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A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law ...

Section 1. NAC 385B.106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.106 1. The Board consists of nine voting members selected from the administrative regions established pursuant to NAC 385B.104. The Board is the governing body of the Association.

2. In addition to the voting members specified in subsection 1, the Board includes the following nonvoting members:

(a) The president of:

(1) Each ~~class~~ *administrative organization* established pursuant to NAC ~~385B.250;~~ *385B.230;*

(2) The private schools selected pursuant to NAC 385B.240; and

(3) The Nevada Athletic Directors Association or its successor organization;

(b) A representative from *an administrative organization for* Class 4A ~~{North}~~ *who resides in northern Nevada and* who is not serving as a nonvoting member pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a);

(c) A representative from *an administrative organization for* Class 4A ~~{South}~~ *who resides in southern Nevada and* who is not serving as ~~{such}~~ a nonvoting member ~~{;}~~ *pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a);*

(d) A representative appointed by the Nevada Association of School Administrators or its successor organization;

(e) A representative appointed by an association of sports officials approved by the Association; and

(f) A representative from a charter school that is a member school.

3. Each nonvoting member specified in subsection 2 serves for a term of 2 years.

Sec. 2. NAC 385B.114 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.114 The Board shall:

1. Employ an Executive Director, set and provide for the payment of his or her salary and, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, prescribe his or her powers and duties;

2. Provide facilities and equipment and hire employees required to conduct the business of the Association;

3. Adopt an annual budget for the Association and establish the dues required for membership in the Association in accordance with NAC 385B.212;

4. In accordance with NAC 385B.250, assign each member school to ~~{the required classes}~~ *a class for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates* and approved leagues within those classes;

5. Provide for the organization, supervision and certification of sports officials for all interscholastic activities under its jurisdiction in accordance with this chapter;

6. Control each interscholastic activity in which a member school participates in accordance with this chapter; and

7. Authorize the Executive Director to conduct an investigation concerning any violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 3. NAC 385B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.200 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.208 and 385B.210, any public high school in this State may apply to the Board for membership in the Association. The application must be submitted:

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

(b) Not later than July 1 of the year in which the school applies for membership in the Association.

2. The Board shall approve an application submitted pursuant to subsection 1 if:

(a) The board of trustees or governing board of the school adopts the regulations of the Association as its code governing interscholastic activities;

(b) The applicant pays the annual dues required pursuant to NAC 385B.212; and

(c) The applicant agrees to comply with the policies and regulations of the Association.

3. A high school that is located in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon or Utah may submit an application to the Board for admission as an affiliate school. The application must be submitted:

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

(b) Not later than July 1 of the year in which the school applies for membership in the Association.

4. A high school that submits an application pursuant to subsection 3 may be admitted as an affiliate school if:

(a) The school is recommended for membership in the Association by:

(1) A member school; and

(2) The committee appointed by the Executive Director to inspect the facilities of the school;

(b) The school submits to the Association specific information relating to the athletic programs of the school and any other information that may assist the Association in considering the application;

(c) The school complies with the requirements of the Association for accreditation;

(d) After considering the possible effect the addition of the school will have upon out-of-state school time, costs of transportation, costs of per diem allowances, duration of seasons and factors concerning the level of competition among schools, the school is approved for membership by at least two-thirds of the ~~{schools that are assigned to}~~ *members of the administrative organization for the class ~~{and league of}~~ into which the school will be ~~{a member;}~~ placed for a majority of the sanctioned sports in which it participates or, if no majority exists, the administrative organization for the class into which the school will be placed for at least one sanctioned sport in which it participates.*

(e) The school pays a nonrefundable fee of \$850 for the application; and

(f) The Board and the Legislative Commission approve the application.

5. The Executive Director shall, within 30 days after the Board and Legislative Commission approve or deny an application, notify the applicant in writing of the decision of the Board and Legislative Commission.

Sec. 4. NAC 385B.202 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.202 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.208 and 385B.210, any high school in this State with an enrollment of less than 500 pupils may apply for membership in the Association by submitting a written request to the Executive Director.

