

LCB File No. R206-03

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

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED REGULATION**

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, 1 East Liberty Street, Suite 505, Reno, NV 89501 (775) 688-6464, is proposing the adoption of Regulations pertaining to Chapter 386 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop has been set for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe Second Floor Meeting Room, Stateline, Nevada. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics which may be addressed in the proposed Regulations:

1. Regulation 2060.0902 – Football Scrimmage Definition
2. Regulation 2070.07 – Residency Requirements / Separation Rule

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association at 1 East Liberty Street, Suite 505, Reno, Nevada 89501, (775) 688-6464. A reasonable fee for copying will be charged.

This Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
1 East Liberty Street, Suite 505
Reno, Nevada 89501

Washoe County School District
425 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89520

Clark County School District
2832 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89121

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS**

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (“NIAA”) will hold a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of September, 2004, at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe, Second Floor Meeting Room, Stateline, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of Regulations that pertain to Chapter 386 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The adoption of this Regulation is needed for purposes of the governance of high school athletics and activities throughout the State of Nevada which are governed by the NIAA.

2. The Regulation addresses all matters pertaining to governance of the NIAA, it’s Board of Control, eligibility of high school athletes, codes of conduct for athletes, coaches and officials, appeal procedures from adverse decisions of the NIAA and the general governance of high school athletics and activities.

3(a). The economic effect of the Regulation on high school athletics will be minimal since the NIAA has operated for the past thirty (30) years according to substantially similar rules and regulations which have been adopted by it’s Board of Control. Those rules and regulations are being formally adopted into the Nevada Administrative Code which will have a positive effect on all citizens in the State of Nevada affected by such rules and regulations.

(b). The immediate and long term effects of this Regulation will be to provide a better source of information to the public regarding the governance of high school athletics and activities, including high school athletes, parents, coaches and officials all of whom are governed by the NIAA.

4. The estimated cost to the NIAA for purposes of enforcement of the proposed Regulation are minimal since the NIAA has previously been enforcing it’s substantially similar rules and regulations in accordance with it’s Handbook, which is now to become a part of the Nevada Administrative Code.

5. This Regulation does not overlap or duplicate any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies.

6. The adoption of this Regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

7. The adoption of this Regulation does not include any provisions which are more stringent than any federal regulation. *See*, paragraph 6, above.

8. The adoption of this Regulation does not establish any new fee or increases to existing fees associated with the governance of the NIAA.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the NIAA may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to Jerry A. Hughes, Executive Director, Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, One East Liberty Street, Suite 505, Reno, Nevada 89501. Written submissions must be received by the NIAA on or before September 17, 2004. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the NIAA may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this Notice and the Regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the Notice and the Regulation to be adopted will be available at One East Liberty Street, Suite 505, Reno, Nevada 89501, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This Notice and the text of the proposed Regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this Notice and the proposed Regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

0100 PURPOSE AND INTENT

In recognition of the many educational values to be derived from participation in all forms of interscholastic activities, and in recognition of the need for guidance and direction in the conduct of these activities, it shall be the purpose of this Association to promote, coordinate and regulate, league, region and statewide activities to the end that they shall be part of and contribute to the total educational program of the students in the secondary schools of the State of Nevada.

1000 ORGANIZATION

1000.001 Legislative Commission

The policy-making authority of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association is vested in the Legislative Commission. This Commission consists of the superintendents of each of the county school districts of Nevada.

1000.002 Board of Control

The governing body of the NIAA is a Board of Control. This Board of Control consists of nine representatives from the four administrative regions.

The NIAA will provide for the election of members of the Board from throughout the state of Nevada. The state must be divided into regions based upon pupil population. Each representative must be elected by the county boards of school trustees from within the region they represent.

The Class 1A, 2A, and 3A presidents shall serve as non-voting liaisons to the Board of Control.

The Board shall elect a president and vice-president for a term of two years at its February meeting of odd numbered years.

The Board shall hold regular meetings throughout the year to conduct the affairs of the NIAA. Member schools must be notified of these meetings in a timely manner. A provision must be made for special meetings to be called as the need arises.

1000.003 Executive Director

An Executive Director must be employed by the Board of Control to serve as chief administrative officer of the NIAA. He/She shall serve according to the terms and conditions specified in the contract and must be evaluated in writing each year.

1000.004 Member Schools

The member schools must be formed into regions and leagues to facilitate scheduling and interscholastic competition.

Adopted: January 1983; Revised: July, 1991; March, 1992; June, 1994; June 2000;

1010 AMENDMENTS

The board shall establish a procedure for amending policy and regulation as prescribed by law.

2000 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

To ensure uniformity and to coordinate activities throughout the state, the board shall establish procedures whereby the NIAA and member schools will operate interdependently.

2010 LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME

Leagues shall make every effort to schedule contests that result in the minimum amount of loss of school time to member schools both for participation in as well as travel to these events. The board shall follow the same procedures when approving regional and state tournaments and meets.

2020 DUES

All member schools shall pay dues as established by the board.

2030 TICKETS

The executive director shall be responsible for developing procedures for the disbursement, audit and inventory of all tickets used at NIAA sponsored events.

2040 AWARDS

The board shall establish limitations of awards and medals for presentation at sanctioned tournaments, meets or contests.

2050 AMATEUR STANDING

Students who participate in NIAA sanctioned sports shall abide by the amateur regulations as prescribed by the board. Students participating out of the regular NIAA season in sanctioned and non-sanctioned sports shall meet the requirements of amateurism as prescribed by the board and the agency governing the sport.

2060 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Sanctioned activities governed by the board are promulgated to supplement the regular education programs in the state's high schools. The welfare and safety of each student participant is the foremost consideration used by the board when regulating and coordinating interscholastic activities.

2060.001 All-Star Games

The board shall determine and approve all sponsors, participants and guidelines regarding any preseason or post-season all-star competition.

2060.002 Recognized Sports

The board shall determine activities, sports and contests that are recognized and approved for interscholastic competition.

2060.003 Non-League Games

The board encourages member schools, when scheduling non-league games, to consider travel distances as well as competition levels. The executive director may intervene to ensure that all member schools within a league have adequate schedules.

2060.004 Game Limits

Game or meet limits shall be established by the board for each sanctioned sport.

2060.005 State and Region Championships

The board shall determine, establish and conduct all regional and state tournaments and meets.

2070 ELIGIBILITY

The board shall formulate eligibility rules, standards and limitations governing students and coaches who represent a member school in interscholastic contests.

Participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege to be granted only to those students who meet the minimum standards of eligibility adopted cooperatively by member schools through their state association and those additional standards established for its own students.

2080 SPORTSMANSHIP

An athletic code of ethics shall be established for coaches, athletic directors, administrators, officials and athletes, which promotes and encourages the educational values and the positive competitive relationships derived from participation and association in and with interscholastic athletics.

2090 VIOLATIONS, DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND APPEALS

Due process and appeals procedures shall be developed by the board, which shall be followed when an unresolved dispute arises from the interpretation of NIAA policies or regulations.

2100 ALIGNMENT

The board shall align member schools into classes, which will promote the goals of the board.

2120 OFFICIALS

The board shall establish regulations regarding sanctioning of officials associations and regulating non-association officials.

2130 PASS POLICY

NIAA passes and lifetime passes are to be issued to people who have or are currently contributing to the interscholastic athletic program. The board shall establish a formula and procedure for distribution.

3000 PURCHASING

Upon adoption of the annual NIAA budget, the board is authorized to purchase equipment, supplies and related services within the limits of the budget appropriation. To efficiently direct the purchasing operations of the NIAA, the following guides shall be followed:

1. Multiple source competitive price bidding shall be encouraged;
2. Purchases shall be made in accordance with Nevada statutes; and,

Detailed accounting procedures shall be established to ensure accurate record keeping. All financial activities of the NIAA are subject to an annual audit and the executive director shall maintain books and records in accordance with established procedures.

4000 BROADCASTING AND TELECASTING

The board shall establish regulations and procedures pertaining to telecasting and broadcasting of any activity or interscholastic athletic event.

Adopted: January 1983

NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULATIONS

The Regulations of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association are developed and approved by the Board of Control.

REGULATION 1000

ORGANIZATION

1000.01 **Name**

This organization shall be known as the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (hereinafter referred to as NIAA), a voluntary non-profit union of the secondary schools of the state of Nevada.

1000.02 **Member National Federation**

The NIAA shall maintain membership in the National Federation of State High School Associations.

1000.03 **Legislative Commission**

The legislative and policy making authority of the NIAA shall be vested in the Legislative Commission which shall be made up of the superintendents of each of the county school districts of the state. Each member of the Legislative Commission shall have one vote.

Meetings of the Legislative Commission shall be held at the same time as the superintendents regularly scheduled meetings.

The Legislative Commission shall, at the request of a majority of its members, call other meetings at a time and place as it may designate. There shall be at least 10 days written notice to all members of such meetings.

Adopted: May, 1983

REGULATION 1001

BOARD OF CONTROL

1001.01 Board of Control

The governing body of the NIAA shall be a Board of Control (hereinafter referred to as the Board) composed of nine representatives from the four administrative regions.

1001.02 Administrative Regions

For the purposes of selecting administrative region members to the Board, the state shall be divided into the four administrative regions as shown on the map provided with this section.

1001.03 Selecting Representatives

School trustees and school administrators are eligible to serve as administrative region representatives on the Board. School administrators must be superintendents, district level administrators or high school principals.

The members of the Board shall be selected from the administrative regions by trustees from that region. When a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Executive Director shall notify the trustees from that region to nominate or select, or both, a replacement for the vacancy. The nominated person shall take office on July 1 following the selection.

Unexpired terms shall be filled by the trustees within the administrative region in which the vacancy occurs. The selected member shall serve the remainder of that term.

1001.04 Length of Terms

The administrative region representatives on the Board shall serve a three-year term.

1001.05 Voting Membership

Voting membership on the Board shall be as follows:

1. Two representatives from Administrative Region I (Washoe County).
2. One representative from Administrative Region II (Carson, Churchill, and Douglas Counties).
3. One representative from Administrative Region III (Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and White Pine Counties).
4. Five representatives from Administrative Region IV (Clark County).
5. The President of the Board shall vote on all action items.

1001.06 Non-Voting Membership / Liaisons

The following groups will be represented on the Board of Contort as non-voting liaisons for a two-year term:

1. Class 1A President
2. Class 2A President
3. Class 3A President
4. Private School Liaison
5. President of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association

1001.07 Powers of the Board

The Board shall have the authority to exercise all the powers expressed or implied in these regulations and act as an administrative board in the interscholastic activities of the member schools. Where there is no rule, regulation, or precedent, the decision of the Board prevails.

1001.08 Duties of the Board

The Board shall:

1. Employ an Executive Director, set his/her salary, provide for the payment thereof and establish duties and powers.
2. Provide necessary facilities, equipment and personnel to conduct the business of the NIAA.
3. Adopt an annual budget for the operation of the business affairs of the NIAA and set dues in conformance with the formula adopted by the NIAA.
4. Assign member schools to the necessary classes and approve leagues within classes to achieve the objectives of the NIAA and to allow for the efficient and effective conduct of interscholastic activities.
5. Provide for the organization, supervision and certification of officials for all interscholastic activities under its jurisdiction as provided in the regulations.
6. Exercise general control over all interscholastic activities in which member schools participate as provided in the regulations.
7. Authorize the Executive Director to conduct investigations relative to violations of the regulations of the NIAA as provided for in the regulations.
8. Adopt other regulations, as needed, which are consistent with the NIAA's Articles of Incorporation, policies and regulations.
9. Attendance at all regularly scheduled board meetings. Any board member missing two or more consecutive regularly scheduled board meetings shall be subject to reconsideration by the region's superintendent(s) for placement on the board.

In all matters pertaining to regions and classes, the Board shall retain final authority.

1001.09 **Meetings**

The Board shall call four regular meetings annually. All member schools must be notified in writing at least 10 days before the meeting. The notification must contain an agenda.

The Executive Director, President or a majority of the members of the Board may call a special meeting at any time and place by giving written notice to each member of the Board.

1001.10 **Meeting Procedures**

1. The Board President will read the item number.
2. The Board President will ask the Executive Director and/or other staff members for comments regarding the item.
3. Board discussion.
4. The Board President will ask the public for comments regarding the item.
5. The Board President will ask board members for a motion and second.
6. The Board will discuss the motion and may ask for further clarification.
7. The Board will initiate a vote on the item.

1001.11 **Robert's Rules of Order**

Unless otherwise specified by regulation, Robert's Rules of Order must prevail at all meetings of the Board and the NIAA.

For clarification purposes, in regards to re-addressing an item that has previously been voted on, the definitions of reconsider and rescind are listed below:

1. A motion for reconsideration can be made only by a member of the board who voted aye, if the motion was adopted, or no if the motion was lost. The making of a motion to reconsider is under time limitations, however. In a session of one-day, such as a regular board meeting, the motion to reconsider must be made on the same day the vote to be reconsidered was taken.
2. Rescind is the motion by a member of the board by which a previous action or order can be canceled or countermanded. The effect of rescinding is to strike out an entire main motion, resolution, rule, bylaw, section or paragraph that has been adopted at some previous time. There are no time limitations and a motion to rescind can be made under normal NIAA regulations regarding making a motion to the board.

Exceptions to Robert's Rules of Order would be as follows:

1. Any person wishing to address the board on a regular motion will be limited to a presentation time of five (5) minutes. This would not include any time to address board questions.

Revised: June, '97

1001.12 Quorum

A majority of the voting members of the Board constitutes a quorum for transaction of business.

1001.13 President and Vice President

The Board shall elect a President and Vice-President for a two-year term from among the voting representatives on the Board at the February/March meeting during the odd numbered years.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the member schools of the NIAA. He/She may call such special meetings of the Board as deemed necessary in accordance with regulations. The President shall act as the official spokesman for the NIAA and shall perform such duties as are generally required of the office. In the event the President resigns or otherwise leaves office, the Vice-President must become President and a new Vice-President must be elected to fulfill the un-expired term of the Vice-President.

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President when the latter is unable to perform these duties.

1001.14 Travel and Per Diem Allowances

Travel allowance for the NIAA shall not exceed the cost of commercial transportation if such is available. If commercial transportation is not available, or if private vehicle is more expedient, the state mileage rate must be paid.

Per diem must be reimbursed at the current state rate as per the Board of Examiners' policy.

1001.15 Agenda Items From Member Schools

Items for an agenda may be submitted by an individual school providing that the school's principal has signed the agenda item and it reaches the NIAA office two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled board meeting. Back-up material is required on those items requiring it. This procedure does not supersede any district policy that is in effect in counties that require schools to submit NIAA agenda items first through their superintendent's office before forwarding them to the NIAA.

1001.16 Agenda Items From Board Members

Members may submit items for an agenda with written supporting data before any board meeting.

1001.17 Agenda Items From Legislative Commission

Any item will be placed on the agenda for a meeting and considered by the Board if submitted by a superintendent at least two weeks before the meeting of the Board.

It is imperative that agenda items be submitted at least 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting so the documentation supporting these items can be reproduced and sent to the Board for its review. Member schools should not supersede any established district policy when submitting items for consideration to the NIAA Board. Only those items submitted before the deadline date will be considered by the NIAA Board on its agenda. Additional items will be added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting upon a majority vote of the Board.

1001.18 Phone Ballots -- Emergency Items

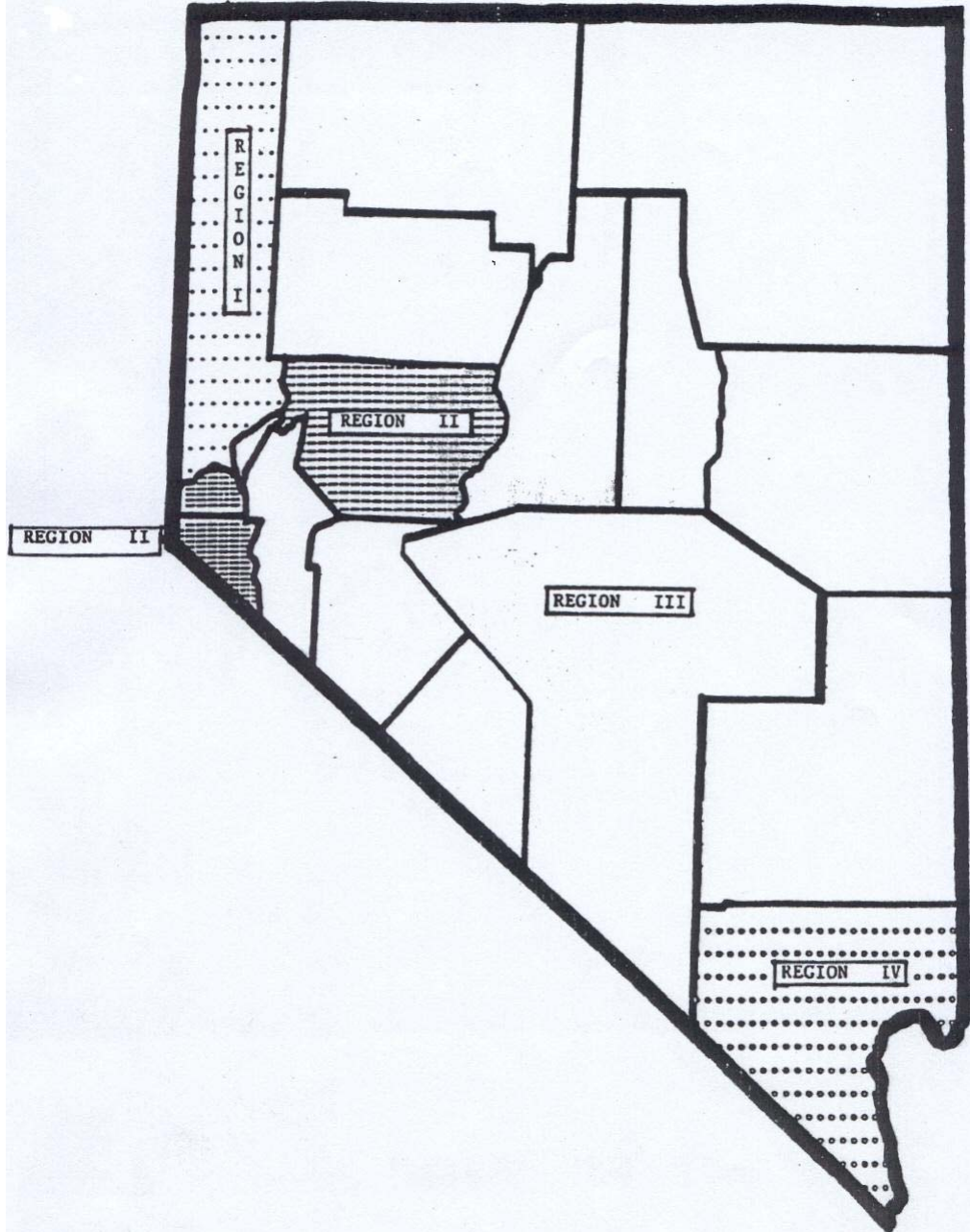
Only matters of extreme emergency, as determined by the President and Executive Director, will be considered for voting by telephone. In such cases, member schools requesting a phone ballot should first contact a member of the Board. The results will be distributed to Board members, superintendents, and member schools by United States mail and a copy of the results must be attached to the minutes of the next meeting.

1001.19 Attendance at National Federation Meetings

Attendance of Board members at National Federation Meetings shall be addressed by the Board at its February/March meeting and selections will be made at that time. Members shall not attend National Federation Meetings during the last year of their term on the Board.

Revised: January 11, 1984; July, 1987; August, 1989

1001.20 ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS



Region I - Washoe Co.
(2 Representatives)

Region II - Carson City,
Churchill Co., Douglas Co.
(1 Representative)

Region III - Elko Co., Esmeralda Co.
Eureka Co., Humboldt Co., Lander Co.
Lincoln Co., Lyon Co., Mineral Co., Nye Co.,
Pershing Co., Storey Co., White Pine Co.
(1 Representative)

Region IV - Clark Co.
(5 Representatives)

REGULATION 1002

MEMBER SCHOOLS

1002.01 *Responsibility of Principal*

The principal of each member school is responsible to the NIAA in all matters pertaining to interscholastic activities, including the eligibility of pupils. In case of delegated authority to other eligible and regular staff members, the principal is not relieved of the responsibility in case of an infraction or violation of the rules of the NIAA. No interscholastic athletic activities may be scheduled or performed without the approval of the principal.

1002.02 *Responsibility for Registration of Players*

The principal is directly responsible for the registration of all pupils. The principal shall not delegate this responsibility to any other person.

1002.03 *Supervision of Teams*

The principal, or an authorized representative, shall accompany all teams or school groups participating in any interscholastic activity as a school representative. The principal shall ultimately be responsible for all matters affecting the team and the school. The school is responsible for all acts of the participating team or school groups sponsored by the school while on athletic trips. The principal, or his/her authorized representative, accompanying the team or school group to a meet, game, contest or tournament shall exercise the utmost care in the supervision of that team or school sponsored group.

1002.04 *Regular Member and Affiliate Schools*

1. Membership in the NIAA must be open to all high schools of this state upon application as provided in the regulations and subject to the approval of the Board.
2. Approval of membership will be granted if:
 - a. The regulations of the NIAA have been accepted by the board of trustees, or the governing board under which the applicant is administered, as the code governing its' interscholastic activities.
 - b. The annual dues established by the NIAA have been paid.
 - c. The applicant agrees to accept and abide by the policies and regulations of the NIAA and to bind the students and faculty thereto.
3. An application for membership must be made by July 1st of each year.

4. A school in a neighboring state may be admitted to affiliate status in the NIAA if:
 - a. The school is recommended for membership by one of the regular member schools of the NIAA.
 - b. The school will provide detailed information regarding their athletic programs and any other information they feel might assist with the membership process. This information must be mailed to the NIAA office along with a non-refundable application fee of \$850.
 - c. The school must meet NIAA standards of accreditation.
 - d. The school has been approved by at least two-thirds of the members of both the league and the class in which the school will be a member. Existing membership will be asked to examine how the additional school will effect out-of-school time, transportation, per diem, length of season and competitive factors.
 - e. A committee appointed by the director to inspect the school's facilities has recommended the school for membership.
 - f. The Board and the Legislative Commission have approved the school's application by a majority vote.

Within thirty (30) days after completing the last step in this process, the Executive Director shall issue a final decision and mail it to the applicant and Board of Control.

