A student begins the semester with the same status of the student in Question 1. On a date listed per the Fall Regain Date Table, the student receives two F's. Does the student remain ineligible for the remainder of the current semester?

A5: Yes.

Example: Course	"A"	.25 credit(F)	—	0
	"B"	.25 credit(F)	—	0
	"C"	.50 credit C	—	.50
	"D"	.50 credit B	—	.50
	"E"	.50 credit B	—	.50
	"F"	.50 credit B	—	.50
	Failed	.50	Passed	2.00

Student is eligible under Option A (did not fail more than .5 Academic units) and is ineligible under Option B (did not pass 2.5 credits).

- (f) A student who drops out of school after having been enrolled and in attendance fifteen days will not be eligible the following semester of his/her/their attendance. If the student attends fifteen days or more during the semester, he/she/they must complete the required number of credits for the whole of that semester to be considered for eligibility during the next semester.

NOTE: If a student attends a school five days, is absent three days, attends seven additional days, and then drops out, the student is charged with a semester's attendance in that the time is counted from the first day of attendance until his/her/their last day of enrollment.

Q6: When is a student considered to be in attendance with regards to item "f"?

A6: A student will be considered as in attendance the prior semester if he/she/they has been enrolled 15 days or if he/she/they has competed in an interscholastic contest.

Q7: A student, on or after the fifteenth day of the semester, withdraws from a class with a passing grade. Does this count as a failure for the balance of the semester in certifying his/her/their present eligibility? Does this count as a failure and a course taken on the semester record used to determine eligibility for the following semester?

A7: The withdrawal with a passing grade does not count as a failure for the balance of the semester. It also does not count as a course taken to determine current or future eligibility. Thus, the student must enroll in another class to meet the requirement of being enrolled in courses which are equivalent to 2.5 Academic units.

Q8: A student, on or after the fifteenth day of the semester withdraws from a class with a failing grade. Does this count as a failure for the balance of the semester in certifying his/her/their present eligibility? Does this count as a failure and a course taken on the semester record used to determine eligibility for the following semester?

A8: Withdrawing with a failing grade counts as a failure and a course taken in determining current and future eligibility.

Q9: If a student withdraws passing or failing and has not been enrolled 15 days in a semester, shall the previous semester grades be used to determine eligibility for the next eligibility period?

A9: Yes.

Q10: What is the single most important factor in determining a student's eligibility?

A10: Credit received toward graduation as indicated on the official school transcript. The school, and not the CHSAA, must determine whether or not a student receives credit. Students participating in athletic and non-athletic activities, however, may not be given special consideration and must be graded on the same basis as all members of the student body.

Q11: A student whose school has selected Option A for academic eligibility passed five classes and failed none in the previous semester, but is currently failing two classes (more than .5 Academic units). Is he/she/they eligible?

A11: No (ineligible for the periodic eligibility check).

Q12: A student whose school has selected Option B passed five classes in the previous semester but is currently passing only four (2.0 Academic units). Is he/she/they eligible?

A12: No (ineligible for the periodic eligibility check).

Q13: A school offers classes which meet for two hours daily and which give credit equivalent to that offered for two courses which meet one hour each day per week. If a student is enrolled in three courses, each offering 1 Academic unit of credit, and passing them, does he/she/they meet the eligibility rule?

A13: Yes.

Q14: A junior high student fails two classes in the second semester of 8th grade. Will the student be eligible when he/she/they enters 9th grade in a 4-year high school the next fall?

A14: Yes.

- (g) **EXPULSIONS** — A student who would be ineligible in any school because of expulsion, denial of admission or negotiated withdrawal may not become eligible for competition at any level by transferring. The period of ineligibility is determined by the school at which the ineligibility occurred. A transfer at the beginning of the school year does not decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility caused by the expulsion. A student may not transfer schools to avoid expulsion time periods.

Q15: Does a transfer at the beginning of the school year decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility caused by the expulsion?

A15: No, the period of ineligibility is the same as determined by the original school.

Q16: Can an expelled student immediately regain eligibility by becoming a home school student?

A16: No. A home school student is ineligible for at least the period of expulsion.

1710.1 Completed and signed documentation that parents and participants have been informed, understand and acknowledge basic CHSAA eligibility rules and knowledge of the risk of participation must be on file with the school prior to any student participating in an athletic practice, scrimmage or contest (see CHSAA Competitor's Brochure for reference).

1710.2 Completed and signed documentation that parents and participants affirm their responsibility in preventing and reporting hazing and/or bullying must be on file with the school prior to any student participating in an athletic practice, scrimmage, or contest. (See CHSAA Competitor's Brochure for reference).

1720. STRICTER STANDARDS

1720.1 Participating school districts and schools shall have the right to impose stricter standards for eligibility than those set forth herein. The General Eligibility Requirements are not intended to restrict any school from setting local academic requirements or otherwise exercising control over its curriculum, grading practices and policies regarding the granting of class credit.

1720.11 It is recommended that schools imposing local standards of eligibility notify participating students of these standards; however, it shall be the student's duty to inform himself/herself as to such standards and to insure that he/she/they maintains eligibility.

1720.2 Exception to the General Eligibility Requirements shall be made only when specific eligibility rules have been established for a particular activity as a part of the Bylaws of the Association. Where specific eligibility rules have been established for a particular activity, and such rules are in conflict with the General Eligibility Rules, the specific rules shall take precedence over the general rules.

1730. ELIGIBILITY LISTS

1730.1 Each school must have on file in the CHSAA digital platform an eligibility list of competitors properly vouched for by the principal, verifying the following information for each student listed:

- (a) The student's full name
- (b) Date of birth
- (c) The number of semesters previously enrolled since first entering high school
- (d) Units of credit earned (in fractions, if applicable) toward graduation during the last semester of attendance
- (e) Units of credit failed (in fractions, if applicable) during last semester of attendance
- (f) Units of credit enrolled during current semester
- (g) Where and when last semester of attendance was completed.

1730.11 This list must be filed with the Commissioner prior to the Monday of:

Fall Sports	Week 12
Winter Sports	Week 27
Spring Sports	Week 40

The list must also be updated in the digital platform after each regain date (including semester).

Q1: Should all spirit squad members be included on eligibility lists submitted in the CHSAA digital platform?

A1: Yes.

Q2: Do CHSAA-sanctioned activity participants need to be entered into the CHSAA digital platform?

A2: Yes, all activity and athletic participants need to be listed in the digital platform, but eligibility into the digital platform is not required for activity students.

1730.2 A "Unit of Credit" is the standard "Academic" unit, as defined by that school's accrediting agency (or school district).

1730.3 A competitor must be certified only once each semester.

1740. MAKE-UP WORK

1740.1 No make-up work shall be permitted after the close of the semester and/or the designated periodic eligibility check for the purpose of becoming eligible; and a "condition" (incomplete, unfulfilled outcome, etc.) shall, for the purpose of determining eligibility, count as a failure.

1740.11 This rule is pointed directly at the student who, through his/her/their own lack of effort, fails to pass sufficient work to be eligible for athletics in the succeeding semester, and then asks the opportunity to do make-up work to rectify his/her/their laxity.

1740.2 **MANIFEST HARDSHIP FOR INCOMPLETE** — A student failing to complete work during the normal semester because of a manifest hardship (injury, illness, or other circumstances beyond his/her/their control) may be permitted, at the discretion of his/her/their high school principal, to make up the work within a reasonable time following the student's recovery. A "reasonable time" in most cases would be a like number of days which the student was absent from school. Prior notification must be filed with CHSAA.

1740.3 Dropping out of school for work or financial reasons does not constitute manifest hardship.

1750. SUMMER SCHOOL

1750.1 Summer school courses completed after the close of the second semester may be used to replace any Academic units failed. Equivalent courses taken must be accepted by the school toward graduation. The equivalent credits must be completed by the Monday of Week 9 per NFHS calendar. Credits made up through summer school must be in the same curricular area, be accepted to meet graduation

requirements of classes previously failed and be recorded on the student's transcript. A class in an area required for graduation may be taken to replace Academic units failed in an elective class.

Written notification of a student(s) regaining eligibility through summer school must be included with the first semester eligibility report.

Q1: When must a volleyball or softball participant complete a summer school course in order to regain eligibility for the fall semester?

A1: By the Monday of Week 9 per NFHS Calendar. She may not compete in interscholastic competition until credit has been transcribed.

Q2: A junior student fails two classes (English and math) in the first semester of his sophomore year and three classes (history, P.E., and science) in the second semester of his junior year. If he takes and passes the English and math classes failed during summer school, following his sophomore year, may he regain eligibility for the first semester of the next school year?

A2: Yes.

Q3: A student takes summer school and (a) successfully completes the requirements of the course with the passing grade on file in the school on or before the Monday of Week 9; or (b) successfully completes the requirements of the course by the Monday of Week 9, but does not receive the grade until Friday of Week 9; or (c) successfully completes the course on Friday of Week 9. Has the student regained eligibility for fall sports?

A3: (a) Yes; (b) Yes, but not until Friday of Week 9; (c) No.

Q4: May a student who fails three classes (1.5 Academic units) regain credit through summer school?

A4: Yes. Students, through summer school, may make up any number of Academic units previously failed provided the courses are made up in the subject area failed and/or a class for graduation, if an elective credit class was failed.

Q5: A student takes and completes four classes (2.0 Academic units) during the second semester of the school year. He did not take an English class. He then successfully completes and receives credit for an English class taken during summer school. Is he eligible to begin interscholastic competition that fall?

A5: No. This rule specifically states that summer school is intended for make-up of classes failed. This student could regain academic eligibility if they were eligible on the appropriate sport regain date.

Q6: May a student take a correspondence course in January to make up a first semester failure to become eligible for the second semester?

A6: No. Make-up work may be done only during the summer if it is to be considered for eligibility.

Q7: Are correspondence courses completed during the summer accepted for summer school credit?

A7: Yes, as long as they are placed on transcripts as credits toward graduation, the policy is common to all students and the class requirements are completed by the Monday of Week 9 per NFHS Calendar.

Q8: Can elective course work be substituted for any other elective?

A8: Yes. If an elective class in Spanish was the failed subject, an elective English course could replace the Spanish elective.

1760.**REGAINING ELIGIBILITY**

1760.1 A student who has been ineligible but now regains eligibility for the upcoming semester shall not compete in any interscholastic contest and/or scrimmage until the day following the close of the current semester.

1760.2 A student who has been eligible, but who now becomes ineligible for the upcoming semester, shall not compete in any interscholastic contest and/or scrimmage on the day following the close of the current semester. (NOTE: Students who are now ineligible but will regain eligibility, and students who are now eligible but will lose eligibility, may never be eligible on the same day.)

Q1: A student has been ineligible for the first semester, but has regained eligibility for the second semester. The school calendar adopted by the Board of Education specifies that the semester ends on a Friday. Is the student eligible to compete on (a) Friday night; or (b) Saturday night?

A1: (a) No. (b) Yes. (In recognition of the fact that in many schools grades are not turned in until several days following the close of the semester, it is possible that the student about to become ineligible could continue competing until the grades are turned in by the teacher to the administration. In cases in which the potential ineligibles continue to compete, no students who will become eligible may compete until the grades are turned in. Again, the potential ineligibles and eligibles may never be eligible on the same day.)

Q2: A student has been ineligible for the second semester, but will become eligible for the first semester of the next school year. When may the student compete in an interscholastic contest?

A2: The student may compete interscholastically on the first day for interscholastic competition specified in the specific sport's Bylaws. The student is not required to attend classes in the first semester in order to compete in the fall sports season.

Q3: A student has been eligible during the first semester but will become ineligible for the second semester. The semester ends on Friday. (a) May he/she/they play on Friday night?
(b) Saturday night?

A3: (a) Yes. (b) No. (See A1.)

1770.

AGE

1770.1 AGE REQUIREMENTS — A student is ineligible to enter interscholastic athletic competition if the date of birth is prior to August 1, **2004**. The student may not participate in the upcoming school year if he/she/they reaches the 19th birthday prior to August 1.

EXCEPTION: A student with a disability may be granted an exception for all or a part of a school year under the following conditions:

- The disability is defined in applicable federal and state law
- The disabling condition caused the student to exceed the age/semester requirement
- The student experienced a delayed start in his/her/their educational progression prior to the eighth-grade due to the disabling condition

1. The Commissioner shall determine if the student meets the requirements for an exception stated above and, if so, upon examination of all documents and consideration of the student's individual circumstances and the purposes for this rule, may grant approval of the exception for any part of the school year. In making this decision, the Commissioner shall consider the student's age, size, and athletic ability, and whether granting the exception would be unfair to other students.
2. The principal/designee of the school, on behalf of the student, presents a formal request to the Commissioner with all necessary support materials.

Under no condition may approval be granted for participation in more than four seasons in a specific activity or if the student requires an exception to the consecutive or total semester rule.

Q1: Is the inability to speak English due to a student's country of origin considered a disability under this rule?

A1: No.

1770.2 SEMESTERS OF ATTENDANCE — Any student who has attended more than eight semesters (if he/she/they began high school as a ninth grader) or six semesters (if he/she/they began high school as a tenth grader) is ineligible for high school athletics, except that a student who is otherwise eligible may complete a season's participation in a winter sport begun in his eighth semester.

1770.3 EXCEPTION: Bylaws 1770.1 (age) and 1770.2 (semesters) may be appealed to the Commissioner in cases involving documented hardships supported by evidence acceptable to the Commissioner, the burden of proof to rest with the school requesting the hardship waiver. **Waivers cannot be filed for students who are in attendance and have the potential to earn credits**, for students who due to illness or injuries are unable to compete but are able to attend school with the potential to earn credits or have failed to earn sufficient credits needed to graduate in eight consecutive semesters due to an expulsion.

Q1: A student enters high school as a freshman but does not compete during his/her/their first year. The student competes as a sophomore, then drops out of school to work during what would have been his/her/their junior year. The next fall, the student returns to school and competes while completing the school year. When the student returns for the next year (5th year of high school), will he/she/they be eligible for interscholastic competition?

A1: No. When the student entered high school, he/she/they was entitled to eight consecutive semesters of eligibility (provided he/she/they meets all other eligibility standards). Whether or not he/she/they competed during a semester is not relevant. Since the semesters must be consecutive, dropping out of school for a year has the same effect as being in school and not competing.

Q2: A student transfers to a school which, as a condition of entry, requires him to repeat a grade. Is the student entitled to an additional year of eligibility?

A2: No. The consecutive semester rule still applies.

Q3: A student begins high school as a ninth grader, is in attendance for six consecutive semesters through junior year, takes a year off (for any reason), and then re-enrolls to complete their senior year. Is this student eligible for interscholastic competition?

A3: No. The eight semesters of attendance would begin when they enter high school. In this example, when the student re-enrolls, it would be he/she/they ninth and tenth semesters of enrollment, making them ineligible for interscholastic competition.

1770.31 Enrollment and attendance for 15 days or participation in a practice/tryout/scrimmage or in a contest shall constitute a semester's attendance.

1770.4 ATTENDS CLASS — A pupil who attends one class one day after enrolling is considered to be in attendance until officially dropped from the school register. Attending a class the opening day of school, which is called for the purpose of organization or class assignment, counts as attendance.

1770.5 PARTICIPATION IN CONTEST — Participation in an interscholastic contest for any length of time shall constitute a season's participation.

Q1: Does the participation definition include a practice/tryout/scrimmage?

A1: Yes. Students attendance at all of the above demonstrates a commitment to making that team.

1770.6 FOUR SEASONS — No high school student shall participate in more than four seasons in any one sport (if he/she/they began high school as a 9th grader) or three seasons (if he/she/they began high school as a 10th grader).

Transfer students who played a sport at a previous school in a different season during the same school year shall not be eligible for a second season in the same sport during that same school year unless there is a bona fide family move from another state. Under these circumstances, the student will be eligible for a maximum of five seasons and may play two seasons in a school year only once.

Students who transfer from another state may complete a season currently in progress in Colorado.

A student who has competed in a sport in Colorado may not gain an additional season of competition by moving out of state and returning to Colorado.

Q1: A school district which specifies that it is a four-year high school houses its 10th, 11th and 12th grades in one building, and its 9th grade high school students in another building along with 7th and 8th graders. Are the 9th graders, even though housed in another building, subject to all CHSAA, league and district eligibility standards?

A1: Yes.

Q2: A student competes in Colorado softball for the first time in the fall of her junior year, then moves to Texas and competes in their spring softball season. She and her family return to Colorado in the fall of her senior year. Is she eligible to compete in softball?

Q2: No.

1780.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PARENTAL CONSENT

1780.1 No pupil shall participate in formal practice or represent his/her/their school in interscholastic athletics until there is a statement on file with the principal or athletic director signed by his/her/their parents or legal guardian and a practitioner licensed in the United States to perform sports physicals certifying that: (a) he/she/they has passed an adequate physical examination within the past 365 calendar days; (b) that in the opinion of the examining licensed practitioner, he/she/they is physically fit to participate in high school athletics; and (c) that he/she/they has the consent of his/her/their parents or legal guardian to participate.

Q1: Who are some people licensed to perform physicals?

A1: MD's, DO's, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Doctors of Chiropractic who are School Physical Certified (DC, Spc.).

It is recommended that the CHSAA "Physical Examination & Parental Consent for Athletic Participation" be used for this process.

PENALTY — Schools which violate this regulation will be immediately placed on a minimum of probation until the school has provided the Commissioner with a detailed report of the incident(s) and administrative procedures have been put in place to ensure no repeat of the violation. A second violation of this regulation will result in the school being placed on restriction for a minimum of one season from state qualifying competition.

Q2: Because of religious beliefs, a student will not take a physical examination. May he/she/they compete in interscholastic competition?

A2: No. The requirement of a physical examination signed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant is designed to protect the athlete and school personnel. There are no requirements for treatment. This is no different, as an example, than requirements for anyone who applies for a pilot's license.

Q3: What is the definition of a "practicing physician?"

A3: A person qualified under Colorado state statutes to practice medicine in Colorado. In the case of an out-of-state transfer, the student must have met the requirements specified in the statutes of the previous state.

Q4: May a chiropractor sign the physical form?

A4: Yes, if they are certified to perform school physicals (DC, Spc.), and on file with the CHSAA.

Q5: May a doctor of osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioner or physician assistant sign the pre-participation physical form?

A5: Yes, if licensed by the State of Colorado (as a D.O.) to practice medicine.

Q6: May a student practice without having a valid physical form on file with the school?

A6: No. The purpose of the requirement is to protect both the student and the school.

1780.11 It is strongly recommended by the Colorado Department of Health that all persons competing in interscholastic activities show record of a measles shot within the last 10 years. It is also highly recommended that individuals participating in athletic events have current tetanus boosters. Tetanus boosters are recommended every 10 years throughout life. Boosters are recommended at the time of major injury if more than five years have elapsed since the last booster.

REMOVAL FOR ILLNESS OR INJURY

1780.2 If at any time during participation, a licensed health care provider removes an athlete from participation because of an illness and/or injury, other than a head injury (please see Bylaw 1780.21), the athlete must have a written release from an approved licensed health care provider before participating again.

Q1: Who are some people licensed to release students who have been removed due to illness and/or injury, other than a head injury (please see Bylaw 1780.21)?

A1: MD's, DO's, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Doctors of Chiropractic who are School Physical Certified (DC, Spc.).

The release may be satisfied if upon removal the approved licensed health care provider specifies the duration of the student's restriction from participation.

Q2: During a contest a student is injured and removed from participation by a doctor. When may the student return to practice or competition?

A2: The student may return when he/she/they has presented a written statement, from the approved list of health care providers that he/she/they is medically fit to participate.

REMOVAL FOR CONCUSSION

1780.21 If at any time during participation (practice or contest), a student-athlete is removed from participation due to concussion, the student-athlete must obtain written permission to start the Return-to-Play protocol from the approved list of licensed health care providers. A school or school district may impose stricter standards.

Q1: Who is approved to release a student/athlete to return to play after a concussion?

A1: The approved listing of Licensed Health Care Provider are ONLY: Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Physician Assistant, or Licensed Doctor of Psychology with Training in Neuropsychology or Concussion Evaluation and Management or licensed physical therapist with training in Pediatric Neurology or concussion evaluation and management.

Q2: What is the Return-to-Play protocol?

A2: Student athletes must adhere to the concussion management guidelines, where every student/athlete who has received a concussion must go through the Return-to-Play protocol before resuming cognitive and physical activity with the help of doctors, coaches, athletic trainers, and teachers. For more information, please refer to the current statement on Concussion in Sport and the gradual Return-to-Play (RTP) guidelines on CHSAANow.com under sports medicine.

Q3: During a contest a student is injured and prohibited from returning to play by a coach, athletic trainer or other Licensed Health Care Provider for showing signs and symptoms of a concussion or brain injury. When may the student return to practice or competition?

A3: The student may begin the Return to Play protocol when he/she/they has presented a written statement from the approved list of licensed health care providers that he/she/they is medically fit to participate.

1780.3 A student with blood borne pathogens such as HIV or Hepatitis B shall be eligible to participate in all CHSAA sanctioned activities when CHSAA recommended precautions are in effect. Bleeding must be stopped and open wounds must be covered before a student competes.

1790.1 TEAM SPORT/ACTIVITY COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS (competing as a team and scoring points for one team in any CHSAA sport) — Cooperative sponsorship of a CHSAA-sanctioned activity by two or more member schools may be approved by a CHSAA Assistant Commissioner if the following conditions are met:

1. A school wanting to form a voluntary cooperative athletic program must attempt to form this co-op with the closest school.
2. If the closest school does not choose to form a voluntary cooperative program, a co-op may be formed with the next nearest school until a voluntary co-op is formed. The nearest school may or may not be in a contiguous district.
3. The combined enrollments (based on the enrollment count year) of the schools shall not exceed the enrollment LIMITATION of the classification in which the schools will compete.

NOTE: When extenuating circumstances exist which make application of the combined enrollment requirement unreasonable, a school may petition the Commissioner for an exception.

4. The requesting schools must provide documentation verifying the inability of one or both of the schools to conduct the activity.
5. The schools must certify that implementation of a cooperative activity will not reduce the academic time available to participating students.
6. If participating co-op schools are from different school districts, the Board of Education of each participating member public school, or the governing board of each participating private school shall jointly make application to the Assistant Commissioner. The application must include a resolution (signed by the president or chairperson) from each board of education or governing board supporting and authorizing the filing of the application.
7. If the participating co-op schools are from the same district, the district superintendent shall authorize the filing of the application.
8. A memorandum of agreement shall be adopted by the board of education or governing board of separate school districts or the superintendent if participating schools are from the same district. The memorandum shall be for a two year competitive cycle and shall provide for but not be limited to:
 - a. Funding of the activity
 - b. Transportation of participants
 - c. Staffing and supervision of the activity
 - d. Use of facilities
 - e. Administration of the activity
 - f. Procedure for dissolution of the agreement.
 - g. The name of the team shall be declared at time of application.
9. All applications must be submitted in writing to the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner prior to the start of the competitive season for the sports involved.

10. The Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) may develop a unique cooperative program for sensory impaired (deaf/hearing impaired, blind/visually impaired) students in cooperation with schools in the Colorado Springs region under the following conditions:
 - a. Any hearing or visually handicapped student residing in the Colorado Springs area who could benefit from the opportunity of participating in competitive sports with similar peers, may co-op with CSDB.
 - b. School Board approval must be gained from each participating district.
 - c. Students will be treated like any other transfer students if they leave CSDB and return to their home school to compete.
 - d. Classification shall be determined by adding CSDB's eligible students and the number of cooperating student athletes.