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

3. ~~{A school that is placed on independent status shall, if}~~ *If* the *administrative organization for the* class into which the school ~~{is}~~ *has been* placed *for a majority of the sanctioned sports in which it participates or, if no majority exists, the administrative organization for the class into which the school has been placed for at least one sanctioned sport in which it participates,* conducts a meeting of the ~~{class}~~ *administrative organization* not later than August 31 of the year after the school is placed on independent status, *the school shall* attend the meeting of the ~~{class}~~ *administrative organization* and submit a request for membership in the Association at

that meeting. As soon as practicable after the meeting, the members of the ~~class~~ *administrative organization* shall evaluate:

(a) The facilities of the school; and

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

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

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

4. As soon as practicable after conducting an evaluation of a school pursuant to subsection 3, the ~~class~~ *administrative organization* shall submit to the Board a recommendation to approve or deny the written request of the school for membership in the Association.

5. If the Board approves a written request for membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 4, the Board shall, in accordance with NAC 385B.250, place the school in a class *for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates* and align it in a league *for those sanctioned sports* for the school year after the Board approves the request.

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

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

~~(b)~~ 7. If the Board receives a written request for membership in the Association pursuant to subsection 1, the Board shall ~~be based upon twice the number of pupils specified in the count of enrollment for the school year in which the Board considers the written request,~~ place the

school in a class *for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates* and align it in a league *for those sanctioned sports* pursuant to NAC 385B.250.

Sec. 5. NAC 385B.208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.208 1. The Board may approve an application submitted pursuant to NAC 385B.206 if:

(a) The board of trustees or governing body of the school adopts the regulations of the Association as its code governing interscholastic activities;

(b) The applicant pays the annual dues required pursuant to NAC 385B.212;

(c) The applicant agrees to comply with the policies and regulations of the Association; and

(d) The Board determines that granting associate membership to the school will not compromise the competitive integrity of ~~the~~ *each* league in which the school is aligned pursuant to NAC 385B.250.

2. A high school that is granted associate membership in the Association pursuant to this section:

(a) May participate on a restricted schedule approved by the Board in each sanctioned sport against any member school or affiliate school;

(b) May not participate in any state championship for a sanctioned sport; and

(c) May not apply for or hold any other type of membership in the Association until the next time the Board aligns the school in a league *for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 after granting associate membership to the school.

3. If the Board grants associate membership to a high school pursuant to this section, the Board shall, at the time the Board aligns the school in a league *for each sanctioned sport in*

which the school participates pursuant to NAC 385B.250, determine the number of games, contests or meets in which the school may participate for each sanctioned sport.

Sec. 6. NAC 385B.216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.216 1. The Executive Director may revoke the membership of an affiliate school in the Association if:

(a) A member school recommends the revocation;

(b) The revocation is approved by at least two-thirds of the ~~{schools that are assigned to}~~ *members of the administrative organization for* the class ~~{and league of}~~ *into* which the school ~~{is a member;}~~ *has been placed for a majority of the sanctioned sports in which it participates or, if no majority exists, the administrative organization for the class into which the school has been placed for at least one sanctioned sport in which it participates;* and

(c) The Board and the Legislative Commission approve the revocation.

2. The Executive Director shall, within 30 days after the Board and Legislative Commission approve or deny the revocation of the membership of the affiliate school in the Association, notify the affiliate school in writing of the decision of the Board and Legislative Commission.

3. If the membership of an affiliate school is considered for revocation pursuant to this section, the Executive Director shall, until the affiliate school is notified in writing pursuant to subsection 2, notify the affiliate school of each hearing in which the revocation is considered. A representative or legal counsel of the affiliate school may appear at any such hearing to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

Sec. 7. NAC 385B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.230 1. Each school that is placed in a class *for at least one sanctioned sport in which the school participates* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 may appoint a principal, assistant

principal or athletic director of the school to serve as a member of an administrative organization for ~~the~~ a class ~~+~~ *in accordance with the provisions of subsections 2 and 3.*

2. *If a school has been placed into only one class for the sanctioned sports in which the school participates, the school may appoint a person described in subsection 1 to serve as a member of an administrative organization for that class.*

3. *If a school has been placed into multiple classes for the sanctioned sports in which the school participates, the school may appoint a person described in subsection 1 to serve as a member of an administrative organization for the class into which the school has been placed for a majority of the sanctioned sports in which it participates. If no majority exists, the school may choose one class into which it has been placed for a sanctioned sport and appoint a person described in subsection 1 to serve as a member of an administrative organization for that class.*

4. Each administrative organization may, on or before the last day of the first week in May of each year, elect from among its members a president, vice president and secretary.