5. A school may have its membership revoked if:
 - a. A regular member school of the NIAA recommends revocation;
 - b. Revocation is approved by at least two-thirds of the members of both the league and the class in which the school is a member; and
 - c. The Board of Control and the Legislative Commission have approved revocation by a majority vote.

Within thirty (30) days after completing the last step in this process, the Executive Director shall issue a final decision and mail it to the applicant and Board of Control.

During each level of this process, the Executive Director will notify the affiliate school of the date, time and place of each scheduled hearing at which time the affiliate school may appear through a representative or legal counsel to present evidence and cross examination regarding the proposed withdrawal of affiliate membership.

1002.05 Provisional Membership

Schools supported by the state or county, or both, which accept only pupils who are wards of the court may be admitted to a provisional membership in the NIAA by a majority vote of the Board of Control and the Legislative Commission. Provisional members are subject to the same regulations and obligations as regular members and with the Board's approval may be eligible for league/regional or state championships. The one exception to this would be the substitution of a 30-day quarantine period for the academic rule, which states that a student must have passed two units of credit during the previous semester. This exception would enable the student to gain eligibility after thirty days, at which time they would follow all NIAA regulations regarding eligibility.

Revised: November, '94; November, '96

1002.06 Directory Information

Each principal in charge of a member school of the NIAA shall file with the Executive Director requests for directory information on a form provided by the NIAA by the second week in June. Adjustments in enrollment figures must be made from the report submitted to the Department of Education.

Revised: March, '92; June, '94

1002.07 Private Schools

A private school in the state of Nevada may be admitted for membership if it follows the guidelines below:

1. The school writes the NIAA Executive Director requesting to become a member of the association.
2. The school will be assigned independent status for a two-year period. During this period they may schedule contests with member schools but may not be eligible for post-season competition.
3. At the conclusion of the first year of independent status, the private school will appear at the August class meeting requesting membership. The class members will evaluate facilities, scheduling commitments and rule acceptance.
4. The class will make a recommendation to the NIAA Board for approval or denial for membership.
5. If approved, the school will be assigned to a league and class and will be included in the next year's league/region schedule (3rd year).

Adopted: June, '97

REGULATION 1003

2003-2004 NIAA ALIGNMENT

CLASS 1A (up to 169)
24 Schools / 5 Independents
Todd Hess, President
Virginia City High School

2 League Alignment

(FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL TRACK & FIELD)

<u><i>NORTHERN</i></u>	<u><i>SOUTHERN</i></u>
Austin	Beatty
Carlin	Calvary Chapel
Coleville	Indian Springs
Eureka	Lake Mead
Gabbs	Lund
Gerlach	Mountain View
Jackpot	Pahranagat Valley
McDermitt	Round Mountain
Owyhee	Spring Mountain
Pyramid Lake	Trinity Christian
Smith Valley	Warren-Walker
Virginia City	
Wells	

Independent Schools:

Keystone Academy Charter
Legacy Christian
New Hope Christian

Sage Ridge
Sierra Lutheran

CLASS 1A

4 League Alignment

(BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL)

<u><i>EAST</i></u>	<u><i>WEST</i></u>	<u><i>CENTRAL</i></u>	<u><i>SOUTH</i></u>
Austin	Coleville	Beatty	Lake Mead
Carlin	Gabbs	Calvary Chapel	Lund
Eureka	Gerlach	Indian Springs	Mountain View
Jackpot	McDermitt	Round Mountain	Pahranagat Valley
Owyhee	Pyramid Lake	Spring Mountain	Trinity Christian
Wells	Smith Valley	Warren-Walker	
	Virginia City		

CLASS 2A (170 – 460)

15 Schools

**John Barrus, President
West Wendover High School**

<i><u>NORTHERN</u></i>	<i><u>SOUTHERN</u></i>
Battle Mountain	Faith Lutheran
Incline	Laughlin
Independence	Lincoln County
Mineral County	The Meadows
Pershing County	Needles
Silver Stage	Tonopah
West Wendover	White Pine
Whittell	

CLASS 3A (461 – 1200)

13 Schools

**Mike Altenburg, President
Spring Creek High School**

<u>NORTHERN</u>	<i><u>SOUTHERN</u></i>
Bishop Manogue	Boulder City
Dayton	Moapa Valley
Fernley	Pahrump Valley
Lowry	Virgin Valley
North Tahoe	
Rite of Passage	
Sparks	
Spring Creek	
Tahoe-Truckee	
Yerington	

Sparks (independent team sports)

CLASS 4A (1201 and above)

39 Schools

NORTHERN REGION

**Glen Adair, President, Northern 4A
Carson High School**

<u>High Desert</u>	<u>Sierra</u>
Churchill County	Carson
Damonte Ranch	Douglas
Elko	Hug
Galena	North Valleys
McQueen	Reno
Reed	South Tahoe
Spanish Springs	Wooster

Sparks (individual sports only)

SUNSET AND SUNRISE REGIONS
TBA, President
Director of Athletics, Clark County School District

SUNRISE REGION

<u>Northeast</u>	<u>Southeast</u>
Chaparral	Basic
Desert Pines	Coronado
Eldorado	Foothill
Las Vegas	Green Valley
Rancho	Liberty
Valley	Silverado
	SNVTC

SUNSET REGION

<u>Northwest</u>	<u>Southwest</u>
Centennial	Bishop Gorman
Cheyenne	Bonanza
Cimarron-Memorial	Clark
Mojave	Durango
Palo Verde	Sierra Vista
Shadow Ridge	Western

Membership for 2003-2004 school year:
92 MEMBER SCHOOLS; 5 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Revised June 2003

1003.01 Organization Of Classes

The basic organizational structure of the state shall be the classes. The administrative organization of the classes may be made up of one representative for each school assigned to the class. This representative must be a principal, assistant principal, or athletic director of the school he/she represents and each representative shall have one vote. Each class may elect from its members a President, Vice President and Secretary. These officers shall be elected by the first week in May of each school year.

1003.02 Powers and Duties of the Class

The Class:

1. Shall abide by the NIAA regulations.
2. May develop and approve the Class schedule in all sports recognized by the Class.
3. May conduct league, regional and state tournaments as per the formats approved by the tournament format committee and NIAA Board of Control.
4. Shall not make any rules contrary to the NIAA rules, but may make a regulation requiring higher standards than those set by the NIAA.
5. Shall not have the right to refuse any school or individual the privilege of an appeal to the Executive Director in accordance with NIAA regulations.

1003.03 Class Assignments

The NIAA continues to encourage the right of any of its member schools in class assignments to associate themselves together for the purpose of scheduling regular season play and qualification of teams to represent the league/class in state title competition. The respective league/class will be governed by the NIAA regulations in all matters and their actions will be subject to review by the NIAA Executive Director.

1003.04 Classification of Schools

Assignment of the schools to their respective classes for competition shall be done by the Board once every four years and such assignments shall be noted in the NIAA Reference Manual.

Revised: August 1989

1003.05 Class Meetings

The class may call two regular meetings of all member schools of the class. All member schools shall be notified in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The notification shall contain an agenda. At either of the two regular meetings, any item may be discussed and acted upon even if the item is not contained in the written notice and agenda. The Class 4A may opt from this regulation.

The president or a majority of the member schools of the class may call a special meeting at any time and place by giving at least 10 days written notice to each member school.

1003.06 Private School Meetings

The private school members of the NIAA will hold an annual meeting of all private schools in the NIAA. All private schools shall be notified in writing at least ten days prior to the meeting. The notification shall contain an agenda. General information regarding private school membership in the NIAA will be discussed at these meetings. The private school members of the NIAA will select a liaison to serve on the NIAA Board of Control for a two-year term. This liaison will serve as the president of the private schools for this period and conduct the annual meeting. This individual will communicate to the private schools as needed throughout the year on NIAA issues.

The liaison for private schools must be a principal or athletic administrator and be selected by the state's private schools for a two-year term.

1003.07 Organization of Leagues

The member schools in the class will recommend leagues to the Board for approval.

1003.08 Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be employed by the Board for a term specified in his/her contract, and he/she shall serve according to its terms and conditions.

He/She shall act as the chief administrative officer of the Association and shall perform duties as are required by the NIAA's regulations and his contract.

The Executive Director shall be bonded in an amount of not less than \$20,000, the premium of which shall be paid by the NIAA. He/She shall make a complete financial statement to the NIAA annually following an audit by a certified public accountant. All expenses of the audit shall be paid by the NIAA.

1003.09 Job Description

The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the NIAA and is responsible to the NIAA Board. He/She is responsible for the daily operations of the NIAA and is responsible for performing such duties as required by the NIAA regulations.

His/Her duties include coordinating the activities of the NIAA Board and is responsible for implementation of Board regulations.

1003.10 Specific Duties

The specific duties of the Executive Director are separated into categories as listed below:

- Administration
- Tournaments
- Leadership, Communications and Education
- Budget and Finance
- Personnel
- Legislative

1003.11 Administration

The Executive Director shall:

1. Conduct the daily operation of the Association including the operation of an NIAA office in accordance with NIAA by-laws and policies.
2. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Board, the Legislative Commission and on committees as designated by the by-laws of the NIAA or as appointed by the President of the Board.
3. Prepare and distribute to member schools directory information, membership lists and other materials as directed by the Board.
4. Prepare and issue to all members the necessary forms and information needed to conduct NIAA business.
5. Thoroughly investigate reported and known alleged violations of the NIAA's rules and regulations, assume a strong leadership role in the enforcement of all NIAA regulations and report findings and action to the Board.
6. Review all controversies between member schools, when submitted in writing, and render decisions based upon NIAA regulations and by-laws.
7. Keep members of the Board informed about the status of all matters on which they may be called upon for information.
8. Call upon Board members to assist in such duties as may be necessary and expedient in conducting NIAA business.
9. Determine the eligibility of students and other eligibility matters that fall within the scope of his/her delegated authority.
10. Carry out all requests of the Board as set forth in the minutes of Board meetings.
11. Prepare an agenda including all back-up information available and the Executive Director's recommendations for each meeting of the NIAA Board and distribute the agenda two weeks prior to each meeting.
12. Ensure that accurate minutes of the Board's meetings and other meetings designated by the President are recorded and distributed to all Board members within two weeks after each meeting.
13. Make recommendations to and prepare for the Board proposed changes in the regulations of the NIAA.
14. Monitor the effectiveness of the NIAA policies and by-laws and make recommendations to the Board on any item leading to the betterment of the NIAA.
15. Submit to the Board all legal documents in a timely manner, such as attorney's opinions or the Executive Director's contract.
16. Develop and implement statewide uniform procedures for registering, selecting and regulating officials.
17. Revise the NIAA Handbook to reflect changes in policies, as developed by the Board, and send revisions to member schools within 45 days of Board meeting.
18. Recommend methods of promoting all interscholastic activities in addition to athletic programs, such as statewide speech, drama and music festivals, and NASC.
19. Develop and submit to the Board at the May meeting an annual report summarizing the year's activities. This report should include recommended priority objectives for the next fiscal year.
20. Appoint special panels to hear appeals consistent with due process procedures.

1003.12 Budget and Finance

The Executive Director shall:

1. Maintain a sound system of accounting for all NIAA receipts and expenditures on a fiscal year basis.
2. Develop and recommend to the Board a budget for each fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of each year.
3. Submit to the Board at each meeting a financial report that clearly shows sources of revenue and lists expenditures as well as beginning and ending balances for each budgetary category.
4. Make budget transfer recommendations to the Board.
5. Continuously monitor NIAA finances and recommend to the Board measures to keep the NIAA in a fiscally sound position.
6. Submit recommendations of the selection of an auditor to the Board and arrange to have the audit of NIAA accounts conducted in July of each year and present an audit report to the Board at its September meeting.
7. Receive all funds and dues of the NIAA and disburse funds in a manner consistent with the regulations, budget and policies of the NIAA.
8. Prepare and receive bids for purchases in excess of \$2,500.
9. Collect fees in a timely manner.
10. Implement an investment program.
11. Ensure that the NIAA does not engage in deficit spending.

1003.13 Tournaments

The Executive Director shall:

1. Develop and recommend to the Board policies and regulations to ensure that tournaments are conducted in a manner consistent with NIAA policies and regulations.
2. Appoint tournament and meet directors, determine suitable sites and develop and supervise the adherence to well defined time lines for each activity.
3. Serve as the tournament director for the state football and basketball tournaments when directed by the Board.
4. Visit and observe the various play-offs and state level competitions as time will allow.
5. Develop and promote an active public relations campaign prior to major state tournament events to promote public awareness and attendance at NIAA sponsored activities.
6. Provide the Board with tournament profit and loss statements and develop and recommend to the Board policies to make tournaments fiscally sound.
7. Negotiate any contracts for use of all facilities, equipment and services associated with state play-offs and tournaments.
8. Closely monitor tournaments sponsored by member schools.
9. Monitor all out-of-state travel by schools through the sanctioning process.

1003.14 Personnel

The Executive Director shall:

1. Appoint and supervise, with the approval of the Board, staff members who may be placed under the Executive Director's supervision.
2. Develop and recommend to the Board personnel policies and regulations governing all NIAA employees matters, such as sick leave, other leave, vacation, travel, attendance at out-of-state events, grievance policies, payroll and evaluations.
3. Ensure that all personnel matters of a legal nature are presented to the Board in a timely and complete manner.
4. Obtain advance approval of the Board for out-of-state travel when NIAA funds are used. The NIAA President may approve travel in an emergency.
5. Ensure that all staff evaluations are conducted in a timely manner and reviewed by the President and Vice President of the Board, as per established time lines.

1003.15 Leadership, Communication and Education

The Executive Director shall:

1. Attend all league and class meetings upon request. A log of visitation should be kept.
2. With the President of the Board, serve as spokesman for the NIAA and interpret NIAA policies and regulations for the public, the media and members of the NIAA.
3. Provide member schools with an interpretation of NIAA rules and regulations, as requested.
4. Work closely with officers of classes and leagues to ensure effective interpretation and implementation of NIAA policies and regulations.
5. Attend Legislative Commission meetings with the Board President to assist the President of the Board in interpreting Board decisions for the Legislative Commission.
6. Assume a strong leadership role in developing and recommending to the Board an educational program to inform the public about NIAA programs and policies.
7. Publish and distribute newsletters.

1003.16 Legislative

The Executive Director shall:

1. Closely monitor legislative developments throughout the year and especially during the State Legislative session.
2. Develop and recommend to the Board legislative items, which would result in more effective NIAA programs.
3. With the approval of the Board, assist the President in any lobbying activities at the State Legislature.

The Executive Director shall perform such other duties as directed by the Board or its President.

REGULATION 1010

AMENDMENTS

1010.01 *Proposed Amendments to Policies and Regulations*

Proposed amendments to the policies and regulations of this Association shall be submitted in writing to the office of the Executive Director not less than 45 days before the regular Board meeting. Member schools shall be notified by the Executive Director of all proposed amendments not less than 30 days before the regular meeting.

1010.02 *Policy Change*

The policies of the NIAA may be changed at any regular meeting of the Legislative Commission, provided there has been at least 10 days written notice mailed to each superintendent.

A policy may be further changed at any special Legislative Commission meeting called for the specific purpose of changing the policy. At least 10 days prior to the special Legislative Commission meeting, Commission members must receive written notice, which includes the proposed amendments in writing from the executive director.

The policy may be changed at any Legislative Commission meeting, provided all superintendents are present and waive the 10-day notice.

A two-thirds majority of the quorum present is needed to change the policy.

1010.03 *Regulation Change*

A regulation may be changed at any regular board meeting, provided there has been at least 10 days written notice mailed to each Board member.

A regulation may be further changed at any special Board meeting called for the specific purpose of changing the regulation. At least 10 days prior to the special Board meeting, Board members must receive written notice, which includes the proposed amendments in writing from the Executive Director.

The regulation may be changed at any Board meeting, providing all Board members are present and waive the 10-day prior notice.

A two-thirds majority of the quorum present is needed to change the regulation.

1010.04 *Membership Approval*

If a majority of the members present at the regular Board or Commission meeting vote in favor of the amended policy or regulation, it shall be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau within 10 working days after approval.

Adopted: May 1983

REGULATION 2000
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

2000.01 ***Operational Procedure***

To insure uniformity and to coordinate activities throughout the state, the Board shall establish procedures whereby the NIAA and member schools will operate interdependently.

Adopted: May 1983

REGULATION 2010
LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME

2010.01 ***Loss of School Time***

Classes and leagues shall make every effort to schedule contests that result in the minimum amount of loss of school time to member schools both for participation in as well as travel to these events. The Board shall follow the same procedures when approving league, regional and state tournaments and meets.

Adopted: January 1983

REGULATION 2020
DUES

2020.01 ***Dues***

All member schools shall pay dues as established by the Board and approved by the Legislative Commission. Dues must be paid by August 1 of each year. Failure to pay dues within 20 days of the due date may subject the member school to suspension from the NIAA or an interest penalty payment assessed by the Executive Director.

The Board may levy special assessments to meet special needs. These assessments shall not exceed 20 percent of a member's annual dues.

2020.02 Annual Dues

The annual dues for a school whose enrollment is under 600 is \$850. The annual dues for a school whose enrollment is 600 or more is \$1.50 per pupil.

Revised: August, '89; June, '94

REGULATION 2030

TICKETS

2030.01 Tickets

The Executive Director shall be responsible for developing procedures for the disbursement, audit and inventory of all tickets used at NIAA sponsored events.

Adopted: January 1983

REGULATION 2040

AWARDS

The Board shall determine the number of awards for each sport.

2040.01 League / Regional Trophies and Medals

The league and region trophies must be awarded to the championship team in those sports approved and sanctioned by the NIAA. If a league or regional tournament/playoff is not held, the trophy must be awarded to the league or regional champion. In the case of a tie, duplicate trophies must be awarded.

League/Region medals are to be awarded as follows: League/Region trophies (**See Appendix A2**)

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| 1. | Cross Country, B/G | First 6 places |
| 2. | Golf, B/G | First 5 places |
| 3. | Tennis B/G | First 4 places (Singles & Doubles) |
| 4. | Wrestling – 2A | First 4 places in each weight classification |
| 5. | Wrestling – 3A N | First 5 places in each weight classification |
| 6. | Wrestling – 3A S | First 3 places in each weight classification |
| 7. | Wrestling – 4A | First 3 places in each weight classification |
| 8. | Swimming | First 3 places in each event |

9.	Track & Field – 1A&2A	First 4 places in each event
10.	Track & Field – 3A N	First 5 places in each event
11.	Track & Field – 3A S	First 3 places in each event
12.	Track & Field – 4A	First 3 places in each event

2040.02 State Trophies and Medals

State trophies must be awarded in those sports approved and sanctioned by the NIAA to recognize state winners and runners-up.

State medals are to be awarded as follows. (See Appendix A & A1)

Fall

Cross Country, B/G	Members of the championship team, plus the first 7 places
Golf, G	Members of the championship team, plus the first 5 places
Football	Members of the championship team
Soccer	Members of the championship team
Tennis, B/G	Members of the championship team, plus first 4 places in singles and doubles
Volleyball, G	Members of the championship team

Winter

Bowling B/G	Members of the championship team
Basketball B/G	Members of the championship team
Skiing B/G	Members of the championship team
Wrestling	First 4 places in each weight classification.

Spring

Baseball	Members of the championship team
Golf, B	Members of the championship team, plus the first 5 places
Softball	Members of the championship team
Swimming/Diving, B/G	First 4 places in each event
Track/Field, B/G	First 4 places in each event
Volleyball, B	Members of championship team

In case of a tie, duplicate trophies and medals will be awarded.

Member schools may purchase additional medals if approved numbers are not sufficient.

2040.03 Limit on Awards

After entering a member school, a pupil must never accept any medal, cup trophy, or other athletic award of any kind having a retail value of more than \$200.

If a Nevada high school athlete qualifies for the Operation Gold Resolution, sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee, this regulation would be waived and the athlete would be entitled to all benefits provided.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: August 1989; June 1996; June 2000; June 2001; July 2001

REGULATION 2050

AMATEUR STANDING

2050.01 ***Amateur Standing***

1. A pupil who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:
 - a. Competing for money or other monetary compensation, other than allowable expenses for travel, meals or lodging.
 - b. Receiving any award, playing equipment or prize of monetary value which exceeds the retail value amount of \$200, including, but not limited to, attendance at an instructional camp or all-star game.
 - c. Signing a professional contract to play that sport.
2. The acceptance of a fee for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground or camp activity does not jeopardize amateur status.
3. A high school pupil who loses his/her amateur status may apply to the NIAA for reinstatement in the interscholastic program after waiting 1 year.
4. If applicable, a pupil participating in a sport when that sport is not in season for NIAA competition shall meet the requirements of amateurs, as prescribed by the agency governing that sport.
5. As used in this section, "amateur" means a person who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasure benefits derived there from.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: June 1994

2050.02 ***Preferred Play - Sponsorship***

Students who are sponsored by or invited, as a preferred player by a private company will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Athletes may wear equipment provided by a sponsor if:
 - a. The equipment does not replace his/her high school uniform; and,
 - b. The equipment does not contrast with school colors.

Adopted: February, '98

REGULATION 2060

WELFARE AND SAFETY

2060.01 *Physical Training and Equipment*

Member schools are responsible to see that those taking part in contests shall be subjected to an adequate period of properly conducted systematic training to provide proper physical conditioning for the contests. Students shall also be provided with suitable protective clothing when such is necessary. Coaches and directors shall insist upon a strict observance of the accepted rules of training, including the prohibition of irregular hours and dissipation, which tend to lower efficiency in the classroom and in athletics.

2060.02 *Supervision of Playing Field*

The host school shall be responsible for providing officials to keep spectators and other unauthorized persons off the playing field during contests. All member schools shall cultivate a sportsmanlike attitude on the part of the pupils and public toward the game, the visiting team and fans.

2060.03 *Game Control*

All member schools shall be responsible before, during and after a game or meet for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators. The referee or other head official may warn and, if necessary thereafter, order forfeiture by the offending team or school if the conduct and control of all persons concerned, including spectators, interrupt or adversely affect the normal procedure and progress of a contest.

Adopted: May 1983

2060.04 *All-Star Games*

2060.0401 All-Star Games / Competitions

As used in this section, "all-star team" means a team which is made up wholly, or in part, of outstanding players selected from among two or more schools, no matter how they are chosen nor what group or area the team might represent.

The NIAA is philosophically opposed to any type of national competition involving high school pupils.

The Board will determine and approve all sponsors, participants and guidelines regarding any preseason or post-season all-star competition, which is held during the school year. A violation of this section will result in a suspension or determination of ineligibility, or both.