11. Cooperatives may not be dissolved in the middle of a competitive cycle.

Q1: Without a formal co-op, is a program recognized as a district team?

A1: No. A formal request must be approved for an individual school to be recognized as a district co-op.

RELATED Bylaw 5160.4 also deals with co-op programs.

ARTICLE 18

TRANSFER

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TRANSFER

Colorado School Choice: The CHSAA supports school choice in academic pursuits and encourages its student participants to enhance their academic achievement. In concert with this approach, the Association's philosophy addresses the establishment of a fair playing field for all student athletes. A student entering high school for the first time shall be eligible for all interscholastic athletic competition.

Q1: What documents must be submitted for consideration in a change of guardianship?

A1: A court or judge order, social services/child-protective placements, and emergency removal by law enforcement. Notarized statements or Power of Attorney do not meet the member bylaw standard for varsity approved guardianship change.

NOTE: Any waiver submitted that contains legal guardian references must have the appropriate court signed legal documentation of that guardianship before the waiver will be considered.

- 1800.1 A student who establishes his/her/their high school eligibility at any high school and subsequently transfers, will be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of non-participation, in the sports they participated in a practice, contest, scrimmage or foundation game during the last 365 days.

Q1: What is considered a transfer student's "date of non-participation"?

A1: The last date the student participated in a practice, scrimmage, contest or foundation game.

Q2: If a student participates in an alternative high school league, charter school league, and/or parochial school league, does this bylaw apply?

A2: Yes.

Q3: If an athlete participated in a sport at a high school during a season when it is the primary season for that school, is the athlete eligible?

A3: No.

Q4: Is attendance at a practice considered a try-out?

A4: Yes. Attending a practice at any level is considered a try-out or evaluative period.

1800.2 The transfer rule addresses athletic eligibility only as it relates to transfer between schools. Rules related to age, semesters, academic requirements and other CHSAA Bylaws may result in an eligible transfer being declared ineligible.

EXCEPTION: When a receiving school experiences a significant delay in receiving transfer documentation from a sending school, a JV & Below Only waiver may be submitted for transfer students pending a completed transfer waiver form to enable participation at the sub-varsity or below level if the receiving school administration has verified the following: age, semesters, academic eligibility, continuous years of academic enrollment. For foreign students you must verify that no professional participation occurred.

Clarifying Statement: the definition of transfer shall be any change of schools by a student participant for academic or participatory reasons. This includes all students who have established their eligibility at: 1) the school they are enrolled in, 2) a school they are playing for because their school of enrollment did not offer that activity and they are participating under state statute, or 3) the student is a home-based student and has established his/her/their athletic eligibility under state statute.

1800.21 Private school attendance boundaries will be defined, for admission purposes, by the public school district in which the private school is physically located.

BONA FIDE MOVE

1800.3 A bona fide family move to a residence that requires a transfer to a school in that school's attendance area and/or a new school district, verified by the receiving school, will permit full transfer eligibility.

- (a) A bona fide family move means a permanent change in the family's legal place of domicile. The legal place of domicile is that place in which the family's habitation is fixed and in which the student's custodial parent or legal guardian has the present intention to reside permanently. A bona fide family move has not occurred unless and until the student's custodial parent or

legal guardian, the student, and the student's family have abandoned the immediately preceding place of domicile and have no present intention to return to that place of domicile.

- (b) In determining whether a bona fide family move has occurred, the Commissioner may consider all the circumstances in his/her/their discretion. Examples of circumstances that may be relevant include: changes in employment or business activities that require the family to move; dated and documented family health or mitigating circumstances that require the family to move; the custodial parents or legal guardian's MLS sale of property, official permanent disconnect of residential services aligned with move date, income tax, and similar indicators of legal residence; the terms of ownership, the existence of other family residences; the location of the family's personal property; and the amount of time actually spent at the new residence. These examples are not a complete list of circumstances that the Commissioner may consider, nor is the Commissioner required to give more or less weight to any of these examples in making a decision.
- (c) If the family, directly or indirectly, retains ownership of the former place of domicile after the move, it is presumed that they have not made a bona fide family move, and that presumption must be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.

Q1: If a student makes a bona fide move and enrolls in a new school, and is subsequently waitlisted by that school, will they be eligible to transfer once they are removed off of the waitlist of the new school?

A1: Yes, with transfer paperwork completed including the dated and official school application and the school acceptance letter uploaded in the platform.

Q2: Does listing a house for sale meet the requirement for a bona fide family move?

A2: No, listing a house for sale does not guarantee that a permanent move has been made or is even imminent.

Q3: What is the transfer eligibility for a student who makes a family move from School District A to School District B, then enrolls in a different school in School District A?

A3: This would not meet the definition of a bona fide family move since the student selected a different school back in the former school district and not a school in the attendance area in which he resides or in the new school district. The student would be sub-varsity eligible for 365 days from the date of the transfer.

Q4: May a student play a second season of the same sport in the same school year following a bona fide family move from out of state?

A4: Yes – See CHSAA Bylaw 1770.6.

Q5: A student transfers from School A to School B following a move from his parents' house to his grandparents' domicile, which has always been in School B's attendance area. Following the correct legal procedures, the grandparents become the student's legal guardian. Is the student eligible at School B?

A5: No. There was no bona fide family move, nor did the student move with his/her/their parents or guardian.

Q6: Does the transfer rule affect activities such as music, speech, esports and student council?

A6: No. See Bylaws 4710.1, 4800.1 and 4920.1.

Q7: When should a parent/school submit a bona fide move waiver under member bylaw 1800.3?

A7: Parent/school should submit a bona fide move waiver when they have the following documentation to indicate a permanent change of the family domicile: (1) A dated and official sale, pending sale, or lease termination of their primary "previous" address. (2) If a lease termination, they must also provide (upload) a dated and official service or utility disconnect and/or final bill aligned with address and parental name displayed. If these documents aren't available then this is not a bona fide move under member bylaw 1800.3 then the waiver should be submitted as a hardship with all support documentation of the circumstances.

Q8: Should a parent upload their driver license, bank statements, car registration, or additional documentation other than the documentation stated in 1800.3 (b)?

A8: No, these documents are not verifiable for a permanent change of a primary resident under bylaw 1800.3, but they can be provided for consideration with explanation for review under a hardship waiver.

NOTE: Student and family situations dictate that transfers of an established permanent change of domicile will occur. The purpose of bylaw 1800.3 is to provide immediate varsity eligibility when documentation and circumstances indicate that the transfer of academics was required. All other scenarios of "why" a student or family has changed residences is addressed specifically under bylaw Article 1800. Transfer. If student/family do not meet any of the designated criteria for a transfer, then parent/school should submit a hardship with documentation and explanation.

ATHLETIC TRANSFER

1800.4 Any transfer in which documented athletic consideration can be evidenced, including but not limited to following or fleeing a coach, will cause the student to be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the date of the transfer in the sport in question.

- (a) If a student transfers to a school where his/her/their previous coach is a coach of the current school team, that move will be deemed motivated by athletic consideration. Under provision of this rule, the coach may be a former school coach or a non-school coach.
- (b) A student transferring, moving or for any reason changing to a new school where the student's

non-school coach is also a coach of the school team, is considered to be attending for athletic consideration. As used in this Rule, the term “coach” includes any person who coaches, volunteers (regardless of compensation) or assists in any capacity with the coaching or training of the school or non-school team.

- (c) Transfers that are motivated by athletics per the sending Athletic Director’s statements, the parent/legal guardian of the transfer have the burden of proof to provide clear and convincing evidence that the transfer was not motivated by varsity considerations or athletics.

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw and its exceptions, no personal relationship or one-on-one/group coaching or individual contact is required for application of this rule. If a coach has any standing with the outside team/organization/business, that coach is considered a coach of that non-school sports team.

Q1: A student enrolled at school A participates in cross country, basketball and track during their freshman year. Prior to their sophomore year, the student makes a bona fide move to school B. During the enrollment process, it is discovered that the student has played on a club basketball team for the head coach that is also employed by school B. May the student participate in: varsity cross country, basketball and track at school B?

A1: Under this bylaw amendment, the student would be allowed to compete in varsity cross country and track. The club coach relationship/athletic considerations exists only in basketball, and so that sport would be the only one impacted with a 365 day sub-varsity restriction.

1800.41 SUB-VARSITY ELIGIBILITY - A student will be granted sub-varsity eligibility by the Commissioner upon submittal of a restricted waiver request signed by the principals of the sending and receiving schools. Waivers may be considered based on a student’s lack of opportunity to participate at a sub-varsity level.

NOTE: Transfer students at schools where no sub-varsity level teams exist may be given varsity eligibility for a portion of the regular season by the Commissioner. No playoff eligibility will be granted. (Restricted Varsity)

1800.42 NON-PARTICIPATION - A student who has not participated in a practice/tryout, scrimmage, contest, or foundation game in a specific sport at any level (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman) for 365 days shall have varsity eligibility at the receiving school in that specific sport at all levels of competition.

1800.43 RETURN TO ORIGINAL SCHOOL - A student who participates in a sport (practice/tryout, scrimmage, contest, foundation game) at School A and subsequently transfers to School B and participates in any sport at School B, will be sub-varsity eligible only upon their return to School A in any sports they have participated in during the last 365 days at either School A or School B.

NOTE: Participation is defined as an interscholastic practice, contest, scrimmage, or foundation game.

Q1: A student plays boys' soccer as a freshman at School A. After the first semester, he transfers to School B and plays baseball. Over the summer, he returns to School A. (1) What is his eligibility for boys soccer at School A?; (2) What is his eligibility for cross country at School A?; (3) What is his eligibility for baseball at School A?

A1: (1) Sub-varsity eligibility only for boys soccer for 365 days from his date of non-participation; (2) Varsity eligibility for cross country at School A since he hasn't participated in the sport in the last 365 days; (3) Sub-varsity eligibility only for baseball for 365 days from his date of last participation.

1800.44 BROKEN HOME - A student of a broken home will be exempt from the transfer rule for the first move in high school from one parent to the other.

NOTE: Any waiver submitted relative to a broken home must have the appropriate court signed legal documentation (i.e., court ordered dissolution of marriage).

Q1: What is the definition of a "broken home"?

A1: A broken home for the purpose of Bylaw 1800.44, is defined as a permanent and finalized dissolution of a marriage by court order.

Q2: For the purposes of Bylaw 1800.44, to which school may a student transfer if this is the first transfer while in high school in a broken home?

A2: The student may transfer to the school in the attendance area in which the parent resides.

1800.45 BOARDING SCHOOL - Any student who transfers to become a full-time resident of a Colorado 24-hour boarding school (as a duly licensed school providing lodging and meals) in a community, district or state other than where he/she/they has resided with his/her/their parent(s) or guardians, has varsity eligibility on the first such transfer, but all transfer rule requirements shall apply on any subsequent transfer.

1800.46 TRANSFER PURSUANT TO IEP - A student who has been identified as a student with a disability who transfers to a member school to comply with a specific requirement in his/her/their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) has varsity eligibility at the receiving school. A waiver must be filed and approved prior to competition.

NOTE: The burden of proof for the previous school's failure to meet IEP or educational standards is on the parents/guardians of the transferring student. For example, transcripts, documented meetings, dates with school, staffing or testing.

1800.47 RESTRICTED VARSITY ELIGIBILITY - The Appeals Committee and/or Commissioner may grant restricted varsity eligibility during the regular season only to a student athlete that transfers to a school without a sub-varsity program/schedule or a senior transfer student participating in their final year of eligibility.

NOTE: Any transfer deemed to be motivated by athletic reasons (Bylaw 1800.4) will not be eligible for restricted varsity eligibility.

RESTRICTED VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

The following regular-season eligibility would be approved through the waiver process. Eligibility ends at the conclusion of the regular season.

Fall	Boys' Golf	Week 8
	Softball	Week 9
	Boys' Tennis, Cross Country	Week 10
	Football, Spirit, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Volleyball, Field Hockey, & Gymnastics	Week 11
	Winter	Boys' & Girls' Basketball, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Girls' Swim & Dive & Wrestling
Spring	Girls' Tennis	Week 36
	Boys' Swim & Dive Boys' Volleyball	Week 37
	Girls' Soccer Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse	Week 38
	Baseball, Girls' Golf, Track & Field	Week 39

Q1: A student attends School A as a freshman and competes in three sports. She begins her sophomore year at School A but in December transfers to School B. At School B she competes in no practices, interscholastic scrimmages or contests in any sport. In March she returns to School A. What is her eligibility status?

A1: Full eligibility in all sports. A student transferring from School A to B to A without practice, or interscholastic competition at B will always retain varsity eligibility regardless of when the student re-enters School A.

Q2: A student competes in volleyball and track at School A as a 9th grader. As a 10th grader the student transfers from School A to B in January without a family move. What is the student's status in track and volleyball?

A2: The student will be ineligible for varsity competition for 365 days from the last date of non-participation.

Q3: A student begins 9th grade attending her home public high school, a CHSAA member school. In 10th grade, she transfers to an out-of-state boarding school where she competes in basketball. In 11th grade, she leaves the boarding school at a time other than the beginning of the school year and (a) returns to her home public school; or (b) enrolls at a boarding school which is a CHSAA member. Is she eligible for varsity basketball competition?

A3: No in both (a) and (b). Although she transferred from a non-member school, the student began her eligibility at a member school.

Q4: A student plays football, basketball and baseball his freshmen year at School A. After football his sophomore year at School A, he transfers to School B without a family move. What is his eligibility at School B?

A4: He will have sub-varsity eligibility for 365 days from the date of last participation in basketball, baseball, and football.

HARDSHIP

1800.5 When the definition of a hardship has been met, the Commissioner may grant varsity eligibility pursuant to the provisions of Article 25 of these Bylaws.

1800.51 "Hardship" means a documented situation, condition or event which must impose a severe, non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her/their family and **require** a transfer of schools. This does not include a personal or initial choice after open enrollment and/or participation. The Commissioner shall have broad discretion in applying this standard to specific cases. He/she/they may take into consideration not only the needs of the student and family directly involved, but also the best interest of member schools and interscholastic athletics/activities generally as he/she/they understands those interests.

1800.52 All transfer waiver applications shall be processed on forms approved by the CHSAA and in accordance with the following procedures:

1. A transfer waiver shall first be submitted to the principals/or designees at the student's sending and receiving schools. If either principal/or designee disapproves of the waiver, he/she/they shall state his/her/their reasons in writing.
2. The transfer waiver, with the recommendations of the principals/or designees, shall then be submitted to the receiving school's league for a vote.
3. The recommendation of the principals/or designees and the league and all other information that the applicant wished to be considered in support of the waiver application shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioner. The burden of proof to establish a hardship shall be upon the applicant.
4. The Commissioner or his/her/their designee may conduct additional investigations as he/she/they deems necessary. The application and any additional information gathered by the Commissioner or his/her/their

designee shall constitute the record of the proceeding. The Commissioner will make a timely written decision based on the information in the record.

5. The Commissioner's decision may be appealed pursuant to Article 25 of these bylaws.
6. The decision of the Commissioner shall be upheld unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence in the record to be arbitrary or capricious.
7. Transfer waivers cannot be approved for a school transfer found to be substantially motivated by athletic considerations.
8. The following situations are not considered under the definition of hardship:
 - Reduction or loss of personal income after choice
 - Inability to pay tuition after choice
 - Transportation
 - Undocumented/timelines statements of bullying
 - Academic program comparisons

NOTE: Circumstances that require an immediate transfer due to safety, legal, court placement or documented availability and plan for academic services must provide adequate documentation.

Academic transfers where parents and/or the student don't believe the current school met the student's needs will require a transcript submission and a specialized plan as documented by the administration.

Medical waivers/bullying accusations will require a dated timeline of school and parental intervention prior to transfer. Medical letters from outside entities are secondary to a parental timeline that demonstrates communication and/or assessment with school personnel, establishing a plan to address the student's social and/or emotional needs prior to the transfer. This timeline must include meeting dates and the names of school service specialist, such as a counselor, special education personnel, dean, athletic director, crisis management team or other administrators who worked with the parents and student prior to transfer.

Please note medical letters from outside entities requesting varsity eligibility for a student's mental well-being are reviewed as athletic in principle.

How may a student who has suffered a hardship gain eligibility?

A1: A school may file a waiver of a CHSAA Bylaw on behalf of the student if a hardship exists. The waiver would be sent to the sending school and be acted upon by the league and the Commissioner. The student may not compete until the waiver is approved by the Commissioner.

Q1: What does arbitrary and capricious mean?

A1: A decision is “arbitrary and capricious” only if the committee finds: (1) that the Commissioner neglected or refused to use reasonable diligence to obtain necessary information; (2) failed to consider the information honestly; or (3) made the decision in such a manner as to indicate clearly that it was based on conclusions from the evidence which reasonable persons fairly and honestly considering the evidence could not reach.

- 1800.54
- A. The CHSAA requires that all information provided in regard to any aspect of the eligibility of a student must be true, correct, accurate, complete and/or not false or fraudulent.
 - B. Penalty for providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false or fraudulent information:
 - 1. If it is discovered that any parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver or student has provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in regards to any aspect of eligibility status on behalf of a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for CHSAA competition at any level in any sport for a period of up to 2 calendar years—from the date the determination was made that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided.
 - 2. Any contests in which a student or students participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or fraudulent practices regarding eligibility status may be forfeited according to the guidelines set in accord to the bylaws.
 - 3. Teams
 - a. If it is determined that someone associated with a school (including, but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or using fraud or knowingly allows others to do so, in an attempt to have a team qualify for postseason, that team and coach will be immediately placed on restriction.
 - b. Any contest in which that team has participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or fraud may be forfeited according to the CHSAA bylaws.
 - 4. School Personnel Involvement
 - a. If any school personnel (including but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or allowing others to gain favorable eligibility status for a student, or team information to meet qualification standards for participation in any contest including playoffs or championships, sanctions may be imposed

on the school including but not limited to: probationary status, prohibitions against playoff participation, forfeitures, revoking of CHSAA membership, etc.

1810. MARRIED STATUS

1810.1 Unless a change in domicile is specifically related to a recent marriage, married students must conform to the same transfer regulations as other students.

1810.2 Married students who establish a separate residence from their parents will be eligible in the area in which they reside.

NOTE: A waiver of transfer must be submitted and approved.

Q1: A student marries and moves with her husband from the attendance area of School A (where she competed) to that of School B. Is she eligible to compete at School B?

A1: Yes. A married athlete is eligible to participate at a school in the area in which he/she/they establishes a domicile.

Q2: Under what circumstances would a transferred, married student be eligible?

A2: The transfer must be directly related to marriage and must take place at the approximate time of the marriage.

1820. EMANCIPATED STUDENTS

1820.1 Emancipated students must comply with the same transfer rules as other students.

1820.2 Emancipated students may sign all documents relative to their interscholastic participation, if supported by appropriate legal documentation.

1830. DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES

In situations in which district boundaries are changed because of circumstances such as annexations, acts of God, or Board rulings which affect all students in a specific area similarly, the Commissioner may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, waive the requirements of Article 18.

1840. EXPULSION/INELIGIBLE TRANSFER

1840.1 A student who would be ineligible in any school may not become eligible for competition at any level by transferring. The period of ineligibility is determined by the school at which the ineligibility occurred. A transfer at the beginning of a school year does not decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility (see 1710 [g]).

1840.2 ACADEMIC/INELIGIBLE TRANSFER — A student who has become academically ineligible will be declared ineligible for the same time period at the new school.

1840.3 CITIZENSHIP/INELIGIBLE TRANSFER — A student who would be ineligible because of any citizenship violation will be declared ineligible for the same time period at the new school.

Q1: A student engages in conduct which violates the school's citizenship code. What would the penalty be if the student transfers to a different school?

A1: The original school would determine the period of ineligibility; that same period would be enforced at the new school if the student transfers.

NOTE: This rule applies to students participating at a school other than the one at which the student is enrolled.

1840.4 TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY — Any student who transfers schools within Colorado or from out of state shall carry the academic eligibility of the previous school. A student who was academically eligible at the sending school shall be eligible at the new school regardless of the receiving school's academic requirements. Likewise, a student academically ineligible at the sending school shall be ineligible regardless of the receiving school's eligibility requirements.

Q1: A student who passed four classes and failed one at a school under Option A transfers to an Option B school. What is her eligibility?

A1: Since the student would have been eligible at her previous school she will be eligible at the new school.

Q2: A student with a 1.9 GPA transfers from School A, which has a 2.0 grade point average requirement, to School B. What is his eligibility?

A2: Because the student would have been ineligible for participation under his previous school's academic requirements, he will be ineligible at the new school.

1850. TRANSFERS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN SPECIALIZED SPORTS TRAINING FACILITY

Specialization sport training programs do not include club or municipal sports teams.

A student who attends or transfers to a specialized sports training facility or competes with a program sponsored by a specialized sports training facility is ineligible for varsity interscholastic competition at a CHSAA member school in the sport sponsored by that facility.

A "specialized sports training facility" is a non-school program or organization intended to develop elite athletes through extended practice, training, competition, and travel programs. These facilities provide specialized sports competitive teams or rosters composed of high school athletes from diverse locations and residences, with the purpose of maximizing their sports training and competition opportunities. Specialized sports training facilities are not eligible to be members of CHSAA and operate outside of the recognized programs of CHSAA member schools. The facility's practice, training, competition, and/or travel programs exceed the opportunities of education-based CHSAA member school programs. These facilities do not typically offer a high school academic curriculum, but enroll their athletes in on-line school curricula.

By way of examples, the following criteria may be considered when determining a student's

eligibility under this Bylaw:

- The specialized sports training facility or affiliated personnel solicit or encourage students to enroll or transfer their academic enrollment as a condition of participating in the facility's training, practice, competition, and/or travel programs.
- The student transfers to or from his/her residence without his/her parent or legal guardian.
- The student's parent or legal guardian relinquishes temporary custodial rights to the facility or any associated personnel or individual.
- The student resides in a temporary residence secured or facilitated by the facility or any associated personnel or individual.
- The student's parent or legal guardian provides financial remuneration to the facility or any associated personnel in order to participate in the facility's program.

Students who are ineligible under this Bylaw will not have varsity eligibility at a CHSAA member school at any time during their participation at a specialized sports training facility.

NOTE: Students in violation of bylaw 1850 will not have varsity eligibility at any time during their interscholastic participation at a member school. A Hardship Waiver can be filed, if clear and convincing documentation that varsity athletics isn't the primary factor for participation.

1860.**STUDENTS WITHOUT A PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

1860.1 Any student determined by state and/or federal law (McKinney/Vento Act) to be experiencing homelessness shall have immediate sub-varsity eligibility upon completion of the Association's McKinney-Vento approved waiver in the CHSAA platform.

Students applying for full varsity eligibility must complete the Transfer Waiver in the CHSAA platform as a hardship and provide all documentation to support the transfer hardship definition.

- Q1: A student who has been identified as homeless transfers to a second school after playing a sport at a previous high school. What is that student's eligibility?
- A1: That eligibility shall be determined based on the information provided to CHSAA as to why the transfer was necessary and how that transfer is impacted by state and/or federal law

1870.**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

1870.1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – International students on an educationally-based exchange program recognized by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) shall have no more than three consecutive semesters of varsity eligibility beginning with his/her/their first varsity season. CSIET students who have played in other states, prior to coming to Colorado, shall be limited to sub-varsity participation only during their enrollment as a student.

All other international students are considered transfer students. To gain varsity eligibility in the student's first year of enrollment in a Colorado school, the international student must meet all requirements of the transfer bylaws like an in-state or out-of-state transfer.