Sec. 8. NAC 385B.232 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.232 An administrative organization established pursuant to NAC 385B.230:

1. Shall comply with the provisions of this chapter;
2. Shall not adopt a regulation that conflicts with a provision of this chapter, except that the administrative organization may adopt a regulation relating to participation in a sanctioned sport by a school that is placed in the class *for the sanctioned sport* that is stricter than any provision of those sections;
3. Shall not prohibit a person or school from appealing any decision to the Executive Director in accordance with this chapter;

4. May approve a schedule for the class for participation in a sanctioned sport;
5. May establish qualifications for participation in a state tournament for a team of a school that is placed in the class ~~{}~~ *for a sanctioned sport*; and
6. May conduct a league, regional or state tournament in the manner specified by the Board and the tournament committee for the Board.

Sec. 9. NAC 385B.234 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.234 1. Each administrative organization established pursuant to NAC 385B.230 shall conduct at least two regular meetings of the administrative organization each year. The administrative organization shall, at least 10 days before conducting a meeting pursuant to this section, provide a written notice of the meeting to each school that is placed in the class *for a sanctioned sport* pursuant to NAC 385B.250. A written notice of a regular meeting provided to a school pursuant to this section must include an agenda for the meeting.

2. An administrative organization may, at any regular meeting of the organization, take action on any item regardless of whether the item is set forth in the written notice or agenda for the meeting.

3. The president of an administrative organization or a majority of the ~~{schools that are placed in a class pursuant to NAC 385B.250}~~ *members of an administrative organization* may call a special meeting of the administrative organization by providing at least 10 days' written notice of the special meeting to each ~~{school in that}~~ *member of that* organization setting forth the date, time and place of the meeting.

Sec. 10. NAC 385B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.210, the Board shall, not later than ~~{September 1, 2006, and every 4 years thereafter.}~~ *November 1 of each even-numbered*

year, appoint a committee to place each school in a class *for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates* and align that school in a league or region ~~+~~ *for the sanctioned sport*. The committee must consist of the members of the Board who are selected by the Board for that purpose and one or more representatives from each ~~{classification of schools}~~ *administrative organization established pursuant to NAC 385B.230* who are selected by the Board for that purpose. As soon as practicable after the creation of the committee, the committee shall consider the requirements for the classification *and alignment* of each school *for each sanctioned sport* pursuant to ~~{subsection 3 along with any relevant considerations set forth in subsection 4}~~ *this section* and submit to the Board a written recommendation for the classification and alignment of each school ~~+~~ *for each sanctioned sport*. The written recommendation must be submitted on or before the date specified by the Board for that purpose.

2. As soon as practicable after receiving the written recommendation, the Board shall conduct a public hearing to consider the written recommendation. The Board shall provide a notice to each school setting forth the date, time and place of the hearing. The classification and alignment of each school *for each sanctioned sport* must be determined by a majority vote of the Board. A determination of the Board relating to a written recommendation of the committee is final and binding on each school. The ~~{initial}~~ classification and alignment of a school *for a sanctioned sport* approved by the Board pursuant to this section becomes effective on August 1 ~~{, 2008. A classification and alignment of a school approved after that date and before August 1, 2012, becomes effective on August 1, 2012. Each 4 years thereafter, any classification and alignment made during the 4 year period becomes effective on August 1 at the end of the 4 year period.}~~ *of the even-numbered year immediately following the determination.*

3. The Board ~~[and the committee appointed pursuant to subsection 1]~~ shall ~~[, based upon any points or other competitive factors set forth in a rubric approved by the Board and any consideration set forth in subsection 4 or based upon the count of enrollment for the school year in which the Board and the committee consider the classification and alignment of a school pursuant to subsection 1,]~~ place ~~[the]~~ *each* school in ~~[:]~~ *Class 1A, Class 2A, Class 3A, Class 4A or Class 5A for each sanctioned sport in which the school participates. A school must be placed in an appropriate class for each sanctioned sport. For the purposes of this subsection, there is a presumption that the appropriate class for the school for the sanctioned sport is:*

(a) Class 1A, if not more than ~~[169]~~ *170* pupils are enrolled in the school;

(b) Class 2A, if not less than ~~[170]~~ *171* but not more than ~~[460]~~ *450* pupils are enrolled in the school;

(c) Class 3A, if not less than ~~[461]~~ *451* but not more than ~~[1,200]~~ *1,300* pupils are enrolled in the school; or

(d) Class 4A, if ~~[1,201]~~ *1,301* or more pupils are enrolled in the school.