No athletic team from any member school may compete against an all-star team.

2060.0402 ***NCAA / Event Sanctioning***

The association may approve All-Star games / Camps that require NCAA sanctioning. In order to get final approval for sanctioning of this event the event director must provide the NIAA with a certified check or money order in the amount equal to \$50.00 per team if the event is a tournament or \$5.00 per individual if the event is an individual camp.

Within ninety (90) days from the final date of the event the director must satisfactorily complete the Post Event Summary Form in order to be considered for sanctioning by the NIAA for future events.

2060.0403 ***In-State All-Star Game (Seniors)***

All-star games using seniors who have used their eligibility for that sport may be approved providing the following criteria are met:

1. Official sanction is granted from the NIAA, and the NCAA, if applicable.
2. All revenue realized from the contests is designated for charitable purposes or scholarships, or both.
3. No member school may permit any athletic director, coach, principal, teacher or other school official to assist in all-star games during the school day, either directly or indirectly.
4. The use of school equipment and facilities for the all-star games must be approved by the local district, NIAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations.
5. Annual review and approval of the NIAA Board is required for sponsors of an all-star game.

The NIAA will not sanction any all-star game in which a person who has graduated from high school is a participant.

Revised June 2001;

2060.0404 ***In-State All-Star Games***
(Pupils who have remaining high school eligibility in that sport.)

All-star games in which a pupil who is a participant has remaining high school eligibility in that sport may be approved providing the following criteria are met:

1. Official sanction is granted from the NCAA, the National Federation of State High School Associations and the NIAA.
2. All revenue realized from the contests is designated for charitable purposes or scholarships, or both.
3. The proposed game must be after the completion of the sports season represented.
4. No member school may permit any athletic director, coach, principal, teacher or other school official to assist in all-star games during the school day, unless personal leave or vacation days are approved by his immediate supervisor.
5. Use of school equipment and facilities for the all-star games must be approved by the local district, the NIAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations.
6. Annual review and approval of the NIAA Board is required for a sponsor of any all-star game.

2060.0405 ***Out-of-State All-Star Games/Camps***

A pupil may participate in an all-star competition or camp, which is outside this state if:

1. The all-star competition or camp is not held during the regular season scheduled by the NIAA for that sport;
2. The all-star competition or camp does not interfere with any ongoing sport sanctioned by the NIAA in which the pupil is a participant; and
3. The pupil maintains amateur status as defined in Section 2050 of the NIAA Handbook.

Revised: 2/02;

2060.0406 ***Participation in Out-of-Season Activities***

Philosophy

The NIAA encourages a pupil to participate in a broad range of activities. A pupil must not be compelled to participate in preseason or post-season programs. A pupil must be permitted to choose his activities without the compulsion of a coach.

Teams must be selected and must practice during the sport seasons, which are established by the NIAA Board.

Participation in an out-of-season activity by a pupil is voluntary and must be directed toward improving individual skills.

Guidelines

1. The season for each sport begins with the starting practice date for that sport and ends with the state championship for that sport. The NIAA Board will set the dates and include them on the "Activities Schedule" of the NIAA. Practices of a team must be held on these listed dates.
2. A member school may not sponsor a team or an individual pupil, provide a uniform, transportation or otherwise be responsible for a pupil in an out-of-season competition. This includes, but is not limited to, camps, summer leagues and trips abroad.
NOTE: For accounting purposes, a school may deposit monies raised for out of season activities. At no time may a school use state or school district budgeted funds for out of season activities.
3. If the preceding guidelines set forth in this section are met, a coach may work with individual pupils in the out-of-season. The contact must be voluntary and may not be a prerequisite for a tryout for a team by the pupil or for the acceptance of the pupil on that team during the regular interscholastic season. With the permission of a member school and school district, the facilities and equipment of a member school may be used by a coach and a pupil out-of-season.
 - a. The exception to this rule would be for the sport of football, which shall use the following guidelines:
 1. Legal Equipment -- Out of Season
 - a. Footballs

- b. Football shoes
 - c. Shorts and sweatshirts
 - 2. Illegal Equipment -- Out of Season
 - a. Helmets, shoulder/hip/thigh pads and other protective equipment
 - b. Blocking dummies, sleds or similar devices.
 - c. A student attending an out-of-season contact camp may not use any equipment purchased by a Nevada high school.
- 4. The NIAA advises member schools and school districts that permit out-of-season activities to require its voluntary participants to provide proof of adequate insurance coverage.
- 5. At no time may an out-of-season program interfere with an in-season sport. Coaches shall respect their peers and support the entire athletic program of the school. A pupil may not attend a camp or all-star competitions which conflicts with an in-season sport.

Revised: June '97;

2060.0407 *Participation on Independent/Outside Teams*

If during the school year, and while a member of a high school team or squad, a pupil participates on another organized team or event engaged in the same sport, the following guidelines will be followed:

- 1. The high school coach must give his/her support and approval that this type of activity is not interfering with the high school team or squad and pupils must count each non-school competition event as one of the allowable contests specified in the athletic bylaws of that particular sport.
- 2. It is recommended that all leagues, regions and classes establish minimum participation standards to be eligible for post-season competition.
- 3. Participation on a team in another sport or event while a member of a high school team or squad requires the high school coach's approval as stated in paragraph 1 of the section.

When considering dual involvement, educational performance and the general well being of the student should be the primary concern of all administrators, coaches, parents and participants.

Revised: November '95

2060.0408 *Penalties for Violation*

If it is found that a student's maximum game limitations are exceeded, the high school team in which the student is a member will forfeit the games after the maximum limitations set in NIAA regulation 2060.07 have been met.

Revised: July '90; June '94; Sept '95;

2060.05 Sports

2060.0501 *Approved Sports*

The Board will determine activities, sports and contests that are approved for interscholastic competition on a statewide basis. The approved sports are as follows:

BOYS

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Skiing
Soccer
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

GIRLS

Basketball
Bowling
Cross Country
Golf
Skiing
Soccer*
Softball
Swimming & Diving
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

*NOTE: There is no combined state championship in girls' soccer because the north & south play in different seasons.

The Board shall have the authority to add or eliminate a sport. Until a sport has a reasonable participation on the part of member schools, the Board shall have the authority to make exception to its rules as necessary for the satisfactory sponsorship of such sport.

2060.0502 *Prohibited Sports*

The sport of boxing is prohibited as an interscholastic sport.

2060.0503 *Collection Of Schedules*

The NIAA will collect schedules for upcoming sport seasons for the distribution to commissioners and the media. Schools not meeting the following deadlines will be assessed a \$100 fine per sport season.

Fall Sports	June 15
Winter Sports	September 15
Spring Sports	December 15

Adopted: June '96; Dec. '99;

2060.06 *Non-Class Games*

2060.0601 Non-Class Games

The Executive Director may sanction games between NIAA member schools from out-of-state providing the schools from out-of-state are in good standing with their own state association, the games shall not be detrimental to the best interest of the NIAA schedules and the games do not require travel in excess of customary distances.

Sanctioning forms shall be provided to member schools upon request.

2060.0602 Schools With Which Contests Prohibited

No member school shall engage in any meet, game, contest or tournament with any school which is not a member of the NIAA or which has been suspended or expelled from the recognized athletic association of its own state, without the sanction of the Executive Director of the NIAA.

Adopted: May 1983

2060.07 *Game Limits*

2060.0701 Game Limits

Member schools and individual athletes shall adhere to the following game limits:

<u>FALL SPORTS SEASON</u>	<u>WINTER SPORTS SEASON</u>	<u>SPRING SPORTS SEASON</u>
Cross Country 14	Basketball, Boys' & Girls' *20	Baseball *24
Football 9	Bowling	Golf, Boys' *18
Golf, Girls' *18	Skiing	Softball *24
Soccer *18	Wrestling **15	Swimming/Diving, ***12
Tennis, Boys' & Girls' *20	Soccer *18	Track/Field, Boys' & Girls' 14
Volleyball, Girls' *20		Volleyball, Boys' *20

Revised: June, '97

2060.0702 Definitions

As used in this section, "game" means a competition between two teams when any of the following conditions are present:

1. There is a charge for admission.
2. Paid officials are used.
3. There are timed playing periods of regular length.
4. The contest and record of scores are publicized.

If a scheduled contest is interrupted because of weather, a major catastrophe, or any other unforeseen and unavoidable cause or is discontinued for some justifiable reason, the contest may not be counted as a game except by mutual consent of the competing schools. The contest may be replayed or continued from the place and time where it left off, depending on the mutual agreement of the schools or the decision of the organization having appellate jurisdiction over the competing schools.

2060.0703 *Tournament Definition*

As used in this section, "tournament" means any contest between more than two teams in any given sport for determining an overall winner.

- * A team may participate in a maximum of two tournaments in addition to the game limits specified.
- ** A wrestler may have 15 contacts per year, excluding league/regional and state championships. As used in this section, "contact" means a dual, double dual, triple dual or tournament. A wrestler who wrestles both junior varsity and varsity during the same season is limited to not more than 15 contacts. For example, he/she may have ten junior varsity and five varsity or any combination thereof.
- *** A swimmer or diver is allowed 12 competitions per year, excluding league/regional and state championships. As used in this section, "competition" means a dual, triangular or quadrangular invitational meet.

It is possible to substitute tournaments for individual games and vice-versa. The maximum substitutions allowable are:

- 1 tournament for 3 games/matches
- 3 games/matches for 1 tournament

Revised: June '95; June '02;

2060.0704 *Participation Limits for Athletes*

The philosophy of the NIAA is to create as many opportunities for student-athlete participation as possible.

1. An athlete has the same game limitations as a member school.
2. An athlete must only participate in one level of competition per day. If a school has a limited number of participants on the JV level, a school may request to appeal this rule if it becomes impossible to complete its schedule. The executive director and opposing schools must agree before the appeal will be approved.
3. Participation is defined as "entering a contest or athletic event."
4. With the exception of football and basketball, it is possible for an athlete to participate in any number of games in 1 day. The safety and well being of the athlete must be the first concern of all coaches. Excluding tournaments, each game counts toward the NIAA maximum game limitation. In addition, schools should follow the guidelines listed in item #2.
Note: The Class 1A will follow the maximum participation rule in volleyball and basketball and will be exempt from items 2 and 4.
5. **Grade Level Eligibility**
 - a. *Freshman teams will be comprised of 9th graders only.*
 - b. *Junior varsity / "B" teams will be comprised of 9th, 10th and 11th graders only.*
 - c. *Varsity teams can be comprised of any grade level.****NOTE: Schools that wish to appeal this rule (senior on Junior Varsity teams) must request permission from the league / class president with copies to the NIAA Executive Director. This request should include the reasons for the appeal and the skill level of the student in question.***

Revised: Feb, '89; Nov, '90; July, '91; March, '92; July, '93; Feb, '97; March, '03;

2060.08 State, League/Regional Championships

2060.0801 *State, League and Regional Championships*

The Board shall determine, establish and conduct all league and state championship events. State championship final events will be held in Nevada unless approved otherwise by the League(s) and the NIAA Board of Control.

2060.0802 *Guidelines For Changing League / Regional / State Tournament Formats*

Recommended changes in league, region and state tournament formats must be presented to the NIAA Executive Director in writing from a league or class president. The supporting material must include, but not be limited to, the results of a statewide survey.

Brackets, approximate travel expenses, time out of school, and cost of the event must be included in all written proposals. All changes must first be approved by the tournament format committee at a meeting held during the state basketball tournament and then the Board of Control.

Basic Tournament Philosophies

1. Tournaments would be designed using the power of two. In an effort to reduce travel during the school week, leagues may opt to use a six-team bracket that can be conducted in a maximum of three days. This format can be used for league tournaments only.
2. Tournaments within respective classes will remain consistent.
3. To remain consistent in all sports, there will be no automatic byes into state tournaments.
4. Other recommendations are as follows:
 - a. Individual sports will be adjusted as needed.
 - b. All Classes must have a minimum of nine teams to compete for a state championship under NIAA regulations.
 - c. It shall be the right of each league to determine if they are to have a league playoff or tournament to determine their representatives for all state championships. However, if they choose to have such a playoff or tournament, it must follow the guidelines developed and set forth by the NIAA.
 - d. The total number of teams in each league participating in a sport will determine the maximum number of representatives that will compete in a league tournament or meet. The guidelines listed below will be used for the current alignment period of years 2000 through 2004.

Class/region comprised of 1 – 7 teams, up to 4 teams at league/region

Class/region comprised of 8 or more teams, up to 8 teams at league/region

- e. All class tournament formats are located in the NIAA Reference Manual.

Revised December 1999; September 2000;

2060.0803 *Number of Teams in Class 1A or 2A Competing in State and Regional Tournaments*

Nine teams from a region must compete before a state championship will be conducted and three teams from a league must compete before a regional championship will be conducted in a particular sport. For the purpose of this section, a team in an individual sport must consist of the following minimum number of participants. These numbers are determined with NIAA rosters. If numbers decrease during the course of the season, this does not affect team status.

1. Cross Country - 5 participants
2. Golf - 5 participants
3. Tennis - 4 participants
4. Track & Field - 14 events/Boys
5. Track & Field - 14 events/Girls
6. Wrestling - 7 weight classifications

Revised Sept. '00;

2060.0804 *Number of Teams in Class 3A or Class 4A Competing in State and League/Regional Tournaments*

Nine teams from a region must compete before a state championship will be conducted and four teams from a league must compete before a regional championship will be conducted in a particular sport. For the purposes of this section, a team in an individual sport must consist of the following minimum number of participants. These numbers are determined with NIAA rosters. If numbers decrease during the course of the season, this does not affect team status.

1. Cross Country 5 participants
2. Golf 5 participants
3. Tennis 4 participants
4. Track & Field 14 events, Boys
5. Track & Field 14 events, Girls
6. Wrestling 7 weight classes

Revised: July 1989; June, '96; September, 2000;

2060.0805 *State and League/Regional Championship Arrangements*

Play-Off Limited

A school shall not participate in more than one series of league/regional; conference and state play-off games, tournaments or elimination meets to determine championships in NIAA sanctioned sports. This must not be construed, however, to prevent a school from being acknowledged a champion on the basis of a percentage rating for the regular season play.

Scheduling of State Meets

All state meets, games and tournaments shall be scheduled by the Board and announced to all member schools. For a state championship to be held there must be no less than six teams competing

in the Class 1A/2A and eight teams competing in the Class 3A/4A during the sport season. If less than six Class 1A/2A teams or eight Class 3A teams are participating in a sport, they may move up to the next highest classification.

Cancellation of a State Meet, Game or Tournament

If a state meet, game or tournament must be canceled or cannot be completed because of weather conditions, a major catastrophe or any other unforeseen and unavoidable cause, the following procedure must be followed:

1. The director of the meet, game or tournament shall attempt to complete the competition on schedule by using any means available to him/her. Such means may include a delay, a postponement or a shortened format of the competition, but in no case may the competition be held on a Sunday.
2. If the director is unable to complete the competition on schedule, the competition may be rescheduled within a reasonable time and at a site that is convenient to all competing schools if the superintendents of the school districts that are involved in the competition approve such a rescheduling by a unanimous vote.

2060.0806 *Directors of State and Regional Games, Meets and Events*

The Executive Director shall appoint directors for state and regional championship contests when not directed by the Board to act in that capacity and shall determine the fees to be paid in each case.

Revised: June 1993

2060.0807 *Varsity Contest and School Standings*

Unless otherwise specified in the contracts, varsity athletic contests between schools shall be assumed to be between the strongest representative teams of those schools and will count in determining standings in scheduling and bracketing for championship play-offs.

2060.0808 *Soliciting at Association Sponsored Meets Prohibited*

Unless prior approval has been given by the executive director, soliciting from fans for any purpose other than for admission to the games and for attendant services, shall not be permitted at any NIAA-controlled play-off games, meets or tournaments.

Revised: June, '97

2060.0809 *Replacement of a Tournament Qualifier*

Occasionally an athlete, after having qualified, will be unable to compete in a state event because of illness, injury, academic ineligibility or other justifiable cause. If this occurs, and the illness or injury is verified by a physician, the next best qualifier in that particular event becomes eligible and each member shall move up one place -- sixth place will become fifth place, fifth place will become

fourth place, etc. If a lower place participant is not available, the lowest position will remain unfilled.

If it is necessary for the use of an alternate, the tournament director must be notified no later than 24-hours prior to the start of the event.

2060.0810 *Play-Off Games*

The Executive Director of the NIAA shall set the date, time and place of all play-off games, including ties within a league, regional play-offs and state play-offs.

2060.0811 *Attendant School Representation at League/Regional and State Tournament*

Schools which are engaged in league/regional and state tournament play may choose to be represented at the tournament by school groups, such as bands and marching groups. These groups may appear only between halves of those games in which the school represented is playing, and under such advance arrangements and conditions as may be prescribed by the tournament director. Only school groups in uniform may appear without charge.

2060.0812 *Admission Prices for All State and League/Regional Championship Contests*

Admission prices for league/regional and statewide championship contests must be set by the NIAA Board. All proceeds, after allowable expenses, must be turned over to the Executive Director for use by the NIAA.

2060.0813 *Assignment of Officials*

Assignment of officials for league/regional and state play is the responsibility of the Executive Director. The Board shall set the pay for said officials.

2060.0814 *Facilities*

In those instances in which the attendance or presence of pupils is involved, any other facility used or retained by the NIAA for NIAA sponsored occasions, must be considered as school property for the occasion. All policies, laws, rules, and ordinances, which apply generally to school properties, also apply to such retained properties during the time of NIAA activities.

2060.0815 *Use of Films or Video Cameras for the Purpose of Scouting*

There is no restriction for the use of film or video equipment when scouting an opponent. It should be understood, however, that no special arrangements need to be offered by the school hosting the contest. This rule is in effect for both regular and post season competitions.

2060.0816 *Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited*

The NIAA does not permit the possession, sales or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any person upon properties where NIAA activities are conducted.

Any person found to be in violation of the above regulation will be requested to leave the premises immediately or be subject to arrest for trespass.

2060.0817 *Tournament Receipts*

All receipts, after approved expenses from league/regional and state contests, including the breaking of ties, shall be retained by the NIAA.

Adopted: May 1983
Revised: December, '86; May, '92; May, '99;

2060.09 *FALL SPORTS*

2060.0901 *CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS*

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of cross country practice must be announced by the Board at least two years before the beginning of each season. The cross-country season ends with the state meet, which will be held on a date and at a place specified by the Board.

Rules

The National Federation Cross Country Rules must govern. Additional guidelines are addressed in the Track and Field/Cross Country Policy Manual.

Scrimmage Prohibited

A school shall not schedule interschool scrimmages in cross-country.

Individual Pupils Competing

A pupil may compete in no more than one cross-country race in any one day.

Length of Course

The length of the course in all league/regional and state meets must be exactly 5,000 meters. The length of the course may be less than 5,000 meters for practice and regular season.

Team Members

A cross-country team consists of seven members, but only the scores of five team members may be counted in the team score. The scores of the sixth and seventh team members serve to make the opponent's score larger.

If a school enters one or more runners in an invitational meet, the meet must be charged as one of the allowable meets.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: August 1992; March 1993

2060.0902 *FOOTBALL REGULATIONS*

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest permissible date for the opening of football practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board at least two years before the beginning of each season.

Football Schedule

No school may engage in a regular season scheduled football game after the play-off series begins within its league classifications.

Play-Off Games

Any post-season games must be:

1. Limited to necessary play-off games; and
2. Sanctioned by the Board.

The Executive Director of the NIAA shall select the site and time of all play-off games.

Nine Game Limit

No school may play any one squad in more than nine games during a regular football season, excluding any approved play-off games, without the approval of the Board.

Scrimmage Definition

A school shall not engage in an interschool football scrimmage or game before that school has completed 8 days of team practice, which includes three days of non-contact practice. Each individual student must also complete at least 5 days of practice, which includes three days of non-contact practice before participating in an interschool scrimmage. A team is permitted one interschool scrimmage before the first game of the regular season. No interschool scrimmage will be allowed after the first regularly scheduled game. Each athlete and school must complete 10 days of team practice, which includes three days of non-contact practice before competing in a scheduled interschool competition.

As used in this section, "scrimmage" means a practice in which the teams alternate in carrying the ball, score is not kept and the coaches are on the field directing the play. Officials may be used, but

must not be paid. No admission may be charged, donations must not be collected or solicited and spectators must not be encouraged to attend.

NOTE: An athlete must have completed the required number of practices before participating in a scrimmage or game. A maximum of one practice per day can be counted against these guidelines. Two-a-day practices can only be counted as one day of practice.

Revised: Nov., '96, Feb., '98; June '03;

Non-Contact Practice

The first three days of football practice are designated as a non-contact period. Only the following equipment may be used:

1. Footballs;
2. Helmets;
3. Mouth guards;
4. Football shoes;
5. Shorts; and
6. Sweat suits.

Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices may be used at the coach's discretion. The safety of the athlete should be the primary concern if these devices are utilized. A player shall not participate in drills that are designed to cause contact. Contact must not be allowed during the three-day preseason-conditioning program. Non-contact practices may be counted as official team practice days for scrimmage/game purposes.

Revised: June, '96; June '03

Classification of Schools

For the purposes of the classification of schools and for league play in football, the Board must organize the schools of the state in classifications.

1. The Board shall assign the schools in the state to their respective leagues for competition and note such assignments in the NIAA directory. The Board shall direct all league/regional and statewide play-off games to determine the champions in each of the various classifications.
2. The champions in the leagues must be determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board.
3. Championship play-offs must be held one week after the last regularly scheduled game of the participating teams. The National Federation's 10-yard line overtime procedure must be used to break ties during the regular season and during play-off games.
4. The 45-point mercy rule of the National Federation of State High School Associations will be used by all schools playing 8-man football ***with the exception of the State Championship game.***

Uniform Color

The home team in football shall wear dark colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear light colored jerseys.

Limit on Pupil Participation

A pupil shall not:

1. Play in more than one game of interscholastic football in five consecutive calendar days.
2. Participate in more than nine regular games during any season.

A player is considered to have played in a game if said player competes in one or more scrimmage downs. A player shall not participate in more than one level of competition during this five-day period.

Hosting Football Playoff Games

If a school hosts a state playoff game, they will provide reasonable facilities as available to the home team. This would include but not be limited to:

1. Equal space for spotters and sideline communications (radios need not be provided.)
2. Space for filming.
3. Warming devices.
4. *Adequate seating for visiting fans.*

Schools not meeting these standards will not be permitted to host a playoff game for a two-year period.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: August 1989; August 1992; June, '96; June, '97; June '03

2060.0903 GOLF REGULATIONS - GIRLS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of golf practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. The season ends with the state meet, which will be held on a date and at a place selected by the Executive Director.