Exception: Students who have been classified as "Refugee" by the Department of Homeland Security shall be considered for varsity eligibility, providing all other eligibility standards are met, starting with initial enrollment in a member school. A hardship waiver must be filed for these

students.

NOTE: Only CSIET certified or a verifiable Educational Exchange and placed transfer student will be granted varsity eligibility. International transfer students that have choiced to study in the US without a bona fide family move, selected or been placed by their sending institution at a CHSAA member school will be JV and below upon their first entry into a Colorado member school as applied equitably for all in-state, out of state or international transfers. Recruitment of International Students - See Bylaw 1900.2 – Note.

Q1: What documentation is required in the CHSAA waiver platform to ensure a varsity ruling for an International Exchange transfer?

A1: Host family/school must upload the student's transcript, the acceptance letter (on exchange program letterhead) addressed to the student, recognizing placement by name at the CHSAA member school and verification by certificate or letter of national recognition of the education-based/non-athletic exchange organization.

Q2: Does a transfer designated international, but directly placed by an exchange program to a CHSAA member school qualify for varsity eligibility?

A2: No. Direct placement of a student by a self-identified International school/individuals without national verification and affiliation to a recognized educational exchange program, will result in a sub-varsity ruling for the transfer.

Q3: What if the required documentation can not be submitted but the student is alleged to have "not" participated in the last competitive year?

A3: Host family/school should submit the waiver as a 1800.42 Non-Participation and sending school must provide sending administration statements verifying non-participation. Any association concerns regarding athletic motivation on an international transfer will be investigated further, prior to a ruling.

ARTICLE 19 RECRUITING

1900.

RECRUITING

1900.1 "Recruiting" means soliciting or encouraging a student to enroll in a school in order to secure that student's participation in an interscholastic athletic program.

1900.2 No school representative shall recruit any student or solicit or encourage any other person to recruit any student. "School representative" includes any person who has a special interest in a school or athletic team, such as a school administrator, coach, assistant coach, other school employee or volunteer, student athlete, parent or family member of a student athlete, school alumnus or booster club member.

NOTE: Any student – international or domestic – found to be recruited or promoted by a procurer, agent, parent or guardian for attendance at a specific school shall be ineligible for all athletics during their tenure as a student.

Q1: In practical terms, what should a coach do to avoid recruiting violations or accusations of recruiting (please note: in all cases, "coach" also refers to "school representatives of athletic interests")?

- A1:
1. A coach may not initiate contact with any athlete for the purpose of recruiting, soliciting or encouraging that student to transfer schools or attend a school outside of his/her/their area of attendance.
 2. If an athlete or parent of an athlete from a different school initiates contact with a coach asking academic or athletic questions about the school, the coach must immediately refer the student or parents to a school administrator, the athletic director or a guidance counselor. Further, as a courtesy, it is strongly recommended that the school at which the student currently attends be notified of the potential transfer.
 3. These clarifications are not to eliminate unplanned and casual conversations that may occur between coaches and athletes from different schools, even if athletics are a topic of conversation. A violation occurs when a coach encourages or suggests that a student transfer schools.

1900.3 In the event of a violation, the Commissioner shall impose a penalty upon the offending school and all athletic staff members participating in the violation, up to and including suspension of membership. The Commissioner may also find any student athlete involved to be ineligible to participate.

Q1: Is it a violation of the recruiting rule when incidental contact is made?

A1: It shall not be a recruiting rule violation if a member of the athletic staff or school representative of athletic interests is in normal contact (without pre-arrangement) with a prospective student or member of his/her/their family or guardian excluding any attempt to solicit and/or encourage enrollment in the school.

1900.4 If allegations of recruiting or undue influence are made against a school or coach, the burden of proof in substantiated form must be borne by the accusing party. Substantiated allegations of recruiting or undue influence will be processed by imposing the penalties established in 1900.3.

1900.5 Eighth-grade contact:

A person, acting in the capacity of the high school coach or serving in a role representing the high school, may have informational meetings with eighth-grade students who live in that high school's attendance area as established by the school district, or with those eighth-grade students that have pre-registered to attend that high school; the coach may conduct practice with those eighth graders starting May 1. This contact may include currently registered underclassmen, and the Sunday Contact rule applies to this contact after May 1.

Q1: At what point does an 8th grade student become eligible to participate with high school aged students at a school sponsored activity (i.e. camps, practice, weight room, off-season workouts, etc.)?

A1: Beginning May 1st, 8th graders that have pre-registered or live in the attendance area to attend that high school may participate with/against under classmates.

Q2: May 8th graders compete on the same team with high school students who are participating for their high school?

A2: No. It should be noted that when a Colorado school plays an out of state school that allows 8th grade students to play on their teams, the Colorado school has permission to play against that out of state school. All other CHSAA rules apply.

Q3: May a school district have an information night to view all schools programs, as well as athletic programs for 8th grade students?

A3: Yes, if all students are invited and if the program is directed toward the school in general and not just a specific sport such as football, volleyball, etc. It should be an open meeting for any school to disseminate information.

Q4: Can a high school coach have a camp or a clinic with eighth graders present?

A4: Yes, as long as there are no high school students from his/her/their school present until the May 1 date as defined by the bylaws.

1900.6

Youth recognition events/games will be defined, for the purpose of setting school protocol, as an event where individual, group or district student participants, of middle-school or younger age are recognized at a CHSAA member school athletic event. Legal and illegal protocols for such events are clearly defined below:

Acceptable:

- Free admission
- Pre-game, half-time or post-game introductions or announcements with group visibility on field, court, playing arena.
- Groups may be recognized for their participation or involvement in youth activities only.
- Teams or groups invited; must have a logical tie to the high school.

Unacceptable:

- Youth on sideline during warm-up or game
- Youth in locker room or involved in any activities associated with the team.
- Current players/coaches cannot be involved in recognition or ceremony on any level.
- Youth receiving any merchandise, meals, or school related tokens.
- Youth provided transportation to and from event.
- Illegal contact can result in the sport specific teams' placement on probation/restriction.
- No gifts, food, certificates, school gear, prizes or awards of any kind can be handed out.
- No individual or specific group or team can be singled out at the event separate from the rest of the invitees.

This does not include:

- Regular season ball boys, team managers, etc. are exempt from recognition programs

A student who transfers schools because of the recruiting efforts of school athletic staff members and/or school representatives of athletic interests (as defined in Article 19) shall be declared ineligible for a period of time to be determined by the Commissioner. Such a period may exceed one year.

ARTICLE 20
AMATEUR STANDING

2000.1 The amateur rule applies to those athletic activities which are recognized by the CHSAA as part of the interscholastic program.

2000.11 An amateur athlete is one who participates and competes in sport solely for the physical, mental and social pleasure that comes from playing a sport.

2000.12 An essential condition of CHSAA athletic eligibility is that a student-athlete must maintain his/her/their amateur status. He or she may not compete for or accept cash for playing some part or all aspects of a sport. An amateur may not sign a professional athletic contract.

NOTE: A professional is defined as being paid in any form for playing in an athletic contest, or if you sign a contract or verbally commit with an agent or professional sports organization.

2000.2 NAME, IMAGE & LIKENESS: Student-athletes will be prohibited from monetizing their name, image, and likeness with the use of their school's uniform, equipment, logo, name, proprietary patents, products and/or copyrights associated with a CHSAA member school either in public, print or social media platforms.

NOTE: A student-athlete forfeits their amateur status in a sport by signing a professional playing and/or endorsement contract of monetary value or other compensation.

<p>Q1: May a high school volleyball player compete in a summer league against a team composed of high school coaches and officials?</p>
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<p>A1: Yes.</p>

<p>Q2: May a student accept a savings bond or other form of delayed payment?</p>

<p>A2: No.</p>

Q3: May a high school athlete receive a fee for officiating in a recreation league in his/her/their sport?

A3: Yes.

Q4: May a high school diver accept money to perform a diving exhibition in a restaurant?

A4: No.

Q5: Is a student who has accepted money at any time for esports participation, eligible to participate on a high school esports team? This would include prize money or contract associated participating with any esports team.

A4: No.

2010.

AWARDS

2010.1 Student-athletes participating in any CHSAA sanctioned interscholastic athletic activities sponsored and/or approved by the Association shall only accept award(s) that have no intrinsic value and cost less than \$100, exclusive of engraving. The student-athlete may accept meals, lodging, transportation and merchandise for participating in a non-CHSAA sanctioned sport or event, as determined by the national governing body of that sport.

EXCEPTION 1: A corporate entity, restaurant, or other vendor that is not associated with the school(s) may provide an award for players on one or more teams that exceeds the \$100 limit.

EXCEPTION 2: Student-athletes may fundraise for personal items that exceed the \$100 limit.

2010.11 If unapproved awards are offered and accepted by the participants, such participants shall jeopardize their eligibility to represent their school in any interscholastic activity, and further penalties may ensue as determined by the Commissioner.

Q1: May a school award a student a trophy valued at \$50 and an engraved plate valued at \$3 to be affixed to the trophy?

A1: Yes.

Q2: May a school or group approved by the school award a \$100 savings bond?

A2: No.

Q3: May the booster club buy the student a state championship ring?

A3: Yes, but the funds must be approved by the school and/or school district administrator per Bylaw 1640.12.

Q4: May a student accept a reasonable meal or a gift card at a local restaurant for being named the team MVP for that week?

A4: Yes.

Q5: May an outside organization donate to a school's general athletic/activity fund on behalf of a student athlete?

A5: Yes. The funds must be given directly to the school's athletic/activity fund and not ever to the individual.

NOTE: Student-athletes, as a representative of a member school, when receiving CHSAA individual awards or team trophies during post-season events including championships, must wear school issued and/or school approved apparel.

ARTICLE 21 OUTSIDE COMPETITION/PRACTICE

2100. OUTSIDE COMPETITION

2100.1 DEFINITION SPORTS SEASON — A sports season begins with the first formal practice session as established in the CHSAA Bylaws and ends with the final state championship in that sport.

2100.11 EXCEPTION: The sports season ends for a member of a high school athletic team on the day following the completion of his or her school's competition at the level at which the student competes.

2100.2 Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport team may compete on any other team, in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season with the express written permission of the principal. Permission shall be granted if:

- (a) the student's class attendance is not compromised; and
- (b) the student is in good academic standing under the school's activities policy applicable to all students.

Q1: When may a principal prohibit a student from competing on an outside team in the same sport during that sports season?

A1: The principal may deny permission only when the student fails to meet the requirements of (a) and (b) above.

Q2: May high school team rules be used to determine the high school eligibility of the students who participate on outside teams?

A2: Yes. Section (b) would include high school team rules and other school policies which are applied and adhered to by all students.

Q3: A school's varsity volleyball team is involved in the state playoffs. The JV team completed its season prior to state playoffs. When may the members of the JV team begin competition on a non-school volleyball team without the permission from the school principal?

A3: Immediately following the JV season.

Q4: Once becoming a member of her high school team, may a basketball player compete in a one-on-one contest or a "hot shot" shooting contest; may a soccer player compete in indoor soccer; may a softball player compete in a slow pitch softball contest; may a swimmer compete in a triathlon of which one activity is Swimming and Diving, during the high school sports season?

A4: Yes, with written permission of the principal prior to that participation and under the stipulations of the Outside Competition Rule.

Q5: May a member of a high school team "try out" for (a) a non-school team in the same sport during the sports season; (b) a college athletic scholarship?

A5: Yes, in (a) and (b), provided he or she has the permission of the high school principal. In addition, the tryout must be based on skills assessment rather than scrimmage or game conditions.

Q6: A homeschooled student or a student at a school that does not offer a program goes to another school to try out for a team and is cut from the team after four practices. Can this student go to another school to try out for the same sport that season?

A6: No. The student had an equal opportunity to compete, then was cut. She is not eligible at another school.

Q7: May a baseball player attend a camp during the season?

A7: Yes.

Q8: (a) May a track participant compete in non-school events during the season? (b) Do those events count against the contest limits established by the CHSAA?

A8: (a) Yes, with written permission of the principal prior to that participation and under the stipulations of the Outside Competition Rule; (b) No.

Q9: May a coach (a) require attendance during the designated sports season at practices and games; or (b) require participation in a non-school road race?

A9: (a) Yes, provided these rules are applicable to all participants on the team; (b) No.

Q10: At what point does an 8th grade student become eligible to participate with high school underclassmen at a school sponsored activity (i.e., camps, weight room, off-season workouts, etc.)?

A10: Starting May 1st. They must have pre-registered or live in the attendance area of the high school in which they will participate.

2100.21 MEMBER DEFINED — Member is defined as a student who reports out for formal practice and is actively in contention for a berth on the team; or a student who has been certified to another school as eligible to participate in an interscholastic activity; or a student who has been issued the necessary equipment for game competition. A student ceases to be a member when he/she/they is cut from the team.

Q1: May members of a high school softball team that did not qualify for playoff games compete on a non-school team prior to the state high school softball finals?

A1: Yes.

Q2: May a school's varsity volleyball team play a fundraising volleyball match or any match before or after the season?

A2: No. Fundraising and/or Foundation Games may only be played during the designated season for that sport.

Q3: May a school-sponsored event include a student/faculty contest?

A3: Student/faculty games may not include underclassmen who played in that sport during the school year.

2110.

PRACTICE WITH OUTSIDE GROUPS

Members of any high school sport team may not practice with any non-school group without prior approval of the high school principal.

Q1: May a high school cross country runner PRACTICE with a non-school running club in addition to high school practice?

A1: Yes, provided the student has received permission from his/her/their principal.

NOTE: This is not to be construed to allow non-school people to participate in school practices or scrimmages.

Any student who does so participate in violation of Bylaw 2100.2 shall be ineligible to participate in a specific or all interscholastic athletic activities for a period of time to be determined by the Commissioner.

ARTICLE 22
CONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP

2200.1 Any player who has been ejected from a match or contest shall be disqualified for the remainder of that match or contest. In addition, the player shall be suspended from competition for the next scheduled match or contest played at the same level (sophomore, junior varsity, or varsity).

2200.11 He/she/they may not take part in any other games or contests at any level during this time.

2200.12 The number of matches, meets or contests for which the participant has been suspended from competition will decrease the stated maximum allowable matches, meets or contests in each sport for the suspended participant.

2200.13 A school may not schedule a contest after an ejection in order to circumvent the penalty.

2200.14 If such ejection occurs in the final match or contest of the season, then that player shall be suspended from competition for the first match or contest of the next season of sport that player elects to play. In satisfying the penalty, the player must sit out a game in a sport in which he/she/they completes the season.

Q1: May the Commissioner assess penalties in excess of the one suspension?

A1: Yes, in cases involving severe actions against game officials, opponents or other conduct detrimental to the high school activities program. (See Bylaws 2270.11 and 2270.12.)

Q2: A sophomore football player is ejected from his team's final contest. He does not play a winter sport, but sits out the first meet of the track season. He competes in one or more meets, but subsequently quits or is removed from the track team before the end of the season. Is he eligible to compete in the first football game of the next season?

A2: No. The track meet does not satisfy the penalty because he did not finish the track and field season.

Q3: A basketball player is ejected from a mid-season contest and quits or is removed from the team. He joins the wrestling team, practices nine days, sits out his first match, then completes the wrestling season in good standing. Is he eligible to compete in the first baseball game of the season?

A3: Yes. Because he completed the wrestling season, the wrestling match he sat out satisfies the penalty.

Q4: A JV volleyball player is ejected from the final game of the season. She is projected as a varsity player on the basketball team. May she sit out the first JV basketball contest and then compete in the next varsity game?

A4: No.

Q5: A player is ejected from a playoff volleyball match that ends her team's season. She is also a basketball player. What is her penalty for the ejection?

A5: She is suspended from competition for the first regularly scheduled varsity basketball contest and may not compete at any other level until serving the penalty.

Q6: A football player is ejected in the final varsity game of his team's season. As a junior, his only activity is football. What is his penalty for the ejection?

A6: He will be suspended from competition for his team's first varsity football game of the next season and may not compete at any other level until serving the penalty.

Q7: A basketball player is ejected from a JV contest. What is the penalty?

A7: The player is suspended from competition for the next JV contest and may not play at any other level prior to fulfilling the penalty. In addition, the player is permitted to compete in a maximum of 72 quarters during the regular season.

NOTE: This puts an added responsibility on the coach and athletic director to monitor the number of quarters which all athletes, especially ones who are ejected from a contest, play during the season.

Q8: A player is ejected from a contest but the school and/or the CHSAA does not receive notification of the ejection. Must the player serve the penalty?

A8: Yes. It is the coach's responsibility to enforce the penalty.

Q9: A player or coach is ejected from a basketball game. The following day, the official calls the coach and says that he/she/they has reconsidered and shouldn't have ejected the player or coach. Must the player or coach still sit out the next game?

A9: Yes.

2200.15 Any player ejected from a second match or contest during the same season shall be suspended from competition for the next two matches or contests of the same level.

2200.16 Any player ejected from a third match or contest during the same season shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner.

Q1: May a school appeal the disqualification of a player for unsportsmanlike conduct?

A1: No. Neither a judgment call nor misapplication of a rule by an official may be appealed.

2200.17 FIELD HOCKEY CUMULATIVE YELLOW CARDS — A field hockey player who receives a third, fourth, fifth, sixth, etc. yellow card during the regular season will not be eligible to compete in the next regular season contest of the same level following the game in which he/she/they received the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, etc. yellow card. At the end of the regular season, all yellow cards accumulated to that time will be cleared. Each player who accumulates a third, fourth, etc. yellow card during any portion of the playoffs (district, regional or state level competition) will be suspended from competition for the next contest of the same level following the game in which he/she/they received his/her/their third, fourth, etc. yellow card. (The player may complete the game in which he/she/they received the third yellow card.)

2200.18 Volleyball — National Federation yellow/red card procedures will be followed for conduct fouls.

2200.19 Any player leaving the bench area when a fight occurs during a match or contest will be ejected for the remainder of the match or contest. Bylaw 2200.1 will also be in effect.

2200.20 Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players or spectators that are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsportsmanlike offenses. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsportsmanlike offense which may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy (Rules 2200.1 and 2200.11).

NOTE: This rule also relates to the sportsmanship and ejection policies as they relate to Rule 2210 and Rule 2200.

2210.**COACH EJECTION**

- 2210.1 A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for 10 percent of the season's regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level. Standard mathematical rounding rules apply. he/she/they may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.
- 2210.2 A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors (For necessary action by the school administration, see Bylaw 2420.11).
- 2210.21 A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; and, Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she/they will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.
- 2210.3 A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20 percent of the season's contests of the same level. Standard mathematical rounding rules apply.

10% or 20% Suspension by Sport			
Sport	Classes	10%	20%
Cross Country	All	1	2
Field Hockey	All	2	3
Football	A6, A8, 1A, 2A	1	2
	3A, 4A, 5A	1	2
Boys' Golf	All	1	2
Gymnastics	All	1	2
Boys Soccer	All	2	3
Girls' Softball	All	2	5
Spirit	All	1	2
Boys' Tennis	All	1	2
Volleyball	All	2	5
Basketball	1A, 2A, 3A	2	4
	4A, 5A, 6A	2	5
Ice Hockey	All	2	4
Skiing	All	1	1
Girls' Swimming	All	1	2
Wrestling	All	2	4
Baseball	1A	2	4
	2A, 3A, 4A, 5A	2	5
Girls' Golf	All	1	2
Lacrosse	All	2	3
Girls Soccer	All	2	3
Boys' Swimming	All	1	2
Girls' Tennis	All	1	2
Track & Field	All	1	2

2210.4 A coach ejected from two contests during a five-year period shall be required to appear at a hearing before the Commissioner or his/her/their designee and shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner.

2210.5 A coach ejected from three contests in a five-year period shall be placed on restriction.

Q1: A basketball coach is ejected because of three indirect technical fouls charged to bench personnel. Must he sit out one game?

A1: Yes. As he is responsible for the conduct of his assistant coaches and players, he shall be placed on administrative probation.

Q2: If a coach is ejected from a contest and no credentialed person from that school is present to assume supervisory responsibilities, what is the status of the contest?

A2: The contest shall be forfeited.

Q3: If a coach is ejected from the final game of the season, must she sit out the first game of the next season?

A3: No.

Q4: If a coach is ejected from contests in more than one sport (or the same sport, different genders), do the penalties in 2210.4 and 2210.5 apply?

A4: Yes.

Q5: If the varsity coach, sitting on the JV bench, is ejected, may he coach in the next varsity contest?

A5: No. To do so, will result in forfeiture of the varsity contest.

2220.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GAME OFFICIALS

The game official who disqualifies an individual through an unsportsmanlike act or who issues a yellow card must notify the CHSAA. Notification must also be given to the proper school authority at the site or on the next school day. In addition, the CHSAA office must notify the school of the disqualification and confirm that it has acknowledged the official report.

Q1: Does the failure of an official to report a player disqualification to the school and/or the CHSAA relieve the school of its responsibility of enforcing the suspension on the ejected player?

A1: No.

Game officials are an integral part of interscholastic activities and have been entrusted with the conduct of the event. Derogatory statements or conduct concerning game officials, either during actual games or at other times by student participants, coaches or other representatives of a school are considered detrimental to the orderly conduct of interscholastic activities programs.

Whenever a game official's conduct warrants legitimate grievance, the student participant, coach or other school representative shall express the grievance in writing and forward it through the school principal to the CHSAA Commissioner for review and appropriate action.

Failure to observe this procedure shall constitute a violation of this policy and subject the offender to authorized disciplinary action. Disciplinary action could result in the following: (a) reprimand; (b) probation; (c) restriction; or (d) suspension.

Q1: May a coach be penalized for public (print media, social media, radio, TV, etc.) derogatory comments about game officials?

A1: Yes. If public comments are accurately attributed to the coach, the Commissioner may apply any of the penalties listed above to the coach and/or program. The purpose of the policy is not to restrict the coach from communicating concerns about officiating to the appropriate people, but that it be done in a professional manner which best serves the educational purposes of high school athletics.

2230.1

THREATENING BEHAVIORS, VERBAL THREATS OR ASSAULT ON A GAME OFFICIAL

Any person who physically assaults, verbally threatens, or exhibits any behavior that can be reasonably considered as threatening, on or towards a game official at any level of competition; shall be subject to consequences up to and including being permanently banned from any CHSAA or CHSAA member event. The determination and severity of the consequence(s) for these behaviors will be determined by the Commissioner and the School Administration working collaboratively.

Q1: Who is considered a "sports or game official?"

A1: Sports or game officials are defined as those individuals who serve as referees, judges, umpires, linesmen, and those who serve in similar capacities but may be known by other titles.

Q2: Are activity judges considered "game officials?"

A2: For the purposes of this bylaw activity judges are considered "game/event officials."

Q3: What is considered assault?

A3: For the purposes of this bylaw; assault is defined as an intentional act, or threat of such act, that puts another person in reasonable belief of imminent harmful or offensive contact. "Harmful or offensive" in the context of this bylaw is an objective standard referring to touching that is likely to or capable of causing harm or offending a reasonable person by violating prevailing social standards of acceptable touching.

Q4: What is considered threatening behavior?

A4: For the purposes of the bylaw; "threatening" behavior includes words, actions, or behaviors that by the nature of such words, actions or behaviors causes another person to be concerned for their safety and/or security; such words, actions, or behaviors may not include explicit threats.

2240.

HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner which emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance which disrupt(s) the educational goals of the event.

Further, individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her/their designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all district, regional and state playoff events. The CHSAA, league and offender must receive written notification of such action.

