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DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
FULL MEMBER SCHOOLS

<i>School</i>	<i>Chief School Officer</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>
APPOQUINIMINK SCHOOL DISTRICT, 118 S. 6th Street, Box 4010, Odessa 19730; 378-5010, (Fax) 378-5007	Dr. Tony Marchio		
1. Middletown High School , 120 Silverlake Road, Middletown 19709; 378-5250, (Fax) 378-5267		Donna L. Mitchell	Thomas Neubauer
BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Claymont 19703; 792-3800, (Fax) 792-3814	Dr. Bruce Harter		
2. Brandywine High School , 1400 Foulk Road, Wilmington 19803; 479-1600, (Fax) 479-1604		Richard Gregg	David Berlin
3. Concord High School , 2501 Ebright Road, Wilmington 19810; 475-3951, (Fax) 529-3094		Cheryl Morton	Debbie Corrado
4. Mt. Pleasant High School , 5201 Washington Street Ext., Wilmington 19809; 762-7125, (Fax) 762-7042		Gregg Robinson	Edward Mayfield
5. Hanby Middle School , 2523 Berwyn Road, Wilmington 19810; 479-1631, (Fax) 479-1643		Ron Mendenhall	Tony Prokop
6. Talley Middle School , 1110 Cypress Road, Wilmington 19810; 475-3976, (Fax) 475-3998		Barbara Starkey	Tania Milionis
7. Springer Middle School , 2220 Shipley Road, Wilmington 19803; 479-1621, (Fax) 479-1628		Michael Gliniak	Lewis Cheatwood
CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 219 Old North Road, P.O. Box 188, Camden-Wyoming 19934; 697-2173, (Fax) 697-3406	Dr. Harold E. Roberts		
8. Caesar Rodney High School , 239 Old North Road, Camden-Wyoming 19934; 697-2161, (Fax) 697-6888		Kevin Fitzgerald	James Harvey
9. Fifer Middle School , 109 E. Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden-Wyoming 19934; 698-8400, (Fax) 698-0409		David Sechler	Cindy Savage
10. Dover Air Force Base Middle School , 3100 Hawthorne Drive, Dover 19901; 674-3284, (Fax) 730-4283		Ernestine Adams	David Baszkowski
11. Postlethwait Middle School , 2841 S. State Street, Camden 19934; 698-8410, (Fax) 645-8419		Susan Whitaker	Patrick Gallucci
CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1270 Kings Highway, Lewes 19958; 645-6686, (Fax) 645-6684	Dr. Dane A. Brandenberger		
12. Cape Henlopen High School , 1250 Kings Highway, Lewes 19958; 645-7711, (Fax) 645-1356		Edward Waples	Bud Hitchens
13. Beacon Middle School , 820 Savannah Road, Lewes 19958; 645-6288, (Fax) 645-7794		Timothy Buckmaster	Bud Hitchens
14. Mariner Middle School , 512 Federal Street, Milton 19968; 684-8516, (Fax) 684-8565		Brian Curtis	Bud Hitchens

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CAPITAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, 945 Forrest Street, Dover 19901; 672-1556, (Fax) 672-1715	Dr. Michael Thomas		
15. Dover High School , 1 Pat Lynn Drive, Dover 19901; 672-1526, (Fax) 672-1565		Robert Adams	James Oxford
16. Dover Central Middle School , 1 Delaware Avenue, Dover 19901; 672-1772, (Fax) 672-1733		Dr. Darren Guido	William Ardito
CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 83 E. Main Street, Newark 19711; 454-2500, (Fax) 454-5380	Dr. Joseph Wise		
17. Christiana High School , 190 Salem Church Road, Newark 19711; 454-2123, (Fax) 454-3490		Scott Flowers	William Perdew
18. Glasgow High School , 1901 S. College Avenue, Newark 19702; 454-2381, (Fax) 454-5453		Todd Harvey	Fred Savino
19. Newark High School , 750 E. Delaware Avenue, Newark 19711; 454-2151, (Fax) 454-2155		Emmanuel Caulk	Tanya Braun-Webb
COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, 318 E. Basin Road, New Castle 19720; 323-2700, (Fax) 323-2748	Dr. George Meney		
20. William Penn High School , 713 E. Basin Road, New Castle 19720; 323-2801, (Fax) 323-2955		William Carty	Bill Legge
21. George Read Middle School , 314 E. Basin Road, New Castle 19720; 323-2760, (Fax) 323-2761		Angela Guy	Devon Sawdey
22. Gunning Bedford Middle School , 801 Coxneck Rd., New Castle 19720, 832-6280, (Fax) 834-6729		Jeffrey Menzer	Betsy Vautier
23. New Castle Middle School , 903 Delaware Street, New Castle 19720; 323-2880, (Fax) 323-2897		Jake Getty	Cecilia Taplin
DELMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, 200 N. 8th Street, Delmar 19940; 846-9544, (Fax) 846-2793	Dr. George E. Stone		
24. Delmar Jr./Sr. High School , 200 N. 8th Street, Delmar 19940; 846-9544, (Fax) 846-2793		Mark Holodick	David Hearn
INDIAN RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT, R.D. 2, Box 156, Selbyville 19975; 436-1000, (Fax) 436-1034	Lois Hobbs		
25. Indian River High School , RR #3, Box 112, Frankford 19945; 732-3800, (Fax) 732-5491		Mark Steele	Dale Steele
26. Sussex Central High School , 301 W. Market Street, Georgetown 19947; 856-1900, (Fax) 856-1925		Dr. Donna Hall	Bradley Layfield
27. Sussex Central Middle School , 302 E. State Street, Millsboro 19966; 934-3200, (Fax) 934-3219		Vincent Catania	Bradley Layfield
28. Selbyville Middle School , Bethany Road, P.O. Box 230, Selbyville 19975; 436-1020, (Fax) 436-1035		Michael Kline	Wendy Megee

<i>School</i>	<i>Chief School Officer</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>
29. Delmarva Christian High School , 150 Airport Road, Georgetown, DE 19947; 856-4040, (Fax) 856-6878 LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT, 5423 Killen's Pond Road, Felton 19943; 284-3020, (Fax) 284-4491	Dr. Daniel Curry	Scott Kemerling	Jeff Mohr
30. Lake Forest High School , 5407 Killen's Pond Road, Felton 19943; 284-9291, (Fax) 284-5833		Dean Ivory	Mike Wagner
31. William T. Chipman Middle School , 101 W. Center Street, Harrington 19952; 398-8197, (Fax) 398-8375 LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT, 815 Central Avenue, Laurel 19956; 875-6100, (Fax) 875-6106	Keith Duda	Linda Batiste	Jason Cameron
32. Laurel High School , 1133 S. Central Avenue, Laurel 19956; 875-6120, (Fax) 875-6123		Dr. Diane Stetina	Gerald Mears
33. Laurel Central Middle School , 801 S. Central Avenue, Laurel 19956; 875-6110, (Fax) 875-6148 MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 906 Lakeview Avenue, Milford 19963; 422-1600, (Fax) 422-1608	Dr. Robert D. Smith	Julie Bradley	Gerald Mears
34. Milford High School , 1019 N. Walnut Street, Milford 19963; 422-1610, (Fax) 424-5463		Phyllis Kohel	Ken Brown
35. Milford Middle School , 612 Lakeview Avenue, Milford 19963; 422-1620, (Fax) 424-5466 NEW CASTLE COUNTY VO-TECH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1417 Newport Road, Wilmington 19804; 995-8000, (Fax) 995-8038	Dr. Steven Godowsky	Kevin Dickerson	Ken Brown
36. Delcastle Tech High School , 1417 Newport Road, Wilmington 19804, 995-8100, (Fax) 995-8197		R. Laurence Monaghan	Jerry Lamey
37. Paul M. Hodgson Vo-Tech High School , 2575 Summit Bridge Road, Newark 19702; 834-0990, (Fax) 834-0598		Gerald Allen	Laura Leone
38. Howard High School of Technology , 401 E. 12th Street, Wilmington 19802; 571-5400, (Fax) 571-5843 POLYTECH SCHOOL DISTRICT, P.O. Box 97, Woodside 19980; 697-2170, (Fax) 697-6749	Dr. Dianne G. Sole	Joyce Ayres	John Green
39. Polytech High School , 823 Walnut Shade Road, P.O. Box 97, Woodside 19980; 697-3255, (Fax) 697-6749		Dr. Bruce Curry	Eric Buckson

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RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2916 Duncan Road, Wilmington 19808; 683-6600, (Fax) 636-8775	Dr. Robert J. Andrzejewski		
40. Alexis I. duPont High School , 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington 19807; 651-2626, (Fax) 651-2757		Dr. Jeffrey Lawson	William Yelsh
41. John Dickinson High School , 1801 Milltown Road, Wilmington 19808; 992-5500, (Fax) 992-5506		Chad Carmack	Andrew Dick
42. Thomas McKean High School , 301 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington 19808; 992-5520, (Fax) 992-5525		Timothy Nolan	Robert Massaferi
43. Cab Calloway School of the Arts , 100 N. duPont Road, Wilmington 19807; 651-2700, (Fax) 425-4594		Julie Rumschlag	Bari Poorman (boys) Susan Spilecki (girls)
44. A.I. duPont Middle School , 3130 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE 19807; 651-2690, (Fax) 425-4585		Raymond G. Gravuer	Timothy Martin
45. Conrad Middle School , 201 Jackson Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804; 992-5545, (Fax) 425-5585		Burton Watson, Jr.	Mike Oleksy
46. Community School , 1621 Telegraph Road, Wilmington, DE 19804; 992-5589, (Fax) 892-3244		Dr. Kim L. Allen	Steven Weaver
47. H. B. duPont Middle School , 735 Meeting House Road, Hockessin, DE 19707; 239-3420, (Fax) 239-3450		Mervin Daugherty	Scot Behnke
48. PACE , 1621 Telegraph Road, Wilmington, DE 19804; Wilmington, DE 19804; 992-5550, (Fax) 995-5127		Betty M. Park	Sam Sheppard
49. Skyline Middle School , 2900 Skyline Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808; 454-3410, (Fax) 454-3541		Dr. Nick T. Manolakos	Frank Rumford
50. Stanton Middle School , 1800 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19804; 992-5540, (Fax) 992-5586		Carolyn Zogby	Val Brown
SEAFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1 Delaware Place, Seaford 19973; 629-4587, (Fax) 629-2619	Dr. Russell H. Knorr		
51. Seaford High School , 399 N. Market Street, Seaford 19973; 629-4525, (Fax) 628-4411		Michael Smith	Vincent Morris
52. Seaford Middle School , 500 E. Stein Highway, Seaford 19973; 629-4586, (Fax) 629-2619		David Grantz	Vincent Morris
SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 22 S. Main Street, Smyrna 19977; 653-8585, (Fax) 653-3149	Deborah Wicks		
53. Smyrna High School , 85 Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna 19977; 653-8581, (Fax) 653-3139		Tony Soligo	Bill Schultz
54. John Bassett Moore School , 20 W. Frazier Street, Smyrna 19977; 653-8584, (Fax) 653-3424		Dr. Beverly Rennie	Bill Schultz
SUSSEX TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, P.O. Box 351, Georgetown 19947; 856-2541, (Fax) 856-7078	Dr. Patrick Savini		
55. Sussex Tech High School , P.O. Box 351, Georgetown 19947; 856-0961, (Fax) 856-7882		Sandra Walls-Culotta	Gerald Kobasa