4. ~~[In determining the classification and alignment of a school pursuant to this section,]~~ *For the purposes of subsection 3, if a school is a charter school or a private school, the count of enrollment shall be deemed to be twice the number of pupils reported in the count of enrollment for the charter school or private school.*

5. *The presumption established pursuant to subsection 3 may be overcome if the Board determines that a school is more appropriately placed in another class for the sanctioned sport. In making such a determination,* the Board ~~[and the committee]~~ may consider:

(a) Any geographic factors relating to the school;

(b) The requirements of the school to travel to an interscholastic activity;

- (c) Any traditional rivalries of the school;
- (d) Any financial factors relating to any interscholastic activities conducted at or by the school;
- (e) Any competitive factors relating to the school ~~{}~~, *including, without limitation, any competitive factors set forth in a rubric approved by the Board;* and
- (f) ~~{On and after August 1, 2012, whether}~~ *Whether* the school has at least one athletic program for boys and at least one athletic program for girls during the fall season, winter season and spring season of a school year.

~~{5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the}~~

~~6. The Board {shall not revise the classification or alignment of a school more than once every 4 years.~~

~~—6.— If, during the 4 years after a school is classified and aligned pursuant to this section, the enrollment of pupils in the school, based on the count of enrollment for any school year during that period exceeds the maximum number required for its classification pursuant to subsection 3 or falls below the minimum number of pupils required for that classification based on that count of enrollment, the school shall notify the Association of that fact.~~

~~—7.— If a school notifies the Association pursuant to subsection 6 that the number of pupils in the school exceeds the maximum number of pupils required for its classification pursuant to subsection 3, the Board shall:~~

~~—(a) As soon as practicable after receiving the notice, notify the school that the Board will make a determination of the classification of the school for the next school year pursuant to paragraph (b).~~

~~—(b) Based upon the count of enrollment for the next school year, determine whether the number of pupils enrolled in the school exceeds the maximum number of pupils required for its classification. If the Board determines that the number of pupils enrolled in the school exceeds the maximum number required for its classification based on the count of enrollment, the Board shall designate the school for placement into the next highest classification for the next school year and the school year immediately following that school year. If the Board determines that the number of pupils enrolled in the school does not exceed the maximum number required for its classification based on the count of enrollment, the Board shall allow the school to remain in the classification into which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6.~~

~~—8.— If, during the second school year in which a school is designated for placement into a higher classification pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 7, the Board determines that, based on the count of enrollment for the second school year, the number of pupils enrolled in the school:~~

~~—(a) Continues to exceed the maximum number of pupils required for the classification into which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6, the Board shall place the school into the higher classification in which the school was designated for placement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 7.~~

~~—(b) Does not continue to exceed the maximum number required for the classification into which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6, the Board shall allow the school to remain in that classification.~~

~~—9.— If a school notifies the Association pursuant to subsection 6 that the number of pupils enrolled in the school is less than the minimum number of pupils required for its classification pursuant to subsection 3, the Board shall:~~

~~—(a) As soon as practicable after receiving the notice, notify the school that the Board will make a determination of the classification of the school for the next school year pursuant to paragraph (b).~~

~~—(b) Based upon the count of enrollment for the school for the next school year, determine whether the number of pupils enrolled in the school is less than the minimum number of pupils required for its classification. If the Board determines that the number of pupils enrolled in the school is less than the minimum number of pupils required for its classification based on the count of enrollment, the Board shall designate the school for placement into the next lowest classification for the next school year and the school year immediately following that school year. If the Board determines that the number of pupils enrolled in the school is not less than the minimum number of pupils required for its classification based on the count of enrollment, the Board shall allow the school to remain in the classification in which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6.~~

~~—10.— If, during the second school year that a school is designated for placement into a lower classification pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 9, the Board determines that, based on the count of enrollment for the second school year, the number of pupils enrolled in the school:~~

~~—(a) Continues to be less than the minimum number of pupils required for the classification into which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6, the Board shall place the school into the lower classification for which the school was designated for placement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 9.~~

~~—(b) Does not continue to be less than the minimum number required for the classification into which it was placed at the time the school submitted the notice to the Association pursuant to subsection 6, the Board shall allow the school to remain in that classification.~~

~~—11.} may:~~

(a) Combine two or more classes into a single class for a sanctioned sport; or

(b) Place a school that would otherwise be placed in Class 4A into Class 5A,

↪ if the Board determines it necessary to ensure competitive balance in a sanctioned sport.

