

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

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NAC 385B.200 Submission of application by Nevada high school or affiliate school. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 385B. 202](#), [NAC 385B.208](#) and [385B.210](#), any public high school in this State may apply to the Board for membership in the Association. The application must be submitted:
 - (a) On a form approved by the Association; and
 - (b) Not later than ~~July 1~~ **October 1** of the year *prior to that in* which the school applies for membership in the Association.
2. The Board shall approve an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 if:
 - (a) The board of trustees or governing board of the school adopts the regulations of the Association as its code governing interscholastic activities;
 - (b) The applicant pays the annual dues required pursuant to [NAC 385B.212](#); and
 - (c) The applicant agrees to comply with the policies and regulations of the Association.
3. A high school that is located in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon or Utah may submit an application to the Board for admission as an affiliate school. The application must be submitted:
 - (a) On a form approved by the Association; and
 - (b) Not later than ~~July 1~~ **October 1** of the year *prior to that in* which the school applies for membership in the Association.
4. A high school that submits an application pursuant to subsection 3 may be admitted as an affiliate school if:
 - (a) The school is recommended for membership in the Association by:
 - (1) A member school; and
 - (2) The committee *or person* appointed by the Executive Director to inspect the facilities of the school;
 - (b) The school submits to the Association specific information relating to the athletic programs of the school and any other information that may assist the Association in considering the application;
 - (c) The school complies with the requirements of the Association for accreditation;
 - (d) After considering the possible effect the addition of the school will have upon out-of-state school time, costs of transportation, costs of per diem allowances, duration of seasons and factors concerning the level of competition among schools, the school is approved for membership by at least two-thirds of the schools that are assigned to the class and league of which the school will be a member;
 - (e) The school pays a nonrefundable fee ~~of \$850~~ **consistent with the dues for schools with fewer than 600 pupils pursuant to NAC 385B.212** for the application; and
 - (f) The Board and the Legislative Commission approve the application.
5. The Executive Director shall, within 30 days after the Board and Legislative Commission approve or deny an application, notify the applicant in writing of the decision of the Board and Legislative Commission.

NAC 385B.202 Application for Associate Membership for private and charter high schools. (NRS 385B.060, 385B.110)

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 385B.208](#) and [385B.210](#), any *private or charter* high school in this State ~~with an enrollment of less than 500 pupils~~ may apply for membership in the Association by submitting ~~a written request~~ *an application* to the Executive Director. *The application must be submitted:*

(a) On a form approved by the Association; and

(b) Not later than October 1 of the year prior to that in which the school applies for membership in the Association.

2. *In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, an applicant for membership in the Association must submit, together with the application, a letter setting forth the reasons for submitting the application which is signed by:*

(a) The principal or other person in charge of the school;

(b) The administrative head of the school; and

(c) The governing body of the school or State Charter Authority.

~~2. 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, upon receipt of an written request application submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the Executive Director may grant permission for the school to compete against member schools pursuant to NAC 385B.310. shall place the school on independent status for 2 years beginning on the date the written request is received. A school that is placed on independent status may, during the period in which the school is on independent status, schedule a game, contest or meet with a member or affiliate school for a season for a sanctioned sport. The school may not, during the period in which it is on independent status, participate in any game, contest or meet for a sanctioned sport that is conducted after the regular season for that sanctioned sport.~~

~~3. 4. A school that is placed on independent status shall, if the class into which the school is placed conducts a meeting of the class not later than August 31 of the year after the school is placed on independent status, attend the meeting of the class and submit a request for membership in the Association at that meeting. As soon as practicable after the meeting being granted permission to play, the members of the class committee or person appointed by the Executive Director shall evaluate:~~

~~(a) The facilities of the school; and~~

~~(b) The extent to which the school has complied with:~~

~~—— (1) The schedule of the school for participating in games, contests or meets pursuant to this section; and~~

~~—— (2) The regulations of the Association concerning participation by the school in a sanctioned sport.~~

~~4. 5. As soon as practicable after conducting an evaluation of a school pursuant to subsection 3 4, the class committee or person appointed by the Executive Director shall submit to the Board a recommendation to approve or deny the written request application of the school for associate membership in the Association.~~

~~5. If the Board approves a written request for membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 4, the Board shall, in accordance with NAC 385B.250, place the school in a class and align it in a league for the school year after the Board approves the request.~~