2250.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST SCHOOL

Fair play, courtesy, generosity, self-control, and friendly feelings for the opposing team or school shall not be sacrificed in the desire to win. Basic to this is the duty of the host school at any athletic contest to take every possible measure to assure courteous, friendly, and fair treatment to visiting players, school officials, fans, and game officials.

2260.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

2260.1 The administration of all athletic contests in the high school program shall be entirely controlled by the properly constituted school officials.

2260.11 **OFFICIAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE** —The principal or superintendent is the recognized head of the school and shall be the official representative of his/her/their school in all protests, hearings, etc. he/she/they is responsible for all athletic eligibility lists of his/her/their high school.

2270.**CONDUCT OF SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS**

- 2270.1 The responsibility for the conduct of the coaches, players and spectators at any athletic contest shall lie with the officials of the schools whose teams are participating in the contest. The Sportsmanship Committee will annually generate a list of unacceptable behaviors.
- 2270.11 SCHOOL — Any school whose coaches, players or spectators are guilty of gross misconduct may be suspended for a period of time to be determined by the CHSAA Board of Directors.
- 2270.12 PARTICIPANT — A participant may be suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Commissioner for conduct detrimental to the high school activity program, including severe actions against game officials.

ARTICLE 23
PRACTICE - COMPETITION

2300.**COMPETITIVE SEASON/PARTICIPATION**

- 2300.1 The competitive season is that time designated in each sport Bylaw during which interscholastic contests may be held. There may be no sanctioned interscholastic competition except during the competitive season. An individual or team may only represent a member school during the designated competitive sports season.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) or performance outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events sponsored by the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) or approved by the CHSAA office and with the written permission from the school's principal.

- Q1: School A has been invited to play in a basketball tournament prior to the first allowable competitive date. May a school request a waiver of the competitive season rule?
- A1: No, the Commissioner would not grant permission for events that take place prior to the competitive sports season which may create a competitive imbalance leading into a sports season.

- 2300.2 No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to participate in competition outside of the competitive season as a condition to participating or otherwise influencing a student's opportunity to participate in any school sport.

- Q1: May a high school baseball team play a game in the fall?
- A1: No.

Q2: What constitutes participation?

A2: Participation consists of a player entering an interscholastic game or scrimmage regardless of the time interval or number of times entered within a specified unit of play (quarter, inning, etc.).

Q3: Is it a violation of CHSAA rules for a basketball player to participate in eight quarters in one night?

A3: No, but many districts and leagues have rules which limit participation. Maximum participation limits are listed under each sport.

2300.3 All-Star Game – Contact is allowed for up to two All-Star Games after the completion of the State Championship of that sport. All-Star Games must happen within two weeks of the State Championship unless permission is received from the CHSAA office for a later date. There are no All-Star Games permitted in the sport of Football.

Q1: What is an All-Star game?

A1: The factors surrounding the game include, but are not limited to: a mixture of players from different teams, a coach designated for a single event, the event is scheduled for a single day, and the players are determined by a selection process involving a panel of experts.

Q2: A league wants to hold an All-Star Game in the sport of Girls Soccer for all players that were selected to the All-League Team.

- (1) Would Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors be allowed to participate?
- (2) Would participants be allowed to wear their school-issued uniforms?
- (3) Would High School coaches from the League be allowed to coach?

A2: Yes, to all three.

2310.

PRACTICE

2310.1 Practice is defined as the period of time during which formal practice is authorized by CHSAA Bylaws and during which an assigned coach is instructing one or more of his/her/their team members.

Formal practice for spirit athletes is defined as participation in any school scheduled team practice from the date of tryouts until the last official day of the current school year.

NOTE: This is not to be construed to allow non-school people to participate in school practices or scrimmages.

EXCEPTION: In the sports of volleyball, basketball, soccer, and football high school teams May use eighth grade students from their “feeder” middle schools when they cannot field enough high school athletes to hold an intra-squad practice in game-type conditions, under the following limitations:

- Permission for such participation must be requested by the school and approved by the CHSAA Commissioner or his/her/their designee on the CHSAA Digital Platform;
- Electronic verification of high school numbers is required, and the total program number shall be used;
- Electronic verification that school accepts the risks of using eighth graders for practice;
- Such participation can occur only two days in a single week;
- The middle school participants must have a current physical on file with the high school athletic director;
- The middle school participant is limited to practice at one high school even if his/her/their middle school feeds multiple high schools;
- Maximum number of middle school students allowed to participate in the practice is that number which is equal to or less than the number that would equate to a simulated game;
- Football practice tempo shall be limited to USA Football thud tempo (wrap up but cannot take to the ground) when eighth graders are participating in a practice.

NOTE: Participation in these practices does not affect the eighth-grade participant’s future high school eligibility. Eighth graders participating in these practices retain their open enrollment decisions when selecting a high school for ninth grade.

Q1: A school wishes to authorize the start of basketball practice before the start of formal practice. Is this a violation of CHSAA practice rules?

A1: No. The Legislative Council, however, recommends starting dates. Practices before the formal sports season may not be mandatory and may not count toward the required minimum number of practices.

Q2: Who may be involved in a high school practice session?

A2: Members of the team who are bona fide undergraduates of the high school and members of the coaching staff under contract to the school district, and any student managers who are bona fide undergraduates of the high school and under the supervision of a coach.

NOTE: Members of the opposite gender team from the same high school may practice or scrimmage together.

Q3: Who may not be involved in a high school practice session?

A3: Some examples of people who may not be involved in a high school practice are:

- (1) Middle School/Junior High students
- (2) alumni
- (3) “coaches” not under contract to the district (a consultant or clinician under the supervision of the head coach may present an instructional session)
- (4) students who do not have a parent permit and a current physical exam on file with the school
- (5) students who do not have the potential to become eligible because of the age or semester rule.

Q4: May male students who are not members of the high school interscholastic basketball team scrimmage against the girls’ basketball team from that school?

A4: No. Only members of the opposite gender high school team can practice with the team.

2310.2 No coach or school representative may direct a student to practice outside of the formal practice season as a condition to participating or otherwise influencing a student's opportunity to participate in any school sport.

2310.3 STUDENT/TEAM PRACTICE REQUIREMENT — Each student competing in an interscholastic sports program must have had a minimum practice period of three days in his/her/their sport(s) (exclusive of Sundays) before representing his/her/their school in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage. A student must have a minimum of nine days of practice in football. (Receiving school must have written verification on file if transfer of schools is involved.)

Q5: What are the elements which, in total, constitute a practice that will count toward satisfying the practice requirement?

A5: (1) The school’s certified coach is present;
(2) the majority of the team is present;
(3) the practice is held at the regularly scheduled time and place;
(4) the practice is not held on the same day as a game or scrimmage;
(5) the athlete is actively involved (not injured) in the practice; and
(6) the practice is held during the formal practice season. At no time should a practice session be created to circumvent the three/nine-day practice rule.

Q6: Does attendance in an on-line meeting count as a required practice?

A6: No. For a practice to count towards minimum number of practices required it must be in person with the team. On-line meetings will not fulfill practice requirement(s).

2310.31 EXCEPTION 1: If a student competes in a second sport during the same season, one of which is a non-contact sport (tennis, golf, swimming and diving, gymnastics, baseball, softball, skiing, spirit, volleyball, cross country, track and field and soccer), then the student is exempt from the practice requirement in the non-contact sport. A student

must have three days' practice in all contact sports, except football, which requires nine days of practice prior to participation in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest.

Q1: Would a student be required to have nine days of practice in football if the student played golf, then following the end of the golf season began football practice?

A1: Yes. Participation in a non-contact sport does not eliminate the need for nine days of practice in a contact sport.

Q2: Does a student need nine days of practice in each fall sport if they play both football and boys' soccer during the same season?

A2: Football: Yes; Soccer: No.

Q3: Does a student need three days of practice if he/she/they participates in two fall non-contact sports?

A3: Yes. The student must have three days of practice in one of the two non-contact sports.

Q4: Does a student need three days of practice if he/she/they participates in two fall contact sports (not football) at the same time?

A4: Yes. The student needs three days of practice in each contact sport in which he/she/they participates.

EXCEPTION 2: Participants in interscholastic golf, softball and tennis are exempt from the three-day practice rule.

EXCEPTION 3: A member of a team which competes interscholastically on or after the start of formal practice for the next sports season is exempt from the three-day requirement.

PENALTY: Schools which violate this regulation will be immediately placed on a minimum of probation until the school has provided the Commissioner with a detailed report of the incident(s) and administrative procedures have been put in place to ensure no repeat of the violation. A second violation of this regulation will result in the school being placed on restriction for a minimum of one season from state qualifying competition.

Q5: A student who has been playing volleyball at School A transfers to School B following a bona fide family move during the sixth week of school. May she immediately represent School B in interscholastic competition?

A5: Yes, if all eligibility factors have been verified as meeting the CHSAA standards and a verification in writing that the student has had three days of practice at either school or a combination of each.

Q6: If an ineligible practices with the team, do those practices count toward the practice requirement?

A6: Yes.

Q7: Does a practice on the day of a game count as one of the required practices?

A7: No.

Q8: Which practices count toward meeting the practice requirement for athletes who are or have been injured?

A8: An athlete may start accumulating practices to meet the practice requirement only when he/she/they is released by a physician and is actively involved in practice.

Q9: Does the second practice in a day count as one of the required practices?

A9: No, the rule relates to days.

Q10: Must cheerleaders have three days of practice before performing at a regular season athletic contest, or competing in an invitational spirit contest?

A10: Yes.

2310.4

WINTER VACATION PRACTICE/COMPETITION PROHIBITION — There shall be no school sponsored activity of any sort, including practices, camps, clinics, tournaments, etc. from and including December 24 through December 27 and New Year's Day. Beginning December 28, winter sports programs may have voluntary practice (excluding Sundays), but may not compete in interscholastic scrimmages or competition.

2310.41 No faculty member or coach may have contact with any of his/her/their school's athletes from December 24 through New Year's Day. Exception: Beginning December 28, winter sports programs may have practice (excluding Sundays), but may not compete in interscholastic scrimmages or competition.

Q1: Can a coach have a mandatory practice beginning December 28 (excluding Sunday and New Year's Day) to December 31?

A1: No.

Q2: May student athletes be involved in non-school sponsored camps, clinics, practices and competitions during December 24 through January 1?

A2: Yes. In these situations, high school coaches or faculty members may not be involved.

Q3: May a coach from School A coach athletes from School B and vice versa on Sundays during the school year or over the winter vacation period in the same tournament/event?

A3: No.

Q4: May fall and spring sport athletes attend camps sponsored by outside agencies during December 24 through January 1 if their own coach is not present?

A4: Yes.

Q5: Is it a violation for a wrestling coach to reserve a gym between December 24 and December 27 and require his wrestlers to attend daily workouts?

A5: Yes.

Q6: On December 27, is it a violation for a high school basketball player to play on his own at a local recreation center?

A6: No.

Q7: A school begins its winter vacation on Monday, December 22. May the school practice on Tuesday, December 23?

A7: Yes.

2310.5

SUNDAY CONTACT — No high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned sport from the student's school shall take place on Sundays during the competitive high school season (start of official practice through the state tournament). The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.

EXCEPTION 1 – During the formal sports season a coach may have contact with his or her team on Sunday for a social, academic or service related activity that is strictly voluntary. The contact must be a voluntary, non-competitive/non-participatory activity.

EXCEPTION 2 – During the *school year*, schools may petition the Commissioner for a waiver of the Sunday Contact Rule based upon *religious, cultural, or educationally based events (non-athletic)*.

Q1: Following the completion of the volleyball sports season, may a coach and a senior or underclassman player participate together in practice or competition on a Sunday?

A1: Yes.

Q2: Does this include NFHS sanctioned tournaments such as the Las Vegas shoot-out, Penn State Relays, Rocky Mountain Wrestling Championships, etc.?

A2: No. The exception applies to designated "National Championships" with NFHS sponsorship.

Q3: A high school soccer coach also coaches a non-school team outside of the high school season. The team contains members of the high school team. May the non-school team compete or practice on a Sunday during the school year while the coach is present?

A3: Yes.

Q4: If a school competes in a contest on Saturday and the length of the trip extends through Sunday, may coaches travel with their teams?

A4: Yes, providing there is no practice.

Q5: When may a coach have contact with an athlete on Sundays during the competitive sport season?

A5: (1) Post-season picnics/banquets; (2) public gatherings; (3) travel required by Saturday or Monday competition; (4) attendance by coach/parent at own child's contests; (5) chance encounter; (6) when the coach is acting in the capacity as a contest official, umpire, or referee at a competition where an athlete from his/her/their school team may be competing completely independent from any connection with the coach.

Q6: May a freshman coach who has had minimal, or no, contact with the varsity volleyball team members during the season have contact with those players on Sunday (a) during the season; and (b) following the season?

A6: (a) No. (b) Yes. The Sunday Contact Rule applies to all coaches, at all levels, on the staff at an institution. In this case, the freshman coach, like the sophomore, junior varsity and other assistants, is prohibited from contact with players for that school during the competitive sports season on Sunday.

Q7: If district, regional or state play is rescheduled from a Friday or Saturday playoff date to a Monday due to poor weather, will practice be permissible on a Sunday?

A7: Yes. If any rescheduled district, regional or state event occurs on Monday due to poor weather or any other circumstance that forces a reschedule, the Sunday Contact Rule will be exempt.

Q8: What type of social media contact is allowed on Sunday during the competitive season?

A8: Contact on Sundays will be permitted via social media such as Twitter, Facebook, and email so long as it is done in a public way and not direct communication with an individual athlete, or a call-to-action of any kind. A call to action would be a request for that recipient to follow through on a request on a Sunday. (i.e., view a posted game film, etc.) Private communication, such as direct messages, are not permitted. Group texts to teams on Sundays which include administrators are permitted, but text messages to individual athletes are not.

2310.6 Unless it is otherwise stated/defined in the specific sport bulletin, no teams or individuals may practice at a state tournament site the week prior to that state tournament, unless practice is expressly allowed by CHSAA policy (i.e., golf) or that site is that team's or individual's regular practice or game facility. This includes the district, regional or state levels of the playoffs.

Q1: May a school schedule a practice at the site of the state basketball tournament in advance of the tournament?

A1: No. The only time a team may practice at a state tournament site is if the tournament site is that team's regular practice or game facility.

2320. SCRIMMAGES/FOUNDATION BENEFIT CONTEST

2320.1 A scrimmage date is the meeting of any number of individuals or teams from two or more high schools on a single date for participation under the conditions enumerated below:

2320.11 A school will be permitted two scrimmage dates in each sport.

Q1: School A's girls varsity hosts School B's girls' varsity and on the same day School A's girls' JV and sophomore teams travel to School B. Is this considered one scrimmage date?

A1: Yes. The key factor is that all are occurring on the same day.

- (a) Two additional interscholastic scrimmage dates will be allowed for those wrestlers qualifying for the state wrestling meet the week after regional tournaments.
- (b) Ninth grade teams housed in junior highs (with 9th graders who do not "play up" in a specific sport) are allowed two scrimmage dates that may or may not fall on the same date as the high school.
- (c) Teams still involved in district, regional or state competition shall be permitted one additional scrimmage date to occur between the end of the regular season and the state championships final.
- (d) Tennis teams shall be allowed two scrimmage dates per player prior to the additional scrimmage if the team advances to the dual team championships.
- (e) Football is allowed only one scrimmage.

Q2: A team participates in an additional scrimmage after the end of the regular season and before the start of the district basketball tournament. If the team qualifies to the regional round, may it participate in another scrimmage?

A2: No, unless the school had one of two allowable scrimmages available from the regular season.

2320.12 Scrimmages may be held beginning the 6th day (including the first day of practice, but not including Sundays) after the start of formal practice until the conclusion of the sport season in all sports except football.

(a) EXCEPTION – Golf, softball and tennis scrimmages/games may be conducted from the 4th day of the start of the competitive season until the final state championship. Football may not scrimmage until the 10th day after the start of formal practice.

2320.13 PARTICIPANTS IN SCRIMMAGES AND FOUNDATION GAMES— All participants in interscholastic scrimmages and foundation games must have completed nine/three days of formal practice in the sport they are representing. See Rule 2310.3.

2320.14 Scrimmages and foundation games may not be held with non-high school teams or individuals.

Q1: May a school scrimmage against a non-school team (e.g., junior high, alumni, recreation league, intramural team or faculty)?

A1: No.

2320.15 All participants in interscholastic scrimmages must be eligible in accordance with "General Eligibility" of the Administrative and General Bylaws, and must be eligible in all other ways.

Q1: May a student participate in a scrimmage, contest or foundation game prior to their transfer paperwork being ruled on by the Commissioner?

A1: No.

Q2: Where does the money for Foundation Games go?

A2: The money goes into the CHSAA Foundation account which is separate from the Colorado High School Activities Association.

2320.16 No score may be kept. Instruction is the primary reason for a scrimmage.

2320.17 The scrimmage may not be advertised and no admission may be charged.

2320.18 Officials may be paid.

Q1: Can officials be paid in lieu of the stated scrimmage fees?

A1: They may be compensated through meals, gift cards, etc. not to exceed the cash value of the stated fee. They may not be paid more than the stated scrimmage fee. (See Officials Fees report)

2320.19 School administrators must be notified prior to each scrimmage.

2320.2 Two or more schools may practice together at one site in the sports of golf, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, and diving, wrestling and track and field if the following conditions are met:

- One school does not have enough participants to conduct a reasonable practice.
- A specific coach (example: pole vault coach) is not available.
- Approval must be granted by the CHSAA office.

2320.3 During an interscholastic football scrimmage there shall be no live contact during kicking plays.

2320.4 Any school may schedule two “Foundation Benefit Contests” per sport, per level, in addition to their allotted game/contest limits, without penalty, under the following conditions; exception being football which is allowed one:

1. Any Showcase must be sanctioned through the CHSAA Office (per contest, per level-see table below) with the host school responsible for seeking sanctioning:

Varsity	Sub-Varsity
1A - \$100	1A - \$50
2A - \$125	2A - \$62.50
3A - \$150	3A - \$75
4A - \$175	4A - \$87.50
5A - \$200	5A - \$100
6A - \$200	6A - \$100

2. Admission may be charged
3. Registered officials are contracted and paid per Officials' Fee Table
4. Score is kept
5. Results will not impact postseason/playoff consideration based on regular season performance
6. All individual sports safety rules apply

NOTE: School's may not conduct scrimmages, foundation games or any type of competition outside of the formal competitive season.

2330. PENALTY FOR PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE, COMPETITION VIOLATIONS

2330.1 The Commissioner of the CHSAA is directed to place on probation or restriction for a minimum of one season from state qualifying competition any member school program and/or coach which violates the following rules and other violations as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner:

- Sunday practice/contact;
- Intentional playing of ineligible player or player suspended from competition in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest;

- Falsifying records for eligibility;
- Removing team prior to completion of contest;
- Violation of winter vacation practice prohibition;
- Exceeding team participation limits;
- Exceeding individual participation limits;
- Football contact violations;
- Conduct violations;
- Scrimmaging, practicing or competing against middle school/junior high or non-school teams or individuals;
- Intentional violation of any CHSAA Bylaw.
- Team or individual participating in a school-sanctioned interscholastic competition outside the designated sports season.
- Any action or conduct that the Commissioner deems detrimental to the mission of the Colorado High School Activities Association.
- Failure to enter a VEAP (Venue-Specific Emergency Action Plan) in the CHSAA electronic platform and communicate with designated school personnel prior to the beginning of each season.

2330.2 The Board of Directors by way of the Commissioner may be petitioned by a school in violation of actions shown in Rule 2330.1 to alter this directive when it is clearly evident that mitigating circumstances exist.

2330.21 The Commissioner, if the Board of Directors is not in session to review a petition due to playoff time constraints, may consider requests to waive the directive and substitute any penalty which he/she/they sees as justified and appropriate, with a report being made to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE 24

INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS/FORFEITS/PROTEST PROCEDURES/PENALTIES

2400.

INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT/FORFEITS

DEFINITION - For purposes of the CHSAA bylaws, a forfeiture shall be defined as a voluntary or involuntary decision that results in a loss for the team (and a win for their opponent). This shall apply whether the bylaws were violated by an individual student, students or coach, or through an action of the school or program. Financial and/or other penalties may accompany any forfeiture. (See also bylaw 2860).

2400.1 It shall be the duty and responsibility of the principal, or his/her/their designee, of a member school to determine that participants have met all eligibility requirements and communicate student eligibility procedures to registrars, coaches and sponsors.

2400.2 A student who does not meet all eligibility requirements is an ineligible participant and any game in which an ineligible participant participates shall be forfeited. The team and/or coach may be placed on probation and/or restriction for one calendar year from the date of the Commissioners ruling.

2400.21 An exception may be made only after a notification of penalty has been made by the Assistant/Associate Commissioner of a sport that the game(s) must be forfeited. A formal written appeals request shall be made to the Assistant Commissioner of the sport, who

then will determine if the penalty shall be upheld, modified or additional sanctions are required as specified in Rule 2420.

The decision of the Commissioner may be appealed through the process outlined in Article 25, Rule 2540.

- 2400.3 During state culminating competitions, the Commissioner will determine penalties to be assessed for playing an ineligible or a player suspended from competition.

Q1: What are some of the factors that the Commissioner will consider when determining the penalty for playing an ineligible or a player suspended from competition in the playoffs?

A1: The participation of an ineligible in the playoffs will result in a forfeit. The school that allowed the ineligible to participate may appeal the forfeiture to the Commissioner, in consultation with the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the sport, to determine if the violation was neither intentional nor the result of negligence by the school and that mitigating circumstances exist which make forfeiture an inappropriate penalty. (Mitigating circumstances should be the same regardless of regular or post season play.) The appropriate penalty shall be determined, which may include declaring the participant ineligible for future competition and/or any of the penalties specified in Rule 2420.

If a forfeiture results, the Commissioner will determine the best method for completing the remainder of the playoff bracket. Provisions used by the Commissioner to determine competition completion shall include the following: issues of athletic safety, transportation, facility availability, number of teams impacted and time.

- 2400.4 It shall be the duty of the principal or coach who has knowledge or information that places in question the eligibility of any player who is likely to participate in an athletic contest, to report such knowledge or information immediately to the principal of the participant's school.

- 2400.41 Failure to do so shall be an indication of bad faith and the school officials, by their failure to report such knowledge or information immediately, shall forfeit the right to protest the result of a contest in which the ineligible contestant participated.

- 2400.5 Students who fail to meet any of the requirements for participation shall be declared ineligible and be subjected to any penalty associated with ineligibility, including but not limited to forfeiture, probation loss of future eligibility and/or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Commissioner. A student who participates while ineligible shall be declared ineligible for at least a like number of contests. The penalty may be assessed in a future season. Ineligible students may be allowed to sit on the team bench area out of uniform when the school deems it appropriate.

- 2400.6 Schools which are found to have played an ineligible player (due to the transfer rule, grades, etc...) shall be subject to forfeiture, probation, loss of future eligibility, and/or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Commissioner, including the retraction of any awards or trophies received, up to one year from the date of the championship event in that particular sport. Any violation of this nature will be subject to sanction for up to one year after the date of the championship event in that particular sport.

- 2400.7 If a student, who has been declared ineligible, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition because of a court order, temporary restraining order and/or other ruling by a court order against the school or the CHSAA, and the resulting litigation is voluntarily vacated, stayed,

reversed or determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, the games, contests or events in which the student participated shall be subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to the playing of an ineligible. The games in which the ineligible played will be forfeited and any individual honors revoked.

Q1: A student is declared ineligible 1) under a school district policy, or 2) under a CHSAA Bylaw and seeks relief from the court, which is granted pending a formal hearing. The student participates in three games prior to the court upholding the ineligibility. What is the consequence for his participation?