7. Within each ~~{classification}~~ class established pursuant to this section, the Board:

(a) Shall align at least two leagues within the ~~{classification}~~ class consisting of at least two schools in each of those leagues; and

(b) May align not less than two regions within the ~~{classification}~~ class consisting of at least two leagues in each of those regions.

~~{12.} 8. When aligning leagues or regions pursuant to subsection 7, the Board shall:~~

(a) Take into account the considerations set forth in subsection 5; and

(b) To the greatest extent practicable, align the leagues or regions in such a manner as to ensure that the greatest number of pupils are able to compete in the sanctioned sport at the most efficient cost.

9. If a school believes that a ~~{pupil-or}~~ team of the school is unable to participate successfully in a sanctioned sport or that it is in the best interests of the ~~{pupil-or}~~ team to participate in the sanctioned sport in a ~~{classification}~~ class that is higher or lower than the ~~{classification}~~ class of the school *for the sanctioned sport* or in a league or region that is aligned in a ~~{classification}~~ class other than the ~~{classification}~~ class of the school ~~{,}~~ *for the sanctioned sport*, the school may submit a written request to the Board to allow the ~~{pupil-or}~~

team, based upon the considerations set forth in subsection ~~4,~~ 5, to participate in a ~~{classification,}~~ class, league or region other than the ~~{classification,}~~ class, league or region in which the school is placed or aligned *for the sanctioned sport* pursuant to this section. The Board shall include each written request received pursuant to this subsection on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, if the Board receives the written request before that meeting or before any other date specified by the Board for the submission of items for that meeting. Each school that submits a written request pursuant to this subsection has the burden of establishing that, if the written request is approved, the participation of the school in another ~~{classification}~~ class *for the sanctioned sport* will improve the competitive balance among the schools to which the written request applies. To become effective for ~~the~~ *the next* school year, each appeal submitted pursuant to NAC 385B.254 concerning the written request must be heard and a final decision rendered on the appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board held ~~{during September or November of that}~~ *not later than January 31 of the* school year ~~+~~ *immediately preceding the school year for which the Board approves the written request*. Any written request that the Board approves pursuant to this subsection:

- (a) Is subject to any term or condition specified by the Board for the written request, including, but not limited to, the year or season in which the placement of a school into another ~~{classification}~~ class pursuant to this section will begin; and
- (b) Is a final decision and binding on each school to which the written request applies.

Sec. 11. NAC 385B.252 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.252 Each school that is placed in a class *for a sanctioned sport* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 may, on or before September 1 of each year, submit a recommendation to the Board

relating to the alignment of a school in a league *for that sanctioned sport* pursuant to that section.

Sec. 12. NAC 385B.254 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.254 On or before September 1 of each year, each school that is placed in a class *for a sanctioned sport* and aligned in a league or region *for that sanctioned sport* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 may, for any reason specified by the Board, appeal the placement or alignment to the Board pursuant to NAC 385B.900 to 385B.924, inclusive.

Sec. 13. NAC 385B.304 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.304 A school shall not postpone a game, contest or meet unless the school:

1. Obtains the approval of the principal of each school that will participate in the game, contest or meet; and
2. Complies with the regulations of the Association for the appropriate class ~~for~~ *in which* the school ~~is~~ *is placed for the sanctioned sport.*

Sec. 14. NAC 385B.386 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.386 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a pupil who participates in a sanctioned sport may not participate in more than one level of competition for that sanctioned sport during a day. If a school is unable to complete its schedule for a sanctioned sport during the season for that sanctioned sport because the number of pupils who participate in the sanctioned sport at the level of junior varsity is insufficient, the school may submit a request to the Executive Director to waive the provisions of this subsection. Before approving a request for a waiver pursuant to this subsection, the Executive Director shall obtain the approval of the request from each school that competes against the school that submits the request in the sanctioned sport for the season.