~~6. On and after August 1, 2012:~~

~~(a) Each school that submits a written request for membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 1 must have at least one athletic program for boys and at least one athletic program for girls during the fall season, winter season and spring season of each school year.~~

~~(b) If the Board receives a written request for membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 1, the Board shall, based upon twice the number of pupils specified in the count of enrollment for the school~~

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~~year in which the Board considers the written request, place the school in a class and align it in a league pursuant to NAC 385B.250.~~

~~NAC 385B.206—Application for associate membership. (NRS 385B.060)~~

~~1.—Any high school in this State may apply to the Board for associate membership in the Association. The application must be submitted:~~

- ~~(a) On a form approved by the Association; and~~
- ~~(b) Not later than:~~

~~(1) July 1 of the year in which the school applies for associate membership, if the application is the initial application submitted by the school; or~~

~~———(2) November 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the school applies for associate membership, if the application is submitted by a current member school.~~

~~2.—In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, an applicant for associate membership in the Association must submit, together with the application, a letter setting forth the reasons for submitting the application which is signed by:~~

~~(a) If the applicant is a public school:~~

~~———(1) The principal of the school;~~

~~———(2) The superintendent of schools of the school district in which the school is located; and~~

~~———(3) The board of trustees of that school district; or~~

~~(b) If the applicant is a private school:~~

~~———(1) The principal or other person in charge of the school;~~

~~———(2) The administrative head of the school; and~~

~~———(3) The governing body of the school.~~

~~(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R128-13, eff. 6-23-2014) (Substituted in revision for NAC 386.6543)~~

Note: this language is updated and added to NAC 385B.202.

NAC 385B.208 Approval of application for associate membership; authority of high school with associate membership. (NRS 385B.060)

1. The Board may approve an application submitted pursuant to ~~NAC 385B.206~~ **NAC 385B.202** if:
 - (a) The board of trustees or governing body of the school adopts the regulations of the Association as its code governing interscholastic activities;
 - (b) The applicant pays the annual dues required pursuant to [NAC 385B.212](#);
 - (c) The applicant agrees to comply with the policies and regulations of the Association; and
 - (d) The Board determines that granting associate membership to the school will not compromise the competitive integrity of the league in which the school is aligned pursuant to [NAC 385B.250](#).
2. A high school that is granted associate membership in the Association pursuant to this section ***shall be placed on independent status for a minimum of 2 years beginning the following school year after the Board approves the application and therefore:***
 - (a) May participate ~~on a restricted schedule approved by the Board~~ ***in a game, contest, or meet*** in each sanctioned sport against any member school or affiliate school;
 - (b) May not participate in any state championship for a sanctioned sport; and
 - (c) May not apply for or hold any other type of membership in the Association until the next time the Board aligns the school in a league pursuant to [NAC 385B.250](#) after granting associate membership to the school.

~~3. If the Board grants associate membership to a high school pursuant to this section, the Board shall, at the time the Board aligns the school in a league pursuant to [NAC 385B.250](#), determine the number of games, contests or meets in which the school may participate for each sanctioned sport.~~

3. A school that completes a minimum of 2 years as an associate member may apply for full membership in the Association. The application must be submitted:

(a) On a form approved by the Association;

(b) Not later than October 1:

(1) Of the year prior to that in which the school applies for membership in the Association; and

(2) Of the final year in a realignment cycle pursuant to [NAC 385B.250](#).

4. Each school that submits an application for full membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 3 must have at least one athletic program for boys and at least one athletic program for girls during the fall season, winter season and spring season for the two consecutive school years prior to submitting the application, the exception being schools with only one gender. Athletic program means the number of pupils that participate collectively or individually in the following sanctioned sports for a member school:

- (a) Five pupils for boys cross-country;***
- (b) Five pupils for girls cross-country;***
- (c) Eight pupils for 8-man football;***
- (d) Eleven pupils for 11-man football;***
- (e) Four pupils for girls golf;***
- (f) Eleven pupils for boys soccer;***
- (g) Eleven pupils for girls soccer;***
- (h) Six pupils for boys tennis;***
- (i) Six pupils for girls tennis;***
- (j) Six pupils for girls volleyball;***
- (k) Five pupils for boys basketball;***
- (l) Five pupils for girls basketball;***
- (m) Four pupils for boys bowling;***
- (n) Four pupils for girls bowling;***
- (o) Seven pupils for flag football;***