A1: In both 1) and 2) the games in which the student participated may be forfeited. CHSAA forfeiture rules could allow the Commissioner to modify or vacate the forfeits.

2410.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

JUDGMENT, PLAYING RULES — No protests involving the judgment or misapplication of a rule by an official will be considered by the league or the Association. The playing rules in each sport/activity will govern the conduct of all contests in that activity.

2420.

PENALTIES

In assessing penalties, the Commissioner may consider any of the following:

- 2420.1 (a) REPRIMAND – Reprimand is an official letter to an individual and/or school that references an offense committed and is a warning against further acts which are contrary to the aims and philosophies of the Association. This letter will become a part of the permanent file of the individual and/or school involved
- (b) PROBATION – Probation is an action which formally notifies a school that it, or any of its representatives, has violated CHSAA rules, policies or philosophy. Additional violations while on probation are considered serious and could lead to restriction or suspension. Individuals, programs and/or schools shall remain on probation for a period of one year. Probation may be removed only after a formal request has been made by the offending school’s administration to, and approved by, the Board of Directors.
- 2420.11 REMOVAL FROM PROBATION – A request forwarded by a school administrator for removal from probation is to be initially routed through the Commissioner. The request is to outline the constructive action taken by the school administration and ensuing acceptance by the coach to prevent a reoccurrence in seeking removal from probationary status. The Commissioner will then compile a singular list for submission to the Board of Directors.
- 2420.12 ADDED REVIEW — Those situations which, in the Commissioner's opinion, have not demonstrated constructive action will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for a personal appearance by the administrator and the coach in question. By this means, an appearance before the Board of Directors would truly carry the intent of a major review and thus, create a conducive atmosphere of cooperation at the local school level in an effort to eliminate such circumstances.

- (c) RESTRICTION – Restriction is an action which prohibits a school and/or a specific school athletic program, or individual from participation in district, regional and state level activities. Restriction may be applied to an individual, a team, group or a school. Individuals, programs and/or schools shall remain on restriction for a period of one year. Restriction may be removed only after a formal request has been made by the offending school’s administration to, and approved by, the Board of Directors. Upon removal of the restriction, the individual, team, group or school shall be placed on probation.

NOTE: When a coach is placed on Restriction, they are not allowed onsite during playoff competition of their team.

2420.13 Coaches (including head and assistant coaches) with supervisory responsibility for programs placed on restriction shall be required to miss a specified number of contests as determined by the Commissioner and school in addition to other administrative actions taken to prevent a re-occurrence of the violation before the restriction is removed.

- (d) SUSPENSION – Suspension is an action that removes a school from membership and prohibits participation in any or all CHSAA-sponsored activities. The length of suspension shall be determined by the Board of Directors. This penalty may also be assessed against individuals for conduct detrimental to high school activities.

Q1: An ineligible or a player suspended from competition participates for School A in a regional wrestling tournament, in which five School A wrestlers qualify. School A also wins the regional team championship. What are the penalties?

A1: The ineligible does not qualify, and the regional director must certify a qualifier in his place. The remaining School A wrestlers qualify. All team points are forfeited and School A must relinquish its regional team championship.

Q2: In a game to determine the No. 3 state football playoff berth, the coach of Team A substitutes an ineligible student for the last play of the game. The coach was not aware that the student was ineligible. The ineligible’s participation has no effect on the outcome of the game in which A defeated B, 40-0. What is the penalty?

A2: Team A must forfeit the game to Team B.

Q3: What is the penalty for unknowingly playing an ineligible in a regular season contest?

A3: Forfeiture of the contest and reprimand letter.

Q4: (1) May an ineligible sit in uniform on the team bench? (2) May an ineligible sit on the bench in street clothes?

A4: (1) No. (2) Yes, if the school deems it appropriate.

Q5: May an ineligible (with the potential to become eligible) practice with the team?

A5: Yes.

Q6: School A's coach is ejected from a contest and no person who meets the Bylaw's definition of a coach is available. What is the status of the contest?

A6: School A must forfeit the contest.

Q7: In a regional game, Team A allows 13 players to compete in violation of the roster limit set forth in the Bylaws. What is the penalty?

A7: The contest shall be forfeited unless the Commissioner determines that the forfeiture will disrupt the playoffs due to the timing of the report of the violation. In such a case, the Commissioner may substitute a penalty which may include restriction of the coach.

2420.14 REMOVAL FROM RESTRICTION OR SUSPENSION – The outline of the constructive action taken by the school administration and the ensuing acceptance by the coach to prevent a re-occurrence of the violation, may, in instances in which the Board of Directors deems it necessary, contain one or more of the following action items:

1. Have a person with expertise in the area of the issue(s) in question, conduct an in-service for the coaches, players, administrators and others directly involved in the incident about the impact of the violation on the local community and the membership of the Colorado High School Activities Association at large.
2. Send a letter of apology to principal, faculty, and student body of each school in the Colorado High School Activities Association membership, expressing the goals and expectations as determined from the in-service.
3. Give a public apology at one of the two Legislative Council meetings of the Colorado High School Activities Association expressing the goals and expectations as determined from the in-service.
4. Or provide any other action as deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the Board of Directors.

(e) LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL — Continued, multiple and/or severe violations of CHSAA Bylaws by school personnel and school representatives. Review and acceptance of corrective procedures must be made by the CHSAA Board of Directors.

2420.2 All penalties assessed by the Commissioner shall be subject to appeal and review of the Board of Directors.

2430. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAM FROM PLAYING FIELD

2430.1 No member school shall withdraw its team from an athletic contest prior to the termination of the contest, except by mutual consent of the responsible faculty representatives from the participating schools.

- 2430.11 Violation of this provision shall automatically result in forfeiture of the contest by the school guilty of the violation and place the violator on restriction from further participation at the district, regional or state levels of that sport until such time as the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting shall consider recommending the expulsion of the school guilty of the violation or shall reinstate the school to full privileges.
- 2430.12 EXCEPTION: The Board of Directors may be petitioned by a school in violation to waive the restriction in cases involving mitigating circumstances and by a favorable vote of two-thirds of its members present, the Board of Directors may instruct the Commissioner or his designee to waive the designated penalty and substitute any penalty which the committee feels justified and appropriate.
- 2430.2 All schools fielding varsity teams are expected to enter applicable postseason competition. The failure to compete in tournaments for which qualified (district, regional, state) shall cause a school's entire athletic program to be placed on probation.
- 2430.21 In cases involving extenuating circumstances, schools should appeal to the Commissioner for an exception to the requirement to compete. Unless the failure to compete is caused by a last minute circumstance (e.g., weather, road conditions, accident), the request should be made prior to the competition.
- 2430.22 A second violation of a school within a five-year period shall cause all the school's athletic teams to be placed on restriction for a time period to be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 25 APPEALS

2500. STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

- 2500.1 Except as specifically provided in any other eligibility rule, all student appeals must be based upon showing of "hardship." NOTE: Not all hardships are based upon the transfer rule. Non-transfer hardship appeals must be submitted through the waiver platform within 14 days of the Commissioner's ruling.
- 2500.11 "Hardship" means a situation, condition or event that is beyond the control of the student, or his/her/their family and imposes a severe, non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her/their family. The Commissioner shall have broad discretion in applying this standard to specific cases. He/she/they may take into consideration not only the needs of the student and family directly involved, but also the best interest of member schools and interscholastic athletics/activities generally as he/she/they understands those interests.
- 2500.2 Any student who is sanctioned or is found to be ineligible to participate in any activity for any reason, except unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection from an activity, and can prove a hardship, may appeal the ruling in the following manner:
- (a) The appeal must be made through the appeals process established by the Association: school, league, Commissioner, CHSAA Appeals Committee, CHSAA Board of Directors.

- 2500.21 All waiver applications based on a hardship shall be processed on forms approved by the CHSAA and in accordance with the following procedures:
- (a) The waiver shall first be submitted to the principal at the student's school or, in the case of an appeal involving the transfer rule, at the student's sending and receiving schools. If a principal disapproves of the waiver, he/she/they shall state his/her/their reasons in writing.
 - (b) The waiver, with the recommendations of the principal(s), shall then be submitted to the league, or in the case of an appeal involving the transfer rule, the receiving school's league for a vote.
 - (c) The recommendation of the principals and the league and all other information that the applicant wished to be considered in support of the waiver application shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioner. The burden of proof to establish a hardship shall be upon the applicant.
 - (d) The Commissioner or his/her/their designee may conduct additional investigations as he/she/they deems necessary. The application and any additional information gathered by the Commissioner or his/her/their designee shall constitute the record of the proceeding. The Commissioner will make a timely written decision based on the information in the record.
 - (e) The Commissioner's decision may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of this Article 25.

Q1: Can additional documentation be submitted after the formal request?

A1: No. All documentation for the appeal must be forwarded at the time of the request to allow proper review on behalf of the student

- 2500.22 STANDARD OF REVIEW – If judicial review is sought of a decision by the Commissioner, Appeals Committee or Board of Directors, the court shall affirm such decision unless it finds upon clear and convincing evidence that the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or contrary to law.

2510. APPEALS PROCEDURE - SCHOOL

Any student, team or coach which has been declared ineligible as the result of a school rule or coach's team rule which is uniformly applicable to all team members may appeal through the channels provided by the school.

2520. APPEALS PROCEDURE - LEAGUE

Any student, team, coach or school which has been declared ineligible as the result of a league rule may appeal, at the request of the principal, through the channels provided by the league.

2530.1 Any student, team, coach or school which has been declared ineligible as the result of a CHSAA rule may appeal, at the request of the principal, to the CHSAA Commissioner. See Bylaw 2500.2.

EXCEPTION 1: The Legislative Council has determined that because of the nature of the following rules and for the collective benefit of all schools and students, the following may not be appealed:

- a. Penalty for player unsportsmanlike conduct/ejection (Rule 2200).
- b. Coach ejection (Rule 2210).
- c. Outcome of a contest, judgment or misapplication of a playing rule by a contest official (Rule 2410).

EXCEPTION 2: For reasons other than listed above, upon recommendation of the Commissioner and a subsequent three-fourths vote of those Board of Directors members voting, the Commissioner shall have the authority to allow a variance of the Bylaws if the basic spirit and intent of the rules is not violated. In order for a student to be considered for an exception, the school must make a request on his/her/their behalf and demonstrate to the Commissioner a handicapping condition that will result in the student's participation having no effect on the outcome of contests and no compromise of the safety of all participants. The Commissioner shall assemble a team of qualified professionals to assist in determining his/her/their recommendations.

NOTE: LEGAL COUNSEL — The Association reserves the right to seek legal counsel concerning all matters that are the business of the Association. When the Association incurs legal fees brought before the Association by one of its members/parents, the member/parent initiating the matter shall reimburse the Association for any legal fees (including court costs) that the Association incurs. This policy specifically includes but is not limited to legal fees for unsuccessful appeals, protests, or suits that a member initiates. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to change an employee's rights under Article 11 of the CHSAA Constitution concerning the defense of a tort or professional liability action.

2540.1 APPEALS COMMITTEE — The Board of Directors may elect an Appeals Committee consisting of not less than three members. The members of the Appeals Committee may be eligible to be elected or appointed to the Board of Directors, but this shall not prohibit the election of competent lay persons who might best serve the interests of the member schools. No member of the Appeals Committee may be a member of the Appeals Committee and Board of Directors at the same time.

2540.2 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE — The Appeals Committee may hear appeals of decisions of the Commissioner. Decisions of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Such decisions may not be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.

NOTE: The Appeals Committee may, as part of their decision, suggest eligibility modifications to the Commissioner for implementation.

- 2540.21 The Commissioner's decision may be appealed by a formal request in writing to the Commissioner within 30 days. Any appeal of the Commissioner's decision must show new or different information than what was originally presented with the hardship waiver.
- 2540.22 The Appeals Committee's decision may be appealed, at the request of the school or the individual, to the Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Q1: Who serves on appeals committees?

A1: The three-person appeal committee is assembled from the Board of Directors' approved list of non-affiliated, former administrators (superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, district athletic directors, athletic directors, or relevant lay persons.

2550.

APPEALS PROCEDURE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2550.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPEALS PROCEDURE — The Board of Directors shall hear and decide appeals or protests, provided that first an attempt shall have been made by the school or league to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of appeal or protest, through the league organization, the Commissioner, and/or the Appeals Committee. It shall be a further requirement that appeals or protests, before they may be considered by the Board of Directors, shall be submitted to the Commissioner in writing; the written statement shall contain the full and complete case upon which the appeal or protest is made. The Board of Directors may amend or set aside actions or decisions of the Commissioner or Appeals Committee.

Appealing parties that do not follow the appeals process as outlined in the CHSAA bylaws, either by failure to meet deadlines or through legal action prior to completion of the entire process, forfeit the right to any remaining steps in the process.

2550.11 All parties may be represented by counsel, provided they notify all other parties involved of the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel at least seven days in advance of such hearing. Appeal notices and requests must be filed with the CHSAA Office at least 14 days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, except in those cases with a question of membership and/or suspension of membership.

2550.12 The Appeals Committee decision may be appealed, by a formal request in writing to the Commissioner, within 30 days. Any appeal of the Appeals Committee's decision must show new or different information than what was originally presented at any previous appeal.

2550.13 A school or individual may appeal the decision of the Commissioner regarding restriction to the Board of Directors.

Q1: What are the steps in an appeals process?

A1: School, League, Commissioner, Appeals Committee, Board of Directors.

2560. APPEALS PROCEDURE - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Legislative Council will hear only appeals dealing with school membership and/or suspension of membership. The decision of the Legislative Council shall be final, except as noted in 800.11.

**ARTICLE 26
SANCTIONED EVENTS**

2600. TOURNAMENTS/INVITATIONALS HOSTED BY COLORADO SCHOOLS

Schools hosting tournaments or invitationals involving four or more schools shall complete the "Application to Host Sanctioned Events" form and submit it to the CHSAA 30 days prior to the date of the event.

2610. SANCTIONED EVENTS AND TRAVEL

Permission to travel out of state or the approval of in-state or out-of-state events does not imply that the CHSAA has any control over or knowledge of the administration of the event. It shall be the full responsibility of the school administrator and/or the local Board of Education before a request is made for approval to the CHSAA, to thoroughly investigate the conditions under which the contests are conducted, which may include, but not be limited to such items as travel, lodging, physical plant or conditions, supervision and loss of school/teacher time.

2620. COMPETITION OUT-OF-STATE

2620.1 A school group, team, or individual representing a school in athletic competition may travel outside of the state to compete upon recommendation of the school district administration and upon written approval of the Commissioner.

2620.11 EXCEPTION — A vocal group, band, drill team, jazz ensemble or orchestra may travel out of state and participate in competitive events, provided it has the approval of the local school board and administration. Approval of the Commissioner is not necessary.

2630. NON-COMPETITION OUT-OF-STATE

A school group or individual representing a school organization or group may travel out of state, not for competitive purposes, upon the approval of the local school board and/or administration.

2640. INTERSTATE CONTESTS

2640.1 All interstate competition must receive written approval for interstate travel from the Commissioner and/or be sanctioned by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Each state association shall sanction through the NFHS office interstate competition by a member school involving either:

- a. Eight or more schools, at least one of which is from a state that does not border the host state;
- OR
- b. Five or more states, at least one of which does not border the host state.

Q1: When competing against a school from another state, what is the sanctioning procedure with the CHSAA?

A1: When competing against an opponent from OUTSIDE Colorado in any sport/activity, regardless of whether the game is played inside or outside Colorado, it is required that schools submit the Out-of-State Opponent Request Form in rSchool before the scheduled date of the contest. Additionally, if you are hosting a tournament or invitational in an individual sport and have schools/athletes competing from outside Colorado, you must complete this form, just as you would for a team sport.

- 2640.11 Any interstate competition involving two or more schools which is co-sponsored by an organization outside the high school community (e.g., a university, a theme park, a shoe company), in addition to being sponsored by a member school, an approved school or a state association, shall require sanction of the NFHS office.
- 2640.12 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS — When NFHS sanction is required, the host school is responsible to pay a processing fee (made payable to the National Federation) for each application.
- 2640.13 APPLICATION DEADLINE — Application for National Federation approval and sanction must be submitted by the host school to the Commissioner at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the event.
- 2640.14 NON-SANCTIONED EVENT — Member schools or students representing their schools may not attend any out-of-state interscholastic event which has not received sanction. (Sanction is not required in interstate events involving only two schools. However, permission of the Commissioner to travel out-of-state is still required.)

2650.**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

- 2650.1 Requests to participate in international competition (i.e., a training program or competition (1) conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or (2) directly funded and conducted by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national participation) held during the school year involving eligible high school students must be submitted to the CHSAA Commissioner.
- 2650.11 Exceptions to the Bylaws may be considered when individual athletes receive an invitation to participate in qualifying events for national teams recognized by the United States Olympic Committee.

ARTICLE 27 OFFICIALS

2700. CHSAA OFFICIALS' LIAISON

A representative of the Association shall serve as a liaison for all athletic game officials' associations whose members officiate for fees at Colorado high school athletic events.

2710. OFFICIALS' ORGANIZATIONS

2710.1 Although there shall be a liaison from the CHSAA to all officials' groups whose members officiate at high school athletic contests, there shall be created a separate officials' organization for each sport sanctioned by the CHSAA. Each organization shall be expected to set standards of membership and registration which shall insure that qualified and competent officials are available for use by member schools.

2710.11 Each organization shall prescribe the tests which each member must pass to receive or renew his/her/their annual membership card. The organization shall prescribe any other standards which it deems advisable.

2710.2 Any member school, or its designee, that assigns game officials to CHSAA sanctioned interscholastic contests shall annually register with the CHSAA.

2720. REGISTERED OFFICIALS LIST

2720.1 Each member of an officials' organization shall have registered through the CHSAA automated registration system and submitted a consent to background check for a specified amount time. Only those officials who have completed their officials' organization eligibility check list may be contracted by member schools to officiate in all varsity and junior varsity contests.

2720.2 Permission in extreme extenuating circumstances may be granted for the use of non-registered officials through the Commissioner, under the following conditions:

1. A written request is made to the Commissioner.
2. Proof is provided to the Commissioner that all other avenues for available to registered officials have been exhausted.
3. The contracting school has approved the qualifications, knowledge and experience of the non-registered official by providing the following to the non-registered official:
 - a. A rulebook to be purchased by the non-registered official.
 - b. A take-home test for the non-registered official to be completed within five days of the contest and returned to the officials' association for that sport.
4. A list of any non-registered officials used must be submitted to the CHSAA officials' liaison in that sport.

2720.21 When it may be virtually impossible to secure registered officials at all times, schools, acting through their leagues, may seek temporary written permission from the Commissioner to use unregistered local officials at the varsity level. However, whenever it is deemed reasonably possible for schools to secure registered and approved officials, the Commissioner may be expected to refuse such permission. All requests seeking the use of non-registered officials must be made in writing to the Commissioner.

2720.3 Each registered official, in addition to his/her/their varsity schedule, is required to officiate two sub-varsity games or 20% of her/his varsity schedule whichever is less. Non-compliance with this requirement restricts the official from post-season playoff assignments.

2720.4 Only those officials who are registered with the Commissioner and have been issued a CHSAA registration card may be contracted by member schools to be volleyball line judges in district, regional and state level contests.

2730. ROLE OF SCHOOL HOSTING OFFICIALS

In striving for competent and efficient officiating at all athletic contests, the Association is equally insistent that school authorities, coaches and players exert every effort to assure officials the respect and courtesy to which their position entitles them. Instances of unsportsmanlike and discourteous treatment of officials by coaches, players, school authorities, or fans of any school community will warrant vigorous warning by, or suspension from, the Association. The Commissioner is authorized to investigate any reports of such conduct and to issue appropriate penalties which may include suspension.

2740. OFFICIALS FEES

Officials fees are established by the Legislative Council based on the recommendations from the Officials Fees Committee.

2750. ASSIGNMENT MEETINGS

The Commissioner of the CHSAA shall develop a procedure whereby all officials' assignment meetings are to be conducted. The Board of Directors of the Officials' organizations shall be consulted. The approved procedure shall provide for an equitable assignment of officials for all schools.

2760. OFFICIALS' CONDUCT

Any registered official may be suspended and/or banned from the CHSAA registered list of officials for a specified amount of time (including a lifetime ban) by recommendation of the officials' organizations' governing board or CHSAA Commissioner when:

1. It has been shown that the official is guilty of unethical conduct; or
2. The official refuses to promptly file reports requested by the Commissioner's office and such reports are deemed pertinent to the conduct of coach, contestant, official or school competing under the jurisdiction of the CHSAA; or

3. If the official, as an adult, has been convicted of or has pleaded "guilty" or "no contest" to any criminal charge due to conduct that adversely affects the ability or appropriateness of the official to perform officiating duties in interscholastic athletics or activities; or
4. If the official has engaged in any illegal, unethical, or immoral conduct that adversely affects the ability or appropriateness of the official to perform officiating duties in interscholastic athletics or activities; or
5. It is deemed that the official's conduct is detrimental to interscholastic athletics and activities.

CHSAA game officials are expected to abide by the code of ethics for their respective associations, including proper, accepted social conduct. Violations of this Bylaw will be investigated and, if substantiated, the official may be suspended from the CHSAA registered list of officials for a specific period.

Any official who has been suspended or expelled by the CHSAA may appeal the action by an appearance before the CHSAA Board of Directors. The decision of the CHSAA Board of Directors shall be final.

ARTICLE 28 ATHLETIC BYLAWS

2800. PHILOSOPHY OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Interscholastic athletics in high schools shall be organized and administered to contribute to the health, welfare, citizenship, character development of the individual athlete in an equitable manner to produce an experience in secondary education which is valuable and fair to all regardless of national origin, race, gender and disability.

2810. ACADEMIC PRIORITY

The CHSAA recognizes that the academic program must have top priority in the educational process. The Association is well aware of the importance of the activities program, but it recognizes that it should never overshadow the emphasis placed on classroom work. Schools are strongly urged to maximize student-teacher classroom contact by minimizing the loss of school time caused by extracurricular activities.

2820. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

2820.1 The CHSAA, in order to effectively equalize athletic opportunities for members of both sexes, promotes and encourages the use of comparable athletic teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skills. This effort is to promote and encourage the growth of female involvement in athletic programs sponsored by this organization.

2820.11 The term "competitive skills" as used in this context refers to those skills presently possessed by athletes as a class composed of male athletes, as compared to the class of female athletes.

2830.**PHILOSOPHY OF COLLECTIVE SKILLS**

2830.1 The Association does not consider the individual skills of the athlete, but considers the collective skills of female athletes with the collective skills of male athletes. To say girls as a class possess equal skills with boys as a class in athletic contests would be untrue. To decide otherwise would permit male athletes who do not possess individual skills sufficient to participate in boys' athletic contests, but whose skills are superior to those of girls, to compete in events restricted to female athletes, thus creating an inequity of skills within a class, and ultimately severely limiting participation of female athletes. This would destroy the intent of the Association to promote and encourage the growth of female involvement in athletic programs.

2830.11 The Association adopts the philosophy as set forth in "Female Athletics", Corbitt, et al., published in JAMA, June 3, 1964, Vol. 228, No. 10, together with references included therein as standards for the above stated philosophy.

2840.**PLAYOFF ORGANIZATION**

2840.1 The CHSAA shall have the authority to organize and conduct championship playoff culminating events in all sports and activities sanctioned by the CHSAA.

