

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA
INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-4, NRS 385B.060.

A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; revising provisions governing football games and tournaments; establishing deadlines for the registration of certain officials relating to flag football; repealing certain provisions relating to baseball and softball; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the formation of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association and requires the Association to adopt regulations governing interscholastic athletics and other events. (NRS 385B.050, 385B.060)

Existing regulations limit the number of contests in a sanctioned sport in which a school or a pupil enrolled in a school is authorized to participate, including football games. (NAC 385B.378) Existing regulations also authorize a school that participates in a sanctioned sport to substitute: (1) one tournament for not more than three games, contests or meets for the sanctioned sport; or (2) three games, contests or meets for not more than one tournament for the sanctioned sport. (NAC 385B.384) **Section 1** of this regulation revises the limitations relating to football to provide that a school or a pupil enrolled in a school that participates in football may participate in not more than: (1) nine football games; or (2) seven football games and one tournament for football. **Section 2** of this regulation exempts football from the generally applicable substitution provisions and instead authorizes a school that participates in football to substitute one tournament for not more than two football games. **Section 2** thereby prohibits a school that participates in football from substituting additional football games for a football tournament in a manner that would allow the school to participate in more than nine total football games during a season.

Existing regulations require a non-association official to register with the Association before engaging in any activity as a sports official for a sanctioned sport and prescribe deadlines for such registration. (NAC 385B.852) **Section 3** of this regulation establishes November 1 as the deadline for a non-association official to register with the Association for flag football.

Existing regulations prescribe certain rules of conduct and game limitations relating to baseball and softball, including provisions governing the 10-run rule and the duration of junior varsity games. (NAC 385B.418, 385B.488) **Section 4** of this regulation repeals those provisions.

Section. 1. NAC 385B.378 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.378 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a school or a pupil enrolled in a school who participates in a sanctioned sport shall not, during the season for the sanctioned sport, participate in more than:

(a) For the fall season:

(1) Fourteen cross-country meets;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of NAC 385B.434 ~~[-, nine]~~ :

(I) Nine football games; *or*

(II) Seven football games and one tournament for football in accordance with subsection 3 of NAC 385B.384;

(3) Sixteen matches for girls' golf;

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of NAC 385B.458, eighteen soccer games and two tournaments for soccer;

(5) Eighteen tennis matches; or

(6) Eighteen matches for girls' volleyball and two tournaments for girls' volleyball.

(b) For the winter season:

(1) Eighteen basketball games and two tournaments for basketball;

(2) Eighteen bowling competitions and two tournaments for bowling;

(3) Eighteen flag football games and two tournaments for flag football;

(4) Fourteen ski races; or

(5) Fifteen wrestling contacts or meets.

(c) For the spring season:

(1) Twenty-one baseball games and two tournaments for baseball;

- (2) Sixteen matches for boys' golf;
- (3) Eighteen lacrosse games and two tournaments for lacrosse;
- (4) Twenty-one softball games and two tournaments for softball;
- (5) Twelve swim meets;
- (6) Fourteen track and field meets; or
- (7) Eighteen matches for boys' volleyball and two tournaments for boys' volleyball.

2. For each sanctioned sport specified in subsection 1, the Executive Director may exempt from the provisions of this section not more than one contact, game, match or meet for the sanctioned sport that is conducted against a school that is placed on independent status pursuant to NAC 385B.202.

3. If a school or a pupil representing a school participates in a sanctioned sport in a contact, game, match or meet:

(a) Between the school or pupil and an alumni association for the school or a similarly organized group, the school shall include that contact, game, match or meet in the total number of contests in which the school or pupil is allowed to participate in that sport pursuant to subsection 1.

(b) Conducted for a charitable purpose, the school shall include that contact, game, match or meet in the total number of contests in which the school or pupil is allowed to participate in that sport pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 2. NAC 385B.384 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.384 1. In addition to any limitation concerning the number of games, contests or meets in which a school or pupil may participate in a sanctioned sport pursuant to NAC 385B.378:

(a) A team that participates in a sanctioned sport may participate in not more than two tournaments during a year.

(b) A pupil who participates in wrestling as a sanctioned sport, including, without limitation, a pupil who is a member of the junior varsity team and the varsity team for wrestling during the same season, may participate in not more than 15 contacts during a year.

(c) A pupil who participates in swimming and diving as a sanctioned sport may participate in not more than 12 competitions during a year.

2. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a* school that participates in a sanctioned sport may substitute not more than:

(a) One tournament for not more than three games, contests or meets for the sanctioned sport;
or

(b) Three games, contests or meets for not more than one tournament for the sanctioned sport.

3. *A school that participates in football as a sanctioned sport may substitute one tournament for two football games.*

3. As used in this section:

(a) “Competition” means a dual, triangular or quadrangular invitational meet. The term does not include a league, regional or state tournament.

(b) “Contact” means a dual, double dual or triple dual. The term does not include a league, regional or state tournament.

(c) “Tournament” means any contest between more than two teams that participate in a sanctioned sport to determine the winner for the season for that sanctioned sport.

Sec. 3. NAC 385B.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.852 1. Each non-association official must, before engaging in any activity as a sports official for a sanctioned sport, register with the Association in accordance with this section.

2. A non-association official may register with the Association by submitting to the Association an application for registration on a form approved by the Association. The application must be:

(a) Submitted not later than:

(1) August 15 of the year in which the applicant wishes to register with the Association, if the sanctioned sport for which he or she is registering is football, soccer or girls' volleyball;

(2) November 1 of the year in which the applicant wishes to register with the Association, if the sanctioned sport for which he or she is registering is basketball , *flag football* or wrestling;

or

(3) February 15 of the year in which the applicant wishes to register with the Association, if the sanctioned sport for which he or she is registering is baseball, lacrosse, softball, swimming and diving, or track and field; and

(b) Accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Association.

3. If a non-association official completes an examination to become a sports official, he or she must submit the results of that examination to the Association within 2 weeks after receiving the results of that examination.

4. The Association will not approve an application for registration pursuant to this section unless the applicant obtains a score of at least 70 percent on each portion of the examination specified in subsection 3 that relates to the rules for the sanctioned sport for which the applicant wishes to register.

5. The Commissioner shall assign a non-association official to officiate a game, contest or meet for a sanctioned sport.

6. In assigning a non-association official to a game, contest or meet pursuant to subsection 5, the Commissioner shall consider the costs, if any, for the non-association official to travel to the game, contest or meet.

7. If a school wishes to use a non-association official during a season or any portion of a season for a sanctioned sport, the school shall, before the season begins, provide a written notice of that fact to the Commissioner.

Sec. 4. NAC 385B.418 and 385B.488 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

385B.418 Rules of conduct; 10-run rule; period for junior varsity games. (NRS 385B.060)

1. Each baseball game must be conducted in accordance with the rules of baseball adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization.

2. The 10-run rule set forth in the rules of baseball specified in subsection 1 applies upon the completion of four and one-half innings of each baseball game.

3. A team that participates in a baseball game as a sanctioned sport at the level of junior varsity may not begin a new inning of the game after the expiration of 2 hours and 15 minutes after the first pitch of the game unless the game is tied.

385B.488 Rules of conduct; 10-run rule; period for junior varsity games. (NRS 385B.060)

1. Each softball game must be conducted in accordance with the rules of softball adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization.

2. The 10-run rule set forth in the rules of softball specified in subsection 1 applies upon the completion of four and one-half innings of each softball game.

3. A team that participates in a softball game as a sanctioned sport at the level of junior varsity may not begin a new inning of the game after the expiration of 2 hours after the first pitch of the game unless the game is tied.