2. A pupil who participates in a sanctioned sport other than basketball or football may participate in any number of games for the sanctioned sport during a day. A coach who participates in a sanctioned sport shall consider the safety and well-being of a pupil before allowing that pupil to participate in more than one game for a sanctioned sport pursuant to this subsection. If a pupil participates in more than one game for a sanctioned sport pursuant to this subsection, the pupil shall include that game in the total number of games in which he or she may participate pursuant to NAC 385B.378.

3. A school that is placed in Class 1A pursuant to NAC 385B.250 ~~and that participates in~~ *for* volleyball or basketball ~~as a sanctioned sport~~ :

(a) May not submit a request for a waiver pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) Shall comply with the provisions of NAC 385B.426 or 385B.524 concerning volleyball or basketball.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a pupil may not participate in a sanctioned sport as a member of:

(a) The freshman team for the sanctioned sport unless the pupil is in the 9th grade; or

(b) The junior varsity team for the sanctioned sport unless the pupil in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade.

5. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 385B.706, a pupil who is qualified to participate in a sanctioned sport pursuant to this chapter may participate in the sanctioned sport as a member of the varsity team for the sanctioned sport regardless of the grade in which he or she is enrolled during his or her participation as a member of that team.

6. The president of the *administrative organization for the* class *in which the school is placed for a sanctioned sport* or *the president of the* league in which a school is ~~placed or~~

aligned *for a sanctioned sport* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 may waive the provisions of subsection 4 if the school:

- (a) Submits a written request to the president;
- (b) Submits a copy of the written request to the Executive Director; and
- (c) Sets forth in the written request the reasons for requesting the waiver and the level of skill of each pupil for whom the school requests the waiver.

Sec. 15. NAC 385B.422 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.422 1. As soon as practicable after aligning a school ~~{that participates in basketball as a sanctioned sport}~~ in a league *for basketball* pursuant to NAC 385B.250, the Board shall include that alignment in a manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.

2. The championship team for each class *for basketball* established pursuant to NAC 385B.250 must be determined in the manner specified by the Board.

Sec. 16. NAC 385B.426 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.426 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a pupil who is enrolled at a *school which has been placed in* Class 1A ~~{school and who participates in}~~ *for* basketball ~~{as a sanctioned sport}~~ may, during the same day, participate in a basketball game for junior varsity players and a basketball game for varsity players. A coach of a basketball team at such a school shall not:

(a) During the same day, allow a pupil who is a member of the team to participate in:

(1) A basketball game for junior varsity players and a basketball game for varsity players if the sole reason for allowing the pupil to participate in the game is to win the game;

(2) A basketball game for junior varsity players if the pupil is a starting member of the basketball team for varsity players at the school; or

- (3) More than five quarters during a basketball game; or
- (b) Allow a pupil who is in the 12th grade and who is a member of the team to participate in a basketball game for junior varsity players unless, before the game:
- (1) The school notifies the Executive Director and the opposing school that the school proposes to allow the pupil to participate in the game; and
- (2) The Executive Director approves, in writing, the pupil's participation in the game.
2. If a pupil participates in a basketball game for junior varsity players and a basketball game for varsity players during the same day, the school where the game is conducted shall ensure that the game for junior varsity players is conducted before the game for varsity players.
3. If a team of a *school which has been placed in* Class 1A ~~school~~ *for basketball* participates in a basketball game and the membership of that team consists of junior varsity players and varsity players for the game pursuant to this section, the coach of the team shall, at least 10 minutes before the game:
- (a) Identify at least five varsity players who are members of the team for which he or she is a coach who will not participate in a basketball game for junior varsity players during the same day; and
- (b) Submit the name of each pupil identified pursuant to paragraph (a) to the scorekeeper for the game.
4. If a pupil who is a junior varsity player participates in a basketball game for varsity players pursuant to this section, the pupil shall, during the period in which he or she participates in the game, wear a jersey that displays a number that is distinguishable from the numbers displayed on the jerseys of the varsity players who participate in the game.