Rules

1. The United States Golf Association rules must govern.
2. The tournament must be completed in two days, 36 holes.
3. No practice round will be played. Any team or individual playing the course within a seven-day period (Thursday to Thursday) prior to the start of the tournament will be penalized as follows:
 - a. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed to any individual playing the course. Individual members of the hosting club are not exempt from this penalty.
 - b. A ten (10)-stroke penalty (2 per scoring team member) will be assessed to teams who play the course.
 - c. Any school using the course as their home course will be exempt from this restriction.
 - d. The host school may not hold a meet or tournament during this seven-day period at the course.

- e. A league or region may not host a league or regional tournament at the same site as the state tournament.
- 4. General Information
 - a. Teams will consist of a maximum of six (6) players and a minimum of five.
 - b. State tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole event, which is scored as two 18-hole events. League/regional meets will be either a one or two day event as determined by the League/Region, the tournament director and the NIAA executive director.
 - c. Course selection will be determined by the tournament director and the NIAA executive director.
- 5. Universal Tie Breaker – Refer to Reference Manual
- 6. Coaching will be permitted before the start of the tournament and at the end of each nine holes of play thereafter. If this rule is violated, the team will be disqualified.
- 7. If approved by the hosting golf course, spectators are permitted on the course during tournament play.
- 8. A meeting for all golf coaches will be held at least 45 minutes before the first tee time to discuss rules, regulations, ethics, and give instructions to coaches.
- 9. An official adult scorer will accompany each group.
- 10. The tournament director shall name an interpreter of the official rules whose decisions are final.
- 11. With permission of the tournament director, pull carts are permissible.

Revised: December, '88; June, '94; September, '95; June' 96; February, '98;

2060.0904 SOCCER REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest permissible date for the opening of soccer practice for regular season play shall be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. All play ends with the state play-off game.

Soccer Schedule

A school shall not engage in a regular season scheduled soccer game after the play-off series begins within their league classifications.

Play-Off Games

Post-season games must be limited to necessary play-off games, and must have the sanction of the Board. The Executive Director of the NIAA shall select the site and time of all play-off games.

Eighteen Game Limit

No school may play any one team in more than 18 games plus two tournaments during a regular soccer season, exclusive of any approved play-off games except that any player selected to participate in the United States Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program shall not have any Olympic Development Program training game, match game or tournament counted as part of the game or tournament limit under these regulations.

Scrimmage Definition

No interschool soccer scrimmage may be engaged in by any school before that school has completed 5 days of team practice. A team is permitted two interschool scrimmages before the announced opening date of the regular season. No interschool scrimmage will be allowed after the first regularly scheduled game. A "scrimmage" means practice where no score is kept, and the coaches are on the field directing play. No admission may be charged, donations may not be collected or solicited, and spectators may not be encouraged to attend. Each individual and school must complete 10 days of team practice before competing in a scheduled interschool competition.

Classification of Schools

1. Assignment of schools to their respective leagues for competition must be done by the Board. The assignments must be noted in the NIAA Reference Manual.
2. For the purpose of choosing representatives to the state soccer play-offs, the various leagues shall conduct regional tournaments as directed by the Board. The champions in the various classifications must be determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

Overtime Procedures – League/Regional and State Tournaments

Two 15-minute sudden victory (golden goal) overtime periods. If teams are still tied at the end of these periods, the winner would be determined by kicks from the mark (shoot-out).

Elimination of One-Game Suspension For The “Soft Red” (yellow/red) Card

A player receiving a red card for an offense for which he/she can be replaced will sit out for the remainder of that game, but will not be suspended from the team's next contest.

Ball Availability

Ball Holders: Home schools shall provide at least two ball holders. The Soccer rules committee continues to encourage schools to make arrangements in advance to comply with this requirement. Every attempt should be made to secure two ball holders prior to starting a game. This should be addressed in coaches and officials pre-game checklist. If ball holders are not provided, the referee shall report the situation to the proper authorities.

NOTE: As per the recommendation of the NFHS rules and support of Nevada soccer coaches, the Board of Control has approved that all soccer events be timed. This regulation will go into effect for the 2004-2005 school year.

Revised: June '02;

2060.0905 TENNIS REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of tennis for regular season play must be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. The tennis season ends with the State tournament, which will be held on a date and at a place specified by the Board.

Rules

United States Tennis Association rules shall govern.

Tennis Scoring System

1. A 45-point round-robin format will be used in all regular and post-season team competitions.
 - a. Each team will consist of nine (9) players – three (3) singles players and three (3) doubles teams.
 - b. Both singles and doubles shall play round robin; no player may play both singles and doubles.
 - c. Singles players will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing singles players. Two (2) points will be awarded for each set won (total of 18 points).
 - d. Doubles teams will play one (1) six-game set against each opposing doubles team. Three (3) points will be awarded for each set won (total of 27 points).
 - e. Each set will consist of ad scoring; The USTA 12-point tiebreak system will be used when the game score reaches 6-6.
 - f. Only a school-appointed coach may instruct players during changeovers in a set.
 - g. School uniforms are required. It is recommended uniforms consist of school colors.

League/Region Championships

The individual portion of the region tournament will consist of a 32 singles draw and a 32 doubles draw. The top two teams in each league will qualify to play in the region tournament using a 45-point round-robin format.

Tie Breaker

Refer to Reference Manual.

State Championships - Team Competition

Refer to Reference Manual.

Awards

The first place teams (boys & girls) will be awarded a trophy and team members will be given an individual award. The second place teams, at state only, will also be awarded a trophy.

Adopted: May 1983; June, '96. Revised: June, '97. Revised: June, '98; June '02;

2060.0906 VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of volleyball practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. No member school may organize its volleyball team or allow it to practice between the close of state tournament and the announced opening date of the practice for the following year.

1. Two interschool scrimmages may be scheduled between the announced opening date and the beginning of regular season play. A scrimmage is practice where no score is kept, spectators are not urged to attend, officials are not paid, and the scrimmage period is divided into a number of equal assignments with running time kept. No interschool, or any other team scrimmage, may be held after the team has played its first match (practice, league or tournament).
2. Any match between the team of a member school and an alumni or similarly organized group which is played during the regular volleyball season must be counted as a game for the purposes of the limitations on games set forth in section 2060.07 of the NIAA Handbook.

Varsity Scoring Format

1. *Matches are to be the best 3 out of 5*
2. *Twenty five point games (no cap on points, must win by 2 points)*
3. *Fifteen point deciding game (no cap)*
4. *Include the let serve*
5. *Two time-outs per game*

**Accordingly, those leagues playing double-headers will use the best 3 out of 5 format for each match.*

Junior Varsity and Freshman Scoring Format

1. *Matches are to be the 2 out of 3*
2. *Twenty five point games (no cap on points, must win by 2 points)*
3. *Fifteen point deciding game (no cap)*
4. *Include the let serve*
5. *Two time-outs per game*

Benefit Contests

The Board does not recommend that its members participate in benefit or other similar contests. In any case, such benefit matches shall be counted in the season allowance.

Rules

The National Federation of High School Associations rules shall be used for all interscholastic volleyball games.

1. *The home team shall select their team bench prior to match time (pre-determined bench).*
2. *Visiting captain calls the toss and chooses to either serve or receive.*
3. *Home captain calls the toss in the deciding game.*
4. *Jewelry is not to be worn during pre-match warm-ups (as well as during games).*
5. *Time-outs last for 60 seconds or less if both teams are ready to play.*

Timed Warm-up Period (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

- *7 minutes – visiting team*
- *7 minutes – home team*
- *2 minutes – shared serving*

Class 1A Maximum Participation Rule – Volleyball

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that a school with a small enrollment has enough players to provide junior varsity and varsity teams.

1. Teams with at least 15 players may not use the "Maximum Participation Rule".
2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a player may not play in a junior varsity match and in a varsity match on the same day. A coach shall not allow:
 - a. An athlete to play in a junior varsity match and in a varsity match on the same day solely to win the junior varsity match;
 - b. A varsity player to play in the junior varsity match if there are junior varsity players available to play.
3. When the "Maximum Participation Rule" is used in volleyball, the junior varsity match will be played first.
4. The coach shall designate the varsity and junior varsity players and submit their names to the scorekeeper at least 10 minutes before the beginning of the junior varsity match.
5. The "Maximum Participation Rule" may only be used if both schools are in mutual agreement.
6. The uniform worn by a junior varsity player for a varsity match must include a varsity jersey that displays a number that is unlike the number displayed by any other varsity player.

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2060.10 WINTER SPORTS

2060.1001 BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of basketball practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board at least two (2) years before the beginning of each season. No member school may organize its basketball team or allow it to practice between the close of the state tournament and the announced opening date of practice for the following year.

1. Two interschool scrimmages may be scheduled between the announced opening date of practice and the first regularly scheduled game. "Scrimmage" means a practice in which:
 - a. No score is kept.
 - b. Spectators are not urged to attend.
 - c. Officials are not paid.
 - d. The play is divided into a number of equal segments with running time kept.
 No interschool or any other team scrimmage may be held after the team has played its first game (practice, league or tournament).
2. A team may not participate in more than two basketball games in a single day.
3. Any game between a team of a member school and an alumni or similarly organized group which is played during the regular basketball season must be counted as a game for the purposes of the limitations on games set forth in section 2060.07 of the NIAA Handbook.

Classification of Schools

1. The Board shall assign schools to their respective leagues for competition and note such assignment in the Association's Directory.
2. The champions in the classifications must be determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board pursuant to this regulation.

Uniform Color

The home team in basketball shall wear light colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark colored jerseys.

Class 1A Maximum Participation Rule

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that a school with a small enrollment has enough players to provide junior varsity and varsity teams.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a player may play in a junior varsity game and in a varsity game on the same day. A coach shall not allow:
 - a. A player to play more than five quarters in one day; or
 - b. An athlete to play in a junior varsity game and in a varsity game on the same day solely to in the junior varsity game.
2. A coach shall designate five varsity players who will not play in a junior varsity game held the same day as a varsity game. The coach shall submit the names of the designated players to the official score keeper at least 10 minutes before the junior varsity game begins. The official scorebook shall stay at the scores table until both the junior varsity and varsity games are complete
3. The uniform worn by a junior varsity player for a varsity game must include a varsity jersey, which displays a number that is unlike the number displayed by any other varsity player.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: Jan., '84; June, '94

2060.1002 *WRESTLING REGULATIONS*

Seasons and Limitations

The Board shall announce the earliest possible date for the opening of wrestling practice two years in advance of each practice season.

The season shall end with the state tournament.

Wrestling Rules and Regulations

1. The National Federation of State High School Associations rules shall apply in all matches.
2. NIAA rules shall apply to all students who represent their school in wrestling.
3. The use of headgear will be required in all competition as specified in the rules. The rules regarding contestant's appearance and grooming shall be enforced.

State Wrestling Tournament Procedure

1. The sites and dates for the respective regional and state tournament will be determined by the NIAA.
2. The Executive Director shall designate a state tournament director. The director should be qualified and experienced in directing wrestling tournaments.
3. The state team championship must be determined by the scoring method outlined in the National Federation of State High School Associations Wrestling Rule Book and approved by the Board.
4. The NIAA shall purchase and present awards for recognition of achievement in the state championships.

Adopted: May 1983

Revised: Nov., '83

2060.11 *SPRING SPORTS*

2060.1101 *BASEBALL REGULATIONS*

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of baseball practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. All play ends with the state play-off games.

Interschool Scrimmages

A baseball team may participate in not more than two interschool scrimmages which must be held before a team's first regularly schedule game. A school may not engage in any interschool scrimmage after the team has played its first game (practice, league or tournament).

As used in this section, "interschool scrimmage" means a game in which no score is kept, umpires are not paid, free substitution is allowed, and coaches may stop play for correcting the mistakes of players.

Protests

Protests will be considered when the following National Federation Rules are utilized:

1. Any protest must be brought to the attention of an umpire by the offended team at the time of play and before the next pitch after such play or before the umpire leaves the field if the play in question is the last play of the game.
2. The umpire-in-chief shall then inform the coach of the opposing team and the official scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest.
3. The coach and/or school shall report the protest in writing to the Commissioner of Officials within a 48-hour period.
4. All related conditions at the time of the protested play must be provided and clearly stated.
5. The Commissioner of Officials will concur with the Executive Director of the NIAA and will then provide a written report regarding the outcome of the protest.

If the protest is upheld and the game must be replayed, both teams will follow the rules of a suspended game.

Suspended Game

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.), will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.

If teams are located outside a metropolitan area the following guidelines will be used for making up suspended games:

1. If the two teams play again in the season, the suspended game will be completed before the start of the first game regardless of site.
2. If the teams do not play again, they will select a neutral site that is conveniently located for both schools. School administrators will cooperate to select a date that is the most beneficial for both schools.

If teams are located within metropolitan areas, the suspended game will be played on the next available date on both teams schedule.

Play-Off for State Champions

Champions in the various classifications must be determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

Home Team -- Tournaments Only

If two or more games are played, the traveling team or teams must be considered as the visiting team or teams for the first game and the home team must be considered the visiting team for the second

game. This rotation must continue throughout the tournament until the championship game, which must be decided by lot.

Revised: Aug., '89; July, '91; Sept., '92

League/Region/State Play-Off Schedule

If a league, region or state tournament cannot be completed because of weather conditions, a major catastrophe or any other unforeseen and uncontrollable cause, the following procedures must be followed:

1. If travel arrangements and weather permit, the tournament will be made up at the next available date.
2. If travel arrangements and/or weather do not permit, the team with the fewest losses in the championship tournament must be declared the champion. If no games are played or teams have an equal number of wins, co-champions must be declared. If co-champions are declared and it effects seeding in a state tournament, a coin flip will determine tournament bracket placement.
3. At no time will a game be played on Sunday.

Coaching Box Personnel

Coaches who are in uniform may coach from either box. No pupil may be permitted to coach from the first or third base box who is not in uniform and who is not registered as a member of the team.

Player Protection

All players shall be required to wear regulation baseball head protection from the time they enter the batter's box until their play as a batter or runner is complete.

Eleven Inning Pitching Rule

No pitcher may pitch more than 11 full innings in four consecutive days during season play. A tiebreaker is considered an extension of the regular season and the pitching rule stays in effect. The 11 inning pitching rule begins during the first day of the tournament.

Example:	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	7			4	7			4

Using the above example, if a player pitched seven innings on Saturday and four innings on Tuesday, that same player could pitch seven innings again on Wednesday of the same week and another four innings on Saturday. If a player pitched 11 innings on Saturday, he would have to wait four consecutive days before he could pitch again.

NOTE: Each inning will constitute three outs. A pitcher may pitch 33 outs in four days. An out will be considered 1/3 of an inning.

Violation

Schools that violate the 11 inning pitching rule shall forfeit the game in which the violation occurs.

Rules

National Federation rules must be used by all NIAA member schools for interscholastic baseball games.

Mercy Rule

As per the rules of the National Federation, a 10-run rule will be used after 4 1/2 innings.

Time Limit -- JV Only

Beginning with the first pitch thrown, no new inning can be started after 2 hours fifteen minutes.

Revised: June, '97

2060.1102 GOLF REGULATIONS - BOYS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of golf practice for regular season play must be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. The season shall end with the state meet which will be held on a date and at a place selected by the Executive Director.

Rules

1. The United States Golf Association rules must govern.
2. The tournament must be complete in two days, 36 holes.
3. No practice round will be played. Any team or individual playing the course within a seven-day period (Thursday to Thursday) prior to the start of the tournament will be penalized as follows:
 - a. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed to any individual playing the course. Individual members of the hosting club are not exempt from this penalty.
 - b. A ten (10)-stroke penalty (2 per scoring team member) will be assessed to teams who play the course.
 - c. Any school using the course as their home course will be exempt from this restriction.
 - d. The host school may not hold a meet or tournament during this seven-day period at the course.
 - e. A league or region may not host a league/regional tournament at the same site as the state tournament.
4. General Information
 - a. Teams will consist of a maximum of six (6) players and a minimum of five.
 - b. State tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole event, which is scored as two 18-hole events. Regional meets will be either a one or two day event as determined by the League/Region, the tournament director and the NIAA executive director.
 - c. Course selection will be determined by the tournament director and the NIAA executive director.
5. Universal Tie Breaker – Refer to Reference Manual

6. Coaching will be permitted before the start of the tournament and at the end of each nine holes of play thereafter. If this rule is violated, the team will be disqualified.
7. If approved by the hosting golf course, spectators are permitted on the course during tournament play.
8. A meeting for all golf coaches will be held at least 45 minutes before the first tee time to discuss rules, regulations, ethics, and give instructions to coaches.
9. An official adult scorer will accompany each group.
10. The tournament director shall name an interpreter of the official rules whose decisions are final.
11. With permission of the tournament director, pull carts are permissible.

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2060.1103 *SOFTBALL REGULATIONS*

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of softball practice for regular season play shall be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. All play ends with the state play-off games.

Interschool Scrimmages

A softball team may participate in no more than two interschool scrimmages, which must be held before a team's first regularly scheduled game. A school may not engage in an interschool scrimmage after the team has played its first game (practice, league or tournament). An "interschool scrimmage" means a game where no score is kept, umpires are not paid, free substitution is allowed, and coaches may stop play for correcting mistakes of players.

Protests

Protests will be considered when the following National Federation Rules are utilized:

1. Any protest must be brought to the attention of an umpire by the offended team at the time of play and before the next pitch after such play or before the umpire leaves the field if the play in question is the last play of the game.
2. The umpire-in-chief shall then inform the coach of the opposing team and the official scorekeeper that the game is being played under protest.
3. The coach and/or school shall report the protest in writing to the Commissioner of Officials within a 48-hour period.
4. All related conditions at the time of the protested play must be provided and clearly stated.
5. The Commissioner of Officials will concur with the Executive Director of the NIAA and will then provide a written report regarding the outcome of the protest.

If the protest is upheld and the game must be replayed, both teams will follow the rules of a suspended game.

Suspended Game

A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, or any game call at any time for mechanical failure (i.e., artificial lights, water systems, etc.), will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed it will be continued from the point of suspension, with the lineup and batting order of each team the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules of the game.

If teams are located outside a metropolitan area the following guidelines will be used for making up suspended games:

1. If the two teams play again in the season, the suspended game will be completed before the start of the first game regardless of site.
2. If the teams do not play again, they will select a neutral site that is conveniently located for both schools. School administrators will cooperate to select a date that is the most beneficial for both schools.

If teams are located within metropolitan areas, the suspended game will be played on the next available date on both teams schedule.

Play-Offs for State Championship

Champions in the various classifications shall be determined in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

Home Team

In softball, where two or more games are played, the traveling team(s) must be considered as the visiting team(s) for the first game, and the home team must be considered the visiting team(s) for the second game. This rotation will continue throughout the tournament until the championship game, which shall be decided by lot.

League/Region/State Play-Off Schedule

If a league, region or state tournament cannot be completed because of weather conditions, a major catastrophe or any other unforeseen and uncontrollable cause, the following procedures must be followed:

1. If travel arrangements and weather permit, the tournament will be made up at the next available date.
2. If travel arrangements and/or weather do not permit, the team with the fewest losses in the championship tournament must be declared the champion. If no games are played or teams have an equal number of wins, co-champions must be declared. If co-champions are declared and it effects seeding in a state tournament, a coin flip will determine tournament bracket placement.
3. At no time will a game be played on Sunday.

Official Game

A softball game will be considered official if the home team is ahead, and it is necessary to call the game at the end of at least four and one-half innings, or at the five innings if the visiting team is ahead.

Coaches

Coaches who are in uniform may coach from either box. No student shall be permitted to coach from first or third base box who is not in uniform, and who is not registered as a member of the team.

Rules

National Federation rules shall be used by all NIAA member schools for interscholastic softball games.

Mercy Rule

A 10-run rule will be used after 4 1/2 innings.

Time Limit -- JV Only

Beginning with the first pitch thrown, no new inning can be started after 2 hours.

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2060.1104 SWIMMING REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of swimming practice for regular season play shall be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. The swimming season ends with the state swim meet.

Number and Order of Events

In regional and state swim meets, the event shall proceed according to the order recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the NIAA Board. The Executive Director of the NIAA shall furnish member schools with a current listing of events and the order in which they will be held.

Limitation on Individual Participation

In any swimming meet, no athlete shall be permitted to participate in more than three events, including relays.

Rules

The Swimming Rules as adopted and presented by the National Federation of State High School Associations shall be the official guide for the member schools of NIAA, and contestants must perform in accordance with the rules of that organization in order to establish records at the state meet.

State Qualifiers

All state qualifying times must come from the regional championships.

Adopted: February 1989

2060.1105 TRACK AND FIELD REGULATIONS

Seasons and Limitations

The earliest possible date for the opening of track and field practice for regular season play shall be announced by the Board two years in advance of each practice season. The track season ends with the state track meet.

Number and Order of Events

In regional and state track meets the event shall proceed according to the order recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Board. The Executive Director of the NIAA shall furnish member schools with a current listing of events and the order in which they will be run.

Limitation on Individual Participation

In any track and field meet no athlete shall be permitted to participate more than four events, including relays.

Rules

The Track and Field Rules as adopted and presented by the National Federation of State High School Associations shall be the official guide for the member schools of NIAA, and contestants must perform in accordance with the rules of that organization in order to establish records at the state meet.

Adopted: May 1983

2060.1106 SPIRIT SQUADS

Spirit Squads will abide by rules established by the National Federation Interscholastic Spirit Association Rule Book, which are hereby adopted by reference. A copy of the rulebook may be obtained from the NIAA for the cost of the publication.

Each school district shall establish eligibility requirements for *Spirit Squads*.

Competitions

Spirit squads will be allowed to participate in competitions pursuant to the following regulations:

- 1. The competition must have prior sanctioning approval forms filed with the NIAA office for squads to participate. (Available in the NIAA Reference Manual and the NIAA web site, www.nevada.ihigh.com.)*
- 2. Squads may not compete in any events that are called Nevada State or Nevada Regional competitions.*
- 3. Schools will be allowed to participate in a maximum of three competitions each season. Competitions are not mandatory or suggested.*
- 4. Squads would not be allowed to participate in any competition that allows All-Star squads to compete against high school squads.*
- 5. Final authorization for participation will be given from the school's building Principal.*

For verification of a sanctioned competition or to have a sanctioning form sent to a competition, call the NIAA office.