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WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 48 Church Street, P.O. Box 427, Bridgeville 19933; 337-8296, (Fax) 337-8362	Dr. Kevin E. Carson		
56. Woodbridge Jr./Sr. High School , 307 Laws Street, Bridgeville 19933; 337-8289, (Fax) 337-0631		John Hassman	Derek Lofland
57. Aquinas Academy , 4501 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington 19808; 838-9601, (Fax) 838-9602		Jack Moore	Sean Donovan
58. Archmere Academy , 3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont 19703; 798-6632, (Fax) 798-7290		Rev. Michael Collins	James Malseed
59. Campus Community Middle School , 21 N. Bradford St., Dover 19904; 736-2309, (Fax) 736-3390		Allen Zipke	Eileen Guerke
60. Campus Community High School , 350 Pear Street, Dover 19904; 736-0403		Craig Chreckengasp	Eileen Guerke
61. Charter School of Wilmington , 100 N. duPont Road, Wilmington 19807; 651-2727, (Fax) 425-4594		Ronald Russo	Bari Poorman (boys) Susan Spilecki (girls)
62. Delaware Military Academy , 112 Middleboro Road, Wilmington 19804; 998-0745		Charles W. Baldwin	Anthony Pullella
63. Holy Cross School , 631 S. State Street, Dover 19901; 674-5784, (Fax) 674-5783		William Farley	Wallace Seams
64. Marion T. Academy Charter School , 1121 Thatcher Street, Wilmington 19802; 575-1190		John Taylor	Christopher Purnell
65. New Castle Baptist Academy , 901 E. Basin Road, New Castle 19720; 328-7026, (Fax) 328-7886		Kevin Moran	Mike Prusinowski
66. Padua Academy , 905 N. Broom Street, Wilmington 19806; 421-3739, (Fax) 421-3748		Sister Ann Michele	Angel Payne
67. Providence Creek Academy , 355 West Duck Creek Rd, Clayton 19938; 653-6276, (Fax) 653-7850		Audrey Erschen	Michael Kunzweiler
68. Red Lion Christian Academy , 1400 Red Lion Road, Bear 19701; 834-2526, (Fax) 836-6346		Dr. David Thompson	Ryan Taylor
69. St. Elizabeth High School , 1500 Cedar Street, Wilmington 19805; 656-3369, (Fax) 656-7513		Shirley Bounds	Joseph Hemphill
70. St. Mark's High School , Pike Creek Road, Wilmington 19808; 738-3300, (Fax) 738-5132		Mark Freund	Thomas Rosa
71. St. Thomas More Academy , P.O. Box 228, Magnolia 19962; 697-8100, (Fax) 697-8122		Dr. John Grant	Greg Gillespie
72. Salesianum School , 1801 N. Broom Street, Wilmington 19802; 654-2495, (Fax) 654-7767		Rev. John Fisher	Michael Hart
73. Ursuline Academy , 1106 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington 19806; 658-7158, (Fax) 658-4297		Veronica Harrington	Susan Heiss
74. Caravel Academy , 2801 Del Laws Road, Bear 19701; 834-8938, (Fax) 834-3658		Donald Keister	Dennis Szymanski

ASSOCIATE MEMBER SCHOOLS

<i>School</i>	<i>Headmaster/Head of School</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>
75. The Independence School , 1300 Paper Mill Road, Newark 19711; 239-0330, (Fax) 239-3696	Christopher C. Pryor	Mark Davis
76. Pike Creek Christian School , 199 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark 19711; 731-7773, (Fax) 731-8554	Steve Taylor	Christopher Champion
77. St. Andrew's School , 350 Noxontown Road, Middletown 19709; 378-9511, (Fax) 378-7120	Daniel Roach, Jr.	Michael Hyde (boys) Sarah Commito (girls)
78. Sanford School , P.O. Box 888, Hockessin 19707; 239-5263, (Fax) 239-5389	Douglas MacKelcan, Jr.	Joan Samonisky
79. The Tatnall School , 1501 Barley Mill Road, Wilmington 19807; 998-2292, (Fax) 998-7051	Dr. Eric Ruoss	Mark Ginn
80. Tower Hill School , 2813 W. 17th Street, Wilmington 19806; 575-0550, (Fax) 657-8373	Timothy Golding	Terry McConnell (boys) Patty Marshall (girls)
81. Wilmington Christian School , 825 Loveville Road, P.O. Box 1150, Hockessin 19707; 239-2121, (Fax) 239-1937	William Stevens	Pamela Love
82. Wilmington Friends School , 101 School Road, Alapocas, Wilmington 19803; 576-2900, (Fax) 576-2939	Lisa Darling	Mark Robinson

2004-2005 DIAA REGULATIONS

1006 Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA)

1.0 Organization Name and Purpose: The organization shall be known as the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and shall function as the official designee of the Secretary of Education with the authority to implement the Department of Education's Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics.

2.0 Membership in DIAA

2.1 Full Member Schools: Any secondary school including private, public, vocational-technical, and charter schools, as authorized by 14 *Del.C.* Ch. 5, may become a full member school of DIAA by payment of dues and a signed affirmation of the obligations of membership.

2.1.1 A full member school is a non-voting member of DIAA and does not participate in its day-to-day governance. A full member school may at any time make appropriate recommendations for policy action to the DIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

2.2 Associate Member School: Any school, not a full member school, located within the boundaries of the state of Delaware and containing grades 6 thru 8, or 8 thru 12, or any grouping of such grade levels, may apply for status as an associate member school provided the applicant sets forth good cause and sufficient justification why such school cannot become a full member school. The initial application may be submitted at any time but renewal applications shall be submitted to the DIAA office no later than May 1 of each year.

2.2.1 The membership application shall contain a statement that the school will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education and the DIAA, and in those cases wherein the school cannot comply, the application shall set forth the specific rule and regulation, and a sufficiently acceptable explanation of why the rule or regulation cannot be kept in force or why the school is incapable of compliance. Full compliance shall be made with all rules and regulations when an associate member school competes with a full member school of DIAA or a comparable state association; participates in DIAA sanctioned tournaments/meets in cross country, indoor track, wrestling (except dual-team tournaments), outdoor track, and golf involving the aforementioned full member schools; or participates in a state championship event.

2.2.2 Such associate member schools, after initial approval, shall be reviewed each year by the DIAA Board of Directors for the purpose of approving, rejecting, or modifying their application for renewal of associate member status.

2.3 Membership Dues Schedule: Yearly dues for full member and associate member schools shall be as follows:

2.3.1 \$400 for middle schools.

2.3.2 \$600 for high schools with enrollments of 499 or less.

2.3.3 \$800 for high schools with enrollments of 999 or less.

2.3.4 \$1,000 for high schools with enrollments of 1,499 or less.

2.3.5 \$1,200 for high schools with enrollments of 1,999 or less.

2.3.6 \$1,400 for high schools with enrollments of 2,000 or more.

2.3.7 Membership dues shall be paid each year by August 1. Full member and associate member schools which fail to comply may be subject to penalties as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors.

2.4 Participation in State Championship Tournaments/Meets: Any member high school in good standing, is sponsoring a team in a given sport, and is in compliance with all applicable DIAA Rules and Regulations shall be eligible for the DIAA approved state championship tournament/meet in that sport.

2.5 Compliance with Regulations: Member schools shall comply with the regulations of the DIAA and DIAA acceptance of membership shall be construed as an agreement to that effect.

3.0 DIAA Board of Directors

3.1 Conflict of Interest: Any member of the Board of Directors who may be directly affected or whose school or school district may be directly affected by a potential decision related to an appeal or waiver request shall recuse himself or herself from consideration of the matter and shall not vote on that

appeal or waiver request. The Chairperson of the Board is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the decision making process.

3.2 Committees of the DIAA Board of Directors

3.2.1 DIAA Board standing committees include: Rules and Regulations, Officials, Sports Medicine, Sportsmanship, and one for each DIAA recognized sport. The Chairperson of the DIAA Board may appoint additional short term committees with specific assignments when deemed necessary.

3.2.1.1 The committee for each DIAA recognized sport shall have, in writing, procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites. Such procedures shall be on file with the Executive Director and sent to the administrative head of each member school.

3.3 Committee Membership

3.3.1 The Chairperson of the DIAA Board of Directors and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of all committees. Committee membership shall be geographically representative and committee membership may include administrators, athletic directors, coaches, local school board members, officials and public members.

3.3.2 The Chairperson of the DIAA Board of Directors shall appoint individuals to serve as committee chairpersons. The individuals appointed shall serve for an indefinite period of time. The Chairperson of the Board, however, with the advice of the Executive Director, in his or her discretion, may remove a committee chairperson.

3.3.3 The Committee Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Executive Director, shall appoint individuals to serve on the committee. The individuals so appointed shall serve for an indefinite period of time. The Committee Chairperson, however, with the advice and consent of the Executive Director, may, in his or her discretion, remove individuals from the committee.

4.0 Responsibilities of the Executive Director

4.1 Interpret the rules and regulations and grant waivers of rules and regulations: Any waiver granted shall be temporary and shall be subject to review and approval by the DIAA Board at a subsequent or special meeting. All decisions or actions as noted above shall be documented and shall be a part of any hearing or appeal procedure.

4.2 Decide issues between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall initiate a review of or fully investigate an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations that he/she has seen, heard or read about, or which has been reported to him/her. Subsequent action by the Executive Director may include an official reprimand, placement on probation, a fine, the imposing of sanctions, or the suspension from participation for a designated period of time of a player, team, coach or official to ensure the necessary, orderly, and proper conduct of interscholastic competition.

4.3 Carry on the business of the DIAA Board and DIAA between meetings: Waiver requests decided by the Executive Director shall be temporary and shall be subject to review and final approval by the Board of Directors. No school or individual shall be penalized in any case in which the DIAA Board reverses an earlier ruling of the Executive Director. In addition, the Executive Director shall administer the day-to-day operation of the organization.

5.0 Responsibilities, Powers, and Duties of the Administrative Head of School

5.1 Responsibilities of Administrative Head of School

5.1.1 The administrative head of middle level and high school member schools shall be responsible for the conduct of the interscholastic athletic program in which representative teams participate including the organization and scheduling of individuals and teams. The administrative head may delegate his or her authority, but such delegation will not negate the responsibility for a violation of the DIAA Regulations by his/her school.

5.2 Powers and Duties of Administrative Head of School

5.2.1 The administrative head of each member school shall exercise general control over all of the interscholastic athletic matters of his/her school which include but are not limited to the following:

- 5.2.1.1 Sanctioning all interscholastic athletic contests in which his/her school participates.
- 5.2.1.2 Excluding any contestant because of improper conduct.
- 5.2.1.3 Excluding any contestant whose physical health would be jeopardized by such participation, because of illness or injury suffered, until such time as the contestant is declared physically fit by the school or attending physician.
- 5.2.1.4 Protecting the well-being of all visitors and officials attending interscholastic athletic contests conducted by his/her school. Administrative heads of member schools shall be expected to provide adequate security and, in the absence of such provisions, penalties may be imposed.
 - 5.2.1.4.1 When a contest is conducted at a neutral site, the administrative heads of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for the protection and well-being of all visitors and officials. In the absence of adequate security, penalties may be imposed upon either or both of the schools.
- 5.2.1.5 Protecting the well-being of the school's participants by providing them with safe and suitable uniforms and equipment.
- 5.2.1.6 Ensuring that all required contracts for athletic contests in which the school participates are in writing and bear the proper signatures.
- 5.2.1.7 Designating a staff member of the school as the faculty manager for the teams representing the school or to serve as the faculty manager.
- 5.2.1.8 Ensuring that an authorized representative accompanies the school's teams to all contests.
- 5.2.1.9 Certifying in writing the eligibility of his/her school's contestants in accordance with the Regulations of the Department of Education.
- 5.2.1.10 Exercising such other powers regarding the interscholastic athletic program of the school as are consistent with the needs of the school and with the provisions and spirit of the Regulations of the Department of Education.
- 5.2.1.11 Urging all students competing on the school's teams to obtain medical accident insurance which covers athletic participation.

6.0 Amendments to Department of Education Regulations

- 6.1 The DIAA Board, the Secretary of Education, the Executive Director of DIAA or any member school may propose changes, additions or deletions to the Department of Education regulations.
 - 6.1.1 Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing by a member school(s) to the Executive Director and these proposed changes and any other changes submitted by the Secretary of Education or the Executive Director of DIAA or the DIAA Board of Directors shall be reviewed by the Rules and Regulations Committee.
 - 6.1.2 Any proposed changes to the Regulations, along with comments received from the Rules and Regulations Committee, shall be considered at a scheduled meeting of the DIAA Board. Proposed changes adopted by the Board shall thereafter be submitted to the Secretary of Education who will place them on the State Board of Education agenda for review and final approval.
 - 6.1.2.1 All member schools shall then be advised in writing of any proposed changes. The member schools and the public shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes during the thirty-day period that the regulations are advertised in the Register of Regulations (as per the Administrative Procedures Act).

7.0 Reporting Violations of Dept. of Education Regulations and Protests and Complaints to DIAA

7.1 Reporting violations of Department of Education regulations

- 7.1.1 If a school violates a provision of the Department of Education regulations the administrative head or his/her designee shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the violation. All violations shall be reviewed by the DIAA Board of Directors which may impose additional penalties.

- 7.1.1.1 Additional penalties may be imposed for repeat offenses or as deemed necessary to assure proper conduct of interscholastic athletics.