5. If a dispute arises between two schools relating to a provision of this section, each school shall submit the dispute to its principal or athletic director. If the dispute is not resolved after it is submitted to those principals or athletic directors, the schools shall submit the dispute to the president of the *administrative organization for the* class in which the schools participate ~~H~~ *for basketball*. If the dispute is not resolved after it is submitted to the president, the schools shall submit the dispute to the Executive Director.

Sec. 17. NAC 385B.434 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.434 1. The Board shall establish the date upon which a school may begin practicing for a football season at least 2 years before the beginning of the season. Each season ends upon completion of the state tournament for football.

2. A school shall not participate in a football game that is scheduled during the regular season after the play-offs begin for the league in which the school is aligned *for football* pursuant to NAC 385B.250.

3. Each postseason football game must be approved by the Board.

4. The Executive Director shall determine the date, time and place for conducting each football play-off game.

5. A school shall not, without the approval of the Board, allow a football team to participate in more than nine games, other than a play-off game that is approved by the Executive Director, during the regular season in which the team participates in football.

Sec. 18. NAC 385B.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.440 1. As soon as practicable after aligning a school ~~{that participates in football as a sanctioned sport}~~ within a league *for football* pursuant to NAC 385B.250, the Board shall include that alignment in a manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.

2. The championship team for each league into which a school is aligned *for football* pursuant to NAC 385B.250 must be determined in the manner specified by the Board.

3. The Executive Director shall ensure that the first game of the play-offs for a football season is conducted 1 week after each school that participates in the play-offs completes its final football game for that season. If a football game results in a tie score for the game during a regular football season or during a play-off game for that season, each school that participates in the game shall break the tie using the procedure for breaking ties set forth in the rules of football adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the 45-point mercy rule set forth in the rules of football specified in subsection 3 applies during any football game in which a school uses a team consisting of eight members.

5. The provisions of subsection 4 do not apply to a football game that is conducted during the state tournament for a football season.

Sec. 19. NAC 385B.458 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.458 1. The Board shall establish the date upon which a school may begin practicing for a soccer season at least 2 years before the beginning of the season. Each season ends upon completion of the state tournament for soccer.

2. Each school where a soccer game is conducted shall ensure that the game is timed in the manner prescribed by the Board. A school shall not participate in a soccer game that is scheduled during the regular season after the play-offs begin for the league in which the school is aligned *for soccer* pursuant to NAC 385B.250.

3. Each postseason soccer game must be approved by the Board.

4. The Executive Director shall determine the date, time and place for conducting each soccer play-off game.

5. A school shall not allow a team of the school that participates in soccer as a sanctioned sport to participate in more than 18 games or more than 2 tournaments, other than a play-off game that is approved by the Executive Director, during the regular season in which the team participates in soccer. If a member of the team is selected to participate in the United States Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program and, after being selected, the member participates in a game conducted for that Program, the game must not be counted toward the maximum number of games or tournaments in which the team may participate pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 20. NAC 385B.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.462 1. As soon as practicable after the Board aligns a school ~~{that participates in soccer as a sanctioned sport}~~ in a league *for soccer* pursuant to NAC 385B.250, the Board shall include that alignment in a manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.

2. Each league in which a school is aligned *for soccer* shall, in the manner prescribed by the Board, conduct a regional tournament for each soccer season to determine the schools in the league that may participate in the state play-offs for that season. The championship team for each class established pursuant to NAC 385B.250 must be determined in the manner specified by the Board.

3. If a state, league or regional soccer tournament ends in a tie score, not more than 2 sudden-death overtime periods, consisting of 15 minutes each, may be conducted. If the score remains tied upon the expiration of the second overtime period, the winning team must be determined by kicks from the mark.

Sec. 21. NAC 385B.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.524 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a pupil who is enrolled at a *school which has been placed in* Class 1A ~~{school and who participates in}~~ *for* volleyball ~~{as a sanctioned sport at that school}~~ may, during the same day, participate in a volleyball game for junior varsity players and a volleyball game for varsity players. A coach of a volleyball team at such a school shall not allow a pupil who is:

(a) A member of the team to participate, during the same day, in a volleyball game for junior varsity players and a volleyball game for varsity players if the sole reason for allowing that participation is to win the game; or

(b) A varsity player on the team to participate in a volleyball game as a junior varsity player if the team has a sufficient number of junior varsity players to participate in the game.