NOTE: *Although spirit is not considered a sanctioned sport by the NIAA, the Association is concerned about the safety and consistency of this activity. It is for this reason we are recommending that schools follow the Recommended Guidelines for Spirit Squads as provided in Appendix C of this manual and the NIAA Reference Manual.*

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REGULATION 2070

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS AND COACHES

2070.01 Uniform Application Of Rules

All of the eligibility Rules and Regulations of the NIAA set forth in this section shall apply to all students who attend and represent a NIAA member or affiliate school in any sport sanctioned by the NIAA.

2070.02 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the words and/or phrases below with respect to interpretation of Regulation 2070 and all other Regulations in which the word or phrase is used:

- a. “Affiliate School” means a school in a neighboring state to the State of Nevada, which has been recommended for membership by one of the member schools of the NIAA and has complied with all NIAA requirements pertaining to affiliate school status.
- b. “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the NIAA.
- c. “Game, Contest or Meet” means any competition regularly scheduled by a member or affiliate school for any of its teams or individuals competing in a NIAA sanctioned sport.
- d. “Legal Guardian” means an individual who has complied with the laws of the State of Nevada pertaining to creation of a guardianship as described and limited in Regulation 2070.0802(a)(2).
- e. "Magnet School" means a school established by a local school district for the purpose of creating special programs to attract students within the local school district.
- f. “Member School” means a school whose Board of Trustees or Governing Board has adopted the Regulations of the NIAA as its code governing interscholastic activities, has paid annual dues established by the NIAA, and agrees to accept and abide by the Policies and Regulations of the NIAA to bind students and faculty members in interscholastic athletics.
- g. “Participation” means to be a student involved in a sport sanctioned by the NIAA who becomes a participant on the first official day of practice determined by the NIAA activities calendar for that particular year.
- h. "Recruiting or Recruitment" means the use of undue influence (2070.1206) and/or special inducement (2070.1208) by anyone associated with a school in an attempt to encourage a prospective student to attend or remain at that school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.
- i. “Sanctioned” means a sport approved by the NIAA for interscholastic competition.
- j. “School Shopping” is the process by which a student or the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student attempts to circumvent any NIAA Regulation pertaining to eligibility, or solicits or seeks enrollment in a member or affiliate school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics in return for favorable conditions or treatment.
- k. “Sport” means athletic competition, which has been sanctioned by the NIAA.
- l. “Sport season” begins with the first official day of practice and ends with the state championship event in each sport as set forth in the NIAA Reference Manual.
- m. “Territory Served” means the region established by the Board of Trustees for public schools or other governing board for private schools.
- n. “Unit of Credit” means a unit of credit as defined by the Nevada State Board of Education and the Northwest Association of secondary and higher schools.

2070.03 *Registration of Students*

2070.0301 *General Rules Applicable To Registration Of Student Athletes*

The following shall apply to all member and affiliate schools with respect to registration of student athletes.

2070.0302 *Minimum Standards; Adoption Of Stricter Eligibility Regulations*

The eligibility rules set forth below are minimum requirements for eligibility imposed by the NIAA on member and affiliate schools, coaches and their student athletes. Any school district having jurisdiction over a member or affiliate school or schools may adopt stricter regulations or standards than those set forth below, provided that the school district complies with the following:

- a. A school district proposing to adopt stricter standards or regulations shall submit a copy of the proposed standards or regulations to the Executive Director 30 days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the NIAA Board of Control.
- b. The proposed stricter standards or regulations shall reference by number and section the NIAA Handbook provisions the school district is proposing to modify.
- c. The NIAA Board of Control shall review the proposed regulations at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- d. The NIAA Board of Control shall advise the school district proposing the modification to rules and regulations as to its approval, rejection or modification of the proposed changes within 30 days following its review of the same.

2070.0303 *Responsibility of Member Schools*

It shall be the responsibility of the administration at each member or affiliate school to educate students attending the school as to the rules and regulations governing participation in NIAA sanctioned sports.

2070.0304 *Registration With Executive Director*

All students who intend to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport shall comply with the following regulations regarding participation:

- a. Before a student may participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport the student shall be registered with the Executive Director of the NIAA.
- b. Registration of students in any NIAA sanctioned sport is the responsibility of the administration of the member or affiliate school the student attends. Registration shall be completed on forms provided in the NIAA Reference Manual, or similar forms approved by the Executive Director.
- c. Students shall be separately registered for each sport the student participates in each school year, subject to the limitations set forth at Regulation 2070.05 and 2070.1005.

d. All initial rosters must be addressed and mailed or telefaxed to the attention of the Executive Director of the NIAA and must be postmarked or telefax dated on or before the date competition begins. Additions to initial rosters must be received by the Executive Director before the student becomes eligible for competition.

- (1) Competition begins for any sport on the day of the first sanctioned game, meet or contest authorized for the particular sport by the NIAA.
- (2) The first sanctioned game, meet or contest shall not be scheduled until the eleventh day after tryouts for the sport to ensure compliance with Regulations 2070.1001 and 2070.1002.
- (3) Failure to comply with Regulation 2070.0304(d) shall result in a \$100.00 fine imposed against the offending member or affiliate school.

2070.04 Eligibility Of Student To Participate In NIAA Sport

A student is presumed eligible to compete or practice in a NIAA sport subject to all of the other rules governing eligibility, if the following basic criteria are met:

- a. The student is enrolled in the ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade of a member or affiliate school; and
- b. The student resides within the boundaries served by the member or affiliate school as specifically set forth in Regulation 2070.0701; and
- c. The student has complied with all eligibility rules and regulations of the NIAA, the member or affiliate school, and the school district having jurisdiction over the member or affiliate school the student attends; and
- d. The student has not graduated from high school or received a general education development certificate (GED); and
- e. The pupil is not enrolled full time in a college, junior college, or other post secondary institution; and
- f. The student has not participated on a college, junior college, or other post secondary institution athletic team; and
- g. The student has not competed as a professional in the sport the student is seeking to participate in at the NIAA level.

2070.05 Maximum Period Of Participation

Following enrollment in the ninth grade a student shall be eligible to participate in a NIAA sport for a period not to exceed 4 consecutive years or 8 consecutive semesters.

- a. No student shall be eligible to participate more than 4 seasons in any one sport.

- b. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport more than one time during a school year regardless of where the participation occurs.

2070.06 *Age Requirements*

A student whose twentieth birthday occurs during any sport season as defined in Regulation 2070.02(l), is ineligible to participate in that particular sport and all others occurring thereafter.

- a. The age of all students participating in a NIAA sport season shall be verified by official school records on file with the member or affiliate school.

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2070.07 *Residency Requirements*

2070.0701 *Residence Eligibility*

To be eligible to participate in a NIAA sanctioned sport a student must attend the school located in the attendance zone or boundary of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) physical residence as established by the school district of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)' physical residence.

- a. A student whose parents are divorced or legally separated is eligible at the school located in the attendance zone of the physical residence of the parent having primary physical custody as determined by Court Order or Decree.
- b. If the primary physical custody of a student is jointly shared by the student's divorced parents pursuant to Court Order or Decree, then the student shall choose which parent's residence shall be deemed the student's primary physical residence for purposes of establishing athletic eligibility. Once the student makes a choice of primary physical residence, the school within the zone or boundary of the parent chosen by the student becomes the student's home school for purposes of application of these Regulations for all matters occurring in the future.
 - 1. Example: Student's parents have joint custody with mother's residence located within the boundaries for School A and father's located within the boundaries of School B. Student chooses mother's residence for purposes of athletic eligibility and attends School A. Student is eligible at School A. If student chooses fathers residence at a later time, and enrolls at School B after attending School A, Student is ineligible for 180 school days at School B.
- b. A student beginning their ninth grade year attending a private school serving all students within the area of the student's parents physical residence is eligible to participate at the private school.
- c. A temporary guardianship granted without court approval pursuant to NRS 159.205 or NRS 159.215, or any similarly enacted statute, shall not be recognized by the NIAA as a legal guardianship.

d. A legal guardian of a student must comply with Regulation 2070.0802(2) in order for the student to be athletically eligible at the school located within the attendance zone of the legal guardian's residence.

2070.0702 Guidelines for Determining Place of Residence

The following guidelines shall apply to any situation in which the residence of a student is at issue, including transfers from one school district to another school district or from one attendance zone to another attendance zone within the same school district.

a. The burden of proof rests with the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or the student if the student has reached age 18 and lives alone, to prove to the satisfaction of the school district or the Executive Director, as appropriate, that the student has established a bona fide residence within the school district or attendance zone.

1. A student who has reached age 18 and lives alone shall comply with Regulation 2070.0802(a)(4), in establishing residence eligibility.

b. Proof of a bona fide residence shall be established by providing reliable documentation to the school district or the Executive Director, as appropriate, of the following:

(1) The student, his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) right to the use and enjoyment of the new residence, and similar documentation establishing the student's, his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) abandonment of the former residence. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

- A. Documentation of title to, and sale of, real property;
- B. Lease documents;
- C. Utility service (telephone, power, sewer, garbage) documents;
- D. Drivers license or vehicle registration establishing the new address;
- E. Change of address on voter registration documentation; and
- F. Any other documentary evidence establishing the student, his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are in fact residing at the new address.

c. A student who is determined to have established eligibility in accordance with subsection (b), above, and who within one year following that determination reestablishes residence within the student's former school district or attendance zone, shall be ineligible for 180 school days to participate in interscholastic activities at the former school unless a waiver has been granted pursuant to Regulation 2070.0802.

2070.08 Transfers

2070.0801 Presumption of Ineligibility

Any student who transfers from one member or affiliate school to another member or affiliate school shall be presumed ineligible for 180 school days to compete in any NIAA sanctioned sport at the school to which the student transfers.

- a. This presumption shall apply in the following situations:
 1. Where the student transfers from one member or affiliate school to another member or affiliate school within the same school district which has established and definite regions or boundaries for attendance of students living within the school district.
 2. Where the student transfers from one school district to another school district.
 3. Where the student transfers from a public school to a private school, or from a private school to a public school, or from a private school to another private school within the territory served.
- b. The presumption of ineligibility may be overcome by the student and his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or the student alone, if emancipated, through compliance with the applicable Regulations set forth at Regulation 2070.0802 through 2070.0803, below.

2070.0802 *Transfer From One Member or Affiliate School To Another Member or Affiliate School Within The Same School District; Transfers From One School District To Another School District*

A student who transfers from one member or affiliate school to another member or affiliate school within the same school district or from one school district to another school district may overcome the presumption of ineligibility set forth in Regulation 2070.0801 through proof of the following:

- a. The student's parent(s), or the student's parent having legal custody of the student, or the student's legal guardian(s), is a bona fide resident of the region or boundaries of the member or affiliate school or school district to which the student has transferred in accordance with Regulation 2070.0702.
 1. If the student's parent(s) are both living, but not living together, the parent with whom the student physically resides must provide, in addition to the proof required by Regulation 2070.0802(a), a certified copy of the Order or Decree from a court of competent jurisdiction establishing that parent has been awarded physical custody of the student.
 2. If a student is living with a legal guardian, the guardian must provide, in addition to the proof required by Regulation 2070.0802(a), a certified copy of the Order or Decree from a court of competent jurisdiction appointing that person as guardian of the student and containing a specific finding by the court of either (A) or (B), and (C) below:
 - A. The parent or parents of the student are unfit or incapable of maintaining or caring for the student;
 - B. The student is a delinquent who will benefit from the guardianship; and

C. The guardianship has not been established pursuant to NRS 159.205 or NRS 159.215.

3. A guardianship established for any other reason must meet the criteria of a pupil hardship appeal set forth in Regulation 2090.03. The exception created for guardians in Regulation 2070.0802(a)(2) is intended to apply only to those situations in which a bona fide guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction for the best interests of the student. If it is determined that a guardianship has been established for purposes of avoiding or circumventing the NIAA transfer rules and regulations, the NIAA may ignore the guardianship and determine the eligibility of the student as if no guardianship existed.

4. If the student is less than eighteen (18) years of age and not residing with a parent or legal guardian the student must provide, in addition to the proof required by Regulation 2070.0802(a), a certified copy of the Decree of Emancipation entered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

5. If the student has attained eighteen (18) years of age and is not residing with a parent or legal guardian, in addition to the proof required by Regulation 2070.0802(a), the student must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the student is emancipated and willingly living separate and apart without financial support from the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

b. A student, parent of a student or legal guardian of a student who establishes by a preponderance of the evidence, at a hearing conducted pursuant to Regulation 2090, the matters set forth in Regulation 2070.0802(a), shall be eligible for participation in any NIAA sanctioned sport.

c. A student who is granted eligibility pursuant to Regulation 2070.0802(a), and who within one year thereafter returns to his former residence or a residence within the boundaries of the member or affiliate school from which the transfer was made, shall have the eligibility determination revoked and shall be declared ineligible for a period of 180 school days from the date of revocation.

d. School districts consisting of multiple member schools may deviate from the provisions of Regulation 2070.0802, but only if stricter Regulations are imposed. See, Regulation 2070.0302.

e. School districts consisting of multiple member schools may make adjustments to the NIAA transfer Rules and Regulations to best fit the specific needs of the school district. Such adjustments shall apply only to the year in which a new high school has been opened and shall not extend to subsequent years.

2070.0803 *Transfers Between Private and Public Schools and From One Private School to Another Private School.*

a. An eligible student who has attended a member or affiliate school for at least 180 school days and who then transfers from a public to a private, a private to a public, or one private school to another private school within the territory served, is ineligible to compete in any sport in which the student's name appeared on a NIAA roster for 180 school days

following the date of the transfer. A student who transfers within the first 180 days is ineligible for the remainder of that school year in addition to the above-mentioned guidelines.

b. A student who lives with his parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or who is emancipated, and who resides in an area effected by a change in region or zoning boundaries for member or affiliate public schools which has been approved by the governing board of the school district for the territory in question, shall be allowed to transfer between a public and private school, or vice versa, regardless of whether the change was instituted to establish region boundaries for a new public school or to effect rezoning of an existing public school.

2070.0804 *Attendance At Magnet School Contained Within a Member Or Affiliate School Outside The Region Or Boundaries Of Residence*

A student who does not reside within the region or boundaries of a magnet school which is contained within a member or affiliate school, but who is approved by waiver to attend the magnet program shall be automatically eligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport at the member or affiliate school housing the magnet school.

- a. To establish immediate eligibility the student shall:
1. Be accepted and meet all standards for the magnet program; and
 2. Meet all application requirements and deadlines imposed by the magnet program; and
 3. Be and remain eligible to complete the magnet program; and
 4. Be enrolled in the standard course load for the magnet program; and
 5. Waive at all member or affiliate schools, other than the member or affiliate school housing the magnet program, any right the student may otherwise have to participate in NIAA sanctioned sports offered by the member or affiliate school housing the magnet program during the time the student is enrolled in the magnet program.
- b. A student approved for a magnet program who fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (a), above, or who drops out of the magnet program shall be immediately declared ineligible at the member or affiliate school housing the magnet program for 180 school days.
- c. A student who is accepted to a magnet program within a member or affiliate school and who thereafter chooses to return to the student's school of residence becomes ineligible for the remainder of the school year in which the transfer occurs and for an additional 180 school days in any sport in which the student appeared on a NIAA roster during the student's attendance at the magnet school.

2070.0805 *Stand Alone Magnet Schools*

A student who is accepted to, and thereafter attends, a magnet school, which does not offer a comprehensive athletic program, may retain eligibility at the student's school of residence to participate in any sport not offered at the magnet school.

- a. Examples of stand-alone magnet schools include Advance Technology Academy, Las Vegas Academy, and Southern Nevada Vocational/Technical Center.

2070.0806 *Charter Schools*

A student who attends a charter school approved by a local school district may retain eligibility at the student's school of residence to participate in any sport not offered by the charter school.

- a. A charter school student who participates in any sport at his school of residence must maintain the same eligibility standards as are required by the student's member school of attendance.
- b. Charter school guidelines regarding eligibility must be approved by the local school district and/or the NIAA.

2070.0807 *Option Zones of Attendance*

A student who is assigned to option attendance zones by a school district may establish eligibility to participate in NIAA sanctioned sports in accordance with the following:

- a. A student who remains at their original school of residence remains eligible at that school.
 1. The student may choose to attend the option-zoned school at any time, and shall be immediately eligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport at the option school.
 2. Any transfer between schools involved in an option zone, after the initial transfer by a student, shall render the student ineligible for 180 school days.
- b. A student who initially chooses to attend the option-zoned school shall be immediately eligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport offered by the option school.
 1. A student who initially chooses to attend the option zone, and who thereafter transfers to the student's school of residence, shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year and for 180 school days in any sport in which the student appeared on a NIAA roster while attending the option zone school.
- c. School districts having multiple member or affiliate schools that choose to rezone boundaries for any reason shall be entitled to waive NIAA eligibility regulations pertaining to transfers of students affected by the rezoning during the school year in which the rezoning occurs.

1. The provisions of Regulation 2070.0803(b) shall govern any private school or public school students affected by such school board decisions.
2. There shall be no appeal to the NIAA for any student adversely affected by such school board decisions.

2070.0808 *Community College High Schools*

A student who attends a community college high school shall retain eligibility at the student's school of residence.

2070.0809 *Alternative Education*

A student who attends a non-traditional high school in which time schedules and grading is adjusted shall be ineligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport. Examples of such schools include Washoe High School, Sunset High School and Horizon High School.

2070.0810 *Home School Students*

Following the guidelines set forth by Nevada Revised Statutes 386 and 392.070, home-schooled students must be allowed to participate in NIAA activities and events in accordance with the following criteria:

1. *The parent must have a Notification of Intent to Home school submitted to the District where the student lives. The parent of the home-schooled student is recognized as the legal teacher for all matters including academic and citizenship compliance issues.*
2. *Pursuant to NRS 386, a home-schooled student is entitled to, and must comply with, the same rules, requirements and provisions that apply to a public schooled student who participates in the same activity or event. This includes NIAA requirements for residency and;*
 - a. *Eligibility and qualifications for participation*
 - b. *Fees for participation*
 - c. *Insurance*
 - d. *Transportation*
 - e. *Requirements of physical examination*
 - f. *Responsibilities of participants*
 - g. *Schedules of events*
 - h. *Safety and welfare of participants*
 - i. *Eligibility for awards, trophies and medals*
 - j. *Conduct of behavior and performance of participants; and*
 - k. *Disciplinary procedures*
3. *The student's academic program must comply with the provisions of NAC 392.035, established by the Nevada State Board of Education pertaining to the kind and amount of equivalent instruction to be provided to home schooled students.*
4. *The parent of the home school program must submit academic eligibility information pursuant to the provisions of the option chosen by the school district in*

Regulation 2070.0904. The information will be provided to, and administered through, the member or affiliate school athletic department.

5. **A home school student who withdraws from a member or affiliate school shall:**
 - a. **If eligible at the time of withdrawal, remain immediately eligible.**
 - b. **If ineligible at the time of withdrawal, comply with the provisions of regulations 2070.0905 to 2070.0908 for regaining eligibility pursuant to the option chosen in 2070.0904.**
6. **The following items shall be provided to the home school parent at the time the home school student indicates interest in participating in the member or affiliate school's athletic program.**
 - a. **The member or affiliate school eligibility option chosen by the school district under regulation 2070.0904.**
 - b. **Any and all schedules and requirements pertaining to academic and conduct eligibility information.**
 - c. **The Athletic Department contact for communicating academic eligibility information.**
7. **Pursuant to NRS 386, no challenge may be brought by a school district, a public school, a parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in public school or private school, or any other entity or person, claiming that an NIAA activity or event is invalid because home schooled students are allowed to participate in the activity or event.**
8. **Pursuant to NRS 386, a school district, public school or private school shall not prescribe any regulations, rules, policies, procedures or requirements governing the:**
 - a. **Eligibility of home schooled students to participate in NIAA activities and events; or**
 - b. **Participation of home schooled students in NIAA activities and events, that are more restrictive than the provisions governing eligibility and participation prescribed by the NIAA in 2070.0180 of this guideline.**

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2070.0811 Sibling Transfers

The following applies to situations in which a family has multiple high school age children who are assigned by school district regulations to different member high schools.

- a. The older sibling is eligible only at the member school to which that student is assigned by the school district.
- b. All younger siblings of high school age at the time the zoning regulations are adopted, and who qualify for a zone variance, shall be eligible at their zoned school or the school attended by the older sibling.
 1. Any transfer to another school by the sibling following his/her initial choice of schools shall result in ineligibility for 180 school days.
- c. The above-mentioned waiver will be in effect for any family member that is approved for a zone variance while another sibling attends the original school. If one family member opts to attend their school of residence or there comes a time when a family member does not attend the school of original residence then that family will follow standard eligibility regulations with no waivers permitted.

2070.0812 *Pupils From A Foreign Country*

The following regulations shall govern the eligibility of students engaged in foreign exchange programs and the eligibility of other international students who enroll in member schools.

a. Generally. The NIAA acknowledges the importance of permitting students visiting Nevada through a recognized foreign exchange program to experience the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletic competition. To this end, the NIAA will permit a foreign exchange student to participate in interscholastic athletic competition under the following conditions.

1. The foreign exchange student must be sponsored and placed within a U.S. host family by a "bona fide" international student exchange program that has been accepted for listing by the Counsel on Standards for International Educational Travel ("CSIET") and recognized by the U.S. Department of State. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that insures that no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. Neither shall the foreign exchange student be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.

2. A foreign exchange student is considered placed with a host family when:

A. The school that the student attends had no input into the selection or assignment of the student; and

B. The host family placement is approved by the National Headquarters of the sponsoring organization.

3. The foreign exchange student must possess a J-1 visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

4. The foreign exchange student must be in attendance at the school on the first day of the school year and must be enrolled in a full-year program rather than a program of shorter duration such as a six-week, three-month or six-month program, etc.

5. Any subsequent transfer by the student to a different school during the school year must correspond with a change in residence by the foreign exchange student and the host family with whom he/she was placed at the time of enrollment in the original school. If the transfer of schools occurs as a result of a move by the foreign exchange student to another host family, the foreign exchange student will be ineligible at the new school for the remainder of the school year.

6. The foreign exchange student may be eligible for a maximum of one year at any school or combination of schools in this or any other of the United States commencing with his/her initial date of enrollment in a U.S. school.

7. The foreign exchange student must not have completed the twelfth grade (terminal grade) or its equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible once they have completed the twelfth grade or its equivalent in either the U.S., or their home countries.