7.2 Reporting Protests and Complaints

- 7.2.1 All protests and complaints brought before DIAA shall be in writing and shall be acted on only after the administrative head of the school involved has been given an opportunity to appear before the Board of Directors.

8.0 DIAA Board of Directors Investigative Procedure

- 8.1 The following investigative procedure shall be followed when the DIAA office receives information indicating that an incident has occurred which is not in the best interests of the interscholastic athletic programs of the member schools of DIAA.
 - 8.1.1 The administrative head of the member school involved shall be notified by telephone and confirmed by letter of the pending investigation (copy to be forwarded to the chief school officer). The notification shall contain an explanation of the nature of the investigation and identify the person(s) conducting the investigation.
 - 8.1.2 Permission shall be obtained from the administrative head of the member school to interview students and/or staff members and each person interviewed shall be informed of the nature of the investigation.
 - 8.1.3 Upon completion of the investigation, a written statement of charges shall be presented to the administrative head of the charged school (copy to be forwarded to the chief school officer).
 - 8.1.4 When immediate punitive action by the Executive Director is necessary, the action taken shall be stated in writing.
 - 8.1.5 When charges are to be presented to the DIAA Board of Directors, the charged school shall be advised of the meeting date, time, and location and shall be provided with an opportunity to respond to the charges.

9.0 Waiver of DIAA Rules and Regulations

9.1 General

- 9.1.1 The DIAA Board has the authority to set aside the effect of any athletic rule or regulation, subject to any limitations set forth in the specific rule or regulation, when the affected party establishes by the preponderance of the evidence, all of the following conditions:
 - 9.1.1.1 In the case of eligibility waiver requests, there exists a hardship as defined by 9.2.1;
 - 9.1.1.2 Strict enforcement of the rule in the particular case will not serve to accomplish the purpose of the Rule;
 - 9.1.1.3 The spirit of the rule being waived will not be offended or compromised;
 - 9.1.1.4 The principal of educational balance over athletics will not be offended or compromised; and
 - 9.1.1.5 The waiver will not result in a safety risk to teammates or competitors.
- 9.1.2 Waivers are exceptional and extraordinary relief from the athletic rules and regulations. Ignorance of any rule alone, whether by the student athlete, his/her family or school, shall not be sufficient reason for waiving a rule. The burden of proof rests on the applicant (the student, his/her parents or guardians, principal, headmaster or other affected party) to show extenuating circumstances warranting waiver.
- 9.1.3 The waiver request shall contain all facts pertaining to the case, including sufficient data to make it possible to reach a decision without further investigation. It is not the duty of the Executive Director or the DIAA Board to produce or collect information.
- 9.1.4 Waiver requests would be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student, principal, headmaster or other affected party, that a waiver will be required. In any event, all requests for a waiver of the rules, with all documentation complete, must be received by the Executive Director at least 21 calendar days before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the DIAA Board in order to be placed on the agenda for that meeting.
 - 9.1.4.1 Notwithstanding this requirement, the Chairperson of the DIAA Board may at his/her discretion add a waiver request to an agenda in an emergency situation.

Failure to file a waiver request in a timely manner when all information is available shall not be considered an emergency situation.

- 9.1.5 The applicant is entitled to a hearing on his/her waiver request. Waiver hearings shall be conducted in an informal manner that affords all parties the opportunity to present all information and all relevant arguments.
 - 9.1.5.1 The DIAA Board may administer oaths, take testimony, hear proofs and receive exhibits into evidence at any hearing. Testimony at any hearing shall be under oath or affirmation.
 - 9.1.5.2 Any party to a proceeding before the DIAA Board may be represented by counsel. An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the Board shall notify the Executive Director of the representation in writing as soon as practicable.
 - 9.1.5.3 Strict rules of evidence do not apply. Evidence having probative value commonly accepted by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of their affairs may be admitted into evidence.
 - 9.1.5.4 Any document introduced into evidence at the hearing shall be marked by the Board and shall be a part of the record of the hearing. The party offering the document into evidence shall provide a copy of the document to each of the other parties, if any, and to each of the Board members present for the hearing unless otherwise directed.
 - 9.1.5.5 Any request by the DIAA Board for additional information pertaining to a waiver request shall be promptly supplied by the affected students, coaches, and member schools.
 - 9.1.5.6 DIAA shall provide a stenographic reporter at a hearing at its own expense.
- 9.1.6 The DIAA Board shall consider the entire record of the case in reaching its final decision. Unless otherwise provided, a decision made on a waiver request shall be effective immediately.
- 9.1.7 The DIAA Board's decision shall be incorporated into a final order, which shall be signed and mailed to the parties within twenty (20) days of the hearing.

9.2 Eligibility Rule Waiver Request

- 9.2.1 Unless specifically defined in the eligibility rule in question, "hardship" means a hardship peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control or creation of the student athlete, his/her family, or school, which deprive him or her of all or part of one of his or her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season. Ignorance of any rule alone, whether by the student athlete, his/her family or school, shall not be sufficient reason for waiving a rule. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness or accidents, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.
- 9.2.2 All eligibility hardship waiver requests shall be processed on forms approved by the DIAA Board and in accordance with the following procedures:
 - 9.2.2.1 A request for a waiver of the eligibility rules must be directed by the student to the involved member school's principal, headmaster or their designee who shall then file a written request stating the full particulars of the case and the reasons felt by the student or the administrator, or both, for granting the waiver.
 - 9.2.2.1.1 All requests for eligibility rule waivers must be signed by the Principal or Headmaster of the school requesting the waiver and must include a letter from the Principal or Headmaster indicating whether the school supports the waiver request.
 - 9.2.2.1.2 The school shall submit a waiver request form when requested by individual student athletes. The DIAA Board, however, may take into consideration the school's position on the waiver request when rendering its decision.
 - 9.2.2.2 To aid the DIAA Board in making an informed decision, the waiver request shall include the student's:

- 9.2.2.2.1 Official transcripts from the sixth grade through the current school year and semester grades for the current school year;
 - 9.2.2.2.2 Attendance records for the last two (2) years;
 - 9.2.2.2.3 A letter from the Principal or Headmaster either supporting or not supporting the waiver request;
 - 9.2.2.2.4 Medical records (if applicable);
 - 9.2.2.2.5 Legal documentation (if applicable);
 - 9.2.2.2.6 IEP's (if applicable); and
 - 9.2.2.2.7 Any documentation/evidence to substantiate a hardship or extenuating circumstance exists.
- 9.2.3 An appearance by the student and their parent, guardian or Relative Caregiver before the DIAA Board is mandatory on requests for an eligibility waiver. An appearance by a school representative is strongly encouraged.

9.3 Waiver Requests of Non-eligibility Rules

- 9.3.1 The Principal or Headmaster of a member school or any other individual may request a waiver of a rule, regulation, guideline, policy or procedure of DIAA not directly related to student eligibility when special circumstances arise that, in the Principal or Headmaster's opinion, or in the opinion of the individual, call for relief from, or modification of the effects of the rule.
- 9.3.2 All requests for non-eligibility waivers must be in writing, signed by the Principal or Headmaster.
- 9.3.3 An appearance by the Principal or Headmaster or his/her designee or other individual requesting the non-eligibility waiver is optional. If the Principal or Headmaster or his/her designee or other individual requesting the non-eligibility waiver chooses to appear before the DIAA Board he/she must notify the Executive Director of his/her intent to do so at the time the request for waiver is filed. Otherwise, the Principal or Headmaster or his/her designee, or other individual, may attend the meeting but may not be permitted to address the DIAA Board.
- 9.3.4 If the waiver requested would affect more than one member school, the waiver applicant shall provide the position of the other affected member schools on the waiver request in their written application. The failure to provide this information may result in a delay in the Board's consideration of the waiver request.

10.0 Appeal Procedure to the DIAA Board of Directors

- 10.1 Decisions of the Executive Director, with the exception of those to uphold or rescind the suspension resulting from a game ejection, may be appealed de novo to the DIAA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has been designated by the Secretary of Education to conduct fact-finding hearings or conferences in matters regarding interscholastic athletics.
 - 10.1.1 Initiation of an Appeal to the DIAA Board
 - 10.1.1.1 Whenever a right of appeal of a decision to the DIAA Board of Directors is provided, an aggrieved person who is under the regulatory authority of DIAA and who has, in fact, suffered a direct injury due to the decision, may initiate an appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Executive Director. The notice shall be in writing, shall be signed by the person making the request (or by the party's authorized representative), and shall be delivered to the Executive Director by certified mail.
 - 10.1.1.2 The notice of appeal shall briefly state the decision from which the appeal is taken, the law, rule or regulation involved in the decision, the names of the parties, and the grounds for the appeal.
 - 10.1.1.3 The notice of appeal shall be filed within a reasonable time after the controversy arises, but in no event shall a notice be filed more than thirty (30) calendar days after the appellant's receipt of written notice that official action has been taken by the Executive Director or other authorized person or body.
 - 10.1.1.3.1 Notwithstanding the above, the notice of appeal shall be served ten (10) calendar days after appellant's receipt of written notice that

official action has been taken by the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee pursuant to 14 *DE Admin. Code* 1007.

- 10.1.1.4 A copy of the notice of appeal shall be delivered to all other parties to the proceeding at the same time it is sent to the Executive Director. A copy of any other paper or document filed with DIAA shall also be provided to all other parties to the proceeding. If a party is represented by legal counsel, delivery to legal counsel is sufficient.
- 10.1.1.5 Upon receipt of an adequately detailed notice of appeal, the Executive Director shall place the appeal on the next meeting agenda of DIAA.
- 10.1.2 Record of Prior Proceedings
 - 10.1.2.1 If proceedings were previously held on the matters complained of in the notice, the committee which conducted those proceedings shall file a certified copy of the record of the proceedings with the Executive Director.
 - 10.1.2.2 The record shall contain any written decision, a copy of the rule or regulation involved, any minutes of the meetings(s) at which a disputed action was taken, a verbatim transcript of the hearing conducted by the party below, and all exhibits presented at the agency.
 - 10.1.2.3 The record shall be filed with the Executive Director within ten (10) days of the date the Executive Director notifies the committee that the notice was filed, unless directed otherwise. A copy of the record shall be sent to the appellant when it is submitted to the Executive Director.
- 10.1.3 DIAA Board Hearing Procedures for Appeals
 - 10.1.3.1 Record Review
 - 10.1.3.1.1 If a hearing was previously held on the matters complained of in the notice, the parties to the proceeding before the DIAA Board may agree to submit the matter to the Board on the existing record without the presentation of additional evidence. The parties shall inform the Executive Director in writing of their agreement to submit the matter to the Board on the existing record no later than ten (10) days after the notice was filed.
 - 10.1.3.1.2 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, they shall support their positions in written statements limited to matters in the existing record. The written statements shall be filed no later than ten (10) days before the consideration date, unless otherwise directed.
 - 10.1.3.1.3 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, they may nonetheless request oral argument be heard on the consideration date. A request for oral argument shall be submitted with the written statement of appeal. There will be no oral argument unless it is requested when the written statement of appeal is submitted. Oral argument shall be limited to the matters raised in the written statements and shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per side with an additional five (5) minutes for rebuttal.
 - 10.1.3.1.4 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, the DIAA Board's decision shall be based on the existing record, the written statements and oral argument, if any.
 - 10.1.3.2 Evidentiary Hearings
 - 10.1.3.2.1 Evidentiary hearings will be held when there has not been a prior hearing, when the parties do not agree to rest on the existing record, or when the DIAA Board otherwise decides to receive additional evidence.
 - 10.1.3.2.2 The Chairperson or his/her designated representative shall be the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing and make rulings on the admissibility of evidence.