2840.2 Each member school grants to the Colorado High School Activities Association the exclusive telecast or broadcast rights to all events at the playoff level. "Telecast and broadcast rights" include, but are not limited to, over the air television, cable television, radio, internet or web streaming. The "playoff level" includes any post-season event identified as festival, district, sectional, regional or state by Legislative Council action. The CHSAA reserves the right to grant or refuse any request for broadcast/telecast at the playoff level. The CHSAA may contract with third parties for the telecast or broadcast of any event at the playoff level and establish rights fees for any such events.

2840.3 Each member school and league grants to the Colorado High School Activities Association the exclusive rights to negotiate with any agency other than the school, on behalf of the member schools and/or leagues regarding any regular season television (linear or web streaming) broadcasts. Any regular season broadcast fees remain with the member school and/or conference for which this negotiation was performed. Any broadcast initiated and conducted by the school program would be exempt from this policy.

2850.**STUDENT AND TEAM COMPOSITION**

2850.1 Requirements for a team which competes in CHSAA sanctioned interscholastic events:

- Authorized and recognized by local school board or governing body.
- Team members are under the direct supervision of a coach hired by the local school board or private school governing body. The head coach shall have a current Colorado teaching certificate or shall be registered with the CHSAA.
- Team members and coaches are under the direct supervision of the principal or athletic director.

2850.2 The CHSAA must receive written notification of the school's intent to sponsor a team on or prior to the first allowable day for competition in that sport in order for the school to be assigned to state qualifying competition. Formats established by the Legislative Council may preclude assignment to qualifying competition in specific sports.

2850.3 Interscholastic sports teams composed of boys, girls, and/or boys and girls shall be conducted in accordance with the following Bylaws as noted and modified. Schools shall designate the type of team for each sport according to the following:

- (a) BOYS' TEAM — Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are permitted to qualify for the boys' team(s).
- (b) SEPARATE TEAMS — Whenever the school provides a team or teams for boys and a team or teams for girls in the same sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys' team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be permitted to qualify for the girls' team(s) in that sport.
- (c) GIRLS' TEAMS — Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for girls in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls' team in that sport.
- (d) COED TEAMS – Whenever the Association designates a coed team, that team must be composed of both boys and girls.

Q1: May a school sponsor a team for a single competitor?

A1: No. However, if a school has a single male competitor and a single female competitor in a sport conducted during the same season, each competitor may qualify for state competition through their respective boys and girls qualifying events.

Q2: The Bylaws for baseball, basketball, ice hockey, soccer and volleyball specify the number of players which may be certified to compete in a district, regional or state tournament. May an eligible student who was not on the regional roster appear on the state roster?

A2: Yes. Rosters can be changed after each playoff contest.

Q3: A player is injured in the state volleyball quarterfinals. May the coach add an additional player to the roster for the semifinals?

A3: Yes.

2860.

GAME CONTRACTS

2860.1 Member schools shall honor game contracts entered into in good faith, unless a reasonable accommodation between the competing schools is reached or the contest is cancelled due to an act of God which gives league/conference rescheduled contests a priority over non-conference games. Contracts must be written, should be specific with respect to the obligations of each party, and must be signed by the principal or athletic director of each of the contracting schools.

2860.11 CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION — A change in the administration within a school does not abrogate the obligation of a school with respect to its responsibility under the contract. In cases where a second contract is signed, if it is in conflict with the terms of an earlier contract, properly drawn and executed, the second contract shall be deemed null and void.

2860.12 PENALTY – Schools which violate this regulation will be immediately placed on probation and a \$500 reimbursement must be paid to the offended school within 45 days. A second violation of this regulation will result in a school or program being placed on restriction, and a reimbursement of \$1,000 must be paid to the offended school. Subsequent violations will result in a mandatory meeting with the CHSAA office with the penalty to be determined. If you do not pay the offended school within 45 days you will be placed on restriction with the CHSAA based on Bylaw 2330.1, conduct that the Commissioner deems detrimental to the mission of the Colorado High School Activities Association. Penalty is non-appealable.

2860.13 VARSITY – The penalty will only be applicable for varsity level teams.

2860.2 Contracts for football contests cannot be signed for the new two-year classification cycle until after the CHSAA Legislative Council in even numbered years.

2870. OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

Athletic contests in this Association shall be governed by the official rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations unless by proper action of the Legislative Council other rules are specifically approved.

Q1: Do National Federation rules apply only to varsity competition?

A1: No. The rules apply to all high school CHSAA competition.

Q2: May two teams decide to set aside certain National Federation playing rules during a regular season game?

A2: No.

2880. SPORTS CAMPS

2880.1 A sports camp is defined as an instructional opportunity limited to one sport and involving participation by the individual student. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend said camp or camps as a condition to practicing, participating or otherwise influencing a student's opportunity to participate in any school sport.

2880.11 WINTER VACATION, SUNDAY — No sports camp may be sponsored by any school from December 24 through December 27 and New Year's Day. Neither may any faculty member be connected with a camp during this period in which any of his/her/their students are enrolled or participating. No school-sponsored camp may be held on any Sunday during the school year.

Q1: May a coach conduct a four-week sports camp during the summer for past and potential team members?

A1: Yes, as long as attendance at camp is not a prerequisite to school team membership.

Q2: May a coach conduct a one-week camp during the week before the start of the fall formal sports season?

A2: Yes.

ARTICLE 29 BASEBALL

2900. SEASON OF SPORT

The baseball sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 35, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 36. The season shall run until the final state championships.

2910. PLAYOFFS

The Legislative Council shall arrange regional or state championship playoffs in baseball.

2920. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

Member schools that are in a classification that does not have a district tournament shall not participate in more than 23 games, exclusive of region and state contests during a season. Member schools that are in a classification that has a district tournament shall not participate in more than 19 games, exclusive of district, regional and state contests during a season. No member school shall permit any of its sub-varsity baseball teams to participate in more than 19 games.

2930. MAXIMUM INNINGS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 161 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championships.

2940. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its baseball team to play after the state championship tournaments have been played.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

2950. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than **23** players may be certified to play on a team in any qualifying or state tournament.

2960.1 Pitchers will be placed on daily pitch counts for games based on the recommendations from the CHSAA Baseball Advisory Committee and approved by the Legislative Council. Said pitch count rules to be published annually as part of the Baseball Report.

Q1: What is the penalty for violating the pitching limitation rule?

A1: When a pitcher exceeds the pitching limit, he/she/they becomes ineligible. The use of an ineligible shall result in forfeiture of the contest(s) in which the ineligible participated.

Q2: Do all interscholastic contests, varsity and JV, league and non-league, count toward determining the number of innings pitched?

A2: Yes. Interscholastic scrimmages do not count, but all other contests do.

Q3: Is every team accountable for supplying proof of how many innings each pitcher has thrown?

A3: Yes. Accurate records should be kept in the team score book and should be open to opponents. In addition, a line-up card should be exchanged between teams including a notation next to the name of each potential pitcher showing the number of innings he is permitted to pitch on that given day. This will give accountability to both teams, as well as providing another "check". Players and coaches want to win games on the field, not because of an ineligibility. A coach who is aware that his opponent is about to violate the pitching LIMITATION should draw the potential violation to the attention of the opposing coach.

Q4: May an umpire prevent a pitcher from violating the pitching LIMITATION?

A4: No. The umpire's job is to enforce the National Federation Rules, not those in the CHSAA bulletin. An umpire who has knowledge of a potential violation might point it out to the coach, but he has no authority to prohibit a player from pitching.

Q5: May schools or leagues adopt more stringent pitching LIMITATION?

A5: Yes. Weather, maturity of the pitcher and number and type of pitches thrown are all factors which contribute to wear and tear on young arms. A coach's first consideration should always be the health and safety of his players.

ARTICLE 30 BASKETBALL

The basketball sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 20 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 20, and the first competition shall be on the Monday of Week 22. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3010.

MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

Member schools that are in a classification that does not have a district tournament shall not participate in more than 23 games, exclusive of region and state contests during a season. Member schools that are in a classification that has a district tournament shall not participate in more than 19 games, exclusive of district, regional and state contests during a season. No member school shall permit any of its sub-varsity basketball teams to participate in more than 19 games.

3020.

MAXIMUM QUARTERS INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 95 basketball quarters exclusive of district, regional and state tournament games if the school at which the student plays is in a classification that has a district tournament.

A student may not participate in more than 115 basketball quarters exclusive of the state tournament if the school at which the student participates is in a classification that does not have a district tournament.

EXCEPTION: A sub-varsity student may participate in a maximum of 95 quarters if the school at which the student plays is in a classification that does not have a district tournament.

Q1: What is a sub-varsity student?

A1: Any student who participates in one or more sub-varsity contests.

3030.

PLAYOFFS

The Legislative Council shall determine the method of selecting the tournament representatives in classifications and all arrangements for the championship tournaments shall be under the direction of the Commissioner. He may appoint committees to assist him, but he has the ultimate responsibility. Geographic considerations shall be given highest priority in determining regional playoff competition.

3040.

ROSTER LIMITATION

Only 14 students may be certified to play on a team in district, regional, and state competition.

3050.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its basketball team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

**ARTICLE 31
CROSS COUNTRY**

3100. SEASON OF SPORT

The cross country sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3110. DISTANCE FOR QUALIFYING AND STATE MEETS

The distance to be run in state competition shall be 5,000 meters.

3120. MAXIMUM MEETS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 11 regularly scheduled cross country meets, exclusive of regional and state meets.

3130. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its cross country team to compete after the state championship meet.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

**ARTICLE 32
GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY**

3200. SEASON OF SPORT

The girls' field hockey sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3210. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

No member school shall permit any of its field hockey teams to participate in more than 15 games exclusive of state playoff games.

3220. MAXIMUM HALVES INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 36 halves exclusive of state playoff games.

3230. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than 21 girls may be certified to play on a team in any state qualifying games.

3240.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its field hockey team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 33
FOOTBALL

3300.

SEASON OF SPORT

3300.1 The football sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Thursday of Week 7, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 8. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3300.2 Teams that host an end of the summer padded camp and do not have a bye week as part of their schedule may schedule a contest between the 11th and 14th day (including the first day of practice, but not including Sundays) after the start of formal practice.

3310.

EQUIPMENT DATES

3310.1 No pads or other components of regular football uniforms except shoes, jerseys and helmets may be worn by the players until the fourth day of the formal sports season. On the fourth day of the formal sports season, players may wear a full regular football uniform and pads while engaging in blocking and tackling exercises that do not include physical contact between players.

(a) **ISSUE RESTRICTIONS** — The issuing of protective football equipment except during the formal sports season is a violation.

EXCEPTION 1: To allow individual players who participate in football exercises or drills while in shorts, 7 on 7 competitions, and 7 on 7 drills to use Colorado issued helmets under the following criteria:

1. The issuing of the football helmet is approved by the local school district.
2. Football helmets for drills and 7 on 7 may NOT be distributed before Memorial Day.

EXCEPTION 2: An individual or team camp may use Colorado high school-issued protective football equipment under the following criteria:

1. The issuing of the equipment is approved by the local school district.
2. Camps must be conducted by a college/university, an appropriate commercial organization or an individual high school.
 - a. High schools may develop their own team camp on site or at any other location.

3. The camp must show proof of liability insurance.
4. Camps must be for students and/or teams from a variety of different schools if it is conducted by a college/university or an appropriate commercial organization. Players from a minimum of six schools must be involved in the camp. Individual school camps limit participation to those students who have completed the registration process for enrollment into that high school. (NOTE: only students from the high school sponsoring the camp may participate.)
5. The camp should be for a period of time that is typical for camps/clinics (3-5 days) at a college/university or an appropriate commercial organization. Camps held at individual high schools can be a maximum of 10 days at the individual school site over a period of 14 calendar days.
6. Camps held at individual high schools will be allowed the same period of time as the college/university camp guidelines listed above. They will follow the same progression prior to attending, by developing a four-day camp which includes, **three days in helmets, followed by one day full pads with no player to player contact.**

Schools may conduct a lower-level team camp concurrent with the varsity camp, or at a separate time. An individual may only attend one ten-day team camp. If camps are held at separate times and/or locations, the individual must choose to attend either the varsity or lower-level camp. he/she/they cannot attend both.

If camps are run concurrently, the individual may only participate in either the varsity or the lower-level scrimmage. he/she/they cannot participate in both.

7. Issuing equipment for camps held at individual school sites will mirror the restrictions of the formal football sports season. No pads or other components of regular football uniforms except shoes, jerseys, and helmets may be worn by the players until the **fourth** day of the team camp. On the **fourth** day of the team camp, players may wear a full regular football uniform and pads while engaging in blocking and tackling exercises that do not include physical contact between players. On the **fifth** day, full player-player contact may begin.
8. COMMERCIAL/COLLEGE CAMP Schools may attend a camp conducted by a college/university for a typical period (3-5 days). Prior to attending, high schools must develop a four-day camp, which would include **three days in helmets, one day of full-pads with no player-to-player contact.** The four-day camp and the commercial/college camp must both fit within the 14-calendar day time frame already established. The four-day lead up practices may not begin until Memorial Day.
9. Equipment must be returned and collected immediately.
10. Equipment for team camps cannot be issued prior to Memorial Day or after August 1.

3310.2 Schools may issue equipment for ONE contact camp at any point from Memorial Day to August 1. Schools may not issue equipment to their team or any individual for a second contact camp.

NOTE: This exception does not change the date for issuing equipment for the season.

PENALTY — Schools which violate this regulation will be immediately placed on a minimum of probation until the school has provided the Commissioner with a detailed report of the incident(s) and administrative procedures have been put in place to ensure no repeat of the violation. A second violation of this regulation will result in the school being placed on restriction for a minimum of one season from state qualifying competition.

Q1: What is the definition of a football "team camp"?

A1: A team camp is defined as a camp that provides any opportunity for an individual school to meet as a team for instruction, film study, skill development, scrimmaging, or any other activity deemed to be team related.

3320.

PHYSICAL CONTACT DATE

Blocking or tackling exercises with physical contact between players is prohibited until the fourth day (exclusive of Sundays) of the formal sports season.

3330.

MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

Football teams may not participate in more than 9/10 football games during the season, excluding the state playoffs. (A8, 1A, 2A-9 games; **A6**, 3A, 4A, 5A-10 games.)

Q1: School A's football team has scheduled 10 (the maximum) regular season games. On the Monday before its last league game, School A's opponent cancels the game due to shortage of eligible players. School A accepts the forfeit, which gives it a 9-0 league record and a 10-0 overall record. May School A schedule another game to fill the void in its schedule?

A1: No. The school has played the maximum number of games (10). Winning a contest by forfeit counts as one of the allowable contests.

3340.

MAXIMUM QUARTERS INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than the quarters listed, exclusive of kicking plays and state playoff games.

8 games = 42 Quarters

9 games = 48 Quarters

10 games = 52 Quarters

- A student-athlete may participate in no more than 6 quarters in 3 days and in no more than 7 quarters in a week.
- A week is defined as Thursday to Wednesday.
- An exception may be made of the 6 quarter rule for postponed contests.

Q1: What is a kicking play?

A1: Any play that uses a kick formation (field goal, punt, PAT, and kickoffs), to include both the kicking and receiving teams.

3350.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP — Each conference and division shall determine its championship on a win/loss percentage basis. No games — conference or non-conference — shall end in a tie. In case a championship is not decided within a conference or division, the Commissioner shall determine the method or procedure for deciding the championship.

3360.

PLAYOFFS

3360.1 The Legislative Council shall consider and approve playoff schedules for the classifications or divisions.

The site of interconference championship football games shall be determined based on previous games.

3360.11 MUTUAL AGREEMENT — The game site or date of the scheduled game may be changed by the two competing teams by mutual agreement, with the approval of the Commissioner.

3360.2 TIE GAME — The final game of the state playoffs will not end in a tie.

3370.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its football team to play after the state championship.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 34

GOLF

3400.

SEASON OF SPORT

3400.1 BOYS — The boys' golf sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 5 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage/competition date shall be on the Thursday of Week 5. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3400.2 GIRLS — The girls' golf sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage/competition date shall be on the Thursday of Week 35. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3410.

PLAYOFFS

3410.1 The CHSAA championship golf tournament shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

3410.11 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS — Where it deems necessary, the Legislative Council shall arrange and schedule qualifying tournaments for the state championships.

3420. MAXIMUM HOLES INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 198 holes of scheduled golf meets, exclusive of sudden death playoffs, district, regional and state meets.

3430. PLAYING RULES

Golf matches will be played under the rules of the United States Golf Association with CHSAA modifications.

3440. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its golf team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 35 GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

3500. SEASON OF SPORT

The gymnastics sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3510. MAXIMUM MEETS INDIVIDUAL

No student may participate in more than 11 scheduled gymnastics meets during a gymnastics season exclusive of regional and state meets.

3520. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its gymnastics team to compete after the state championship meet.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 36 ICE HOCKEY

3600. SEASON OF SPORT

3600.1 The ice hockey sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 20 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 20, and the first competition shall be on the Monday of Week 22. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3610. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

No member school shall permit any of its varsity hockey teams to participate in more than 19 games exclusive of the state tournament. The sub-varsity team shall be permitted to participate in no more than 15 games during the regular season.

3620. MAXIMUM PERIODS INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 72 periods, exclusive of playoff and state tournaments.

3630. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than 20 students may be certified to play on a varsity team in any regular season, playoff or state tournament. The sub-varsity roster shall be limited to 20 students that are certified to play during the regular season.

3640. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its hockey team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 37 LACROSSE

3700. SEASON OF SPORT

The lacrosse sports season shall begin on the on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 35, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 36. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3710. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

No member school shall permit any of its lacrosse teams to participate in more than 15 games exclusive of state playoff matches.

3720. MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 36 halves (girls) or 72 quarters (boys) exclusive of state playoff matches.

3730. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than 45 players may be certified to play on a team in any state qualifying match(es).

3740.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its lacrosse team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 38
ALPINE SKIING & NORDIC SKIING

3800.

SEASON OF SPORT

3800.1 Competition shall be from December 1 or from a different start date due to weather conditions, until the date indicated by each school, or until the final championship race.

NOTE: The CHSAA Ski League may hold league championships after the state championship based upon venue availability.

3810.

PLAYING RULES

The rules as published by the CHSAA (modification of NCAA rules) will be the official rules in all CHSAA ski meets.

3820.

MAXIMUM MEETS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 11 regularly scheduled ski meets during the skiing season, exclusive of the state championship.

3830.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its skiing team to compete after the state championship meet.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 39
SOCCER

3900.

SEASON OF SPORT

3900.1 **BOYS** — The boys' soccer sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3900.2 GIRLS — The girls' soccer sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 35, and the first competition shall be on the **Saturday of Week 35**. The season shall run until the final state championships.

3910. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

No member school shall permit any of its soccer teams to participate in more than 15 games exclusive of state qualifying.

3920. MAXIMUM HALVES INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 36 halves exclusive of district, regional and state tournaments.

3930. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than 25 students may be certified to play on a team in any regional or state tournament.

3940. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its soccer team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

**ARTICLE 40
GIRLS' SOFTBALL**

4000. SEASON OF SPORT

The softball sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage/competition date shall be on the Thursday of Week 6. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4010. MAXIMUM NUMBER CONTESTS

Member schools that are in a classification that does not have a district tournament shall not participate in more than 23 games, exclusive of region and state contests during a season. Member schools that are in a classification that has a district tournament shall not participate in more than 19 games, exclusive of district, regional and state contests during a season. No member school shall permit any of its sub-varsity softball teams to participate in more than 19 games.

4020. MAXIMUM INNINGS INDIVIDUAL

No individual may participate in more than 161 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championship tournaments.

Exception: A student may participate in a maximum of 168 innings provided she competes in no more than 133 innings at any one level (varsity, JV, sophomore, etc.)

4030. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its softball team to play after the state championship tournaments.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

4040. ROSTER LIMITATION

Not more than **23** players may be certified to play on a team in any qualifying or state tournament.

**ARTICLE 41
SPIRIT**

4100. SPIRIT

A spirit team, for the purpose of this Bylaw, shall include all of the following who represent their school in cheer, game-day, co-ed, pom pon, jazz, and hip-hop. Spirit teams must follow all eligibility requirements.

4110. SEASON OF SPORT

A spirit sport season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The primary spirit seasons are fall and winter with a secondary spring sport season allowed as determined by the local school/district.

4120. CONTESTS

The CHSAA will sanction competitions or invitationals involving four or more schools.

Q1: Must spirit teams follow the transfer, semester, age, etc. rules?

A1: Yes; spirit teams must follow all Bylaws, as do other athletes.

Q2: If a spirit participant becomes ineligible at the semester, in what activities is the participant restricted?

A2: The spirit team member may not participate in sports contests, half time performances, pep assemblies or in any competition (sanctioned or non-sanctioned). They may not represent their school in uniform/competition apparel during the period of ineligibility.

Q3: When is eligibility checked?

A3: At the same time periods when other athletes are checked.

Q4: Is there a limit on the number of contests?

A4: No.

Q5: Is there a limit on the number of athletes on a varsity team?

A5: Yes:

1A/2A/3A (all girl cheer, pom, co-ed, gameday)– maximum 20

4A/5A (cheer, pom, co-ed, gameday), All-Class Jazz and All-Class Hip-hop – maximum 28

Q6: May ineligible try out?

A6: Yes.

Q7: Must schools submit semester eligibility lists which include spirit team members?

A7: Yes.

Q8: Must spirit coaches be registered by the CHSAA prior to contact with students?

A8: Yes.

Q9: Does this Bylaw include non-performing teams?

A9: Yes. All teams whether in the high school state championships or a side line team. Any team representing a member school will adhere to the CHSAA minimum eligibility standards.

Q10: Can 8th graders attend a spirit try-out at a high school prior to their enrollment in the school?

A10: Yes, 8th graders can attend a spirit pre-clinic and try-out at a high school. They cannot practice at a designated spirit team practice until May 1st. (Please also reference Q/A 11below.

Q11: Is a spring try-out/practice with a spirit team at School A with a transfer to a spirit team at School B subject to CHSAA Bylaw 1800 (Transfer Rule)?

A11: Yes, try-outs/practice in spring are equivalent to a fall team try-out.

Q12: Does a spirit team whether competition, sideline, or a curricular program (who performs) have to follow the spirit bylaws to be able to perform at CHSAA Sanctioned events?

A12: Yes. Please refer to bylaw 4120 and the Spirit bulletin.

ARTICLE 42 SWIMMING AND DIVING

4200. SEASON OF SPORT

4200.1 GIRLS — The girls' Swimming and Diving sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 20 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 20, and the first competition shall be on the Monday of Week 22. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4200.2 BOYS — The boys' Swimming and Diving sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 34 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 34, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 35. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4210. MAXIMUM MEETS INDIVIDUAL

No student may swim in more than 11 scheduled meets during the Swimming and Diving season exclusive of the conference and state meets.

4220. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its Swimming and Diving team to compete after the state championship meet.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 43 TENNIS

4300. SEASON OF SPORT

4300.1 BOYS — The boys' tennis sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage/competition date shall be on the Thursday of Week 6. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4300.2 GIRLS — The girls' tennis sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS) calendar. The first scrimmage/competition date shall be on the Thursday of Week 35. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4310. EVENTS CONTESTED AT REGIONAL AND STATE

The number of competitors shall be limited to No. 1, 2, & 3 Singles and No. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Doubles Teams. A player may not represent his/her/their school in both Singles and Doubles matches.

4320. MAXIMUM MATCHES INDIVIDUAL

No student may participate in more than 8 matches and 4 tournaments or 9 matches and 3 tournaments or 10 matches and 2 tournaments, or 11 matches and 1 tournament or 12 matches and no tournaments, exclusive of regional and state meets.