8. The foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility standards of the NIAA while a student at a member or affiliate school.

9. If at any time the placement of a student can be traced to a school or coach, the student will be ruled ineligible and the coach or school may receive additional penalties.

b. International Students Not In a Foreign Exchange Program: A pupil from a foreign country enrolled in a member school on an F-1 visa will be considered a transfer student and must follow the same regulations as any transfer student in Nevada.

2070.0813 One School Per Season

A student shall not participate, practice or play in any particular sport for more than one member or affiliate school during one particular season.

a. The Executive Director may waive the provisions of this rule in situations involving the moving of a student with his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) from the boundaries of one member or affiliate school to another member or affiliate school during a season. See, Regulation 2070.0802.

b. Both schools involved with a student who moves from the boundaries of one member or affiliate school to another member or affiliate school during a sport season must approve the Executive Director's waiver.

c. A waiver by the Executive Director is valid if it complies with subsection (b), above, and meets the following criteria:

1. The transfer is completed before the season is half over; and

2. The student transferring participates at the sub-varsity level; and

3. The student transferring was not cut, dismissed or otherwise rendered ineligible for any reason from the team of the member or affiliate school from which the student is transferring.

2070.0814 Reestablishing Eligibility Following Transfer

A student may reestablish eligibility for participation in any NIAA sanctioned sport by complying with subsection (a) or (b), and (c) below:

a. Serving 180 continuous days of ineligibility at the school to which the student transferred.

b. Obtaining a favorable ruling from an appeals panel pursuant to Regulation 2090.

c. Complying with all other Regulations set forth in Regulation 2070 regarding eligibility for participation in NIAA sanctioned sports.

2070.0815 *Registration of Transfer Pupils*

A student who has transferred to a member or affiliate school, and who has been granted eligibility for participation in NIAA sports in accordance with all the applicable provisions of Regulation 2070, shall not be eligible to participate in competition until the principal of the member or affiliate school to which the student has transferred has in his possession the official scholastic record of the student attested to by the appropriate administrator of the member or affiliate school from which the student transferred.

- a. The principal of the member or affiliate school to which the student transfers must provide a copy of the student’s official transcript to the Executive Director before the student will be eligible to compete.
- b. The principal of the member or affiliate school shall provide the Executive Director copies of all court orders or decrees affecting the student before the student is eligible to participate.

2070.0816 *One Time Transfer Waiver*

A student who attends a public school who has complied with the Board Policies and Regulations of the student’s school district concerning approval of a zone variance, and who has completed and received approval from the NIAA of the One Time Transfer Waiver Form set forth in the NIAA Reference Manual, shall be entitled to transfer with sub-varsity athletic eligibility only.

- a. Students who transfer from a public school to a private school, or a private school to a public school, or a private school to another private school within the territory served, are not required to obtain a zone variance before completing the One Time Transfer Waiver Form.
- b. A student who has been denied a One Time Transfer Waiver by the NIAA shall have the right to appeal that decision pursuant to Regulation 2090.
- c. A student who has been granted a One Time Transfer Waiver who at any time thereafter transfers to another school, including the student’s zoned school, shall be athletically ineligible for 180 school days.
 - 1. There shall be no appeal from a student requesting a second transfer.
- d. A One Time Transfer Waiver which is approved shall only become effective at the beginning of a new semester and must meet all other Regulations of the NIAA including, but not limited to, the one school per sport season. See, Regulation 2070.0813.
- e. Any student, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a student who submits a One Time Transfer Waiver Form, which is subsequently determined to contain false information, shall be declared athletically ineligible for two (2) full school years.

2070.0817 *Schools That Drop Or Do Not Offer Athletic Programs*

If a school drops an athletic program after a student has enrolled, he/she will have a one-time opportunity to transfer without a residence change. If a school does not offer an athletic program in which a student wishes to participate, the student may request initial enrollment in a school offering that program without a residence change. The following guidelines apply to both situations:

1. All cases must be treated as a hardship as per NIAA Regulation 2090.020, Student Hardship Appeals and Procedures and apply through the Executive Director of the NIAA.
2. Transfers must be approved by the Superintendent an/or his designee.
3. In the case of districts with multiple schools, the transfer must take place at the school within the closest proximity to the school of residence.
4. A transfer back to the school of residence will render the student ineligible for 180 school days from the date of transfer.

2070.09 *Academic Eligibility*

2070.0901 *Academic Eligibility*

A student must meet the following minimum academic criteria set forth in Regulations 2070.0902 through 2070.0912, to be eligible for NIAA sanctioned interscholastic activities. A member or affiliate school may impose more stringent academic criteria for its students.

2070.0902 *First Semester Ninth Grade Students*

A first semester ninth grade student is presumed academically eligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport upon enrollment at a member or affiliate school.

2070.0903 *Minimum Units of Credit*

A student must be enrolled in at least two units of semester credit and must be in regular attendance at a member or affiliate school for each semester the student participates in any NIAA sport. A student must pass a minimum of two units of credit the previous semester. Students failing to do so shall be ineligible for one semester unless they are passing two units of credit at the nine-week grading period, at which time they will be placed on weekly probation. If at any time during the probationary period, the student receives a failing grade, the student shall become ineligible for the remainder of the semester without further recourse.

- a. "Unit of credit" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation 2070.02(n).
- b. A unit of credit includes any unit of credit granted by a high school, including credit for religion courses, so long as the unit of credit meets the requirements of subsection (a), above.
- c. A student may enroll for one unit of credit per semester in post-secondary, summer school, night school or correspondence course work and receive credit for the satisfactory completion of that course work toward satisfaction of academic eligibility requirements if the principal of the member or affiliate school in which the student is enrolled has provided

written approval that the course will be accepted by the member or affiliate school toward the student's graduation requirements.

1. The course work referenced in Regulation 2070.0903(c), above, becomes part of the student's academic record and counts toward eligibility standards once the grade is posted on the student's transcript.
2. Member or affiliate schools are responsible for insuring the classes referenced in Regulation 2070.0903(c) are periodically checked for purposes of determining academic eligibility.

2070.0904 *Options for Determining Academic Eligibility*

Each school district having a member or affiliate school must adopt, prior to commencement of the school year, one of the options set forth in Regulations 2070.0905 to 2070.0908, inclusive, for determining the academic eligibility of its students who participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport. The member or affiliate school must continually monitor the academic progress of such students in accordance with the chosen option during all times the student is participating in a NIAA sanctioned sport. The four options available for determining academic eligibility include:

- a. Passing academic grades in all courses during the sport season with progress checked a minimum of once every three weeks (Regulation 2070.0905);
- b. A 2.0 minimum academic grade point average during the prior semester (Regulation 2070.0906);
- c. A combination of (A) and (B), above (Regulation 2070.0907); or
- d. Either passing academic grades in all courses during the sports season with progress checked a minimum of once every three weeks (Regulation 2070.0905), or a 2.0 minimum academic grade point average during the prior semester (Regulation 2070.0906).

2070.0905 *Passing Grades In All Courses; Three-Week Grade Checks*

Pursuant to this option any student who participates in a NIAA sport must maintain passing grades in academics throughout the duration of the sport.

- a. The student's progress in all academic courses must be checked a minimum of once every three weeks.
 1. All classes in which the student is enrolled, including classes outside the member or affiliate school in vocational, magnet, college or night courses, must be checked by the member or affiliate school.
- b. Dates for three week progress checks shall be set by the school district based on its academic calendar and shall be calculated by starting at the end of the first semester and counting back toward the beginning of the school year in three week increments, and from the beginning of the second semester and counting forward towards the end of the school year in three week increments.

c. The first official grade check shall not occur until after the first date games can be scheduled for that sport season as determined by the NIAA's activities calendar. See Regulation 2070.02(g).

d. The three-week check shall reflect the student's academic status from the beginning of the semester to and including the date of the grade check, and shall be calculated according to local school district regulations and/or guidelines. These may include cumulative semester grades, nine-week grades or any combination thereof. It is the responsibility of each local school district to declare student's eligible or ineligible based on the school district's philosophy.

e. A student who receives a failing grade in an academic course at any three week grade check shall be placed on probationary status for one week.

1. A student on probationary status remains eligible to participate in the sport during the probationary week, but is subject to a mandatory grade check on the Friday of the probationary week.

2. If a student on probationary status continues to have a failing grade at the grade check made on the Friday of the probationary week, then the student shall be declared ineligible the following Monday through Saturday.

3. A student who has been declared ineligible following the probationary week shall have grades checked weekly until the student becomes eligible even if this period of time goes beyond the next three-week grade check. Once declared eligible, the student shall be checked again at the regular three-week grade check and would be entitled to another probationary week.

f. If a three-week eligibility grade check is set to occur on the day prior to a recognized holiday or vacation, the following shall apply:

1. A student with a failing grade at that grade check shall be placed on probationary status beginning on the first school day following the vacation. If the student is declared ineligible one or two weeks before a vacation, the student remains ineligible until he/she no longer has a failing grade.

2. A student on probationary status prior to a holiday or vacation is academically eligible if his grades are determined to be passing at the regularly scheduled grade check prior to a holiday or vacation. If the student's grades are not determined to be passing at the grade check occurring the day prior to the holiday or vacation, then the student shall remain academically ineligible during the holiday or vacation.

3. A student who has been declared academically ineligible one or two weeks prior to the vacation remains ineligible until the student no longer has a failing grade as determined by weekly grade checks.

g. A student who either withdraws from a class with a failing grade or is excluded from class with a failing grade at any time during a semester shall be declared academically ineligible for one week beginning the following Monday and continuing through the

following Saturday. This one time per class penalty should be administered immediately after the records become available; however, the student must still comply with the minimum two (2) units of credit requirement. See, Regulation 2070.0903.

2070.0906 2.0 Minimum Grade Point Average

A student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (“GPA”) during the prior semester, based on a 4.0 grading system. A student who fails to meet this minimum requirement shall be ineligible until grades are checked at the next nine-week period.

- a. For purposes of this Regulation a student’s academic eligibility status shall be determined on the day immediately following distribution of semester grades.
- b. A student who is below a 2.0 GPA at the end of a semester and remains below a 2.0 GPA at a nine-week progress check remains ineligible for the remainder of the semester.
- c. A student who receives an incomplete grade at the end of a semester shall have three weeks to make up the grade. To be eligible a student must have passed 2 units of credit and accumulated a GPA of 2.0 even if the student has an incomplete grade.
 1. Discretion shall be given to the student’s teacher in deciding upon the appropriate amount of time to accept make up work, but this discretion shall not exceed three weeks from the date grades are posted for the grading period.
 2. Within three weeks after grades are posted for a particular grading period a permanent grade shall be issued and used to calculate the student’s GPA.
 3. An incomplete grade shall not be computed in the student’s GPA for purposes of determining academic ineligibility until the student’s permanent grade has been posted.
- d. If a student repeats a class during summer school, grades shall be computed in accordance with the regulations of the specific school district. The summer school grade may be used as it best benefits the student in the previous or current semester. Grades may only be used one time for this purpose.

2070.0907 Combination

A student must maintain both passing grades during the sport and a 2.0 GPA the prior semester as outlined in Regulations 2070.0905 and 2070.0906, above.

2070.0908 Alternative

A student must maintain either passing grades in all classes or a 2.0 GPA as outlined in Regulations 2070.0905 and 2070.0906, above.

2070.0909 *Grade Reporting*

Student grades posted at the end of any nine-week or semester grading period cannot then be changed to provide a student with athletic eligibility unless it can be documented that there was error in grade reporting.

Opportunities for extra work must be graded and included in the grade before it is posted at the end of any nine-week or semester grading period. These opportunities must be equally provided to all students in the class in order to be considered valid to improve an athlete's grade.

2070.0910 *Special Education Students*

A student who qualifies for special education services pursuant to the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq. ("IDEA"), or Nevada law, NRS 388.450, et. seq. and NAC Chapter 388, must meet the same minimum academic criteria as non-disabled regular education students.

a. Any exception to the NIAA's minimum academic criteria for athletic eligibility which is set forth in the Individual Education Plan ("IEP") of a special education student may be considered by the NIAA pursuant to the student hardship appeal procedure set forth in Regulation 2090 if the exception is based on the student's disability.

b. An exception to the NIAA's minimum academic criteria for athletic eligibility set forth in the IEP of a special education student after the student has been declared academically ineligible will not be subject to challenge pursuant to Regulation 2090 until the commencement of the next progress report period.

2070.0911 *Home School Students*

The parent of a home school student who enrolls at a member or affiliate school must submit written evidence that the student has been provided the kind and amount of equivalent instruction as required by NAC 392.035 and has maintained a 2.0 GPA or better. This written evidence may consist of a signed statement by the parent attesting to the above statement.

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2070.0912 *General Exceptional Circumstances*

The following Regulations apply to assist member or affiliate schools with the interpretation and application of the academic eligibility rules.

a. If a teacher has made a mistake in calculating a student's grade thereby rendering the student academically ineligible, the student shall become immediately eligible following discovery of the mistake. The principal of the member or affiliate school involved, or his designee, shall be responsible for making this decision.

b. A student who has been academically ineligible during a semester and who has practiced with the team after first receiving approval from the principal of the member or

affiliate school to do so, becomes academically eligible the day grades are officially submitted to the member or affiliate school's computer system if the student is academically eligible in accordance with the above regulations at that time.

2070.0913 *NIAA Assistance*

The NIAA office is available to assist any member or affiliate school with the interpretation of the NIAA's academic eligibility rules.

2070.10 **Minimum Practice And Maximum Participation**

2070.1001 *Ten Day Practice Rule*

A student who participates in any sport is required to have completed ten (10) days of practice under the direct supervision of the member or affiliate school coaching staff for that particular sport before the student shall be eligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned game, contest or meet.

- a. Each calendar day, excluding Sundays, counts as one practice regardless of whether multiple practices are held on a given day.
- b. A student who participated individually or on a team that qualified for regional playoff or state competition during the prior season that overlaps the beginning of the next season in question must complete a minimum of five (5) days practice to be eligible for competition in the next sport. A student cannot practice and compete in interscholastic competition on the same day.
- c. Any student who participates in baseball is prohibited from pitching until he has completed ten (10) days of practice.

2070.1002 *Minimum Team Practices*

A team that competes in any sport must complete ten (10) days of organized practice under the direct supervision of the coaching staff for that particular sport before participating in any interschool game, contest or meet.

2070.1003 *Golf and Bowling*

The minimum practice requirements for individuals and teams set forth in Regulations 2070.1001 and 2070.1002 do not apply to students or teams participating in boys or girls golf or bowling.

2070.1004 *Sundays*

- a. Practices on Sundays are prohibited.
- b. Any game, contest or meet sponsored or sanctioned by the NIAA, or any of its member or affiliate schools, shall not be scheduled on a Sunday, except for boys and girls skiing.

- c. Participation of individual students or teams of member or affiliate schools in out-of-state competitions held on a Sunday may be granted if approval is first obtained from the Executive Director.

2070.1005 *One Sport Per Season Per Year*

A student may only participate in one sport during any sport season, and in one sport during one year.

- a. “Sport” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation 2070.02(k), and “sport season” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation 2070.02(l).
- b. A student may transfer to another sport during the same sport season offered by the student’s member school if:
 - 1. The transfer occurs prior to the first scheduled game, contest or meet for both sports; and
 - 2. The transfer has been approved by the principal and both coaches of the member or affiliate school; and
 - 3. Approval of the transfer has been granted by the Executive Director.
- c. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport more than one time during a school year regardless of where the participation occurs.

2070.1006 *Gender Limitations*

Member or affiliate schools shall designate the gender of students allowed to participate on the member or affiliate school’s team for any sport in accordance with the following:

- a. If only a boy’s team is offered, girls shall be allowed to compete and qualify for the boy’s team.
- b. If only a girls team is offered, boys are prohibited from competing and qualifying for the girls team unless the opportunities for boys to participate in all sports at the member or affiliate school have been limited in comparison to opportunities offered to girls for participation in sports at the member or affiliate school.
 - 1. A request by a boy to compete or qualify for a girls team must be submitted in writing to the principal of the member or affiliate school, and must set forth, in detail, the reasons for the request.
 - 2. If the principal approves the request, it must be submitted to the Executive Director for approval fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the season.
- c. If both a boys and girls team is offered by the member or affiliate school, a student is limited to participation on the team of his/her gender.

2070.11 *Physical Examination and Medical Release Requirement*

2070.1101 Physical Examination

A student who, for the first time, wishes to compete in any sport is required to complete a physical examination in accordance with the NIAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form, and be approved for interscholastic competition by a licensed health care professional authorized to perform the NIAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code governing the practice for the licensed health care professional.

- a. A student who has previously complied with the provisions of Regulation 2070.1101 must complete the NIAA Health Questionnaire/Interim Form each subsequent year the student competes in any sanctioned sport.
 1. Any affirmative response to a question on the NIAA Health Questionnaire/Interim Form shall require the student to submit to a complete physical examination as provided in Regulation 2070.1101, before the student is eligible for participation.
- b. Both the NIAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form and the NIAA Health Questionnaire/ Interim Form must be kept on file by the member or affiliate school and reviewed each season the student participates by the athletic director, athletic trainer and/or the school nurse.
- c. If the religious beliefs of a student prohibit submission to a physical examination, the student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall execute a release which includes indemnification and hold harmless language relieving the member or affiliate school, school district, conference and the NIAA from all liability which may arise as a result of the student's participation in that particular sport.
- d. Sample forms for the release referenced in Regulation 2070.1101(c) can be found in the NIAA Reference Manual.

2070.1102 Medical Release

Any student injured in a sport who seeks treatment from a licensed health care provider shall not be allowed to resume participation in the sport until the health care provider submits a written and signed document addressed to the principal of the member or affiliate school clearing the student for participation. The member or affiliate school must keep all such documents as part of the student's records.

2070.12 *Prohibited Conduct And Penalties*

2070.1201 Participation of Ineligible Student In Game, Contest or Meet

A student who is declared ineligible for participation in any NIAA sanctioned sport pursuant to NIAA Regulations is prohibited from appearing in any game, contest or meet.

2070.1202 Practice

A student who is declared ineligible for participation in any NIAA sport during a particular season may practice if the coach and principal of the member or affiliate school grant approval.

- a. Any ineligible student is prohibited from participating in any interscholastic competition including, but not limited to, scrimmages, exhibitions, etc.

2070.1203 Continuance of Ineligibility Following Transfer

Any student declared ineligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, whether pursuant to the policies, rules or regulations of the NIAA, a member or affiliate school, a school district having a member or affiliate school in the NIAA, or any other state high school athletic association, member or affiliate member thereof, may not transfer and thereby obtain eligibility at any NIAA member or affiliate school.

- a. Any such student shall remain ineligible for participation in any NIAA sanctioned sport for the period of ineligibility originally imposed.
- b. Any such student shall be subject to a determination of eligibility following expiration of the period of ineligibility in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations of the NIAA.

2070.1204 Actions To Circumvent Eligibility

A student, who is determined to have circumvented or attempted to circumvent the eligibility requirements of the NIAA, a member or affiliate school, or any other state athletic association, shall be declared ineligible for participation in any NIAA sport for a minimum of 360 school days (two full school years).

- a. If there is reasonable cause to believe a student has transferred between any NIAA member or affiliate schools or school districts having NIAA member or affiliate schools, or has transferred to a NIAA member or affiliate school from outside the state of Nevada with the primary purpose being to avoid the eligibility requirements of the NIAA, any of its member or affiliate schools or school districts, or an out of state school, school district or athletic association, that student shall be required to prove, in accordance with the appeal procedures set forth in Regulation 2090, that the transfer was based on a good faith, bona fide reason unrelated to avoiding the eligibility requirements of the respective school, school district or athletic association from which the student transferred.
- b. If the student fails to carry the burden of proof required by Regulation 2090, the Executive Director shall declare the student ineligible for the remainder of the school year and for 180 school days thereafter.
- c. If it is determined the student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has falsified any records or information generated as a result of the transfer or hearing process, the Executive Director shall declare the student ineligible for participation in all NIAA

sanctioned sports, for two (2) calendar years from the date of the last game, contest or meet in which the student participated.

2070.1205 *School Shopping*

Any student determined to have engaged in school shopping, as defined in Regulation 2070.02(j), shall be declared ineligible for participation in any NIAA sanctioned sport for 180 school days.

2070.1206 *Recruiting Prohibited*

The recruiting or attempted recruitment of students for athletic purposes, as defined in Regulation 2070.002(h), regardless of the student's residence, is a gross violation of the spirit and philosophy of the bylaws of the NIAA and these Regulations, and is expressly prohibited.

- a. A student who is the subject of a recruiting violation shall be declared ineligible for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of one school year.
- b. A member or affiliate school that violates this Regulation may be placed on probation for one year. See Regulation 2095.0201(b).
- c. A coach who violates this Regulation may be suspended for a period of two years. See Regulation 2095.0201(c).

2070.1207 *Undue Influence*

The use of undue influence, which is the use of direct or indirect communication by anyone associated with a member or affiliate school with a prospective student athlete in an attempt to solicit or encourage the enrollment of a prospective student athlete in that school, is prohibited. Additionally, no person associated with a member or affiliate school may request any third party to solicit or encourage the enrollment of a prospective student athlete in that school, for in that case the third party also becomes associated with the member or affiliate school.

- a. Undue influence includes, but is not limited to:
 1. Initiating or arranging telephone, telegram or other written contact such as questionnaires, cards or letters, with a prospective student athlete or member of his/her family for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a school.
 2. Visiting or entertaining a prospective student athlete or member of his/her family for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a school.
 3. Providing transportation to a prospective student athlete or member of his/her family to visit a school or to meet with anyone associated with a school for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student at that school.

4. Attending grade school, junior high or middle school games for the purpose of evaluating and recruiting specific prospective student athletes that are not assigned to their respective attendance zone.

5. Requesting booster club members, students, or alumni from a school to discuss the merits of the schools athletic program with a prospective student athlete or member of his/her family by phone, in person or through letters or other written communication.

6. Any other contact with a prospective student athlete or member of his/her family for the purpose and intent of soliciting or encouraging the enrollment of the student in a school.

b. No member of affiliate school, and no one acting on behalf of any member or affiliate school, may give any speech or any slide, film or tape presentation or distribute any written material, including advertisements in newspapers, magazines or other publications, which state or imply that a member of affiliate school's athletic program is better than the athletic program of any other member of affiliate school or that it would be more advantageous for any prospective student athlete to participate in athletics at that member of affiliate school as opposed to any other member or affiliate school.