- 10.1.3.2.3 The DIAA Board of Directors may continue, adjourn, or postpone a hearing for good cause on motion of a party or upon its own motion.
- 10.1.3.2.4 Objections to the admission of evidence shall be brief and shall state the grounds for such objections. Objections with regard to the form of question will not be considered.
- 10.1.3.2.5 The hearing will proceed with the appellant first presenting its evidence and case. The responding party may then present its case. The appellant will have an opportunity to present rebuttal evidence.
- 10.1.3.2.6 Opening and closing arguments and post hearing submissions of briefs or legal memoranda will be permitted at the discretion of the DIAA Board.
- 10.1.3.2.7 Any person who testifies as a witness shall also be subject to cross-examination by the other parties to the proceeding. Any witness is also subject to examination by the DIAA Board.
- 10.1.3.2.8 The Board may administer oaths, take testimony, hear proofs, and receive exhibits into evidence at any hearing. Testimony at any hearing shall be under oath or affirmation.
- 10.1.3.2.9 Any party to a proceeding before the DIAA Board may be represented by counsel. An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the Board shall notify the Executive Director of the representation in writing as soon as practicable.
- 10.1.3.2.10 Strict rules of evidence do not apply. Evidence having probative value commonly accepted by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of their affairs may be admitted into evidence.
- 10.1.3.2.11 Any document introduced into evidence at the hearing shall be marked by the DIAA Board and shall be a part of the record of the hearing. The party offering the document into evidence shall provide a copy of the document to each of the other parties, if any, and to each of the DIAA Board members present for the hearing unless otherwise directed.
- 10.1.3.2.12 DIAA shall provide a stenographic reporter at a hearing at its own expense.
- 10.1.3.2.13 The Board's decision shall be incorporated into a final order, which shall be signed and mailed to the parties within twenty (20) days of the hearing.

11.0 Appeal to the State Board of Education:

Any party to a controversy involving the athletic rules and regulations, including a waiver thereof, may appeal to the State Board of Education by setting forth such grievance in a petition. The petition or notice of appeal shall be served on the Secretary of Education no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the decision. In addition, a copy of the petition or notice of appeal shall be served on the Executive Director of DIAA by certified or registered mail. Any decision shall otherwise be final. All appeals to the State Board of Education shall be on the basis of the record. (See 14 *Del.C.* 312 and the State Board of Education Manual for the Conduct of Hearings Before the State Board of Education).

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- 1.0 Member schools are required to conduct all of their athletic affairs with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Acts which are prima facie evidence of a failure to abide by this rule are those which are noted below and others of a similar nature which transgress the usually accepted code for good sportsmanship.
 - 1.1 Failure to provide for proper control of spectators at a contest. When the number of spectators is expected to be large in relation to the seating capacity of the facility, uniformed state, county, or local police shall be provided for crowd control. The host school is expected to take reasonable and proper steps to assure crowd control under any foreseeable conditions.

- 1.2 **Failure of a team or competitor to stay in a contest until its normal end when failure to do so is related to dissatisfaction with the officiating of the contest,** unless the physical safety of the team or competitor would have been endangered by continuing the contest.
- 1.3 Harassment of game officials by a coach. Going onto the playing surface to interrupt a contest in protest of a decision by an official; conduct by a coach, team member, or any individual in the official party which invokes a penalty against the team; continued and visible actions by a coach which indicate to the team and/or to the spectators that the coach believes the game is being improperly officiated; public demonstrations with game officials which indicate to others extreme dissatisfaction with the officiating; and such related actions when exhibited in aggravated form are evidence of poor sportsmanship.
- 1.4 Failure of a school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon its faculty, student body, team members, coaching staff, and spectators the importance of good sportsmanship before, during, and after athletic contests. The host school is encouraged to read a brief statement concerning sportsmanship prior to the start of each athletic contest.
- 1.5 Failure of an administrator, athletic director, coach, athlete, official, or spectator to comply with the directions stipulated in the following Code of Interscholastic Athletics:

1.5.1 The School Administrator and Athletic Director shall:

- 1.5.1.1 Encourage and promote friendly relations and good sportsmanship throughout the school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times, by familiarizing students and others in the community with the ideals of good sportsmanship, and by publicizing these concepts and attitudes so that all members of the school community understand and appreciate their meaning.
- 1.5.1.2 Review the Sportsmanship Rule with all athletic staff.
- 1.5.1.3 Insist upon strict compliance with all DIAA rules and regulations.
- 1.5.1.4 Insist upon adequate safety provisions for both participants and spectators in all activities.
- 1.5.1.5 Encourage all to judge the success of the interscholastic athletic program based on the attitude of the participants and spectators rather than on the number of games won or lost.
- 1.5.1.6 Insist that all participants adhere to the highest standards of good sportsmanship as a means of ensuring desirable spectator attitudes.
- 1.5.1.7 Provide sanitary and attractive facilities for the dressing and housing of visiting teams and officials.

1.5.2 The Coach shall:

- 1.5.2.1 Demonstrate high ideals, good habits, and desirable attitudes in his/her personal and professional behavior and demand the same of his/her players.
- 1.5.2.2 Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of the individual players and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly.
- 1.5.2.3 Be a modest winner and a gracious loser.
- 1.5.2.4 Maintain self-control at all times and accept adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction with the officials. Register disagreement through proper channels.
- 1.5.2.5 Employ accepted educational methods in coaching and give his/her players an opportunity to develop and use initiative, leadership, and judgement.
- 1.5.2.6 Pay close attention to the physical well-being of his/her players, refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his/her team's chances to win.
- 1.5.2.7 Teach athletes that it is better to lose fairly than to win unfairly.
- 1.5.2.8 Discourage gambling, profanity, abusive language, and similar violations of the true sportsman's or sportswoman's code.
- 1.5.2.9 Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, or others associated with interscholastic athletics and discourage gossip and rumors about them.
- 1.5.2.10 Properly supervise the athletes under his/her immediate care.

1.5.3 The Participant (athletes and cheerleaders) shall:

- 1.5.3.1 Be responsible for the perpetuation of interscholastic athletics. Strive to enhance the image of athletics not only as a member of a team but also as a member of your school and community.
- 1.5.3.2 Be courteous to the visiting team. Your opponents wish to excel as much as you do. Respect their efforts.
- 1.5.3.3 Play hard to the limit of your ability regardless of discouragement. The true athlete does not give up, quarrel, cheat, bet, or grandstand.
- 1.5.3.4 Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman or sportswoman does not offer excuses for failure.
- 1.5.3.5 Understand and observe the playing rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- 1.5.3.6 Respect the integrity and judgement of the officials and accept their decisions without complaint.
- 1.5.3.7 Respect the facilities of the host school and do not violate the trust entailed in being a guest.

1.5.4 The Official shall:

- 1.5.4.1 Know the rules and interpretations and be thoroughly trained to administer them.
- 1.5.4.2 Maintain self-control in all situations.
- 1.5.4.3 When enforcing the rules, do not make gestures or comments that will embarrass the players or coaches.
- 1.5.4.4 Be impartial and fair, yet firm, in all decisions. A good official will not attempt to compensate later for an unpopular decision.
- 1.5.4.5 Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, player, or game situation with those not immediately concerned.
- 1.5.4.6 Conduct the game so as to enlist the cooperation of the players, coaches, and spectators in promoting good sportsmanship.

1.5.5 The Spectator shall:

- 1.5.5.1 Realize that he/she represents the school just as definitely as does a member of the team, and that he/she has an obligation to be a true sportsman or sportswoman and to encourage through his/her behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
- 1.5.5.2 Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team. The following are some examples of poor sportsmanship which shall not be tolerated:
 - 1.5.5.2.1 Profanity, vulgarity, obscene gestures, abusive language, and/or derogatory remarks.
 - 1.5.5.2.2 Throwing objects.
 - 1.5.5.2.3 Going onto the playing surface and interrupting a contest.
 - 1.5.5.2.4 Use of alcohol or other controlled substances.
- 1.5.5.3 Respect the judgement and integrity of the officials, recognizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.
- 1.5.5.4 Treat visiting teams and officials as guests extending to them every courtesy.
- 1.5.5.5 Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

2.0 Processing Violations

2.1 Procedures

- 2.1.1 The Executive Director is specifically authorized to pursue any matter which, on the surface, has indications of being a sportsmanship violation.
- 2.1.2 Within twenty (20) calendar days of the incident, an alleged sportsmanship violation must be reported in writing to the Executive Director by the administrative head of a member school or by the Executive Board of an officials' association.
- 2.1.3 The Executive Director shall transmit a copy of the report to the Principal of the school(s) involved.

- 2.1.4 Each Principal concerned shall investigate and provide such information or answers to the report as are appropriate. See 2.1.3.
- 2.1.5 The Executive Director shall provide member schools and officials' associations with a specially designed form to facilitate the proper reporting of sportsmanship-related incidents.
- 2.1.6 Upon receipt of all reports, the Executive Director shall review the documents and inform the school(s) involved of his/her disposition of the matter. The Executive Director may, in turn, refer the matter to the Sportsmanship Committee to investigate and adjudicate what appears to be a violation of the Sportsmanship Rule.
- 2.1.7 The Sportsmanship Committee shall review such available evidence as it deems necessary to reach a conclusion. Actions such as requesting reports and conducting interviews should not be interpreted as casting aspersions on a school adhering to DIAA regulations, but as an effort to keep all parties properly informed. Penalties up to and including suspensions of member schools may be imposed by the Sportsmanship Committee.
- 2.1.8 A copy of the Sportsmanship Committee's action shall be filed with the Executive Director and the administrative head of the school(s) involved.

2.2 Policies

- 2.2.1 The basis for the following policy statement is that a member school shall not be represented by individuals whose conduct reflects discredit upon the school. Insofar as unsportsmanlike actions by participants and spectators are concerned, the Sportsmanship Committee shall refer to the items previously identified in the Code of Interscholastic Athletics as well as the following guidelines:
 - 2.2.1.1 The school whose administrator or athletic director behaves in a manner likely to have an adverse influence on the attitudes of the players or spectators may be provided with a choice of:
 - 2.2.1.1.1 Reprimanding its administrator or athletic director and providing written documentation to the Executive Director, or
 - 2.2.1.1.2 Suspending its administrator or athletic director from representing the school in athletic events for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 school days, or
 - 2.2.1.1.3 Having the entire school disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.2 An athlete shall not strike an official, opponent, coach, or spectator, or display gross misconduct before, during, or after an athletic event. The athlete, depending on the seriousness of the act, may be declared ineligible by the Principal, Executive Director, or Sportsmanship Committee for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 school days.
 - 2.2.1.3 In the case of spectators physically assaulting an official, coach, or player, the school may be given the option of either taking punitive action against the offender or accepting discipline from DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.4 Schools that do not fully cooperate in promoting the spirit of the Sportsmanship Rule may be disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.5 The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have an adverse influence on the attitudes of the players or spectators may be provided with a choice of:
 - 2.2.1.5.1 Reprimanding its coach and providing written documentation to the Executive Director, or
 - 2.2.1.5.2 Suspending its coach from representing the school in athletic events for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 school days, or
 - 2.2.1.5.3 Having the entire school disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.6 An administrator, athletic director, or coach may be considered as having committed an unsportsmanlike act if:
 - 2.2.1.6.1 He/she makes disparaging remarks about the officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, or
 - 2.2.1.6.2 He/she argues with the official or indicates with gestures or other physical actions his/her dislike for a decision, or

- 2.2.1.6.3 He/she detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game, or
- 2.2.1.6.4 He/she makes disparaging or unprofessional remarks about another school's personnel.
- 2.2.1.7 All actions by a member school resulting from an investigation relative to the above policies shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director and/or the Sportsmanship Committee.

2.3 Penalties

2.3.1 Game Ejection

2.3.1.1 A player or coach disqualified before, during, or after a contest for unsportsmanlike and flagrant verbal or physical misconduct shall be suspended from the next complete (a winner is determined or a tie is declared) contest at that level of competition and all other complete or suspended contests in the interim at any level of competition in addition to any other penalties which DIAA or a conference may impose.

2.3.1.1.1 A player who leaves the team bench area and enters the playing field, court, or mat during a fight or other physical confrontation shall be ejected from the contest. A player who commits such an offense and is ejected by the game officials shall also be suspended from the next complete contest at that level of competition and all other complete or suspended contests at any level of competition in the interim. Additional penalties may be imposed if a player leaving the bench area becomes involved in the altercation.

2.3.1.2 A disqualified player or coach may not be physically present at any contest in that sport during his/her suspension.

2.3.1.3 If a coach is disqualified from the final contest of the season, his/her suspension shall carry over to the next year in that sport. In the case of an athlete, the same penalty shall apply if said athlete retains eligibility in that sport.

2.3.1.3.1 Coaches who do not fulfill their penalty in the same sport shall be disqualified for the appropriate length of time in their subsequent coaching assignment.

2.3.1.3.2 Seniors shall fulfill their penalty in the post-season all-star game in that sport. If not chosen to participate in the all-star game, they shall fulfill their penalty in another sport during the same season or another sport during a subsequent season. When a senior is disqualified from the last game of his/her high school career, the member school is requested to take appropriate administrative action to discipline the offending student.