2. If a pupil participates in a volleyball game for junior varsity players and a volleyball game for varsity players during the same day pursuant to this section, the school where the game is conducted shall ensure that the game for junior varsity players is conducted before the game for varsity players.

3. If a team of a *school which has been placed in* Class 1A ~~{school}~~ *for volleyball* participates in a volleyball game and the membership of that team consists of junior varsity players and varsity players for the game pursuant to this section, the coach for the team shall, at least 10 minutes before the game:

(a) Identify each junior varsity player and each varsity player on the team for the game; and

(b) Submit the name of each pupil identified pursuant to paragraph (a) to the scorekeeper for the game.

4. A pupil of a *school which has been placed in* Class 1A ~~{school}~~ *for volleyball* shall not participate in a volleyball game for junior varsity players and a volleyball game for varsity

players during the same day pursuant to this section unless each school against whom the pupil competes during that day agrees to allow the pupil to participate in that manner.

5. If a pupil who is a junior varsity player participates in a volleyball game for varsity players pursuant to this section, the pupil shall, during the period in which he or she participates in the game, wear a jersey that displays a number that is distinguishable from the numbers displayed on the jerseys of the varsity players who participate in the game.

6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a volleyball team that consists of 15 or more members.

Sec. 22. NAC 385B.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.650 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NAC 385B.652, the Board shall determine the number of awards for each sanctioned sport for each season for that sanctioned sport.

2. The Executive Director shall award a league and regional trophy to the championship team for each league and region for each season for a sanctioned sport. If a play-off or tournament is not conducted for a league or region for a season, the Executive Director shall award a trophy to the championship team for the league or region. If a tournament for the championship in a sanctioned sport results in a tie score for the tournament, the Executive Director shall award a trophy to each team with a tie score for the tournament.

3. The Executive Director shall ~~award~~ *determine the number of* medals *to be awarded* for each league and region ~~as follows:~~

~~—(a) Cross country, to the first six places.~~

~~—(b) Girls' golf, to the first five places.~~

~~—(c) Swimming, to the first five places in each event.~~

- ~~—(d) Tennis, to the first four places in singles and doubles competition.~~
- ~~—(e) Track and field for Class 1A and 2A, to the first four places in each event.~~
- ~~—(f) Track and field for Class 3A for the Northern League, to the first five places in each event.~~
- ~~—(g) Track and field for Class 3A for the Southern League, to the first three places in each event.~~
- ~~—(h) Track and field for Class 4A, to the first five places in each event.~~
- ~~—(i) Wrestling for Class 2A, to the first four places in each weight classification.~~
- ~~—(j) Wrestling for Class 3A for the Northern League, to the first five places in each weight classification.~~
- ~~—(k) Wrestling for Class 3A for the Southern League, to the first three places in each weight classification.~~
- ~~—(l) Wrestling for Class 4A, to the first five places in each weight classification.]~~ *for each sanctioned sport and award such medals accordingly.*

Sec. 23. Section 4 of LCB File No. R162-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. As soon as practicable after the Board aligns a school that participates in flag football as a sanctioned sport in a league pursuant to NAC ~~{386.667,}~~ **385B.250**, the Board shall include that alignment in a manual prepared by the Association for that purpose.

2. Each league in which a school is aligned *for flag football* shall, in the manner prescribed by the Board, conduct a regional tournament for each flag football season to determine the schools in the league that may participate in the state play-offs for that season. The championship team for each class established pursuant to NAC ~~{386.667}~~ **385B.250** must be determined in the manner specified by the Board.

Sec. 24. Section 2 of LCB File No. R162-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The Board shall establish the date upon which a school may begin practicing for a flag football season at least 2 years before the beginning of the season. Each season ends upon completion of the state tournament for flag football.

2. Each school where a flag football game is conducted shall ensure that the game is timed in the manner prescribed by the Board. A school shall not participate in a flag football game that is scheduled during the regular season after the play-offs begin for the league in which the school is aligned *for flag football* pursuant to NAC ~~1386.667~~ **385B.250**.

3. Each postseason flag football game must be approved by the Board.

4. The Executive Director shall determine the date, time and place for conducting each play-off game for flag football.

5. A school shall not allow a team of the school that participates in flag football as a sanctioned sport to participate in more than 18 games, other than a play-off game that is approved by the Executive Director, during the regular season in which the team participates in flag football.