1. This Regulation is not intended to prevent a member or affiliate school from conducting academic recruitment programs or recruitment programs designed to attract students based upon the school's overall educational and extra-curricular programs. However, such recruitment programs must be designed to present the overall educational and extra-curricular programs of the school and not be used as a subterfuge for recruiting students for athletic purposes.

c. When a student at a junior high, middle school or other high school, or the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of that student contacts a coach about attending the coach's school, the coach must immediately refer the student, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to the principal or other appropriate school personnel, who have the responsibility of seeking and processing prospective students.

d. It shall not be considered a violation of this Regulation for a coach to have normal community contact with a student who attends a junior high or middle school of the same school district, which is a feeder school to the high school at which the coach is employed.

2070.1208 *Special Inducement*

A student athlete may not receive or be offered any remunerations of any kind or receive or be offered any special inducement of any kind, which is not made available to all students who enroll in or apply to a member or affiliate school.

a. Special inducements include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Offer or acceptance of money or other valuable consideration such as free or reduced tuition during the regular school year or summer school by any person associated with a school.

2. Offer or acceptance of room, board, textbooks or clothing, or financial allotment for textbooks or clothing.
3. Offer or acceptance of pay for work that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.
4. Offer or acceptance of free transportation by any person associated with a school.
5. Offer or acceptance of a residence with any person associated with a school.
6. Offer or acceptance of any privilege not afforded to non-athletes.
7. Offer or acceptance of free or reduced rent for parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student athlete.
8. Offer or acceptance of payment of moving expenses for parent(s) or guardian(s) of student athletes or assistance with the moving of parent(s) or guardian(s) of student athletes.
9. Offer or acceptance of employment of parent(s) or guardian(s) in order to entice the family to move to a certain community if any person associated with the school makes the offer.
10. Offer or acceptance of help in securing a college athletic scholarship.

2070.1209 Penalties for Using An Ineligible Student

The following penalties shall be imposed against a NIAA member or affiliate school that uses an ineligible student for competition in any game, contest or meet during the regular season or during post-season play:

- a. For team sports including, but not limited to, baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball:
 1. The school shall forfeit all games or contests in which the ineligible player participated;
 2. The team's place in conference or tournament standings shall be adjusted to reflect games or contests the team is required to forfeit;
 3. The team shall return to the NIAA all awards given to the team or any individual member of the team.
- b. For individual sports including, but not limited to, cross-country, golf, swimming and diving, skiing, tennis, track and field, and wrestling:
 1. All individual matches, places, points, and scores of the ineligible student, and all contributions made by the ineligible student to the team, shall be eliminated:

2. The conference and tournament standing or place of the team shall be adjusted based on the reduction of points or score for use of the ineligible student:

3. The ineligible student shall return to the NIAA all awards given to the ineligible student during the period of ineligibility:

4. The team shall return to the NIAA all awards given to the team if elimination of points and scores contributed to the team by the ineligible student results in an adjustment to the team's place or standing in conference or tournament event.

c. In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (b), above, if it is determined that use of an ineligible student occurred as a result of the student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) falsifying records or other information provided to the member or affiliate school, the student shall be declared ineligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport for two (2) calendar years from the date of the last game, contest or meet in which the ineligible student participated.

d. If the use of an ineligible student is discovered during any tournament, the team or student most recently defeated by the ineligible team or ineligible student shall replace the ineligible team or ineligible student for the remainder of the tournament.

e. A member or affiliate school adversely effected by use of an ineligible student may appeal any forfeiture to the NIAA in accordance with the procedure for appeal hearings set forth in Regulation 2090.

1. The burden of proof rests with the school filing the appeal to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the game, contest or meet would have been won by the school without the participation of the ineligible student.

2. An ineligible student who starts and/or participates in over one half of the game, contest or meet in question shall not have the right to appeal.

3. The opposing school or schools shall have an opportunity to be heard at any such appeal.

2070.1210 Restitution

Any team or individual student which has been disqualified or rendered ineligible in accordance with the NIAA's Regulations, which is subsequently permitted to participate in interscholastic competition based upon a restraining order, injunction or other directive issued by a court of competent jurisdiction against a member or affiliate school, school district or the NIAA, or any combination thereof, and the restraining order, injunction or court directive is subsequently vacated, stayed, reversed or ultimately determined not to justify the initial relief granted, shall have the penalties outlined in Regulation 2070.1209(a) through (d) imposed as a means of restitution and fairness to the other member and affiliate schools.

a. The NIAA shall defend against any form of injunctive relief sought by a disqualified or ineligible team or student, and shall pursue all remedies and appeals allowed by law in the process.

2070.1211 ***Coach to Accompany Team or Student; Ejections; Forfeiture***

- a. A team or student representing a member or affiliate school in connection with any NIAA sanctioned sport shall be accompanied by a coach or a designated member of the school at all times.
- b. If a coach is ejected from a game, contest, or meet, and there is no coach or designated member of the school to supervise the team or student during the remainder of the game, contest or meet, the team or student shall forfeit and, if appropriate, be disqualified from the game, contest or meet.

2070.13 ***Reporting of Violations***

2070.1301 ***Generally***

All NIAA member and affiliate schools have an ethical obligation and are obligated to report violations of any NIAA Regulation to the member or affiliate school allegedly in violation of the Regulation. See, Regulation 2090.0201.

- a. NIAA member and affiliate schools shall also report any violations of NIAA member and affiliate schools to the Executive Director immediately after becoming aware of the alleged violation. See, Regulation 2090.0201.
- b. NIAA member and affiliate schools are obligated to self report violations of NIAA Regulations committed by the school, any of the school's teams, or individual students to the Executive Director immediately after becoming aware of the alleged violation.

2070.1302 ***Cooperation With Investigations***

Any NIAA member or affiliate school which is the subject of a NIAA investigation shall cooperate fully with the Executive Director and all members of the NIAA involved in the investigation. See, Regulation 2090.0201. If it is determined that a NIAA member or affiliate school has failed to cooperate with the NIAA during the course of an investigation the member or affiliate school in violation may be placed on probation or suspended from membership in the NIAA. See Regulation 2095.0201.

2070.14 ***Eligibility of Coaches***

2070.1401 ***Generally***

All newly hired faculty and non-faculty member coaches at any member or affiliate school shall be required to complete the courses set forth below to be eligible to coach during the following year:

- a. ASEP Coaching Principles, or equivalent;
- b. ASEP Sport First Aid, or equivalent;
- c. CPR certification;
- d. It shall be the responsibility of all schools in the State of Nevada to honor this requirement.

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REGULATION 2080

SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS, PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

2080.01 *General Philosophy*

Athletic activities are an extension of the classroom and the instructional environment for those activities is not the place for the display of unsportsmanlike conduct by any of the participants. The fundamental purpose of interscholastic activities is to instill and develop the character and morals of the participants involved. Accordingly, the participation of a student, coach or official in any NIAA sanctioned sport shall always be viewed as a privilege and not a right, which privilege may be suspended or revoked if abused.

a. A student who represents a school in any NIAA sanctioned sport must be a credible citizen as judged so by the appropriate school authorities. Any student whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon the student or the students' school is not considered a "credible citizen." A student's conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards for good discipline prescribed by the specific member or affiliate school and school district.

1. Conduct which reflects discredit on the school shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

A. Violation of school or team training or disciplinary rules;

B. Use or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;

C. Stealing, vandalism or any other act that violates state law or school rules.

b. A coach, administrator, faculty member or any other representative of a member or affiliate school shall practice and exhibit the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics in all NIAA sanctioned sports.

c. An official assigned to any contest shall practice the highest degree of ethics and impartiality in fulfilling that assignment.

d. Any student, coach, administrator, faculty member or other representative of a member or affiliate school, or any official found in violation of the general philosophy of the NIAA, set forth in this Regulation, shall be subject to the penalties set forth below.

2080.02 Code of Ethics Applicable To Students, Coaches and Officials

2080.0201 *Generally*

The practice of good sportsmanship by all participants in any NIAA sanctioned sport is expected at all times. The following Codes of Ethics shall apply to students, coaches, officials, administrators and faculty members of member or affiliate schools, who participate in or are assigned to any NIAA sanctioned sport.

2080.0202 *Students*

Any student appearing on a NIAA roster for any sport shall conduct himself/herself in accordance with the following Code of Ethics.

- a. Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after all contests.
- b. Respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by the rules of the games, contest or meet, and display no behavior that might insight fans.
- c. Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair game, contest or meet.
- d. Not make statements to the news media critical of any game official, the NIAA, or any other school's team, players, coaches, administrators or representatives. See, Regulation 2080.0306.
- e. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community by displaying positive behavior in public at all times.
- f. Live up to the high standards of sportsmanship established and expected by your coach and school.

2080.0203 *Coaches*

All member and affiliate schools of the NIAA entrust their coaches to contribute to the educational development of their students through athletic and/or non-athletic activities. In recognition of these expectations, it shall be the responsibility of a coach to follow the directions provided in the following Coaches Code of Ethics. Accordingly, all coaches shall:

- a. Abide by the spirit and letter of the NIAA's policies, rules and regulations as well as those of the National Federation of High Schools.
- b. Not make statements to the news media critical of any game official, the NIAA, or any other school's team, players, coaches, administrators or representatives. See, Regulation 2080.0306.
- c. Cooperate with others in the field of education and within the athletic department of the school.

- d. Exemplify behavior that is a credit to the teaching profession, your program and school.
- e. Exercise patience, tolerance and diplomacy in relations with all players, coaches, contest officials and spectators.
- f. Adhere to high ideals of sportsmanship including cooperation, courage, unselfishness and self-control, as well as desires for clean, healthful living and respect for discipline and authority.
- g. Support all reasonable actions to improve athletic conditions, to provide for adequate equipment, and to promote the welfare of all participants.
- h. Demonstrate high ideals, good habits and desirable attitudes in professional behavior, and demand the same standards of your student athletes.

2080.0204 *Officials*

The NIAA as well as its member and affiliate schools have entrusted officials to assist them in the educational development of their students through athletics. To fulfill this goal, officials must be independent, impartial and responsible to the people they serve. In recognition of these expectations, it shall be the responsibility of an official to follow the directives provided in the following Officials Code of Ethics. Violation of the Official's Code of Ethics shall constitute a violation of the NIAA rules and regulations and may result in sanctions or penalties to the offending party. Accordingly, an official shall:

- a. Place the welfare of the individual student above all other considerations.
- b. Maintain confidence and control from start of an assignment to finish.
- c. Devote time, thought and study to the rules of the contest and the mechanics necessary to carry out the rules so that one may render effective and credible service in a fair and unbiased manner.
- d. Work with fellow officials and the NIAA in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise from time to time.
- e. Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself or any school, team or student over the other.
- f. Avoid under all circumstances promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the students served.
- g. Constantly uphold the honor and dignity of an official in all personal conduct and relations with students, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public, and be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.
- h. Be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations, and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the contest.

- i. Remember and recognize that it is important to honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
- j. Not make any statements to the news media critical of any member or affiliate school, administrator, team, coach, student or other contest official of the NIAA. See, Regulation 2080.0306.
- k. Abstain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs on or in the vicinity of the playing area on the day of the contest.
- l. Act in a manner becoming of a professional person at all times. The conduct of any official influences the attitude of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.

2080.0205 *Administrators and Faculty Members*

Environment and setting the philosophy that shall permeate the conduct of their school, students, coaches, teams and representatives in all NIAA sanctioned sports. Accordingly, school administrators and faculty members shall adopt and follow the Administrators and Faculty Members Code of Ethics with respect to all NIAA sanctioned sports sponsored by their school. An administrator or faculty member shall:

- a. Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the school, the conference, and the state of Nevada.
- b. Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for all NIAA sanctioned sports hosted by the member or affiliate school.
- c. Support students, coaches and fans who teach and display good sportsmanship.
- d. Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.
- e. Attend all NIAA sanctioned sports whenever possible.
- f. Not make any statements to the news media critical of any school, administrator, team, coach, student, official or the NIAA. See, Regulation 2080.0306.
- g. Comply with the provisions of Regulation 2080.0402.

2080.03 *Unsportsmanlike Behavior And Conduct*

2080.0301 *Sportsmanship*

All students, administrators and faculty members, coaches and officials are expected to follow the Code of Ethics set forth in Regulations 2080.0202 through 2080.0205, at all times in which they are participating in a NIAA sanctioned sport.

- a. Any violation of the provisions of Regulations 2080.0202 through 2080.0205 may result in the imposition of the sanctions and penalties set forth in Regulation 2095.0201, below.
- b. Specific violations of Regulations 2080.0302 through 2080.0305, shall carry the penalties specified in each Regulation.

2080.0302 *Respect For Officials*

Authority vested in the game, contest or meet officials must be respected and upheld at all times.

- a. Any violation of Regulations 2080.0202 through 2080.0205 by a student, coach, administrator or faculty member of a member or affiliate school shall be documented in a written report prepared by the principal or designated administrator of the member or affiliate school in which the student is enrolled, or the coach, administrator or faculty member is employed.

- 1. A copy of the report of the incident shall be provided to the Executive Director within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence and shall include the names of all persons involved as well as a statement of the disciplinary action the member or affiliate school intends to impose against the team, student, coach, administrator or faculty member involved.

- 2. The Executive Director shall review the incident report as soon as is practical, and may impose additional sanctions against the team, student, coach, administrator or faculty member, as warranted.

- b. If an act of violence is committed against an official assigned to a game, contest, or meet by a fan, team, student, administrator or faculty member enrolled, employed, or affiliated with a member or affiliate school, the principal or designated administrator of the member or affiliate school which enrolls, employs, or has the affiliation with the individual or group involved shall prepare a written report of the incident and send the report to the Executive Director within twenty-four (24) hours following the occurrence.

- 1. An “act of violence” includes, but is not limited to the unwelcome and intentional touching, hitting or shoving of an official, as well as any conduct that threatens the safety of the official in any fashion.

- 2. The documentation provided to the Executive Director shall include a statement of the names of all persons involved in the incident as well as the disciplinary action the member or affiliate school has or will impose against the group or individual involved.

- 3. The Executive Director shall review the documentation as soon as is practical and may impose any penalty or sanction beyond those imposed by the member or affiliate school, including the penalties set forth at Regulations 2095.0201.

2080.0303 Ejections

An ejection occurs whenever a coach or student athlete is permanently removed from a game, contest or meet by an official assigned to the game, contest or meet.

a. Unsportsmanlike conduct, which results in the ejection of a student athlete or coach from a NIAA sanctioned sport, shall be treated as follows:

1. If the ejection occurs prior to the last game, contest or meet of a season, the student or coach shall be immediately removed from the game, contest, or meet in which the ejection occurred and shall be rendered ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game, contest or meet of that season.

2. If the ejection occurs during the last game, contest or meet of a particular season, the student or coach shall be immediately removed from the game, contest or meet in which the ejection occurred, and shall be rendered ineligible for the first scheduled game, contest or meet set for the following season in that sport.

3. Ejections occurring during the last game, contest or meet of a season which involves a student who is a senior shall result in that student being immediately removed from the game, contest or meet in which the ejection occurred, and the student shall be rendered ineligible for the first scheduled game, contest or meet of the next sport season in which the senior participates.

4. In all cases, if a student or coach has been rendered ineligible to participate due to an ejection, the student or coach is prohibited from being on the premises during that game, contest or meet and any other game, contest or meet from which the student or coach has been excluded as a result of the ejection.

b. A coach or student who is ejected from a game, contest or meet is prohibited from being on the premises during the game, contest or meet from which he/she has been ejected or rendered ineligible as a result of the ejection, as well as the next regularly scheduled game, contest or meet.

1. Premises shall be defined as the total area in which the game, contest or meet takes place including any area designated for spectators.

2. No student ejected from a game, contest or meet at a venue away from the student's home school shall be left unsupervised. It shall be the responsibility of the student's head coach to ensure proper adult supervision of the student takes place.

c. A second ejection of a coach or student athlete from a game, contest or meet during the same season must be reported to the Executive Director by the principal or designated administrator of the member or affiliate school employing or enrolling the coach or student, who shall be vested with authority to impose additional disciplinary action including the penalties outlined in Regulation 2095.0201.

d. A third ejection of a coach or student athlete from a game, contest or meet during the same season shall result in the coach or student athlete being suspended from participation in the sport for the remainder of the season.

e. It shall be the responsibility of the coach to know these Regulations and to impose the same against himself, his assistant coaches, and student athletes. The principal, designated administrator of the member or affiliate school or Executive Director may impose additional sanctions against the coach or student athlete in accordance with Regulation 2095.0201, if warranted.

f. There shall be no appeal from the decision of a game, contest or meet official to eject a coach or student athlete from a game, contest or meet.

2080.0304 Bench Clearing

A bench clearing incident occurs whenever before, during or after the course of a NIAA sanctioned sport a student athlete, group of student athletes, team, coach or coaches leave the bench, sideline or other area outside the designated playing field or area of play, and enter onto the designated playing field or area of play in response to an incident, altercation or fight occurring during the game, contest or meet.

a. A head coach is responsible for, and shall maintain control over, his student athletes during any game, contest or meet in which his student athletes compete. If a coach's student athletes leave the bench, sideline or other area outside the designated playing field or area of play, and enter onto the designated playing field or area of play in response to a bench clearing incident, the head coach shall be ejected for the remainder of that game, contest or meet and shall be suspended for the next scheduled game, contest or meet.

b. Coaches shall develop a plan of action to be implemented by their coaching staff and student athletes in response to any bench-clearing incident. The plan of action may include methods by which the coach and coaching staff assist game, contest or meet officials in preventing or subduing the bench clearing incident if:

1. Such assistance is designed to prevent student athletes from entering onto the designated playing field or area of play; and

2. Intervention by the coach and coaching staff reasonably facilitates the separation of student athletes from opposing student athletes and coaches.

c. Any student athlete who leaves the bench, sideline or other area outside the designated playing field or area of play, or who leaves a designated fielding position within the designated playing field or area of play to which the player has been assigned and, thereafter, enters onto the designated playing field or area of play in response to a bench clearing incident occurring before, during or after a game, contest or meet, is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be ejected from the game, contest or meet.

d. If the majority of a team, or both teams, leave the bench, sideline or other area outside the designated playing field or area of play and enter onto the designated playing field or area of play in response to a bench clearing incident occurring before, during or after a game, contest or meet, the team or teams commit an unsportsmanlike act which shall result in a forfeiture or double forfeiture of the game, contest or meet.

e. Any student athlete identified as being involved in a fight, altercation or incident which results in a bench clearing incident shall be ejected from that game, contest or meet, and shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game, contest or meet.

f. Any student athlete, coach or team found guilty of fighting two (2) times in a single season shall be suspended and rendered ineligible for the remainder of the season.

1. The Executive Director is authorized to impose additional sanctions if the second fighting incident occurs with two or less games, contests or meets remaining in the sport season. See, Regulation 2095.0201.

g. The head coach of a team and the principal or designated administrator of a member or affiliate school shall ensure that their team and student athletes who comprise the team act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

1. If an unsportsmanlike incident occurs the principal or designated administrator of the member or affiliate school involved, or the Executive Director, shall suspend or declare ineligible the coach, team or student athlete for a period of time beyond those stated in Regulation 2080.0305, if the circumstances so warrant.

2080.0305 *Comments To The Media*

At no time shall a coach, official, administrator or student athlete make a derogatory comment to the media regarding any individual, official or school involved in any game, contest or meet. A violation of this Regulation shall result in an investigation and if substantiated, a minimum of a one game suspension shall result.

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2080.0306 *Imposition Of Discipline For Unsportsmanlike Conduct Or Behavior*

The disciplinary sanctions set forth in Regulation 2080.0302 through 2080.0305 may be administered by the game, contest or meet officials, member or affiliate school administrators, Executive Director, or any combination thereof.

a. Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed immediately during a game, contest or meet, or following the review of a videotape or written incident report, regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior.

b. Any disciplinary sanction imposed by a game, contest or meet official or an administrator of a member or affiliate school, must be reported immediately to the Commissioner of Officials who shall thereafter report the incident to the Executive Director.

2080.04 Guidelines For Game, Contest And Event Behavior

2080.0401 *Generally*

Coaches, administrators and faculty members of member and affiliate schools who are involved with NIAA sanctioned sports are role models for the students involved in such programs whether in the classroom, on the practice field, or at games, contests and meets. Accordingly, all coaches, administrators and faculty members of member and affiliate schools are expected to follow and uphold the respective Code of Ethics applicable to their positions outlined in Regulation 2080.0203 and 2080.0205, above.

2080.0402 *Professional Behavior And Maintenance Of Decorum At NIAA Sanctioned Sports, Activities And Events*

a. All coaches, administrators and faculty members of member and affiliate schools who are involved or have responsibility for any NIAA sanctioned sport shall refrain from the following behaviors:

1. The use of alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco while in direct supervision of students during practices, games, contests and meets.
2. The use of foul or abusive language, insulting gestures, or abusive physical contact toward any student, official or other person associated with any practice, game, contest or meet.
3. The taunting of any official, student athlete, team, coach or spectator at any game, contest or meet.
4. The exercising of any conduct which may incite a fight, violence or other unsportsmanlike act.

b. Coaches, administrators and faculty members of any member or affiliate school are responsible for assuring that all games, contests and meets in which their team or student athletes participate are conducted in a professional manner with the highest degree of sportsmanship exhibited by all participants in the game, contest or meet.

1. Any coach, administrator or faculty member involved in, or responsible for, any NIAA sanctioned game, activity or meet shall exercise the authority of their position to ensure the game, contest or meet is conducted with the utmost of good sportsmanship.
2. Any violations occurring at a game, contest or meet shall be documented in a written report containing the names of all persons involved, and sent to the Executive Director for his review within twenty-four (24) hours following the occurrence.
3. The Executive Director shall review the report as soon as is practical, and shall be vested with authority to impose any appropriate sanction against the offending party. See, Regulation 2095.0201.

- c. Coaches, administrators and faculty members of any member or affiliate school are responsible for the conduct of their fans at any game, contest or meet, shall intervene if any unsportsmanlike conduct occurs through their fans, and shall administer appropriate sanctions or discipline against the offending party.

2080.05 Penalties and Sanctions

2080.0501 Generally

The Executive Director is vested with authority to impose any appropriate sanction or penalty including the penalties and sanctions listed in NIAA Regulation 2095.0201 whenever disciplinary action is necessary to enforce any NIAA Regulation, or when a NIAA Regulation allows the enforcement of a penalty or sanction in addition to that provided by the specific NIAA Regulation.