2.3.1.4 A player or coach ejected for a second time during the same season shall be subjected to a two-game suspension and meet, in a timely fashion, with the Sportsmanship Committee accompanied by his/her principal or designee and, in the case of an athlete, by his/her coach.

2.3.2 The following penalties represent degrees of discipline in enforcing the Sportsmanship Rule:

2.3.2.1 Reprimand – a reprimand may be given by the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee. It is official notice that an unethical or unsportsmanlike action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.

2.3.2.2 Probation – probation is a more severe penalty and may be imposed by the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee on a member school, a particular team of a member school, a particular coach or athlete of a member school, or an official. Probation may be expressed in one of the following ways:

2.3.2.2.1 Conditional probation wherein the offending party may participate in regular season contests, sanctioned events, and conference and state championships provided he/she/the school files with DIAA a

plan indicating the measures that shall be taken to alleviate the problem which caused him/her/the school to be placed on probation, or

2.3.2.2.2 Restrictive probation wherein a member school or a particular team of a member school may engage in its regular season schedule but may not enter any sanctioned events, participate in any playoff toward a conference or state championship, or be awarded a conference or state championship.

2.3.2.3 Suspension – a member school, a particular team of a member school, a particular coach or athlete of a member school, or an official may not participate in any DIAA sanctioned interscholastic competition.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1007.2.3**

1. What are the penalties for wrestlers and wrestling coaches who are ejected from a dual meet or tournament?

A. Wrestler

1. A wrestler who is penalized four (4) times for unnecessary roughness and/or unsportsmanlike conduct during his match shall be disqualified (NFHS rules 7-4-1 and 7-4-2) and suspended from the next round of that tournament, the next dual meet, or the first round of a subsequent tournament, whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).
 - a. If a suspended wrestler receives a bye in the 1st round of a tournament, that round shall not count as his suspension. He shall advance to the 2nd round and that round shall count as his suspension.
 - b. If a suspended wrestler receives a forfeit in the first round of a tournament, that round shall count as his suspension.
2. A wrestler who is penalized two (2) times for unsportsmanlike conduct not during a match shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the day (NFHS rules 7-5-3 and 8-1-4). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next round of that tournament on the following day, the next dual meet, or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament on the following day, the next dual meet, or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).
3. A wrestler who is penalized for flagrant misconduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event (NFHS rules 7-4-3 and 8-1-6). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next dual meet or the 1st round of a subsequent tournament, whichever is the next scheduled competition (DIAA Penalty).

B. Coach

1. A coach who is penalized two (2) times for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the day (NFHS rules 7-5-3 and 8-1-4). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next day of competition (DIAA Penalty).
 2. A coach who is penalized for flagrant misconduct shall be removed from the premises for the remainder of the event including the second day of a two-day tournament (NFHS rule 7-5-5). In addition, he shall be suspended from the next day of competition subsequent to the event in which he was ejected (DIAA Penalty).
2. What is the suspension resulting from a contest ejection? The offending coach or athlete may not be present at any game at any level of competition in that sport involving his/her school. In addition, he/she may not be present at any game-related activities immediately before the contest, during the intermission, or immediately after the contest. He/she must be “out of sight and sound” of the game and game-related activities regardless of whether he/she is physically on school premises. If the offending coach or player is present at a game or game-related activity during his/her suspension in any capacity, including but not limited to: manager, statistician, site worker, spectator etc., he/she will be suspended for one additional game at that level of competition.

2.4 Appeals

2.4.1 Decisions of the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors in accordance with the procedure found in 14 DE Admin. Code 1006.10. In accordance with subsection 1006.10.1.1.3.1, the notice of appeal shall be served by certified mail within ten (10) calendar days after the appellant’s receipt of the written notice that official action has been taken by the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee.

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1.0 National Federation of State High Schools, Conferences, Contracts and Equivalency Rules

1.1 National Federation of High School Associations

1.1.1 DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The playing codes, sanctions, and other rules of the NFHS are adopted except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.1.1.1 The playing rules of the United States Tennis Association, the United States Golf Association, and the United States Lacrosse Association are adopted for the sports of tennis, golf, and girls' lacrosse respectively except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.2 Conferences

1.2.1 Member schools may establish voluntary conference organizations that may be composed of public and nonpublic schools. When established they must submit its proposed membership and its constitution and bylaws to the DIAA Board of Directors and must be approved by the DIAA Board of Directors before the schools may enter into any contractual agreements.

1.2.1.1 All subsequent amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the conference must be compatible with all provisions of the DIAA Regulations; interpretations and rulings of the Executive Director, Sportsmanship Committee, and Board of Directors; state tournament regulations; and DIAA approved playing codes.

1.3 Contracts

1.3.1 Contracts between DIAA member schools or between DIAA member schools and full member schools of comparable state associations are encouraged but not required.

1.3.1.1 Conference master contracts are approved substitutes for individual contracts.

1.3.1.2 In the case of a dispute and provided either a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors which, after review of the circumstances, may assign an appropriate penalty.

1.3.1.2.1 Without a signed individual contract or conference master contract, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.3.2 Contracts between DIAA member schools and nonmember or associate member schools of comparable state associations are required.

1.3.2.1 A copy of the signed contract must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the contest for which the agreement was drawn up. Failure to file a signed contract as prescribed shall result in the DIAA member school being assessed a \$15.00 fine.

1.3.2.2 In the case of a dispute, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors unless a signed individual contract is in place.

1.3.3 Contracts shall be interchanged according to the following provisions:

1.3.3.1 Contracts on the accepted form shall be arranged by the competing schools for each season's interscholastic athletic contests.

1.3.3.2 Contracts shall be drawn up by the faculty manager or other designated staff member of the home school of the earlier contest.

1.3.3.3 A signed contract or any part thereof may not be nullified or modified except by mutual agreement of both schools involved.

1.3.4 If a game is not played, it shall be considered "no contest" unless a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question and one of the participating schools breached the agreement in which case appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.1.3**

1. What happens if a school discontinues sponsorship of a team before the start of a season? If a school discontinues sponsorship of a particular team prior to the start of the competitive season in that sport, regardless of the presence of a master contract or a signed individual contract, the contracted games shall be considered “no contests.” No forfeits shall be awarded and those games shall not count as either wins or losses for the purpose of conference standings or selection and seeding in the state tournament.

1.4 Equivalency Rules

- 1.4.1 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an instate school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA.
 - 1.4.1.1 Scrimmage is defined as: an informal competition between schools in which officials are not compensated, a score is not kept, the time periods are modified, the results of the competition are not reported to the media, the coaches may interrupt the play to provide instruction, and the competition is strictly for practice purposes.
- 1.4.2 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or nonmember school of another state association unless the opposing school, as part of a written contract, certifies that its contestants are eligible under the rules of its home state association.
- 1.4.3 An associate member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an in-state school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA unless the opposing school complies with the conditions specified in 1.4.2. However, the opposing school shall be exempt from those rules which DIAA has waived for its associate member school.
- 1.4.4 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non-school sponsored team.
- 1.4.5 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with college students. This provision shall not apply to games played against the alumni or faculty of the school when the game is sponsored by school authorities.
- 1.4.6 A school which participates in a game against an illegal opponent shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$100.00 fine.

2.0 Eligibility: No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest if he/she does not meet the following requirements.

2.1 Eligibility, Grades and Age

- 2.1.1 The junior high /middle school interscholastic program shall include grades 6-8, inclusive. No junior high/middle school student who has completed a season at the junior high/middle school level shall compete in the same sport at the senior high school level during the same school year. A junior high/middle school student who participates in a varsity or sub-varsity game at the high school level shall be ineligible to participate at the junior high/middle school level in the same sport.
 - 2.1.1.1 Eighth-grade students who become 15 years of age on or after June 15 in a school terminating in the eighth grade shall be eligible for all sports during the current school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
 - 2.1.1.2 Permission shall be granted for 15-year-old eighth-grade students in a school terminating in the eighth grade who are ineligible for junior high/middle school competition to participate in the district high school athletic program provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. In determining the age of a contestant, the birth date as entered on the birth record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be required and shall be so certified on all eligibility lists.
- 2.1.2 Requests for waiver of the age requirement shall be considered only for participation on an unofficial, non-scoring basis in non-contact sports.

2.2 Eligibility, Residence

- 2.2.1 With the exception of boarding school students, a student must be living with his/her custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver in the attendance zone of the school

which he/she attends in order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics in that school. In cases of joint custody, the custodial parent shall be the parent with actual physical placement as determined by court action. In the case of shared custody the parents must commit to sending the student to a particular school for the year. Maintaining multiple residences to circumvent this requirement shall render the student ineligible.

2.2.1.1 A student who, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, remains in a school he/she has been attending after his/her legal residence changes to the attendance zone of a different school in the same school district, may exercise, prior to the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, a one-time election to remain at his/her current school and thereby not lose athletic eligibility. If a student chooses to remain at his/her current school and then transfers to the school in his/her new attendance zone on or after the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, he/she shall be ineligible for ninety (90) school days.

2.2.1.2 A student who changes residence to a different attendance zone after the start of the last marking period and, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, is granted permission to continue attending his/her present school. The student shall retain his/her athletic eligibility in that school for the remainder of the school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

2.2.1.3 A student may be residing outside of the attendance zone of the school which he/she attends if the student is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program as authorized by 14 *Del.C.*, Ch. 4.

2.2.1.4 A student who is a nonresident of Delaware shall be eligible to attend a public school, charter school, or career-technical school if, in accordance with 14 *Del.C.* §607, his/her custodial parent, legal guardian or Relative Caregiver is a full-time employee of that district.

2.2.1.5 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student shall be eligible at a public school, charter school or vocational-technical school if he/she is enrolled in accordance with 14 *Del.C.* §202(f), the Caregivers School Authorization.

2.2.1.5.1 An exception would be a student whose Relative Caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Caregivers' School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full-time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating him/her as the student's legal guardian.

2.2.1.6 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student who is homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2) shall be eligible to participate at the public school in which he/she is enrolled.

2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment and Attendance

2.3.1 A student must be legally enrolled in the junior high/middle school which he/she represents in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest.

2.3.2 Students with disabilities who are placed in special schools or programs administered by a school district or charter school which sponsors junior high/middle school interscholastic athletics.

2.3.2.1 Definitions:

"Campus" means a contiguous land area containing one or more school buildings.

"Special School or Program" means a school or program approved by the Department of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education to serve students with disabilities, but does not include alternative schools.

“Student With a Disability” means a “child with a disability” as that term in the Administrative Manual for Special Education Services (AMSES), 14 DE Admin. Code 925.

2.3.2.2 A student with a disability who is placed in a special school or program administered by a school district or charter school which sponsors junior high/middle school interscholastic athletics shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as follows:

2.3.2.2.1 If the special school or program sponsors the interscholastic sport in question, the student shall be eligible to participate only at the school or program.

2.3.2.2.2 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question and the student is served in a regular junior high/middle school for all or part of the school day, the student shall be eligible only at that regular junior high/middle school.

2.3.2.2.3 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is located on the campus of a regular junior high/middle school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular junior high/middle school on the same campus.

2.3.2.2.4 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is not located on the campus of a regular junior high/middle school the student shall be eligible only at the regular junior high/middle school designated to serve the special school’s or program’s students.

2.3.2.2.4.1 School districts or charter schools which administer special schools or programs and have multiple middle schools shall decide which of its regular middle schools shall be designated to serve special school or program students in these circumstances.

2.3.3 A student who is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program, as authorized by 14 *Del. C. Ch. 4*, is obligated to attend the choice school for a minimum of two (2) years unless the student’s custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver relocate to a different school district or the student fails to meet the academic requirements of the choice school. If a student attends a choice school for less than two (2) years and subsequently returns to his/her home school, the student must receive a release from the choice district in order to legally enroll at his/her home school. Without a release, the student would not be legally enrolled and consequently would be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

2.3.4 A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in-school or out-of-school, is in effect or during the time he/she is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.

2.3.5 A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest on that day.

2.3.6 A student who fails to complete a semester or absence for one or more semesters for reasons other than personal illness or injury shall be ineligible for ninety (90) school days from his/her reentry to school.