- (p) Four pupils for boys skiing;*
- (q) Four pupils for girls skiing;*
- (r) Seven pupils for wrestling;*
- (s) Nine pupils for baseball;*
- (t) Four pupils for boys golf;*
- (u) Nine pupils for softball;*
- (v) Seven pupils for boys swimming;*
- (w) Seven pupils for girls swimming;*
- (x) Seven pupils for boys track and field;*
- (y) Seven pupils for girls track and field;*
- (z) Six pupils for boys volleyball;*
- (aa) Ten pupils for boys lacrosse;*
- (bb) Ten pupils for girls lacrosse.*

5. As soon as practicable after submitting an application for full membership, the committee or person appointed by the Executive Director shall evaluate:

- (a) The facilities of the school; and*
- (b) The extent to which the school has complied with:*
 - (1) The schedule of the school for participating in games, contests or meets pursuant to this section; and*
 - (2) The regulations of the Association concerning participation by the school in a sanctioned sport.*

6. As soon as practicable after conducting an evaluation of a school pursuant to subsection 5, the committee or person appointed by the Executive Director shall submit to the Board a recommendation to approve or deny the application of the school for full membership in the Association.

7. The Board may approve an application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 if the school complies with subsection 1 of this provision.

8. If the Board approves an application pursuant to NAC 385B.202 and in accordance with subsection 3 of this regulation, the Board shall, based upon twice the number of pupils specified in the count of enrollment for the school year in which the Board considers the application, place the school in a class and align it in a league pursuant to NAC 385B.250.

9. Once a school is approved as a full member of the Association pursuant to this section, the school must comply with subsection 4 during each year of membership. If a school fails to comply with the minimum requirements for boys and girls athletic programs, the school's membership status may be subject to penalties as outlined in NAC 385B.960.

NAC 385B.214 Withdrawal and reinstatement of membership. ([NRS 385B.060](#))

1. Any school that wishes to withdraw its membership in the Association or wishes to reinstate its membership in the Association must apply to the Board. The application must be submitted on a form approved by the Board and include:
 - (a) Such information as the Board requires to evaluate the effect of the proposed withdrawal or reinstatement of membership upon the interscholastic activities of the Association; and
 - (b) A nonrefundable fee ~~of \$850~~ *consistent with the dues for schools with fewer than 600 pupils pursuant to NAC 385B.212.*
2. Upon receipt of an application and fee pursuant to subsection 1, the Board shall solicit comments from each member of the Association concerning the extent to which the proposed withdrawal or reinstatement of membership affects the interscholastic activities of the Association, including, without limitation:
 - (a) Out-of-state school time;
 - (b) Costs of transportation and per diem allowances;
 - (c) The duration of seasons; and
 - (d) Factors concerning the level of competition among schools.
3. The Board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the date, time and place of the hearing concerning the application. Representatives of the applicant and each member of the Association may appear at the hearing and testify before the Board concerning the effect of the proposed withdrawal or reinstatement of membership on the interscholastic activities of the Association. Before the Board may reinstate the membership of a school in the Association, the Board shall evaluate the reasons the school withdrew its membership in the Association and establish the conditions for reinstating any activity that was cancelled because of the withdrawal.
4. Not later than 30 days after conducting a hearing pursuant to subsection 3, the Board shall issue a decision relating to the application and mail a copy of the decision to the applicant and the Executive Director.
5. Not later than 15 days after a decision is issued pursuant to subsection 4, the Executive Director shall submit a written notice to the Legislative Commission indicating that the Executive Director has received the application and a copy of the decision of the Board. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Legislative Commission shall place the application on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislative Commission. The Legislative Commission shall mail to the applicant a notice setting forth the date, time and place of the meeting.
6. At the date, time and place fixed for the meeting, the applicant and a representative of the Board may testify before the Legislative Commission concerning the proposed withdrawal or reinstatement of membership.
7. Not later than 30 days after the hearing, the Legislative Commission shall issue its decision and mail a copy of the decision to the applicant and the Board.
8. The decision of the Legislative Commission is a final decision and binding on the applicant and the Board.
9. The office of the Executive Director shall:
 - (a) Provide administrative, legal and clerical support for the Legislative Commission and the Board; and
 - (b) If money is available for that purpose, reimburse any per diem and travel expenses incurred by the Legislative Commission or the Board in conducting a hearing or issuing a decision pursuant to this section.