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REGULATION 2090

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

2090.01 General Rules

2090.0101 General Rule

All NIAA Rules and Regulations are subject to appeal by an aggrieved student, or member or affiliate school, unless specifically stated to the contrary. The procedure for the filing and processing of complaints and appeals from matters involving NIAA Regulations are set forth below.

2090.0102 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the words and/or phrases below with respect to interpretation of NIAA Regulation 2090.

- a. "Complaint" means a formal charge filed with the NIAA by a principal of a member or affiliate school, or any person alleging that a student, coach, official, affiliate or member school has violated a specific NIAA Regulation.
- b. "Complainant" means the person, or member or affiliate school that has submitted a formal complaint.
- c. "Hardship" means unusual circumstances that go beyond the normal control of the student or his family, or both, and which are unrelated to participation of the student in NIAA competition.

2090.02 *Complaint Procedure*

2090.0201* *Generally

Complaints which charge a member or affiliate school or a student thereof with misconduct or a violation of a school, school district or NIAA Regulation, or any combination thereof, shall be made in writing by the complainant with any documentation supporting the charge attached thereto, and shall be sent or delivered to the Executive Director or his designee with a copy to the principal of the member or affiliate school that has allegedly committed the violation or infraction. If the complaint is lodged by a member or affiliate school, the Executive Director shall recommend the process begin with a courtesy call from the complainant to the principal of the member or affiliate school in which the infraction has allegedly occurred.

- a. Following receipt of the written complaint, the principal of the member or affiliate school, or the principal of the member or affiliate school which enrolls the student charged, shall provide a written response, together with any supporting documentation, to the Executive Director or his designee.
- b. Following receipt of the written response referenced in paragraph (a), above, the Executive Director or his designee shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the complaint has factual and legal merit and what, if any, disciplinary action is warranted.
- c. Following investigation pursuant to subsection (b) above, the Executive Director or his designee shall mail his written decision to the principal of the member or affiliate school charged and to the student involved, if applicable. The date of receipt of the decision shall be deemed to be the date stamped on the envelope by the postal service or the third day following the mailing.
- d. Following receipt of an adverse decision by the Executive Director, or his designee, the member or affiliate school charged or the student involved, may appeal the Executive Director's decision to a Level II Appeal in accordance with the provisions of NIAA Regulation 2090.0305.

2090.03 *Student Hardship Appeals and Procedures*

2090.0301* *General Rule

All NIAA Regulations, which adversely impact a student, are subject to a hardship appeal by the student unless otherwise stated in the Regulation at issue. A student shall be deemed to have established the existence of a hardship by proving through a preponderance of the evidence, the existence of the following criteria:

- a. It is evident that a hardship, as defined in Regulation 2090.02(c), exists; and
- b. In situations involving the transfer of a student, there is no evidence the student was recruited in any way.

2090.0302 *Level I Appeals - Clark and Washoe County School Districts*

The Clark and Washoe County School Districts shall establish Level I appeal procedures applicable to students attending the respective District's schools. Such appeals may be conducted by a District level administrator responsible for interpreting and enforcing NIAA Regulations, a panel of principals from member or affiliate schools within the District, or any combination thereof.

2090.0303 *Level I Appeals - Small Counties and Private Schools*

Any appeal involving a student enrolled in a member or affiliate school outside the jurisdiction of the Clark or Washoe County School Districts, or who is enrolled in a private school, shall initially be made to the Executive Director.

2090.0304 *Level I Appeal Procedures*

A student who is declared ineligible to participate in any NIAA sanctioned sport shall have a right to appeal that determination to the appropriate individual or panel described in NIAA Regulations 2090.0302 and 2090.0303, above.

- a. The student's appeal shall be in writing and must contain, at a minimum, the following:
 1. The name of the student and the school attended by the student;
 2. The description of the hardship or circumstance which prevents the student from complying with the Regulation at issue, and any other documentation or information supporting the position of the student regarding the appeal.
- b. The district administrator, panel or Executive Director responsible for the Level I appeal shall review the written information received from the student pursuant to subsection (a). Following the review the district administrator, panel or Executive Director may:
 1. Grant the appeal;
 2. Deny the appeal; or
 3. Direct the appeal be heard in accordance with the procedures set forth for appeals at Level II, in accordance with Regulation 2090.0305.
- c. The district administrator, panel or Executive Director shall notify in writing the student and the schools involved in the appeal after reaching a decision.
- d. A student aggrieved by the decision rendered at Level I shall have the right to appeal that decision to a Level II appeal hearing pursuant to Regulation 2090.0305.

2090.0305 *Level II Appeal; Hearing Officer*

A student adversely affected by a Level I decision shall have a right to a Level II appeal. If the district administrator, panel or Executive Director direct a Level I appeal be initially heard at Level II, the Level I appeal shall be heard in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

a. The Level II appeal shall be heard by a Hearing Officer approved by the Board of Control to hear Level II appeals, and appointed by the Executive Director.

b. A non-refundable fee of **\$500.00** payable to the NIAA shall be remitted by the student or the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the student with the student's appeal.

1. The filing fee may be waived if the student qualifies for the federal school lunch program or if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, payment of the fee will cause substantial financial hardship to the student.

c. All Level II appeals shall be heard in either Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada, unless the Executive Director decides the matter may be heard at some other location.

d. The Level II appeal shall be conducted as follows:

1. The proceedings shall be closed to the public to protect the privacy interests of any student under the age of eighteen (18).

A. A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) may elect to have the hearing open to the public.

2. The proceedings shall be tape-recorded.

3. The Hearing Officer appointed by the Executive Director shall conduct the hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth for administrative hearings in NRS Chapter 233B.

4. The student shall have an opportunity to call witnesses and present oral and documentary evidence in support of the student's position.

5. The NIAA shall be represented by its legal counsel who may call witnesses and present oral and documentary evidence in support of the NIAA's position.

6. The Hearing Officer may examine the student, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and any other witness at the hearing.

7. The student and the NIAA shall have the right to present closing statements to the Hearing Officer following the taking of evidence.

8. At the close of the evidence, and following conclusion of any closing statements, the Hearing Officer shall declare the hearing closed.

9. The Hearing Officer shall, within fourteen (14) days following the close of the hearing, issue Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision to the student,

administrators of the member or affiliate schools affected by the decision, and the Executive Director, and NIAA legal counsel.

e. The decision of the Hearing Officer shall be binding and not subject to further administrative appeal.

f. The office of the Executive Director shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Hearing Officer, and shall reimburse any per diem, travel expenses, and fees charged by the Hearing Officer from an account set up to receive and disburse the fees for appeals.

2090.04 Member or Affiliate School Appeals From Adverse Determinations

2090.0401 Member or Affiliate School Appeals

A member or affiliate school found by the Executive Director to have committed a violation of school, school district or NIAA Regulations, or any combination thereof, pursuant to NIAA Regulation 2090.0201(c), shall have a right to appeal that decision in accordance with the procedures set forth in Regulation 2090.0305.

2090.05 Game, Contest or Meet Appeals

All decisions of game, contest or meet officials are final and binding unless a protest procedure exists under the official rulebook of the National Federation of High Schools for the sport in question. In such cases, the protest procedure from the official rulebook of the NFHS shall be followed.

2090.06 Procedures For Applications To Withdraw Or Re-Enter NIAA Membership

The following procedures apply to any member or affiliate school seeking to withdraw or re-enter from membership within the NIAA.

a. Upon receipt of a request of a member or affiliate school to withdraw or re-enter the NIAA, the Board of Control shall require the requesting school to complete an application form and supply such information as the Board deems necessary to evaluate the impact of the withdrawal or re-entry upon the interscholastic activities of the existing membership.

b. Upon the receipt of the application, information and a non-refundable application fee of \$850.00, the Board of Control shall survey its membership for comments concerning how the proposed withdrawal or re-entry effects the interscholastic activities of the existing membership, including, but not limited to, out-of-state school time, transportation and per diem costs, length of seasons and competitive factors.

c. The Board shall notify the applicant of the date, time and place for a public hearing before the Board of Control, at which time, representatives of the applicant and the existing membership are entitled to appear and testify before the Board of Control concerning the

impact of the proposed withdrawal or re-entry on the interscholastic activities of the existing membership.

d. Within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, the Board of Control shall issue its decision on the application and shall mail the decision to the applicant. The date of receipt shall be deemed the date stamped on the envelope by the postal service, or the third (3rd) day following its mailing.

e. Within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the decision of the Board of Control, the Executive Director shall notify the Legislative Commission of the application and the action of the Board of Control. The application must be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislative Commission. The Legislative Commission shall mail a notice of the date, time and place of the meeting to the applicant.

f. At the time fixed by the Legislative Commission, the applicant and a representative of the Board of Control may appear and present the position of the applicant and the Board of Control in regard to the proposed withdrawal or re-entry.

g. Within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, the Legislative Commission shall issue its decision and mail it to the applicant and the Board of Control.

h. The decision of the Legislative Commission is final and binding on both the applicant and the Board of Control.

i. The office of the Executive Director shall provide administrative, legal and clerical support to the Legislative Commission and Board of Control, and shall reimburse any per diem and travel expenses of the Legislative Commission and Board of Control from an account set up to receive and disburse the fees for such applications.

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REGULATION 2095

PROHIBITED CONDUCT BY MEMBER OR AFFILIATE SCHOOL AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

2095.01 *General Rules*

2095.0101* *General Rule

Member and affiliate schools are expected to abide by and uphold all of the NIAA's Regulations. A violation, or repeated violations, of any NIAA Regulation by member or affiliate schools shall be grounds for filing a complaint against the school committing the violation or violations. Any person having knowledge of a violation of any NIAA Regulation by a member of affiliate school may file a complaint with the Executive Director pursuant to NIAA Regulation 2090.0201.

2095.0102 *Postponement Of Game, Contest or Meet*

No member or affiliate school may willfully postpone a game without first securing approval from the principals of both member and/or affiliate schools and following the regulations of the class of which the member or affiliate school belongs regarding postponement.

2095.0103 *Cancellation And Forfeiture Of Game, Contest Or Meet*

No member or affiliate school may willfully cancel a game, contest or meet, or any games, contests or meets, without the approval of the Executive Director, who shall determine the validity of the request for the cancellation.

- a. A violation of this Regulation may subject the offending school to suspension from the NIAA.
- b. Member or affiliate schools withdrawing from the NIAA during season play shall show on their record “no contest” for games played following withdrawal. Before the activity may be reinstated, the Board of Control shall evaluate the reasons for the member or affiliate school’s prior cancellation and establish conditions for reinstatement of the cancelled activity.

2095.0104 *Schools With Which Game, Contest or Meet Prohibited*

No member or affiliate schools may engage in any game, contest or meet, or tournament, with any school that has been suspended or expelled from the recognized athletic association of that school’s state.

2095.02 *Disciplinary Action*

2095.0201 *General Rule*

If disciplinary action is deemed necessary for the enforcement of any NIAA Regulation, ***or violation of NIAA Regulations***, such disciplinary action may consist of any of the following, or a combination thereof:

- a. ***Sanction*** - is official notice that ***misconduct*** has taken place. The action becomes a matter of record with the NIAA and may not occur again or further disciplinary action up to and including suspension may be enforced.
- b. Probation - a school placed on probation is restricted from participating in any divisional, league or state championship activities. A member or affiliate school placed on probation in a sport may be restricted for a designated period, not to exceed one year. Any repeat offense will result in suspension.
- c. Suspension - prohibits the participation of member or affiliate schools with any state athletic association affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations during the period of the suspension. Suspension may not be invoked for more than one calendar year. Suspension of a coach or other

responsible person for a period of not less than one week or more than one year may also be invoked in appropriate situations.

d. Fines - member or affiliate schools that have violated NIAA Regulations may be fined in an amount not to exceed \$1000.

e. A suspension or fine may be recommended at any level of appeal involving a member school set forth at NIAA Regulations 2090.0201 and 2090.0305. The Board of Control must approve any suspension or fine before it becomes final.

f. In any situation in which penalties or sanctions be imposed against a member or affiliate school, or any student, the Executive Director shall, in his sole discretion, be allowed to impose an appropriate sanction or penalty.

REGULATION 2100

CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENT

2100.01 Classification and Alignment

The Board shall appoint a committee consisting of representatives from member schools and the Board. The committee shall survey the member schools, study competitive factors and submit to the Board recommendations for the classification and alignment of the member schools. The Board shall hold a public hearing to consider the recommendations after giving notice of the hearing to the member schools. The classification and alignment of the member schools must be determined by a majority vote of the Board. The determination is final and binding on the member schools.

The committee and the Board shall consider the following guidelines when determining the classification and alignment of member schools:

1. Member schools must be aligned and classified primarily based on the number of pupils enrolled at each school. The current classifications are:

Class 1A	0-169
Class 2A	170-460
Class 3A	461-1200
Class 4A	1201 & Above
2. Enrollment figures for the ninth to twelfth grades inclusive must be taken from the Department of Education's enrollment report the first month of the school year.

EXAMPLE:

 - a. Enrollment taken September **2003**
 - b. Realignment effective August **2004**
 - c. Effective for four years
 - d. Enrollment taken September **2006**
 - e. Realignment effective August **2007** for four years.
3. The committee and the Board shall consider the following factors in determining the alignment of a school:

- a. Geographic factors.
 - b. Travel requirements.
 - c. Traditional rivalries.
 - d. Financial factors.
 - e. Competitive factors.
4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the classification and alignment of a member school may be revised no more often than every four years.
 5. If at any time during the four-year alignment a school's enrollment increases above or decreases below the maximum enrollment allowed in a particular class, the following guidelines will be used.
 - a. The school will notify the NIAA that their enrollment has moved above or below the maximum allowable class enrollments.
 - b. For schools increasing in size: The school will be placed on review status for one year. The enrollments will be re-examined the next September and if they still exceed the maximum allowable class enrollments, they will be placed in the next highest Class for the next school year.

EXAMPLE:

- September, **2002** --
A Class 1A school has an enrollment of 166 students. In the **2002-2003** school year, the school will remain in the Class 1A.
 - September, **2003** --
If their enrollment still exceeds 165 students they will be placed in the Class 2A in the fall of **2004**. If their enrollment drops below 166 students, the school will remain in the Class 1A for the next school year and this process would have to be repeated if their enrollment exceeds the maximum in future years.
- c. For schools decreasing in size: The school will be placed on review status for one year. The enrollments will be re-examined the next September and if they are still below the minimum allowable Class enrollments, they will be placed in the next lowest Class for the next school year.

EXAMPLE:

- September, **2002** --
A Class 2A school has an enrollment of 164 students. In the **2002-2003** school year, the school will remain in the Class 2A.
 - September, **2003** --
If their enrollment is still below 165 students they will be placed in the Class 1A in the fall of **2004**. If their enrollment rises above 165 students, the school will remain in the Class 2A for the next school year and this process would have to be repeated if their enrollment drops below the minimum in future years.
6. The Board shall establish within a classification athletic leagues composed of two or more member schools. The Board may establish within the athletic regions leagues composed of two or more schools.
 7. If a member school determines that the pupils of the school cannot successfully compete in a sport in the athletic region or athletic league which is part of the

alignment of the school designated by the Board, or the school feels it would be in their best interest to compete in a higher/lower classification, the school may request in writing, that the Board allow the pupils of the school to participate in an athletic region or athletic league which is not part of the alignment of the school designated by the Board. This request must be submitted as an agenda item before the next regularly scheduled NIAA Board meeting. To become effective for the upcoming school year, appeals must be heard and approved at the regularly scheduled meetings held in September or November. The school has the burden of establishing that the request furthers the goal of achieving a competitive balance among the member schools. The approval of the request is subject to such terms and conditions as are set forth by the Board. The decision of the Board is final and binding on the member schools.

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REGULATION 2120

OFFICIALS

2120.01 Registering Non-Association Officials

Member schools are advised to review the Nevada State Officials Association Constitution, located in this Handbook.

When registering with the NIAA as a non-association official, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. Applications and fees for the various sports seasons must be received in the NIAA office per the following schedule:
 - Fall Sports (Football, Soccer, Girls' Volleyball) by August 15.
 - Winter Sports (Basketball, Wrestling) by November 1.
 - Spring Sports (Baseball, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field) by February 15.
2. Completed tests must be returned to the Association office within two weeks after receipt.
 - a. Part II of each test will be a closed book test and administered by the local high school administration.
3. A passing score of 70% or better is necessary on the sport tests.
4. The regional commissioner has sole responsibility in assigning non-association officials.
5. Travel costs involved in officiating will be a prime consideration when assigning registered officials.
6. Member school shall notify the commissioners prior to the beginning of any sport season if they are going to use non-association officials.
7. Schedules for all activities shall be sent to each regional commissioner 60 days prior to the sport season if assignments are to be made.

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REGULATION 2130

PASSES

2130.01 *Passes*

The NIAA Board may issue lifetime and courtesy passes. A lifetime and courtesy pass must be accepted in lieu of money as admission to any event sanctioned by the NIAA.

2130.02 *Lifetime Pass*

The following persons are eligible to receive a lifetime pass:

1. A member of the NIAA Hall of Fame.
2. A member of the NIAA Board when service as a member is terminated.

Any other person must be nominated to receive a lifetime pass. The NIAA will accept nominations from the following:

1. Legislative Commission.
2. NIAA Board Members.
3. Principals of Member Schools.
4. Executive Director.

The NIAA Board may consider the nominations of the following:

1. A retired school superintendent.
2. A retired high school administrator.
3. A person who served at least 25 years in the support of the athletic program of a member school including, but not limited to, service as a:
 - a. Coach.
 - b. Athletic administrator.
 - c. Game official.
 - d. Member of a school board.
 - e. Team doctor.
4. As used in this section, "retired" means a person who is receiving retirement benefits from the Public Employees' Retirement System.

The NIAA will provide forms on which a nomination for a lifetime pass must be submitted. (See NIAA Reference Manual) The nomination for a lifetime pass must be received by the NIAA not later than 30 days before the next scheduled meeting of the NIAA Board. A majority vote of the Board is required for the issuance of a lifetime pass to a nominee.

2130.03 *Courtesy Pass*

NIAA activity cards are available for \$35.00 each for superintendents, school trustees, principals, school administrators, deans, athletic administrator, athletic directors (if applicable), cheer advisor,

NASC advisor, head coaches and assistant coaches of **sanctioned activities** only, officials, and/or other individuals deemed important to high school athletics in the school. The card admits the holder and one guest to any interschool activity sponsored by this Association or any member school of this Association. **Cards must be ordered in writing, signed by authorized school administrator (superintendent, principal, athletic administrator) and accompanied by a check for the total amount of cards ordered.** Activity cards are non-transferable.

Only one card will be issued to each person. If an individual works at two schools, school districts, or holds two different positions, or any combination of the above, he/she will only be issued one card.

The NIAA reserves the right to revoke any card for improper use and has the right to require picture ID for entrance to an event.

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2130.04 Playoff Pass

Tournament directors shall issue playoff passes to schools qualifying for events sponsored by the NIAA.

2130.05 NSOA Pass

This pass will not be issued to officials. Officials may purchase a courtesy card as per Regulation 2130.03.

2130.06 League/Region Pass

A league/region may publish and issue passes for regular season games. Such league/region passes must not be accepted in lieu of money as admission to regional or state playoffs.

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REGULATION 3000

PURCHASING

3000.01 Purchasing

All purchases shall be made for the best price available with free opportunity for all vendors to bid or make a price quotation.

The Board shall:

1. Obtain the maximum value for each dollar expended.
2. Purchase without favor or prejudice.
3. Give all qualified bidders equal opportunity to compete for NIAA business.
4. Serve the best interest of the Association in all transactions.
5. Attract and develop a group of responsible bidders.
6. Publicly advertise bids in the best possible manner.
7. Establish specifications that are descriptive in nature yet do not restrict competitive bidding or limit the Association in procurement of goods.

In accordance with the above, the NIAA will purchase all supplies, equipment, and services used by the NIAA in the following manner.

3000.0101 Purchases \$1,000 to \$2,499

Competitive quotations must be obtained from at least three responsible vendors. Quotations may be solicited by telephone. The telephone bids must become a part of the permanent file. If in the judgment of the buyer certain quotations are the lowest received and are from a responsible bidder who can meet delivery requirements, the order may be placed at once.

3000.0102 Purchases \$2,500 and Up

All purchases of \$2,500 and over must be acquired through the sealed bid method. The bid requirements must be publicly advertised and the received bids publicly opened at the time and place so designated in the public notice to bidders. After bids are opened the NIAA will abstract and evaluate the received bids. The Executive Director shall submit his recommendation to the Board for their approval and successful bidders will be notified within 10 days.

See NIAA Reference Manual for Notice to Bidders Form, Invitation and Bid Form, and Terms and Conditions of the Invitation and Bid.

Adopted: May, '83;

REGULATION 4000

RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS

4000.01 Broadcasting and Televising Rights

All rights to radio and television broadcasts at regional and state tournaments are reserved to the NIAA and may be granted only by the NIAA Board or its designated agent.

4000.02 Permission to Telecast

Permission to telecast live or delayed events must be approved by the NIAA's designated agent.

4000.03 Permission to (Radio) Broadcast

Permission to broadcast live or delayed events must be approved by the NIAA's designated agent.

4000.04 Station Requests

If more stations request permission to broadcast and/or telecast events than can be accommodated, the hometown stations of the participating schools will be given first consideration. Stations then will be given permission to broadcast and telecast in the order that requests are received.

Should more than one station from the same service area request permission to broadcast and/or telecast events, permission will be granted based on service to the involved school(s) during the regular season.

4000.05 Radio Passes

Only stations broadcasting tournaments will be allowed passes. Those stations will be allowed a maximum of two passes.

4000.06 Television Passes

The NIAA's designated agent will determine the number of telecasting passes allowed. Only TV stations that are televising the tournament will be allowed tournament passes.

4000.07 Educational TV Telecasting

The NIAA Board shall recognize the differences in educational and commercial TV stations. Recognizing this fact, the Board or its agent may waive the fee for educational telecasting of regional and state tournaments if it appears to be in the best interest of the NIAA and the activity.

4000.08 Exclusive Rights

Any exclusive rights agreements must be approved by the Board.

4000.09 Fees for Telecasting and Broadcasting

The following fees shall be charged for telecasting and broadcasting events:

	1A	2A	3A	4A
Live League/Regional Telecast	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Delayed League/Regional Telecast	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
Live State Telecast	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Delayed State Telecast	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Live or Delayed League/Regional Radio	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Live or Delayed State Radio	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00

The placement of NIAA Public Service Announcements during region and state tournaments will be required. The placement of NIAA sponsors may also be required.

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