2.3.7 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.1.1 through 2.10.3 shall, when he/she regains her eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging, or competing for an equivalent number of days.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.2.3**

1. What is the eligibility of a student attending an alternative school for transitional purposes? A student who is being transitioned for a return to his/her home school from a correctional facility should be considered as having been assigned to the alternative school for disciplinary reasons and would be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics until he/she was in regular attendance at his/her home school.
2. What is the eligibility of a student assigned to homebound instruction for disciplinary reasons? A student is ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in interscholastic athletics during the time he/she is assigned to homebound instruction for disciplinary reasons.
3. What is the eligibility of a student assigned to an Intensive Learning Center (ILC)? All ILC students in grade 7 through 12 will participate in interscholastic athletics at the school in which the ILC is located. If that school does not sponsor interscholastic in any sport, ILC students will be permitted to participate at their home school. Students who are assigned to an ILC and students who are re-assigned to their home school from an ILC are not subject to the provisions of 2.4 and are immediately eligible to participate provided they are in compliance with all other DIAA eligibility requirements.

2.4 Eligibility-Transfers

- 2.4.1 A student who has not previously participated in interscholastic athletics (previous participation is defined as having practiced, scrimmaged, or competed in grades 6 through 8), is released by a proper school authority from a sending school, has completed the registration process at the receiving school, and is pursuing an approved course of study shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided he/she meets all other DIAA eligibility requirements.
- 2.4.2 If a student has previously participated in interscholastic athletics, he/she shall be ineligible for a period of ninety (90) school days commencing with the first day of official attendance in the receiving school unless one of the following exceptions applies:
 - 2.4.2.1 The transfer is within a school district and is approved by the district's superintendent pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure. This provision shall not apply to a student who transfers to his/her home school from a "choice school" within the district and who has not completed the two-year attendance requirement unless he/she satisfies the conditions stipulated in 2.4.2.5.1 through 2.4.2.5.4. This provision shall also not apply to a student who transfers from a "choice school" to another "choice school" within the district (see 2.4.6.1).
 - 2.4.2.2 The transfer is caused by court action, court action being an order from a court of law affecting legally committed students. In the case of a transfer of guardianship/custody, the transfer shall be the result of a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction. A petition for the transfer of guardianship/custody, an affidavit, (except as permitted by 2.4.2.3) or a notarized statement signed by the affected parties shall not be sufficient to render the student eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
 - 2.4.2.3 The transfer is in accordance with 14 *Del.C.* §202(f), the Caregivers School Authorization.
 - 2.4.2.3.1 An exception would be a student whose relative caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Caregivers School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full-time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating him/her as the student's legal guardian.
 - 2.4.2.4 The transfer is the result of a change in residence by the custodial parent(s) legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver from the attendance zone of the sending school to the attendance zone of the receiving school. A change in residence has occurred when all occupancy of the previous residence has ended. A stu-

dent who transfers shall be eligible in the receiving school immediately when the custodial parent(s) legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver has established a new legal residence in another public school attendance zone.

2.4.2.5 The transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the receiving school's academic year provided:

2.4.2.5.1 The student has completed the registration process at the receiving school prior to the first official student day of the academic year. The first official student day shall be defined as the first day on which students in any grade in that school are required to be in attendance.

2.4.2.5.2 The student has not attended class, excluding summer school, or participated in a scrimmage or contest at the sending school since the close of the previous academic year.

2.4.2.5.3 The student's legal residence is located in the attendance zone of the receiving school.

2.4.2.5.4 All other DIAA eligibility requirements have been met.

2.4.2.6 The transfer is the result of the student being homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2).

2.4.2.6.1 Notwithstanding the above, the student shall be ineligible under the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause where the student's homeless status is created by the student or his/her family for the primary reason of:

2.4.2.6.1.1 Seeking a superior team;

2.4.2.6.1.2 Seeking a team more compatible with the student's abilities; or

2.4.2.6.1.3 Dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics; or

2.4.2.6.1.4 Avoiding disciplinary action imposed by the school of origin related to affecting interscholastic athletic participation.

2.4.3 Transfer Because of a Change in the Program of Study or Financial Hardship: If a waiver of the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause is requested due to a desired change in the program of study or financial hardship, the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver is responsible for providing documentation to the DIAA Board of Directors to support the request.

2.4.3.1 Documentation for Change in Program of Study: Documentation for change in program of study (a multi-year hierarchical sequence of courses with a common theme or subject matter leading to a specific outcome) shall include:

2.4.3.1.1 The student's schedule;

2.4.3.1.2 The student's transcript;

2.4.3.1.3 Current course descriptions from both the sending and receiving schools;

2.4.3.1.4 A statement from the Principal of the sending school indicating that a significant part of the student's desired program of study will not be offered and that it will place the student at a definite disadvantage to delay transfer until the end of the current school year; and

2.4.3.1.5 A statement from the principals of both the sending and receiving school that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage (see 2.4.5).

2.4.3.2 Documentation for Financial Hardship: Documentation for financial hardship shall include:

- 2.4.3.2.1 Proof of extreme financial hardship caused by significant loss of income and/or increased expenses; and
- 2.4.3.2.2 A statement from the Principal of both the sending and receiving schools that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage (see 2.4.5).
- 2.4.4 Transfer Because of a Custody Change: In cases of joint or shared custody when a primary residence is established, a change in a student's primary residence without court action subjects the student to the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause.
- 2.4.5 A change of custody or guardianship for athletic advantage shall render a student ineligible under the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause if the reason for his/her transfer is one of the following: to seek a superior team, to seek a team more compatible with his/her abilities, dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods, or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics, or to avoid disciplinary action imposed by the sending school related to or affecting interscholastic athletic participation.
- 2.4.6 A student who transfers from a public, private, career-technical school or charter school to a school of choice, as authorized by 14 *Del. C.*, Ch. 4 shall be eligible immediately provided the transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the receiving school's academic year.
 - 2.4.6.1 A student who transfers from a school of choice to another school of choice shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during his/her first year of attendance at the receiving school unless the receiving school sponsors a sport(s) not sponsored by the sending school in which case the student shall be eligible to participate in that sport only.
- 2.4.7 A student who transfers from a school of choice to either a private school, public school, career technical school or, after completing his/her two year commitment, to a public charter school, shall be eligible immediately provided the transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year.
- 2.4.8 If a student transfers with fewer than ninety (90) school days left in the academic year, he/she shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year but shall be eligible beginning with the subsequent fall sports season provided he/she is in compliance with all other eligibility requirements.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.2.4**

1. What is the eligibility of a return transfer student to the original sending school? A student who withdraws from school A and registers at school B (e.g., during either winter or summer vacation) but does not attend class at school B or participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest at school B, will not be subject to the 90 school day ineligibility clause if he/she returns to school A. However, if the student either attends class or participates in interscholastic athletics at school B, then he/she will be ineligible for 90 school days if he/she returns to school A.

2.5 Eligibility, Amateur Status

- 2.5.1 A student may not participate in an interscholastic sport unless he/she is considered an amateur in that sport. A student forfeits his/her amateur status if he/she does any of the following:
 - 2.5.1.1 Knowingly plays on or against a professional team which is defined as a team having one or more members who have received or are receiving directly or indirectly monetary consideration for their athletic services.
 - 2.5.1.2 Signs a professional contract, accepts reimbursement for expenses to attend a professional tryout, or receives financial assistance in any form from a professional sports organization.
 - 2.5.1.3 Enters competition under an assumed name. The surname and given name used by any player in the first game of interscholastic competition shall be used during the remainder of the student's interscholastic career. Any change in spelling

or use of another name shall be regarded as an attempt to evade this rule unless the change has been properly certified by the player to the principal of the school.

- 2.5.1.4 Receives remuneration of any kind or accepts reimbursement for expenses in excess of the actual and necessary costs of transportation, meals, and lodging for participating in a team or individual competition or an instructional camp/clinic Reimbursement for the aforementioned expenses is permitted only if all of the participants receive the same benefit.
- 2.5.1.5 Receives cash or a cash equivalent (savings bond, certificate of deposit, etc.), merchandise (except as permitted by 9.1.4) or a merchandise discount (except for discount arranged by school for part of team uniform) a reduction or waiver of fees, a gift certificate, or other valuable consideration as a result of his/her participation in an organized competition or instructional camp/clinic. Accepting an event program and/or a complimentary item(s) (t-shirt, hat, equipment bag, etc.) that is inscribed with a reference to the event, has an aggregate retail value of no more than \$150.00, and is provided to all of the participants, shall not jeopardize his/her amateur status.
- 2.5.1.6 Sells or pawns awards received.
- 2.5.1.7 Uses his/her athletic status to promote or endorse a commercial product or service in a newsprint, radio, or television advertisement or personal appearance.
- 2.5.2 Accepting compensation for teaching lessons, coaching, or officiating shall not jeopardize his/her amateur status.
- 2.5.3 A student who forfeits his/her amateur status under the provisions of this rule is ineligible to participate at the interscholastic level in the sport in which the violation occurred. He/she may be reinstated after a period of up to 180 school days provided that during the suspension, he/she complies with all of the provisions of this rule. The suspension shall date from the time of the last offense.

2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work

- 2.6.1 In order to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, including practices, a student must pursue a regular course of study or its equivalent as approved by the local governing body, and must be passing at least four (4) courses. Two (2) of those courses must be in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies.
 - 2.6.1.1 A student who is receiving special education services and is precluded from meeting the aforementioned academic requirements due to modifications in the grading procedure or course of study, shall be adjudged eligible by the principal if he/she is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his/her individualized education plan (IEP).
- 2.6.2 A student whose work in any regular marking period does not meet the above standards shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, including practices, for the next marking period.
 - 2.6.2.1 In the case of a conflict between the marking period grade and the final grade, the final grade shall determine eligibility.
 - 2.6.2.2 The final accumulation of credits shall determine eligibility for the first marking period of the following school year. When a student makes up a failure or earns the required credit(s) during the summer, he/she shall become eligible provided he/she successfully completes the course work prior to the first official student day of the school year.
 - 2.6.2.3 Written verification of the successful completion of a correspondence course must be received before a student shall regain his/her eligibility.
- 2.6.3 A student forfeits or regains his/her eligibility, in accordance with the provisions of this rule, on the day report cards are issued.
- 2.6.4 Local school boards and nonpublic schools may establish more stringent requirements for academic eligibility than the minimum standards herein prescribed.
- 2.6.5 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.6.1., 2.6.2, or 2.6.3. shall, when he/she

regains his/her eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging, or competing for an equivalent number of days.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.2.6**

1. How do incompletes on grade change affect a student's eligibility?
 - A. If a student receives an incomplete because he/she was unable to complete the required assignments in a particular course due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances and consequently becomes ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics (when report cards are issued), that student will regain his/her eligibility when the required assignments are submitted and a passing grade is recorded.
 - B. If a student receives a failing grade in a particular course and consequently becomes ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics (when report cards are issued) but it is determined that a mistake was made in the computation of the grade, that student will regain his/her eligibility when the correct passing grade is recorded. During the time that the matter is being resolved, he/she is ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in a contest at any level of competition.
 - C. If a student receives a failing grade in a particular course but is permitted to retake a test, rewrite a paper, submit an additional assignment for credit, etc. after the end of the marking period and his/her grade is subsequently changed to a passing grade, that student will become ineligible when report cards are issued or remain ineligible if report cards have already been issued regardless of the grade change.

2. How is eligibility determined for students with one-semester and nine-week courses?
 In order to determine if a student who is taking either a semester course(s) or a nine-week course(s) is passing the equivalent of five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas, multiply the credit value of a semester course(s) by a factor of 2 and multiply the credit value of a nine-week course(s) by a factor of 4. **Block scheduling would not affect the calculation of credit equivalences.**

<i>Example:</i>	1st Nine-Week Marking Period	2nd Marking Period	Final Grade
Course # 1 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C	C	
Course # 2 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C*	B*	
Course # 3 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C*	C*	
Course # 4 (full year, 1.0 credit)	D*	F*	
Course # 5 (semester, .5 credit)	C	C	C
Course # 6 (semester, .5 credit)	F*	D*	F*

The student in the example above would be eligible during the second marking period because he/she passed courses # 1, # 2, # 3, # 4, and # 5 during the first marking period which would be considered the equivalent of five (5) credits. However, the student would be ineligible during the third marking period even though he/she passed courses # 1, # 2, # 3, # 5, and # 6 during the second marking period because the final grade takes precedence over the marking period grade (see 2.6.2.1). The student passed only the equivalent of four (4) credits and consequently would be ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete during the third marking period.

