

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

**LCB File No. R096-26**

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-6, NRS 385B.060 and 385B.110.

A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; revising provisions governing membership in the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; exempting schools that exclusively serve pupils of one gender from certain requirements relating to varsity teams; 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 rules and regulations concerning interscholastic activities and other events. (NRS 385B.050, 385B.060) Existing law further requires the Association to provide for the membership of charter schools and private schools that elect to join the Association. (NRS 385B.110)

Existing regulations govern membership in the Association and prescribe separate procedures and requirements governing admission as a member school, affiliate school and associate member. Existing regulations further distinguish between schools with enrollments of less than 500 pupils and schools with enrollments of 500 or more pupils for purposes of membership and associate membership in the Association. (NAC 385B.200, 385B.202, 385B.206, 385B.208) **Sections 2, 3 and 7** of this regulation revise that framework to establish separate procedures governing applications submitted by public high schools, charter schools that operate as high schools and private schools located in this State, rather than procedures based on enrollment size. Under the revised framework, a charter school that operates as a high school or a private school located in this State may apply for associate membership in the Association, compete on independent status for not less than 2 consecutive school years and apply for full membership in the Association after satisfying certain requirements relating to athletic programs and compliance with the policies and regulations of the Association. **Sections 2 and 3** also revise provisions governing the review and approval of applications for associate membership and full membership in the Association. **Section 5** of this regulation makes a conforming change to reflect the relocation of provisions governing independent status for certain schools to **section 3**.

Existing regulations require an application submitted by a public high school seeking admission as a member school or an out-of-state school seeking admission as an affiliate school to be submitted not later than July 1 of the year in which the school applies for membership in

the Association. (NAC 385B.200) **Section 1** of this regulation revises those provisions to require such an application to be submitted not later than October 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the school applies for membership in the Association. **Section 1** additionally revises provisions governing recommendations for approval and replaces the fixed application fee required for an out-of-state school seeking admission as an affiliate school with a fee tied to the annual dues paid by certain member schools. **Section 4** of this regulation makes a similar change relating to the fee required for withdrawal or reinstatement of membership in the Association.

Existing regulations require, during each period for which schools are classified and aligned in a sanctioned sport, that a school field and maintain at least one varsity team for boys and at least one varsity team for girls in each season. (Section 1 of LCB File No. R200-24) **Section 6** of this regulation exempts a school that exclusively serves pupils of one gender from requirements relating to teams for the opposite gender. **Section 6** additionally: (1) requires a private school or charter school that is approved for full membership in the association pursuant to **section 3** to satisfy certain minimum participation requirements for athletic programs; and (2) authorizes penalties for schools that fail to comply with this requirement.

**Section 1.** NAC 385B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 385B.200 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.208 and 385B.210, any}~~ *Any* public high school in this State *other than a charter school that operates as a high school* 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}~~ *October* 1 of the year *immediately preceding the year* 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 district in which the* school *is located* 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~~ **October** 1 of the year *immediately preceding the year* 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~~ **A person or persons** 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~~ for the application ~~;~~ **equal to the amount of the annual dues paid by a school that enrolls less than 600 pupils during a school year pursuant to NAC 385B.212;** 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.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 385B.202 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.202 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.208 and 385B.210, any}~~ *Any charter school that operates as a high school or any private school located in this State ~~{with an enrollment of less than 500 pupils}~~ may apply ~~{for membership in the Association by submitting a written request}~~ to the Executive Director ~~{}~~ *for associate membership in the Association. The application must be submitted:**

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

*(b) Not later than October 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the school applies for membership in the Association.*

2. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, upon}~~ *In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, a school that submits an application 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) The principal or other person in charge of the school;*

*(b) The administrative head of the school, if different from the principal or other person in charge of the school; and*

*(c) If the school is a:*

*(I) Private school or a charter school that is not sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority, the governing body of the school.*

*(II) Charter school sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority, the State Public Charter School Authority.*

3. Upon receipt of ~~{a written request}~~ *an application* submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the Executive Director 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. 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.~~ *approve the school to compete against member schools and affiliate schools in regular-season games, contests and meets during the school year in which the application is submitted. Approval of a school pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to constitute approval pursuant to NAC 385B.310 for a member school or affiliate school to engage in a regular-season game, contest or meet against the school during the school year for which the approval is granted.*

4. As soon as practicable after ~~{the meeting, the members of}~~ *approving a school to compete against member schools and affiliate schools pursuant to subsection 3*, the ~~{class}~~ *Executive Director* shall *appoint one or more persons to* evaluate ~~{~~

~~(a) The~~ *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}~~ *person or persons appointed* shall submit to the Board a recommendation to approve or deny the ~~{written request of the school}~~ *application* 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 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.]~~

**Sec. 3.** NAC 385B.208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.208 1. The Board may approve an application *for associate membership* submitted pursuant to NAC ~~{385B.206}~~ **385B.202** if:

(a) The ~~{board of trustees or}~~ governing body of the school *or the State Public Charter School Authority, as applicable* 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. ~~;~~  
*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 period of not less than 2 consecutive school years beginning with the school year immediately following the school year in which the Board approves the application. A school that is placed on independent status:*

(a) May participate on a restricted schedule approved by the Board 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}~~ *A school that has completed a period of not less than 2 consecutive school years on independent status as an associate member may apply for full membership in the Association. An application for full membership pursuant to this* ~~{section, the Board shall, at the time the Board aligns the school in a league~~

~~pursuant to~~ subsection must be submitted on a form approved by the Association not later than October 1 of the year immediately preceding the school year in which the school applies for full membership in the Association. The October 1 deadline prescribed by this subsection must occur during the final school year of a realignment cycle conducted pursuant to NAC 385B.250 . ~~It determines the number of games, contests or meets in which the school may participate for each sanctioned sport.~~

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a school that submits an application for full membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 3 must have maintained 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 2 consecutive school years immediately preceding the submission of the application. A school that exclusively serves pupils of one gender must maintain only athletic programs required for that gender.

5. For the purposes of subsection 4, an athletic program consists of the following minimum number of participating pupils in a sanctioned sport:

- (a) Five pupils for boys' or girls' cross-country;
- (b) Eight pupils for 8-man football;
- (c) Eleven pupils for 11-man football;
- (d) Four pupils for boys' or girls' golf;
- (e) Eleven pupils for boys' or girls' soccer;
- (f) Six pupils for boys' or girls' tennis;
- (g) Six pupils for boys' or girls' volleyball;
- (h) Five pupils for boys' or girls' basketball;
- (i) Four pupils for boys' or girls' bowling;

- (j) Seven pupils for girls' flag football;*
- (k) Four pupils for boys' or girls' skiing;*
- (l) Seven pupils for wrestling;*
- (m) Nine pupils for boys' baseball or girls' softball;*
- (n) Seven pupils for boys' or girls' swimming;*
- (o) Seven pupils for boys' or girls' track and field; and*
- (p) Ten pupils for boys' or girls' lacrosse.*

*6. As soon as practicable after a school submits an application for full membership pursuant to subsection 3, a person or persons 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 approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 2; and*
  - (2) The policies and regulations of the Association.**

*7. As soon as practicable after conducting an evaluation pursuant to subsection 6, the person or persons appointed by the Executive Director shall submit to the Board a recommendation to approve or deny the application for full membership.*

*8. The Board may approve an application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 if:*

*(a) The governing body of the school or the State Public Charter School Authority, as applicable, 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 full membership to the school will not compromise the competitive integrity of the league in which the school is aligned pursuant to NAC 385B.250.*

*9. If the Board approves an application for full membership pursuant to subsection 8, 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.*

**Sec. 4.** NAC 385B.214 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.214 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.~~ *equal to the amount of the annual dues paid by a school that enrolls less than 600 pupils during a school year 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.

**Sec. 5.** 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 football games;

(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~~ **385B.208**.

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. 6.** Section 1 of LCB File No. R200-24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. ~~{During}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, during* each 2-year period for which schools are classified and aligned in a sanctioned sport pursuant to NAC 385B.250, a school must:

(a) Field and maintain at least one varsity team for boys *and at least one varsity team for girls* in the sanctioned sport in each season of the period;

(b) ~~{Field and maintain at least one varsity team for girls in the sanctioned sport in each season of the period;}~~ *If the school is a private school or a charter school that is approved for full membership pursuant to subsection 8 of NAC 385B.208, satisfy the minimum participation requirements for an athletic program prescribed by subsection 5 of NAC 385B.208 for the sanctioned sport;* and

(c) Satisfy the schedule of the appropriate class, region or league for each varsity team of the school during the period.

2. *If a school exclusively serves pupils of one gender, the requirements of subsection 1 apply only to varsity teams for pupils of that gender.*

3. If, during a 2-year period for which schools are classified and aligned pursuant to NAC 385B.250, a school does not field or maintain a varsity team for a sanctioned sport that was classified and aligned, the school is prohibited from:

(a) Adding an additional varsity team for a sanctioned sport not currently classified and aligned for the fall, winter or spring season;

(b) Reinstating the varsity team for a season of the sanctioned sport during the current period;  
or

(c) Competing in any postseason contest for the sanctioned sport in the fall, winter or spring season.

~~13.1~~ **4.** A school that does not satisfy the requirements set forth in subsection 1 for a sanctioned sport during a 2-year period for which the school is classified and aligned pursuant to NAC 385B.250 ~~is~~ :

*(a) Is* deemed to have independent status for the sanctioned sport for the next 2-year period ~~is~~ ; *and*

*(b) May be fined in accordance with NAC 385B.960.*

~~14.1~~ **5.** The Executive Director may waive the provisions of this section if a school demonstrates that it is unable to field or maintain a team in accordance with subsection 1.

**Sec. 7.** NAC 385B.206 is hereby repealed.

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## TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

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### **385B.206 Application for associate membership**

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.