A tennis tournament is defined as either bracketed draws crowning a champion at each position, or a dual team tournament where an overall team champion is crowned at the conclusion of the tournament. A tournament must conclude after 2 consecutive days and players may only play a maximum number of matches per day as defined in the current USTA Friend at Court Rulebook. If there is inclement weather and the tournament cannot be completed in 2 days, CHSAA must approve finish on a third day.

4330. PLAYING RULES

Tennis matches will be played under the rules of the United States Tennis Association with CHSAA modifications.

4340. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its tennis team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 43 TRACK & FIELD

4400. SEASON OF SPORT

The track and field sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 35 (NFHS) calendar. The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 35, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 36. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4410. MAXIMUM MEETS INDIVIDUAL

No student may participate in more than 12 scheduled track meets (including indoor and outdoor) during a track season exclusive of league championships and state meets.

4420. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its track team to compete after the state championship meet.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 45 UNIFIED BOWLING

4500. SEASON OF SPORT

4500.1 The coed unified bowling sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4510. UNIFIED SPORTS TEAM ROLES

4510.1 Unified Athlete – A student with an intellectual/developmental disability. This person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual/developmental disabilities as determined by their localities or other measures which are generally accepted within the professional community in that accredited programs state as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay.

Unified Partner – A student without an intellectual/developmental disability.

4520. UNIFIED SPORTS GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

4520.1 Any bona fide student of a CHSAA-member high school that meets all requirements of the CHSAA and school district athletic clearance is eligible to participate in Unified sports. Any special needs student who exceeds the age limit per bylaw 1770.1, would require an approved waiver prior to participation.

4520.2 Eligibility for the Unified athlete and the Unified partner will be determined at the local level.

4520.3 Unified athletes participating in CHSAA-sanctioned sports are allowed to concurrently participate with Special Olympics Colorado Unified Sports during the sports year.

4530. UNIFIED SPORTS RULES

4530.1 Rules – Official rules and regulations for all Unified sports and activities shall be those published in the CHSAA Bulletin in collaboration with Special Olympics – Colorado.

Q1: In order to compete in Regionals and/or State must there be a female and male athlete actively participating.

A1: Yes. Please see bylaw 2850.3

**ARTICLE 46
VOLLEYBALL**

4600. SEASON OF SPORT

- 4600.1 The girls' volleyball sports season shall begin on the Monday of Week 6 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 6, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 7. The season shall run until the final state championships.
- 4600.2 The boys' volleyball season shall begin on the Monday of Week 34 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of Week 34, and the first competition shall be on the Thursday of Week 35. The season shall run until the final state championships.

4610. MAXIMUM MATCHES TEAM

Member schools shall not participate in more than 23 matches, exclusive of regional and state contests during a season. No member school shall permit any of its sub-varsity volleyball teams to participate in more than 19 matches.

4620. MAXIMUM GAMES INDIVIDUAL

A student may not participate in more than 115 sets exclusive of regional and state tournament matches.

EXCEPTION: A sub-varsity student may participate in a maximum of 95 sets.

Q1: What is a sub-varsity student?

A1: Any student who participates in one or more sub-varsity contest.
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4630. ROSTER LIMITATION

Only 14 players may be certified to play on a team in district, regional, sectional and state competition.

4640. LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its volleyball team to play after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ARTICLE 47 WRESTLING

4700. SEASON OF SPORT

4700.1 The boys' and girls' wrestling sports seasons shall begin on the Monday of Week 20 (NFHS calendar). The first scrimmage date shall be on the Saturday of week 20, and the first competition shall be on the Monday of Week 22. Th season shall run until the final state championships.

4710. WEIGHT CLASS

4710.1 A school may enter only one contestant in any given weight in a qualifying tournament. When the contestant is certified to participate in a qualifying tournament at a certain weight, the athlete must wrestle at that weight in both regional and state tournaments.

4720. WEIGHT PERMIT FORM

Each wrestler is to establish a certified minimum weight prior to competition and may not recertify at a lower weight during the season. The certified minimum weight form must be signed by the parents or legal guardian and the examining physician. The higher of the two weights will be the minimum weight if the parent and physician do not agree.

PENALTY — Schools which violate this regulation will be immediately placed on a minimum of probation until the school has provided the Commissioner with a detailed report of the incident(s) and administrative procedures have been put in place to ensure no repeat of the violation. A second violation of this regulation will result in the school being placed on restriction for a minimum of one season from state qualifying competition.

4730. MAXIMUM MATCHES INDIVIDUAL

4730.1 No wrestler shall participate in more than 10 meets/dual meet events (excluding dual meet tournaments) and in more than **12** days of tournaments (including dual meet tournaments). For wrestler entered in a multi-day tournament, all days of that tournament shall be counted towards the **12** days of tournaments (including dual meet tournaments).

4730.2 In tournament and dual meet competition, each wrestler is limited to a maximum of five matches per day (National Federation Rule 1-2-2).

For the purpose of the regular season, a "dual meet event" will be defined as a meet in which three or more teams compete, no team scores are kept, no forfeits are awarded and no individual wrestler competes in more than one match. The purpose of the dual team event is to allow teams of varying sizes to compete in a format that most efficiently allows each athlete to wrestle a match for minimum points as outlined below. Points for the event would be assigned to all participating wrestlers based on the maximum number of matches any one athlete wrestles.

4730.21 PARTICIPATION — (1) When a wrestler engages in a match as defined by National Federation Rules; (2) When a wrestler steps on to the mat to receive a forfeit.

4730.22 TOURNAMENT — Anytime five or more teams are involved. (Except for dual meet event)

Q1: A wrestler is injured during a match in the first round of a two-day tournament and is unable to continue wrestling in that competition. Will both days be charged towards his ten day tournament limit?

A1: Yes.

Q2: A wrestler participates in only one dual of a double dual or triangular meet competition (3 teams involved). How many duals has he/she/they accumulated for that competition?

A2: 1 dual competition will be charged.

Q3: A wrestler receives a forfeit in a dual meet. Will that count towards his 10 dual limit?

A3: Yes.

Q4: Does a match won by forfeit count for qualifying tournament seeding purposes?

A4: Yes.

Q5: At a dual meet, Team A has two 113 pound wrestlers, Team B has one 113 pound wrestler. At the conclusion of the dual competition, Team B's 113 pound wrestler competes in a match against the second 113 pound wrestler from Team A. How many points has the 113 pound wrestler from Team B accumulated?

A5: One competition point if the team has not yet met the 4 point dual maximum.

4730.23 DEFAULT — A match won or lost by default will count as a match wrestled.

4730.24 FORFEIT — A match won by forfeit will count as a match wrestled toward season totals. A match won or lost by forfeit, after the match has been wrestled, will count as a match wrestled.

4740.

LENGTH OF SEASON

No member school shall permit its Wrestling team to compete after the state championship tournament.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive sports season in recognized national events and with the written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office.

ACTIVITY BYLAWS

PHILOSOPHY OF ACTIVITIES — The program of high school interscholastic activities in music, speech and student council shall be so organized and administered as to contribute to the development of leadership, talent and creativity of the individual participant in an equitable and fair manner to produce an experience in secondary education that is valuable and fair to all. National origin, race, gender and disability should be considered when looking at equitable and fair regulations.

ARTICLE 48 ESPORTS

4800. CLASSIFICATION PARTICIPATION

Esports will have 2 competitive seasons.

4810. ELIGIBILITY

A student shall be eligible to represent their school as part of an esports team, as sanctioned by the CHSAA, if such student meets the following requirements:

- Eligibility checks should model those conducted for Activities at the local/district level.
- Schools/districts can adopt a stricter standard of eligibility for esports per bylaw 1720.

CHSAA Bylaws 1720 (Stricter Standards), 1720 (Conduct), 1790 (Co-op Programs), with the requirement that during the period of participation the student must be enrolled in courses that offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Academic units per semester, shall apply to students participating in esports.

4810.1 NOT REQUIRED - Schools are not required to include the names of esports participants on semester eligibility lists submitted to CHSAA. Schools are required to enter esports participants onto rosters in the CHSAA electronic platform.

4820. AWARDS

No school or representative shall be allowed to give or to receive an esports award for their individual efforts that exceeds the value of over \$20.00 (excluding engraving).

4830. AMATEUR STANDING

Esports competitors must adhere to the following bylaw regarding amateur status: CHSAA Bylaw Article 20 (Amateur Standing).

ARTICLE 49 MUSIC

4900. CLASSIFICATION PARTICIPATION

4900.1 Schools shall participate in state music festivals in classifications on a two-year cycle as dictated by Article 15 of the Administrative and General Bylaws.

4900.11 Middle and junior high schools may enter students in all CHSAA music activities.

4900.12 PARTICIPATE WITH HIGH SCHOOL — Junior high and elementary pupils of the same school system or of elementary schools that lie within an organized high school district may be permitted to participate with their high school bands, orchestras and choirs or other instrumental or vocal ensembles without affecting their high school eligibility.

4900.13 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION — To determine the classification, use the enrollment figure of the high school and use the corresponding class from the chart below.

Enrollments Effective 2022-2024 School Years

1A	1-87
2A	88-271
3A	272-618
4A	619-1391
5A	1391-up

4900.2 SECOND GROUP – In sight reading, if there are one or more of the same type groups from the school entered, the second group may sight read one classification lower, provided there is no duplication of personnel on the same instrument.

4910. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY APPLIES

4910.1 The general eligibility rules of the CHSAA as outlined in Bylaws 1710 (General Eligibility), 1720 (Stricter Standards), 1720b (Conduct), 1740 (Make-Up Work), 1760 (Regaining Eligibility), 1790 (Co-op Programs), shall apply to students participating in the following events:

- All-State Band
- All-State Choir
- All-State Orchestra
- Solo and Ensemble Festival
- College and University Honor Groups

4910.2 For all other music participation, Rules 1720 (Stricter Standards), 1720b (Conduct) and 1790 (Co-op Programs), shall apply in conjunction with the requirement that during the period of participation the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Academic units per semester.

Q1: Two weeks prior to Large Group Festivals, a student fails two courses. Is the student eligible?

A1: Yes, 1710 does not apply to Large Group Festivals.

Q2: May an ineligible try out for an all-state group?

A2: No. Exception: A student who has the possibility of regaining eligibility on the CHSAA regain date in the fall may submit an entry but may not audition until her eligibility is regained.

Q3: Does Rule 1710 (General Eligibility) apply to participation in music activities other than All-State Band, All-State Choir, All-State Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble Festival, and College and University Honor Groups?

A3: No. The student must follow only the 2.5 Academic unit regulation.

Q4: What are some of the CHSAA rules which do not apply to music students?

A4: Transfer, semesters, amateur, seasons, age, outside competition, physical exam, Sunday contact, practice and previous semester academic standards.

NOTE: Schools are not required to include the names of music participants on semester eligibility lists submitted to the CHSAA. Schools are required to enter music participants onto rosters in the CHSAA electronic platform.

4920.**MARCHING BANDS**

4920.1 Member schools of the CHSAA are permitted to participate in no more than four in-state marching band contests or exhibition festival dates and two out-of-state marching band contests dates during the school year, exclusive of CHSAA-recognized state qualifying and state-level competition.

NOTE: Should additional out of state travel be needed, the school administrator may petition the CHSAA Music Commissioner.

4920.11 DEFINED – A marching band event is where bands are invited to perform in competition or exhibition or a show demonstrating marching and playing techniques, in a festival atmosphere, either individually by schools or collectively in a massed band. This regulation includes college band day festivals, district festivals, league festivals, invitationals, festivals sponsored by organizations and festivals sponsored by any type of commercial enterprises.

4920.12 NOT INCLUDED — This regulation does not include parades, participation at school football games, individual exhibitions at professional sports activities, etc.

4930.**STATE-WIDE MUSICAL ACTIVITIES**

4930.1 Any student auditioning for and participating in All-State Band, Choir, or Orchestra must be actively involved with the local school's parallel musical organization (if one exists).

4930.11 MUST BE RECOMMENDED — Applicants must be recommended by their local school music director and principal.

Q1: A student tries out for and makes the all-state band, orchestra or choir, after which the student (a) quits the high school musical organization (b) is declared academically ineligible. Is the student eligible to play in the all-state events?

A1: No. Under ordinary circumstances, he/she/they must be an active member of his/her/their high school parallel music organization (if one exists) at the time of his/her/their all-state participation and must be eligible at the time of participation.

(a) ALL-STATE BAND — A designated college or university serves as host to the All-State Band each year. The All-State Band is made up of musicians from Colorado high schools that have been selected from recorded auditions. Auditions include the playing of a part of a solo or etude, sight-reading and to demonstrate a working knowledge of common scales and chords.

- (b) ALL-STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — A designated college or university is host to the all-state high school symphony orchestra. Students participating in this activity are selected by a central committee of music adjudicators from recorded auditions in the fall.
- (c) ALL-STATE CHOIRS – A designated college or university serves as host to the All-State Choir Festival each year. Students participating in this activity are selected by a central committee of music adjudicators from live auditions in the fall.

PURPOSES — The purposes of membership in All-State Choir are:

- (1) To raise the level of choral music in Colorado high schools.
 - (2) To provide an opportunity for fellowship with other outstanding high school students of vocal music.
 - (3) To provide an opportunity for high school students to experience musical inspiration from participation in amassed choral groups under the direction of a master musician/conductor.
- (d) VOCAL JAZZ/SHOW CHOIR FESTIVAL — A vocal jazz/show choir festival is sponsored annually by the Colorado High School Activities Association in the spring and is open to all junior and senior high school jazz vocal/show choir ensembles in the state.

4940. MUSIC ADMINISTRATION-JUDGES

- 4940.1 Judges for the state music festivals are employed by the CHSAA Board of Directors and assigned to festivals. Judges are employed and assigned based on recommendations from the CHSAA Music Advisory Committee and Colorado Music Educators' Association.
- 4940.11 LEAGUE LOCAL FESTIVAL — These regulations do not apply to any league's local festivals. League music meetings may be organized and conducted according to league rules, provided these rules do not conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or Bylaws of the Association.

4950. FESTIVAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 4950.1 The CHSAA Festival opportunities include solo and small ensembles as well as instrumental and choral large groups that include sight reading.
- 4950.11 REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP — All pupils participating in the instrumental and vocal festivals (including CHSAA Solo/Ensemble and Large Group Festivals) or non-competitive festivals must be members of a major school musical organization, if there is such a group available. A piano soloist must be a member of a major school organization or an accompanist, if there is such a group available.

4960. SOLO AND SMALL ENSEMBLE FESTIVALS

- 4960.1 LIMITATION ON ENTRIES — In solo and small ensemble festivals each school may enter the following:
- (a) Four contestants on each instrument.
 - (b) Two ensembles for each classification (i.e., two clarinet quartets, two clarinet trios, etc.)

- (c) Sixteen vocal soloists regardless of voice classification.

NOTE: The festival director may amend festival limitation at his/her/their option.

- 4960.2 SCORES AND MEMORIZATION — Adjudicators for solo and small ensemble events must be furnished with original scores. Measures in the scores must be numbered. Compulsory memorization will be required for all vocal soloists, vocal ensembles, and piano soloists. Memorization is recommended but not required for piano soloists in grades elementary to 10th grade. Memorization is required for piano soloists in grades 11th and 12th. Vocal and piano soloists (11th and 12th grade) and vocal ensembles who do not memorize their solos will be graded down one division. Memorization will not be required for all other instrumental participants.

ARTICLE 50 SPEECH

5000. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY APPLIES

- 5000.1 A student shall be eligible to represent their school in speech activities sanctioned by the CHSAA if such student meets the following requirements:

CHSAA Bylaws 1720 (Stricter Standards), 1720b (Conduct), 1790 (Co-op Programs), with the requirement that during the period of participation the student must be enrolled in courses that offer in aggregate a minimum of 2.5 Academic units per semester, shall apply to students participating in speech.

Q1: What are some of the CHSAA rules that do not apply to speech students?

A1: Transfer, semesters, amateur, seasons, age, scrimmages, physical exam, Sunday contact, practice and previous semester academic standards.

- 5000.2 NOT REQUIRED — Schools are not required to include the names of speech participants on semester eligibility lists submitted to CHSAA. Schools are required to enter speech participants onto rosters in the CHSAA electronic platform.

5010. SPEECH SEASON

The competitive season shall be from October 1 (Novice/Festival/Varsity) and November 1 (Tournament Varsity) until the completion of the March state tournament, exclusive of National Speech and Debate Association.

EXCEPTION: An individual student or team may represent a member school in a contest(s) outside the competitive speech season in recognized national events and with written permission from the school's principal and the CHSAA office. NSDA Qualifying events and National Tournament do not need approval from the CHSAA office.

5020.

MAXIMUM MEETS STUDENT

A student may be represented at no more than 22 meets a year, during the competitive season, exclusive of regional, state and National Speech and Debate qualifying events and National Speech and Debate Association Tournament.

5030.

AWARDS

No school or representative of a school shall be allowed to give or to receive a speech award for debate or individual events the value of which exceeds \$20.00 (excluding engraving). Existing traveling trophies are exempt from this rule until they are retired. This rule is exclusive of league, state qualifying, state festival, state tournaments and National Speech and Debate Association qualifying contests.

ARTICLE 51
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

5100.

ORGANIZATION

5100.1 The CHSAA President approves a committee consisting of sponsors and administrators which will provide representation for the school student leadership organizations across the state.

5100.2 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Link between CHSAA and schools
- Coordinate/Communicate State Student Leadership Activities
- Provide training for students and advisors
- Provide accountability for state activities
- Make Student Leadership a priority in the schools of Colorado
- Be responsible for the value of leadership in schools
- Provide tools, resources and motivation for advisors
- Provide meaning, purpose and empowerment for all school student leadership programs.

5100.3 COLORADO STATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES — Selected at the State Student Leadership Advisor “U” by the Student Leadership Committee via a review of completed student applications.

Duties include: Attend two formal meetings (one to be held at the summer camp and the other to be held prior to the first Fall Summit, attend and be a non-voting member of select CHSAA committees and those duties outlined as a result of the formal meetings.

5100.4 ANNUAL PROGRAMS

- CHSAA State Student Leadership Conference
- Fall Summits
- Advisor “U”

5110.**MEMBERSHIP**

All CHSAA members are automatically members of the Student Leadership Division. An additional registration fee is charged to those schools sending delegates to the State Student Council Leadership Conference Advisor “U”, and the State Student Leadership Fall Summits.

5120.**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY APPLIES**

5120.1 A student shall be eligible to represent his/her/their school in student leadership activities sanctioned by the CHSAA if such student meets the following requirements:

- CHSAA Bylaw 1710 (General Eligibility)
- CHSAA Bylaw 1720 (Stricter Standards)
- CHSAA Bylaw 1790 (Co-op Programs)

shall apply to students participating in the following events: CHSAA State Student Leadership Conference, Fall Summits, Inter-league Summits, State Representative Nominations.

The general eligibility rules of the CHSAA as outlined in the following:

- CHSAA Bylaw 1700 (Privilege)
- CHSAA Bylaw 1710 (General Eligibility)
- CHSAA Bylaw 1720 (Stricter Standards) shall apply to students selected as Colorado State Student Representatives
- CHSAA Bylaw 1790 (Co-op Programs)

For all other Student Leadership participation, Rules 1720 (Stricter Standards), and 1790 (Co-op Programs), shall apply in conjunction with the requirement that during the period of participation the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 1.0 Academic units per grading period (Quarter/Semester).

NOT REQUIRED - Schools are not required to include the names of Student Leadership participants on semester eligibility lists submitted to the CHSAA. Schools are required to enter Student Leadership participants onto rosters in the CHSAA electronic platform.

ARTICLE 52**POLICIES APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

5200.**GENERAL POLICIES**

5200.1 ADDING A SPORT - In order for the Legislative Council to consider the addition of a new activity, a league must first complete the piloting process and sanctioning process and ultimately, present the rationale for adding the specific new activity.

5200.2 Piloting Process: The Board of Directors must approve the piloting of a new activity. Considerations for approving a pilot include longevity and history of the activity, support from the activity’s governing body, ability to host a coach’s clinic on skills and safety (sports only), adequate number of officials (sports only), and any other considerations necessary. The activity must be piloted for one season/year prior to the sanctioning process beginning and must continue through the

sanctioning process. The piloted activity may be treated as a club during this two-year period and CHSAA eligibility requirements are not required.

5200.3 Sanctioning Process: The CLOC Committee, Sports Medicine Committee, Equity Committee, Budget Committee and Board of Directors must all support the new activity prior to the Legislative Council considering and voting on that activity. Approval by the CLOC, Sports Medicine, Budget and Equity Committees and the Board of Directors shall be by simple majority during the same school year.

5200.31 Each step of the process listed below must be completed prior to moving the request forward:

1. Review by the Equity Committee in January.

a. In considering the new activity, the Equity Committee shall review:

- i. Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining number of schools currently offering the program, practice and competition facility availability, availability of certified officials, availability of coaches, and student participation numbers.
- ii. Positive and/or negative impacts to proportionality and Title IX considerations for the member schools and the Association.

iii. Any other considerations within the Committee's role.

2. Review by the CLOC Committee in February.

a. In considering the new activity, the CLOC Committee shall review:

- i. Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining the adequate number of schools in a geographical area to complete a regular season and playoff schedule.
- ii. Any classification and league considerations based on number of schools indicating commitment to adding the new activity as well as number of schools interested in adding the new activity in the future.

iii. Any other considerations within the Committee's role.

3. Review by the Sports Medicine Committee prior to the Board of Directors Meeting.

a. In considering the new activity, the Sports Medicine Committee shall review:

- i. Any safety, liability, or health concerns for the activity.

4. Review by the Budget Committee prior to the Board of Directors Meeting

a. In considering the new activity, the Budget Committee shall review:

- i. The financial impact that adding the activity will have on member schools and the Association.

5. Review by the Board of Directors in April.

- a. In considering the new activity, the Board of Directors shall review:
 - i. The recommendations of the CLOC, Equity, and Sports Medicine Committees.
 - ii. Results from a formal survey (submitted by parties interested in adding a new activity) examining the number of schools currently offering the program, student participation numbers, and potential for growth.
 - iii. Cost estimates per school for start and maintenance for the activity.
 - iv. Safety and liability issues involved with the new activity.
 - v. Availability of officials.
 - vi. Any additional information regarding the impact the activity may have on the state as a whole.

Each committee must provide a formal letter to the sponsoring league letting them know the committee's opinion and rationale. The league may then submit a bylaw proposal to the Legislative Council in the spring to add the new activity.

NOTE: Any proposal adding a new activity will require the addition of a new Athletic/Activity Article or amendment to an existing bylaw.

5200.4 DROP SANCTIONING FOR A DIMINISHING ACTIVITY – A league or the Board of Directors may submit a resolution to the Legislative Council to place an activity on probation for removal from sanctioning. The following criteria must be considered prior to probationary action:

- The total number of schools participating in the sport has dropped below 10.
- Individual participation levels have decreased by 30% during the previous 10 years.
- Cost per participant becomes prohibitive for schools to offer the activity.

If the above criteria is met, the activity will have a one-year probationary period to reestablish acceptable numbers. If the remediation is not successful, the activity will be dropped as a CHSAA-sanctioned event.

5200.5 SOUVENIR ITEMS — The sale of T-shirts and other souvenir items is prohibited at all district, regional and state tournaments held in school facilities, without the specific permission of the Commissioner or his designee.