3. How is eligibility determined for a student classified as an 11th grader but graduating at the end of the school year? A student who was classified as a junior but had declared his/her intention to graduate at the end of the school year and was taking the courses necessary to do so (either during the regular school day or outside of the regular school day), should be held accountable to the 12th grade academic eligibility standard. Therefore, the aforementioned student would be required to pass all courses necessary for graduation in order to practice, scrimmage, or compete rather than five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas.
4. What are the local academic requirements and timelines for losing/regaining eligibility? A student who was in compliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements but had lost his/her eligibility as a result of noncompliance with a local academic eligibility requirement (2.6.4 permits member schools to adopt additional or more stringent academic eligibility requirements; e.g., a minimum GPA), would regain his/her eligibility when he/she had satisfied the local requirement in accordance with the timelines used by that particular district or school. If a student became ineligible due to noncompliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements, then that student would regain his/her eligibility on the date that report cards were issued as stated in 2.6.3. Member schools should use local timelines for enforcing additional academic eligibility requirements and DIAA timelines for the academic eligibility requirements stipulated in 2.6.1.

5. What are the local academic requirements and forfeiture? An offending school would not be required to forfeit the contest if a student who was in compliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements but was ineligible as a result of noncompliance with a local academic eligibility requirement was inadvertently allowed to participate.
6. What are the eligibility requirements for an 8th grader participating on a high school team? An 8th grader who is permitted to participate on either a subvarsity or varsity high school team must be held accountable to the same eligibility requirements as a student in grades 9 thru 12. Therefore, an 8th grader must be passing the equivalent of five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas before being allowed to try out for either a subvarsity or varsity high school team or before being moved up from a middle school team to either a subvarsity or varsity high school team.
7. What is a computer literacy credit? Whenever a student earns the computer literacy credit by testing out during the school year, it shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated at the end of that school year and used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year. If the computer literacy credit is earned between the end of one school year and the first official school day of the subsequent school year, it shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated during the previous school year and again used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year.
8. How is eligibility determined for a student who successfully completes a correspondence course during a marking period? A correspondence course which is successfully completed during a marking period shall be considered the equivalent of a passing grade at the end of that marking period and shall be used to determine eligibility for the subsequent marking period. However, a correspondence course which is successfully completed between the end of one school year and the first official school day of the subsequent school year shall be considered the equivalent of a course passed during the previous school year. The credit earned shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated at the end of the previous school year and used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year.
9. How is eligibility determined for a special education student who is noncompliant due to modifications in their course of study? If it is not possible for a student who is receiving special education services to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1 (must pass five (5) credits per marking period with two (2) credits in the areas of English, mathematics, science, or social studies) due to modifications in his/her course of study, then the principal will determine the student's eligibility based on whether he/she is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his/her IEP. An example would be a student who is taking fewer than two (2) credits in the aforementioned core academic areas. The key word in 2.6.1.1 is "precluded." If a student fails to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1, he/she is ineligible and that determination is not left to the principal's discretion. If a student who is receiving special education services is taking a minimum of five (5) credits with at least two (2) credits in the core academic areas, he/she is expected to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1 in order to be eligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in interscholastic athletics.

2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation

- 2.7.1 No student shall represent a school in athletics after four (4) consecutive semesters from the date of his/her first entrance into the seventh grade in schools which restrict participation in interscholastic athletics to students in grades 7 and 8 unless a waiver is granted for hardship reasons.
 - 2.7.1.1 No student shall have more than two (2) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
 - 2.7.1.2 "Hardship" shall be defined as extenuating circumstances peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control or creation of the student athlete, his/her family, or school which (1) deprive him/her of all or part of one of his/her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season; (2) preclude him/her from completing the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness or accidents, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.
 - 2.7.1.2.1 A waiver shall not be granted under this section where DIAA finds that the student was academically eligible pursuant to DIAA's minimum passing work standards but was ineligible to participate under more stringent locally adopted academic standards and where the local school board has adopted its own waiver or exemption policy.
 - 2.7.1.2.2 A clear and direct causal relationship must exist between the

alleged hardship condition and the failure of the student to complete the academic requirements for promotion within the normal period of eligibility and the loss of all or part of one of his/her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season.

- 2.7.1.2.3 The burden of proof rests with the student in conjunction with the waiver process as described in 14 DE Admin. Code 1006. Claims of extended illness, debilitating injury, emotional stress, etc., must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Evidence must be submitted to verify that the student or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) sought assistance to ameliorate the effects of the hardship condition.
- 2.7.2 No student shall represent a school in athletics after six (6) consecutive semesters from the date of his/her first entrance into the sixth grade in schools which permit students in grades 6, 7 and 8 to participate in interscholastic athletics unless a waiver is granted for hardship reasons
 - 2.7.2.1 No student shall have more than three (3) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
 - 2.7.2.2 Participation on the part of a sixth-grade student shall be at the discretion of the individual school.
 - 2.7.2.3 Sixth-grade students shall not be permitted to participate in football unless the conference develops a classification system that is approved by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 2.7.3 Students below the sixth grade shall not be permitted to practice, scrimmage, or compete on junior high/middle school interscholastic teams.
- 2.7.4 Participation shall be defined as taking part in a school-sponsored practice, scrimmage, or contest on or after the first allowable date for practice in that sport.

2.8 Student Eligibility Report Forms

- 2.8.1 Member schools shall use eligibility forms approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the original eligibility report and subsequent addenda must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the first contest for which the students listed are eligible. Failure to file an eligibility report as prescribed shall result in a \$15.00 fine against the school.
 - 2.8.1.1 In the case of a student who met all DIAA eligibility requirements but was omitted from the eligibility report due to administrative or clerical error, he/she shall be adjudged eligible and the school assessed a \$10.00 fine.

2.9 Use of an Ineligible Athlete:

- 2.9.1 If a school uses an ineligible athlete, the administrative head or his/her designee shall notify the opposing school(s) or event sponsor, in the case of a tournament or meet, and the Executive Director in writing of the violation and the forfeiture of the appropriate game(s), match(es) and/or point(s) won.
- 2.9.2 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of soccer, football, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse shall require the offending school to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible athlete participated.
 - 2.9.2.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, the offending school shall be replaced by its most recently defeated opponent. Teams eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament. Team and/or individual awards shall be returned to the event sponsor and team and/or individual records and performances shall be nullified.
 - 2.9.2.2 The offending school may appeal to the DIAA Board of Directors for a waiver of the forfeiture penalty. If the forfeiture penalty is waived, the offending school shall be reprimanded and fined \$200.00 unless the athlete or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) knowingly withheld information or provided false information that caused him/her to be eligible for interscholastic competition. The burden of proof, in both cases, rests entirely with the offending school. A forfeit shall constitute a loss for the offending school and a win for its oppo-

ment for purposes of standings. A forfeit shall be automatic and not subject to refusal by the offending school's opponent.

- 2.9.3 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of cross country, wrestling, swimming, track, golf, and tennis shall require the offending school to forfeit the matches won and/or points earned by the ineligible athlete or by a relay team of which he/she was a member. The points contributed by an ineligible athlete to his/her team score shall be deleted and the contest score as well as any affected placements will be adjusted according to the rules of that sport.
 - 2.9.3.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, the ineligible athlete shall be replaced by his/her most recently defeated opponent or next highest finisher. Contestants eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament.
 - 2.9.3.2 Individual awards earned by the ineligible athlete and team awards, if necessary because of adjustments in the standings, shall be returned to the event sponsor. Individual records and performances by the ineligible athlete shall be nullified.
- 2.9.4 If an ineligible athlete participates in interscholastic competition contrary to DIAA rules but in accordance with a temporary restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or DIAA, and the injunction is subsequently vacated, stayed, or reversed, or the courts determine that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, or the injunction expires without further judicial determination, the penalties as stipulated in 2.9.2 and 2.9.3 shall be imposed.
- 2.9.5 The intentional use of an ineligible athlete by a member school or repeated indifference to its responsibility to determine the eligibility of its athletes will subject the school to additional penalties which may include suspension for the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.9.6 If a coach knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes an athlete to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.9.7 If an athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes him/her to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the athlete shall be suspended from participation in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

2.10 Determination of Student Eligibility and the Appeal Procedures

- 2.10.1 In cases of uncertainty or disagreement, the eligibility of a student shall be determined initially by the Executive Director. If the Executive Director determines that the student is ineligible, the school and the student shall be notified and the student suspended immediately from participation in interscholastic athletics.
- 2.10.2 The school and the student shall be informed that the decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 2.10.3 Decisions of the DIAA Board of Directors to affirm, modify, or reverse the eligibility rulings of the Executive Director may be appealed to the State Board of Education in accordance with the procedure described in Regulation 1006 Section 10.1.3.

3.0 Physical Examinations, Weight Control Programs for Wrestling and Required Medical Personnel in Attendance at All Football Games

3.1 Physical Examinations

- 3.1.1 A student shall not be eligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in an interscholastic contest unless he/she has been adequately examined by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.), a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified physician's assistant on or after May 1 and before beginning such athletic activity for the current school year.
- 3.1.2 A certificate to that effect, as well as the parent's, legal guardian's or Relative Caregiver's consent, shall be on file with the administrative head of the school prior to the student participating in a practice, scrimmage, or game.

- 3.1.3 For any subsequent sports season in the school year, a limited reexamination shall be performed if any of the following circumstances exist: the athlete has been treated for an injury during the preceding sports season, the athlete has been out of school during the preceding sports season with an illness other than the usual minor upper respiratory or gastrointestinal upset, an operation has been performed on the athlete during the preceding term, or the athlete has a remedial defect.
- 3.1.4 The medical history of the student should be available at the time of each examination.
- 3.1.5 A player who is properly certified to participate in interscholastic athletics but is physically unable to participate for five (5) consecutive days on which a practice, scrimmage, or contest is held due to illness or injury, must present to the administrative head of the school or designee, a statement from a qualified physician that he/she is again physically able to participate.

3.2 Wrestling Weight Control Program

- 3.2.1 Each year, four (4) weeks from the first day he/she appears at practice, a wrestler must establish his/her minimum weight class at a weigh-in witnessed by and attested to in writing by the athletic director or a designated staff member (excluding coaches) of the school the wrestler attends. A wrestler may recertify at a lower weight during the 4 weeks from the first day he/she appears at practice. However, once certified at a weight, a wrestler may not weigh-in more than one class above the weight of the certification without automatically recertifying at a higher weight. Once recertified to a higher weight class the wrestler can no longer recertify lower. After 4 weeks from the first practice day a wrestler may not compete in a weight class below his duly established weight class.
- 3.2.2 The weight classifications shall be as follows:

76 lbs.	100 lbs.	124 lbs.	148 lbs.
82 lbs.	106 lbs.	130 lbs.	155 lbs.
88 lbs.	112 lbs.	136 lbs.	165 lbs.
94 lbs.	118 lbs.	142 lbs.	250 lbs.

(minimum weight 164 lbs.)
- 3.2.3 With the exception of the above weight classifications, the current edition of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book shall apply.
- 3.2.4 By the end of four (4) weeks of practice, a certified team roster listing the established minimum weight class of each wrestler shall be sent to the Executive Director of DIAA. Further, duly attested notices of additions to the certified roster shall be sent to the Executive Director without delay.
- 3.2.5 Schools which desire to conduct their wrestling program at a time other than the specified season must request permission from the Executive Director.
 - 3.2.5.1 A team which begins its season in October shall receive a one-pound growth allowance in November and an additional pound in December. A team which begins its season in November shall receive a one-pound growth allowance in December, an additional pound in January, and a third pound in February.

3.3 Required Medical Personnel In Attendance at All Football Games

- 3.3.1 Provision shall be made for a licensed physician, a NATA certified athletic trainer, or a registered nurse to be present at all interscholastic football games in which a member school participates. The host school shall provide this service. Failure by the host school to provide this service shall result in a \$100.00 fine.

4.0 Sports Seasons, Practice Sessions and Maximum Game Schedules and designated Sports Seasons

4.1 Sports Seasons

- 4.1.1 The fall sports season shall begin on August 25 and end not later than December 1. Practice for any fall sport shall not begin earlier than August 25.
 - 4.1.1.1 The first three (3) days of football practice shall be primarily for the purpose of physical conditioning and shall be restricted to non-contact activities. Coaches may introduce offensive formations and defensive alignments, run plays on "air," practice non-contact phases of the kicking game, and teach non-contact positional skills. Protective equipment shall be restricted to helmets, mouth guards

and shoes. The use of dummies, hand shields, and sleds in contact drills is prohibited. Blocking, tackling, and block protection drills which involve any contact between players are also prohibited.

