

**ADOPTED 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: §§ 1-7, NRS 385B.060.

A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; revising provisions relating to tournaments for sanctioned sports; revising provisions relating to the schedule of events for a sanctioned sport; revising the penalties for certain violations of regulations of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; clarifying that certain prohibitions against participating in an athletic event apply whether the event is held in this State or another state; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to: (1) control, supervise and regulate all interscholastic athletic events in public schools; and (2) adopt rules and regulations governing those events. (NRS 385B.050, 385B.060) Existing regulations prescribe requirements for local, regional and state tournaments for sanctioned sports. (NAC 385B.610-385B.640) **Section 2** of this regulation adopts by reference the standards for athletic sanctioning established by the National Federation of State High School Associations. **Section 2** also requires the Executive Director of the Association or his or her designee to periodically review these standards and determine whether any change is appropriate for application in this State.

Section 3 of this regulation prohibits a school that participates in a sanctioned sport from attending or participating in a tournament for the sport unless the tournament is sponsored by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association or sanctioned by: (1) the National Federation of State High School Associations, if required by the standards adopted in **section 2**; or (2) the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, if such sanctioning is not required. **Section 3** further: (1) requires a school to submit certain information concerning a tournament not less than 24 hours before the start of the tournament; (2) prohibits a school from participating in any out-of-season tournament for a sanctioned sport unless an exception applies; and (3) authorizes the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to impose certain penalties for violations of these requirements and restrictions. **Section 4** of this regulation prescribes the procedure for a school to apply for the sanctioning of a tournament by the Association and imposes certain requirements relating to the review and approval of such an application.

Existing regulations require each school to establish a schedule of events for each season for a sanctioned sport in which the school participates and to submit a copy of the schedule to the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association within a prescribed period. (NAC 385B.302) **Section 5** of this regulation requires a school to include all league, non-league and tournament games, contests or meets in the schedule of events for a sanctioned sport. **Section 5** also eliminates a requirement that the Association impose a fine of \$100 against a school that fails to submit a schedule within the

prescribed period. Instead, **section 5** provides that a school that violates the requirements of **section 5** is subject to the penalties that the Association is otherwise authorized to impose for violations of its regulations, including fines, sanctions, probation or suspension. (NAC 385B.960)

With certain exceptions, existing regulations prohibit a school from conducting or participating in certain athletic events with a school that is ineligible under the athletic association of its state or that is not a member or affiliate member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. (NAC 385B.308, 385B.310) **Sections 6 and 7** of this regulation clarify that these prohibitions apply whether the event is held in this State or another state. **Sections 6 and 7** further provide that a school that violates these provisions is subject to the penalties that the Association is otherwise authorized to impose for violations of its regulations, including fines, sanctions, probation or suspension. (NAC 385B.960)

Section 1. Chapter 385B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. *The Association hereby adopts by reference the standards for athletic sanctioning established by the National Federation of State High School Associations in Article 17 of the National Federation of State High School Associations Constitution. A copy of those standards is available, free of charge, at the Internet address <https://nfhs.org/stories/publications>.*

2. The Executive Director or a designee thereof shall periodically review the standards for athletic sanctioning adopted by reference in subsection 1 and determine within 30 days after the review whether any change made to the standards is appropriate for application in this State. If the Executive Director or designee does not disapprove a change to the standards within 30 days after the review, the change is deemed to be adopted by the Association.

Sec. 3. 1. *A school that participates in a sanctioned sport shall not attend or participate in a tournament for the sanctioned sport unless the tournament is:*

(a) Sponsored by the Association; or

(b) Sanctioned by:

(1) The National Federation of State High School Associations, if required by the standards for athletic sanctioning adopted by reference in section 2 of this regulation; or

(2) The Association, if sanctioning by the National Federation of State High School Associations is not required by those standards.

2. Not less than 24 hours before the start of a tournament, a school shall submit to the Association:

(a) The format of the tournament;

(b) The date and time of each event in the tournament; and

(c) The name of each team participating in the tournament.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.371, a school shall not participate in any out-of-season tournament for a sanctioned sport.

4. Any violation of the provisions of this section may result in the imposition of the penalties set forth in NAC 385B.960.

5. As used in this section, "tournament" means a series of games, contests, meets or similar athletic events involving teams or pupils who participate in a sanctioned sport, including, without limitation, an invitational, exhibition, shootout, showdown or similar event.

Sec. 4. 1. *An application for the sanctioning of a tournament by the Association must be:*

(a) Submitted using a process approved by the Association not later than 30 days before the date on which the tournament begins; and

(b) Accompanied by:

(1) A copy of each regulation or rule applicable for conducting the tournament;

(2) Proof of liability insurance;

(3) A list setting forth the name of each state, school or group that is invited to attend the tournament; and

(4) Any other information required by the Association.

2. As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving an application, the Executive Director or a designee thereof shall:

(a) Review the application; and

(b) Provide written notice to the applicant and each member school of his or her approval or denial of the application.

3. As used in this section, "tournament" means a series of games, contests, meets or similar athletic events involving teams or pupils who participate in a sanctioned sport, including, without limitation, an invitational, exhibition, shootout, showdown or similar event.

Sec. 5. NAC 385B.302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.302 1. Each school shall establish a schedule of events for each season for a sanctioned sport in which the school participates. *The schedule must include all league, non-league and tournament games, contests or meets for the sanctioned sport during the season.*

After establishing the schedule, the school shall submit a copy of the schedule to the Association *using a process approved by the Association* not later than:

(a) June 15 of each year, if the schedule is established for a sanctioned sport that is conducted during the fall of that year;

(b) September 15 of each year, if the schedule is established for a sanctioned sport that is conducted during the winter of that year; or

(c) January 15, if the schedule is established for a sanctioned sport that is conducted during the spring of that year.

2. *A school shall notify the Association of any change in the information contained in a schedule submitted pursuant to subsection 1 as soon as reasonably practicable after knowledge of the change.*

3. The Association will impose a penalty ~~{of \$100}~~ against each school that ~~{fails to submit to the Association a schedule for a sanctioned sport within}~~ *violates* the ~~{periods prescribed}~~ *provisions of this section* in ~~{subsection 1.}~~ *accordance with NAC 385B.960.*

Sec. 6. NAC 385B.308 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.308 *1.* A school shall not conduct ~~{a}~~ *or engage in any* game, contest or meet with any school that is located in another state if that school is suspended or *otherwise* prohibited from participating in the authorized athletic association of that state ~~{}~~, *regardless of whether the game, contest or meet is conducted in this State or in another state.*

2. Any violation of the provisions of this section may result in the imposition of the penalties set forth in NAC 385B.960.

Sec. 7. NAC 385B.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.310 *1.* A school shall not, without the approval of the Executive Director, engage in any game, contest, meet or tournament with another school if that school:

~~{1.}~~ *(a)* Is not a member school, ~~{or}~~ an affiliate school of the Association ~~{}~~ *or a member of the authorized athletic association of the state in which the school is located;* or

~~{2.}~~ *(b)* Has been suspended or expelled from the athletic association of the state in which the school is located.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 apply regardless of whether the game, contest, meet or tournament is conducted in this State or in another state.

3. Any violation of the provisions of this section may result in the imposition of the penalties set forth in NAC 385B.960.