5200.6 LEGAL COUNSEL — The Association reserves the right to seek legal counsel concerning all matters that are the business of the Association. When the Association incurs legal fees brought before the Association by one of its members, the member initiating the matter shall reimburse the Association for any legal fees (including court costs) that the Association incurs. This policy specifically includes but is not limited to legal fees for unsuccessful appeals, protests, or suits that a member initiates. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to change an employee's rights under Article 11 of the CHSAA Constitution concerning the defense of a tort or professional liability action.

- 5200.7 TOBACCO — The use of tobacco in any form by officials during any competition is prohibited while in contact with competitors. Violations will be referred to the CHSAA Board of Directors for disciplinary action.
- 5200.8 All CHSAA sport committees shall use geography as the primary consideration when determining first round of playoff brackets and post season tournaments.

5210. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND ACTS OF GOD POLICY

- 5210.1 Contests interrupted because of acts of God shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the contest with the existing score or there are conference, league, CHSAA or National Federation game rules which apply.
- 5210.2 The following policy statements represent the general operating procedures of the CHSAA regarding postseason competition that is threatened by acts of God which include, but are not limited to, inclement weather, infectious diseases, or other uncontrollable and unforeseen circumstances. Circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the CHSAA office.

NOTE: Schools and individuals have the added responsibility of making alternative travel plans to contest/tournament sites based upon weather forecasts, etc. As a common factor, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Highway Patrol Division of Highways and Travel.

Team Competition

1. Dual - The scheduled starting time and/or date of a contest/event may be adjusted upon consultation and mutual agreement of the administrators from the two affected schools as well as consultation with the CHSAA office.
2. Tournaments/Conferences - In the event acts of God prevent a team(s) from arriving on time for a scheduled contest as part of a post-season tournament, the following steps will be enacted:
 - a. When the number of schools participating is 25% or more that are unable to be present, the tournament/conference director, in consultation with the CHSAA, shall postpone all or part of the day's contests/activities. Alternative brackets and time schedules shall be determined by the director, in consultation with the CHSAA, which may include extending the contest/ tournament.
3. When less than 25% of schools are not able to attend the following procedures will be followed:
 - a. Notify the tournament director or designee with complete details a minimum of four hours before the scheduled starting time the day the tournament is to begin and/or other affected days of the tournament.
 - b. If unable to arrive for the scheduled starting time, that segment of the bracket (game) will be moved to a later time slot that evening, following the completion of scheduled contests.
 - c. In the event "a" is not possible, the game(s) will be rescheduled the following morning— where the schedule permits —at a time to be set by the tournament director.

- d. In the event "b" is not possible and the contest(s) cannot be rescheduled due to facility and/or schedule conflicts, etc., the contest shall be declared a forfeit. When a consolation bracket is available, the team unable to make the contest will enter the consolation bracket.

Individual Competition

1. Tournaments/Conferences - In the event acts of God prevent an individual(s) from arriving on time for a scheduled match as part of a post-season tournament, the following will apply:
 - a. In cases where less than 10% of participants are affected, the event/tournament will continue as scheduled and the individual will forfeit his/her/their position in the draw. When a consolation bracket is involved, the participant(s) unable to make the scheduled match will enter the consolation bracket. (The sport specific rules apply, i.e., NFHS weigh-in policy.)
 - b. If a number of participants in excess of 10% cannot be present before the official check-in period, but are planning to attend and contact the tournament director a minimum of four hours in advance of the tournament, the tournament director, in consultation with the CHSAA, may adjust the bracketing and schedule for the purpose of allowing maximum participation.
 - c. When the number of participants is 25% or more who are unable to be present, the tournament director, in consultation with the CHSAA, shall postpone all or part of the day's contests/ activities. Schedules/brackets and alternative plans shall be determined by the director, in conjunction with the CHSAA, which may include extending the contest/tournament.

5220.

UNIVERSAL TIE-BREAKER

5220.1 In all team sports where a league or conference tie breaker for league standings to determine state qualifiers has not been developed and submitted to the CHSAA office before the beginning of the competitive season, the following tie breaker will be used:

TIE BREAKER — When a tie in league/conference standings exists after the conclusion of league play, the criteria listed below (1-6) will be applied in order. In a three or more way tie, if one team is determined to be a qualifier by applying one of the following tie breakers or if one of the three teams is eliminated by a tie breaker, the remaining teams would revert to the #1. Schools would revert back to the #1 tie breaker to resolve remaining ties.

1. Head to head competition.
2. Whoever beats the highest finishing team in the league, other than the tied teams, is the first qualifier among the tied teams.
3. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against the tied teams only.
4. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against all league opponents.
5. Fewest points, runs, goals given up by the tied teams against all opponents.
6. League vote.

5230.

BLACKOUT DATES FOR STATEWIDE TESTING

It is strongly recommended that no high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor athletic/activity association between participants and coaches/directors of any activity from the student's school shall take place on the day prior to and the day of the statewide Junior ACT test.

5240.

LIMIT ON PLAYOFF QUALIFIER INCREASES

Before any committee recommendation for increased playoff qualifiers, travel expansion or missed school time can be proposed, a need must be determined, approved, and requested by the CHSAA Board of Directors.

5250.

OUT OF DISTRICT PARTICIPANT PLACEMENT POLICY

Each district shall have on file with the CHSAA office a policy for placing students competing under state law. This includes students at schools without a specific program and students enrolled in home-based educational programs.

Q1: A homeschool student, who lives next to School A, registers with a multi-high school district and requests to participate at School B. Must the district honor the request?

A1: No. The district should have a policy, on file with CHSAA, which details the school placement of such students. If the policy states that the student must participate at the school closest to his residence, then the student must participate at School A.

Q2: May the policy on file with CHSAA state that the student may participate at the school of his/her/their choice?

A2: Yes.

5260.

STATE STATUTES APPLICATION

5260.1 Each district shall have on file with the CHSAA office a policy for placing students competing under state law. This includes students at schools without a specific program and students enrolled in home-based educational programs.

5260.2 Students who have participated at another school, but whose school adds a varsity program, must return to the school where they are enrolled to participate.

5260.3 Any transfer of athletic programs by a home-based education student or student at a school without a program, shall be defined as a transfer for athletic purposes and CHSAA Transfer Rules shall be applied.

5260.4 The Colorado Revised Statutes (22-32-116.5) dictate the manner in which a student who is attending a school without a program may participate at another school (refer to state law for complete information).

In order to remain in compliance with state statutes, a school:

- May not dictate to which school a student must go if his/her/their school does not offer a program
- May not make an informal agreement between schools in regard to which school will offer a program and which will not
- Must provide transcripts for eligibility checks;

Schools violating any portion of this by-law shall have the related sports program placed on a minimum of restriction.

ARTICLE 53 MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH DIVISION

5300.

PHILOSOPHY

The Middle School/Junior High Division members are encouraged to be more participatory and less regulatory while introducing the Middle School/Junior High students, parents, and communities to the core values of educational based activities.

5200.1 A Middle School/Junior High institution is eligible for membership in the CHSAA division if the requesting administrators represent an educational public, private or charter institution. The institution must provide instruction for its students in a defined physical building or space dedicated to a multi-student instructional setting.

5300.2 Membership in this division is voluntary and schools remit a fee each year to retain divisional status.

Q1: What is included in the Middle School/Junior High Division membership?

- A1:
- a. Two Administrative Courtesy Cards
 - b. Tri-seasonal electronic newsletter
 - c. Up to ten complimentary NFHS sport rule books.
 - d. Entry to all "CHSAA" sponsored educational outreaches
 - e. Access to the CHSAA Middle School/Junior High coaches test (nominal fee)
 - f. CHSAA Middle School/Junior High Division membership banner
 - g. Access to participate in some CHSAA activities.

CHSAA POLICIES

1.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC RECRUITING ADMISSIONS

The Colorado High School Activities Association encourages the recruitment of its student-athletes by college and university coaches. To ensure that all recruitment is equitable, the CHSAA has made a special annual Courtesy Card for college and university coaches that must be purchased through the CHSAA office.

This card will provide access for the bearer to all CHSAA regular season and playoff events. It does not provide special seating or floor access at state events. Institutions may purchase as many as they

wish. Coaches may also purchase admission tickets, but there is no free admission for college/university coaches.

2. DRONES

The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all CHSAA-sanctioned events, unless express written permission is obtained: 1) from the host school district during regular season contests, or 2) the CHSAA for any postseason/playoff contest. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

3. EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Every member school is required to create a Venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contests. The VEAP must include location, emergency access, emergency contact information, appropriate emergency protocol and a listing of each protocol member's duties. This should be completed in the CHSAA Digital Platform.

An Annual VEAP training must take place no less than one time a year. It is highly recommended that a plan be in place for Marching Band/Band.

NOTE: Penalty for not submitting your VEAP's in the CHSAA Digital Platform shall be Restriction for your athletic department (Bylaw 2330.1)

4. POSTSEASON QUALIFICATION RANKING SYSTEM

As approved by the Board of Directors on Aug. 14, 2023: The CHSAA Seeding Index will be utilized to determine which teams qualify for postseason play in all team sports that do not use district tournaments to determine the playoff field. The Seeding Index will be calculated for each team by averaging their final rating in the end-of-season CHSAA RPI and MaxPreps rankings, by classification. These ratings will be placed on a normalized scale so that they can be combined and averaged.

In the event that an automatic qualifier finishes outside of the playoff field as determined by the CHSAA Seeding Index, the lowest-ranked qualifier by Index will be replaced by an automatic qualifier until all automatic qualifiers are accounted for.

In the event of a tie in the Seeding Index, the team with the better head-to-head record shall be given precedence, followed by the team with the better end-of-season MaxPreps rating.

5. CHSAA MEDIA OUTLET/REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER EXPECTATIONS

The proper use and issuance of all CHSAA media passes is the responsibility of the media outlet. By submitting your outlet's request for media credentials, the outlet is agreeing to the CHSAA Media Policies and agrees/certifies that:

- CHSAA Media passes are the property of the Colorado High School Activities Association;

- It has properly vetted its representatives and no representative for which a pass has been requested has been convicted of any sexual or inappropriate conduct with minors;
- Passes are to be used by working members of the media only;
- Any unauthorized use of the pass(es) will result in the revocation of current credentials and non-issuance of future passes;
- Provisional Passes will be issued at the discretion of the CHSAA and limited by outlet size and audience;
- Passes may be revoked by individual schools, school districts or CHSAA personnel for unauthorized use, or inappropriate actions;
- The outlet liaison has read the CHSAA Media Policies Handbook in its entirety and is familiar with its contents.

The CHSAA membership has a right to expect bearer of the CHSAA Media Pass to exhibit professional behavior, respect student privacy, provide truth, accuracy, fairness and impartiality in his/her/their reporting, and accept accountability for his/her/their actions while covering CHSAA events.

All CHSAA media rules and regulations apply to the use of this pass. Only the member pictured on the front may use this pass. Any misuse of this pass will result in the forfeiture of the pass for the individual and media outlet. The CHSAA Media Pass is the sole property of the CHSAA. Site directors and game officials have the final word on photographers' placement at events. This pass may be confiscated by school, school district and CHSAA personnel for any breach of conduct.

The CHSAA expects the bearer of the media pass to exhibit professional behavior, respect student privacy, provide truth, accuracy, fairness and impartiality in his/her/their reporting, and accept accountability for his/her/their actions while covering CHSAA events. The bearer is expected to adhere to all CHSAA media policies.

Any outlet which plagiarizes, or otherwise uses information from another out without appropriate attribution and without their express permission will be subject to forfeiture the privileges this pass allows.

The bearer of this pass has been certified by his/her/their media outlet that he/she/they meets all CHSAA requirements to use this credential. Further the outlet has accepted responsibility for the character and actions of the bearer. Please admit to all practices, regular season and playoff events within the CHSAA membership.

COVID-19 Pandemic Note: Schools and/or school districts will have the final word on how media may or may not access contests during this unprecedented time. CHSAA recommends no practice access be granted to maintain health and safety of all concerned. The decisions will be the sole determination of the school/school districts based on recommendations from local, county, state and federal health guidelines.

At CHSAA events, passes will be issued up to five days in advance of an event. After that, provisional passes may be accessed on site, with a letter from the assignment editor. Media members are expected to cooperate with these decisions.

1. The Colorado High School Activities Association is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access and opportunities to participate in CHSAA sponsored activities and athletics.
2. Member schools shall ensure that all students have equal access and opportunities to participate in activities and athletics without unlawful discrimination based on disability, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.
3. The Colorado High School Activities Association recognizes the right of transgender student-athletes to participate in interscholastic activities free from unlawful discrimination based on sexual orientation. In order to insure appropriate gender assignment for purposes of athletic eligibility, a transgender student-athlete's home school will perform a confidential evaluation to determine the gender assignment for the prospective student-athlete. The CHSAA will review athletic eligibility decisions based on gender assignment of transgender student-athletes in accordance with its approved policies and appeals procedures.

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Board of Directors approved this policy and process to address the eligibility of transgender/transitioned/student-participants in CHSAA sanctioned activities/athletics.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions will apply:

1. The term “sexual orientation” means a person’s orientation toward heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender status or another person’s perception thereof.
2. The term “gender identity” means an individual’s internal sense of gender.
3. The term “sex assigned at birth” refers to the sex designation recorded on an infant’s birth certificate should such a record be provided at birth.
4. The term “transgender” describes those whose gender identity is different from the sex they were assigned at birth.
5. The term “gender expression” means external appearance, characteristics or behaviors typically associated with a specific gender.
6. The term “gender fluid” means denoting or relating to a person who does not identify themselves as having a fixed gender.
7. The term “detransition” means the cessation or reversal of a transgender identification or gender transition, whether by social, legal or medical means.
8. The term “covered entity” means any person, business, or institution required to comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of the law.
9. Unlawful harassment includes severe or pervasive conduct that creates an environment that is subjectively and objectively hostile, intimidating, or offensive on the basis of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Asking unwelcome personal questions about an individual’s gender identity;

- b. Intentionally causing distress to an individual by disclosing to others the individual's sexual orientation or transgender status;
- c. Using offensive names or terminology regarding an individual's gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; or
- d. Deliberately misusing an individual's preferred name, form of address, or gender-related pronoun.

Privacy

All discussions and documentation in each level of the process either by a member school and/or CHSAA shall be kept confidential unless the student and family make a specific request.

Procedures

The student's member school will be the first point of contact for determining the student's eligibility to participate in CHSAA sanctioned event(s). The student and parent(s)/guardian must notify the school in writing that the student has a consistent gender identity different than the student's gender assigned at birth and list the sanctioned event(s) in which the student would like to participate. The consistent gender identity as stated in the school letter will be the gender recognized for the entirety of the student's participation in CHSAA athletics/activities. (See Detransition Policy) A transgender student shall participate in accordance with their gender identity, and CHSAA Bylaw 2850.3 shall still apply.

The school *may* use the following criteria to determine participation:

- Current transcript and school registration information.
- A written statement from the student affirming their gender identity.

The school may consider but *may not* require the following information, if it is voluntarily provided by the student or their parent/guardian:

- Documentation from individuals such as, but not limited to, parents, friends, and/or teacher, which affirm that the actions, attitudes, dress and manner demonstrate the student's gender identity.
- Written verification from an appropriate health-care professional (doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist) of the student's gender identity.
- Medical documentation (hormonal therapy, sexual re-assignment surgery, counseling, medical personnel, etc.)

Gender Fluid:

Students that want to participate in CHSAA athletics and activities, must select one gender to participate. The process for gender identification and notification to the school is the same as stated above. Any subsequent detransition by a gender fluid student must also follow the detransition policy as stated below.

Detransition Policy:

Students that detransition after competing in their consistent gender identity at the high school level, must notify the school in writing of their intent to detransition and apply via written request to the school for further eligibility. The decision to approve the request will be made at the local level.

Areas of Awareness for Schools:

- Have a plan in place and be proactive.
- Use correct names/pronouns according to the student's self-identification and permit the student to dress according to gender identity and or expression.
- Allow restroom and locker room access consistent to gender identity.
- Educate teachers, counselors, coaches, administrators, parents and students on transgender inclusion and awareness.

Resources:

CHSAA Contact: Bethany Brookens, Associate Commissioner
14855 E. Second Avenue – Aurora, CO 80011
Office Phone: 303-344-5050
Office E-mail: bbrookens@chsaa.org

7. SERVICE, THERAPY & INSTRUCTIONAL ANIMALS AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Definitions:

- Service Animal – Any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. (Service animals are specifically defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its Amendments.)
- Therapy Animal – Also known as a companion or emotional support animal and is not the same as a service animal.
- Instructional Animal – Any animal used as part of the instructional process and as approved by the school administrator.

Animals Allowed at CHSAA State Championships Events

Only Service Animals (service animals are specifically defined under the ADA). Therapy and Instructional Animals are not allowed entrance at our state championships event, unless the facility is pet friendly.

General Guidelines:

- Owner/handler must remain with animal at all times while on site.
- Animal must be free of external parasites (fleas, ticks, and mites), and free of skin lesions.
- Owner/handler is responsible to clean up after animal.

- Animals must be monitored to ensure that they do not demonstrate any aggression towards humans, or other animals, or otherwise create a nuisance situation. An animal's aggressive, unprovoked or threatening behavior, and/or creation of a nuisance situation may necessitate its immediate removal from championships site property.
- Any request for animal to be on the competitive surface with the coach/athlete must be formally made with the CHSAA Administrator in charge of that sport/activity at least 48 hours prior to the competition start date. The animal cannot distract/interfere with competition in any way, or they will be relocated onsite to a less intrusive location.

8. NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network has the first right of refusal for all playoff events. If you would like to stream your game to another platform other than the NFHS Network, you can send in a request to Amanda McClure (AMcClure@CHSAA.org). If your request is accepted, you will pay a rights fee to CHSAA.

School NFHS Network Support:

Technical Support: <http://help.nfhsnetwork.com>
Click the yellow "GET HELP" button to submit a ticket.

Non-Technical Support: Contact your Account Manager.
If not sure, email accounts@nfhsnetwork.com

Fan/Customer NFHS Network Support:

Email: customerservice@nfhsnetwork.com

OR

Visit the Customer Help Center online at: <https://playonsubs.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

9. Students With Disabilities: On-the-Spot Reasonable Accommodations

If a student is unable to provide the required documentation (as outlined in bylaw 500) for a permitted reasonable modification at or during any CHSAA sponsored event, the student **may** request an "**on-the-spot**" reasonable modification from the head game official who is overseeing that event. The game official may grant such a modification if it is readily apparent, in the opinion of the official, that the modification is necessary to address the student's disabling condition. In making this decision, the head game official is not and shall not be required to make a medical determination concerning the athlete's safe participation. No game official shall be required to make any medical or safety determination that he/she/they is not qualified to make by reason of his/her/their training or education. In making this determination, the head game official may consult with a licensed athletic trainer or medical professional if one is present at the site of the competition. The decision of the head game official shall be final for purposes of the specific competition only.

If a game official denies an on-the-spot reasonable modification, the official shall inform the coach and student that they can seek a reasonable modification from CHSAA through Article 5 of the Bylaws. Denial of an on-the-spot reasonable modification request shall not be grounds to deny a subsequent reasonable modification request made to CHSAA under Article 5.

2023-2024 OFFICIALS' FEES

BASEBALL

Varsity (2 or 3 umpires)	\$85.00
Sub-varsity (2 umpires)	\$60.00

BASKETBALL

Varsity (2 or 3 officials)	\$85.00
Sub-varsity (2 or 3 officials)	\$60.00

CROSS COUNTRY

1-4 Hours	\$85.00
5+ Hours	\$20/hour

FIELD HOCKEY

Varsity	\$75.00
Sub-varsity	\$50.00

FOOTBALL

Varsity (4 or 5 Officials)	\$85.00
Sub-Varsity	\$60.00

GYMNASTICS

1-4 Hours	\$85.00
5+ Hours	\$20/hour

ICE HOCKEY

Varsity (3 or 4 officials)	\$85.00
Sub-Varsity (3 or 4 officials)	\$60.00

LACROSSE

Varsity (2 or 3 officials)	\$85.00
Sub-Varsity	\$60.00

SOCCER

Varsity (3 officials)	\$85.00
Varsity (2 officials)	\$100.00
Sub-Varsity (2 officials)	\$60.00
Sub-Varsity (1 official)	\$85.00

SOFTBALL

Varsity (2 or 3 umpires)	\$85.00
Sub-varsity (2 umpires)	\$60.00

SPEECH

See Speech & Debate Committee Report

SWIMMING & DIVING (2 or 3 officials)	
Dual (2 teams) or Multi-team Non/Championship	
1 heat	\$55.00
2 heats (4 events or less)	\$60.00
2 heats (5 events or more)	\$70.00
3 heats (4 or less events)	\$75.00
3 heats (5 or more events)	\$85.00
4 heats (4 or less events)	\$95.00
4 heats (5 or more events)	\$105.00
Championship Format	
Invitational/League/Pentathlon/Specialty requires 3-7 officials per session	
Session 3 or less hours	\$75.00
Session 3 or more hours	\$25/hour
TRACK & Field	
1-4 Hours	\$85.00
5+ Hours	\$20/hour
VOLLEYBALL	
Varsity (2 officials)	\$75.00
Sub-varsity (1 or 2 officials)	\$45.00
Varsity Tournament	
2 out of 3 sets (per match)	\$55.00
3 out of 5 sets (per match)	\$75.00
Line Judges	\$45.00
WRESTLING	
Varsity	
Dual Meet	\$85.00
Tournament	
1-8 Teams	\$175.00
9+ Teams	Base + \$10 each additional team
Weigh Master Fee	\$37.50
Tournaments Longer than 8 hours	\$20/hour after 8 hours
Dual Tournaments: per-day, per-site, per-official	
First two dual meets	\$125.00
Each additional dual meet	\$55.00
Sub-Varsity	
Dual Meet	\$60.00
Dual Meet Tournament: per-day, per-site, per-official	
First two dual meets	\$95.00
Each additional dual meet	\$45.00
Tournament	
1-8 Teams	\$125.00
9+ Teams	Base +\$7 per additional team
Travel	
In Denver/Colorado Springs metro areas	\$10.00
Outside the metro area	.50/mile
Trips 70 miles or more one-way	\$10 rider fee

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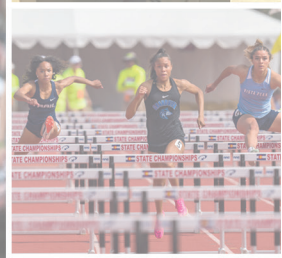
STATEMENT OF CODE OF ETHICS COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

In order to be of maximum effectiveness in serving and fostering the education of the students so entrusted to us and in promoting and supplementing the regular curriculum, it is the duty of all concerned with our secondary athletic and activities programs to . . .

1. Cultivate an awareness that participation in athletics and activities is part of the total educational process and as such, the coach/advisor should neither seek nor expect academic privileges for the participants.
2. Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play as they relate to the lifetime impact on the participants.
3. Develop a working awareness and understanding of all rules and guidelines governing competition, both in letter and intent.
4. Recognize that the purpose of athletics and activities is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual participants.
5. Avoid any practice or technique which would endanger the present or future welfare or safety of any participant.
6. Adhere to policies which do not force or encourage students to specialize or restrict them from participation in a variety of activities.
7. Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, an administrator or spectator in any aspect of the activity.
8. Strongly encourage the development of proper health habits: the non-use of chemicals, including alcohol, steroids, tobacco in any form and other mood-altering substances.
9. Exemplify proper self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction with the officials or judges.
10. Encourage all to judge the true success of the athletic and activities programs on the basis of the attitude of the participants and spectators, rather than on the basis of a win or loss.

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