- 4.1.1.2 No member school shall participate in spring football games nor shall a member school conduct football practice of any type outside of the regular fall sports season except when participating in the state tournament. "Organized football" or "organized football practice" shall be defined as any type of sport which is organized to promote efficiency in any of the various aspects of football. Touch football, featuring blocking, tackling, ball handling, signaling, etc. shall be considered "organized football" and shall be illegal under the intent of this rule
- 4.1.2 The winter sports season shall begin 21 days before the first Friday in December and end not later than March 1. Practice for any winter sport shall not begin earlier than 21 days before the first Friday in December
- 4.1.3 The spring sports season shall begin on March 1 and end not later than the last school day. Practice for any spring sport shall not begin earlier than March 1.
- 4.1.4 A school which conducts practice prior to the first allowable date shall pay a \$100.00 fine per each illegal practice day and a school which participates in a game prior to the first allowable date shall be required to forfeit the contest and pay a \$100.00 fine.
- 4.1.5 No member school shall participate in a post season contest without the written approval of the Executive Director.

4.2 Practice Sessions

- 4.2.1 A practice session shall be defined as any instructional or conditioning activity on the field, court, mat, or track or in the pool, weight room, or classroom such as team meetings, film reviews, chalkboard sessions, warmup and cool down exercises, drills, and mandatory strength training, etc. Member schools shall conduct a minimum of 21 calendar days of practice under the supervision of the school's coaching staff prior to the first scheduled contest in all sports.
- 4.2.2 Practice sessions shall be limited to two (2) hours on official school days. Split sessions may be conducted, but practice time shall not exceed two (2) hours for any individual athlete. The two-hour practice limitation does not include time for non-instructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
- 4.2.3 Practicing on holidays and weekends shall be left to the individual schools and conferences. However, there shall be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage or contests) during any seven-day period.
- 4.2.4 A student shall be required to practice for a period of at least seven (7) calendar days prior to participating in a contest. However, if an eighth grade student has been participating in a state tournament during the preceding sports season and is unable to begin practicing at least seven (7) calendar days before his/her team's first contest, he/she shall be exempt from this requirement.
- 4.2.5 A school which exceeds the two-hour practice limitation shall pay a \$100.00 fine.

■■■■■■■■■■■ FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.4.2

1. Can an athlete who participates in two different sports practice more than two hours on the same school day? The two-hour practice limitation referred to in 4.2.2 also applies to athletes who are members of two (2) different teams at the same time. The aggregate practice time per day for an individual athlete participating in two (2) different sports may not exceed two (2) hours.
2. Is an athlete required to satisfy the individual practice requirement twice during the same season after periods of inactivity or ineligibility? A student who has fulfilled the individual practice requirement at the start of the season is not obligated to satisfy it a second time if he/she was injured for an extended period of time or was academically ineligible for a marking period and did not participate.

4.3 Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons:

- 4.3.1 The maximum number of regularly scheduled interscholastic contests/competition dates for each team and individual in the recognized sports and their designated season shall be as follows:

Sport	Team Limitations		Individual Limitations	
	Season	Week	Week	Day
Fall				
Cross Country (boys and girls)	12 competition dates	+2 competition dates	+2 competition dates	
Field Hockey (girls)	12 contests	2 contests	2 competition dates	2 halves
Football (boys)	8 contests	1 contest	4 quarters	
Soccer (boys)	12 contests	2 contests	2 competition dates	2 halves
Volleyball (girls)	12 competition dates of which one date may involve more than 2 teams	2 competition dates	2 competition dates	
Winter				
Basketball (boys and girls)	14 contests	2 contests	2 competition dates	4 quarters
Wrestling (boys)	*12 contests	2 competition dates	2 competition dates	5 matches
Spring				
Baseball (boys)	12 contests	2 contests	2 contests	
Softball (girls)	12 contests	2 contests	2 contests	
Outdoor Track (boys and girls)	10 competition dates	+2 competition dates	+2 competition dates	
Soccer (boys and girls)	12 contests	2 contests	2 competition dates	2 halves
Tennis (boys and girls)	12 contests	2 contests	2 contests	2 halves

+A team may not participate in two different cross country or outdoor track meets on the same day.

** Participation in a triangular meet shall count as two contests and participation in a quadrangular meet shall count as three contests toward the seasonal limitation.*

Participation in any part of a quarter/half shall count as a quarter/half toward the weekly and daily limitations in that sport. However, in the case of football, participation on a free kick or a play from a scrimmage kick formation shall not count as a quarter. Overtime periods shall be considered as part of the fourth quarter or second half.

- 4.3.2 The preceding game limitations, with the exception of the individual daily limitation, shall not prohibit the rescheduling of postponed games at the discretion and convenience of the member schools involved provided the game was postponed due to inclement weather, unplayable field conditions, failure of the assigned officials to appear for the game, breakdown of the bus or van carrying the visiting team, or any other circumstances beyond the control of site management which preclude playing the game. However, a team may not participate in more than three (3) contests/competition dates in a week.
- 4.3.3 A student shall participate in a particular sport for only one season during each academic year.
- 4.3.4 A school which participates in more than the allowable number of contests in a season shall be fined \$200.00.
- 4.3.5 A school which exceeds the weekly contest limitation shall forfeit the contest and pay a \$100.00 fine.
- 4.3.6 A student who exceeds the weekly or daily contest limitation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the school subject to the penalties stipulated in 2.9.

5.0 School/Team Competition, Sanctioning of Competitions and All Star Contests

5.1 School/Team Competition

- 5.1.1 Sponsoring Interscholastic Teams: Interscholastic competition is defined as any athletic contest between students representing two (2) or more schools. Member of school clubs who participate in noncompetitive, recreational activities or compete unattached are not considered to be engaged in interscholastic competition. Students are considered to be representing a school if the school does any of the following:
 - 5.1.1.1 Partially or wholly subsidizes the activity (providing equipment, uniforms, transportation, entry fees, etc.).

- 5.1.1.2 Controls and administers the funds, regardless of their source, needed to conduct the activity.
- 5.1.1.3 Permits the students to compete under the name of the school.
- 5.1.1.4 Publicizes or promotes the activity through announcements, bulletins, or school sponsored publications in excess of what is customarily done for "outside" organizations.
- 5.1.1.5 Presents or displays individual/team awards.
- 5.1.2 Schools may sponsor teams for interscholastic competition in a sport provided the following criteria are met:
 - 5.1.2.1 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school approves participation in the sport. The administrative head of the school shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the school's intent to sponsor a team in a new sport.
 - 5.1.2.2 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school controls the funds needed to support the proposed team, regardless of their source, in the same manner as existing teams (coaches' salaries, purchase and repair of equipment, medical supervision, transportation, preparation and maintenance of practice and game facilities, awards, etc.). Requests from outside sources to make financial contributions or to donate equipment or services must be submitted in writing and must include an acknowledgment that the equipment becomes the property of the school. The contribution or donation must be approved in writing by the administrative head of the school.
 - 5.1.2.3 The participating schools agree to comply with all applicable DIAA rules and regulations as stated in the current DIAA Official Handbook.
- 5.1.3 Levels of Participation
 - 5.1.3.1 Level 1 or developmental sport - less than seven (7) participating schools. DIAA rules and regulations shall not be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.2 Level 2 or recognized sport - seven (7) or more participating schools. Participating schools must petition the DIAA Board of Directors for official recognition of the sport.
 - 5.1.3.2.1 At the time of official recognition, DIAA shall provide rules publications to the participating schools, designate an approved official's association, conduct an annual or biannual rules clinic for coaches and officials, and establish a maximum game schedule. DIAA rules and regulations shall then be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.2.2 Withdrawal of level 2 status: If, for two (2) consecutive years, less than the required number of schools participate in a sport, DIAA may withdraw official recognition for a period of time as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 5.1.4 Membership on Coed Teams
 - 5.1.4.1 If a school sponsors a boys' team and a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall participate on the boys' team and girls shall participate on the girls' team even if the teams compete during different seasons. If a school sponsors only a boys' team in a particular sport, girls shall be permitted to participate on the boys' team but if a school sponsors only a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to participate on the girls' team.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.5.1.4**

1. Can a girl participate on a boys' soccer team? A member school is considered to be sponsoring a girls' soccer team when the governing body of the district or private school approves participation in the sport. From that date forward, girls interested in participating in soccer must play on the girls' team during the spring sports season and are not permitted to play on the boys' team during the fall sports season except as stipulated below. If a girl has been listed on a varsity, junior varsity, or freshmen boys' soccer eligibility report in the

past, she may continue to participate on the boys' team during the fall sports season. However, if she participates on the boys' team in the fall, she will not be permitted to participate on the girls' team in the spring unless the governing body's decision to sponsor girls' soccer was not made until after the start of the boys' soccer season, in which case she will be allowed to complete the boys' season and also participate on the girls' team for that year only.

Once a girls participates on the girls' team, she forfeits her eligibility to participate on the boys' team for the remainder of her middle school career.

5.2 Sanctioning of Competitions

5.2.1 Member schools may participate in tournaments/meets involving four (4) or more schools only if the event has been sanctioned by DIAA and, if applicable, by the NFHS. Tournaments/meets shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following criteria:

5.2.1.1 The event shall not be for determining a regional or national champion.

5.2.1.2 The event shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.

5.2.1.3 Non-symbolic competition awards shall have a value of not more than \$150.00 per recipient and shall require the prior approval of the Executive Director.

5.2.1.4 Non-school event organizers shall submit a full financial report to the DIAA office within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the event.

5.2.1.5 The event organizer shall submit a list of out-of-state schools which have been invited to participate and such schools shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director.

5.2.1.6 Out-of-state schools which are not members of their state athletic association shall verify in writing that their participating athletes are in compliance with their state athletic association's eligibility rules and regulations.

5.2.1.7 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.

5.2.1.8 The event organizer shall comply with all applicable NFHS sanctioning requirements.

5.2.2 Participation in a non-sanctioned event shall result in payment of a \$25.00 fine. A second offense shall result in a \$50.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the sport season. A third offense shall result in a \$100.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the school year.

■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.5.2**

1. What are the requirements for the member schools that co-sponsor a tournament/meet? Any tournament/meet which must be sanctioned by the NFHS must also be sponsored or co-sponsored by a member school of the host state athletic association. In order to be considered a co-sponsor of a tournament/meet, a member school must be legitimately involved in the planning, promotion, and conduct of the event. A school would be accorded co-sponsor status provided the following conditions were satisfied:
 - a. The superintendent must approve, in writing, the school's request for co-sponsor status and such documentation must accompany the completed sanction form submitted to the DIAA office.
 - b. The principal, an assistant principal, the athletic director, or the head varsity coach in that sport must attend the tournament planning meetings and must have both voice and vote in any decisions related to the tournament.
 - c. The school must be assigned responsibilities commensurate with their co-sponsor status; e.g., site management, in which case the school would be responsible for hiring and supervising site personnel, arranging for security, providing for crowd control, etc. as if the tournament/meet was being conducted on school premises.
 - d. The principal, an assistant principal, or the athletic director must agree to investigate any complaints from the participating schools and/or state athletic associations.
 - e. If applicable, the school must be listed as an additional insured on the event liability insurance policy.

5.3 All-Star Contests: Junior high/middle school students shall not participate in an all-star event until they have completed their high school eligibility in that sport.

6.0 Out of Season Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship, Commercial Camps and Clinics and Open Gyms, Conditioning Programs and Non School Competition

6.1 Out of season Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship

6.1.1 DIAA does not restrict a student's decision to attend an out of season athletic camp/clinic. However, schools, school organizations, coaches, or school related groups, such as booster clubs, may not sponsor an athletic camp/clinic which limits membership to their own district, locale, or teams. Coaches employed by an out of season athletic camp/clinic may only instruct their own athletes in accordance with 7.5.

6.1.1.1 School related groups, such as booster clubs, which desire to sponsor the attendance of their school's enrolled students at out of season athletic camp/clinic, may do so with the approval of the local school board or governing body. The disbursement of funds to pay for camp/clinic related expenses (fees, travel costs, etc.) shall be administered by the principal or his/her designee and the funds shall be allocated according to the following guidelines:

6.1.1.1.1 All students and team members shall be notified of the available sponsorship by announcement, publication, etc.

6.1.1.1.2 All applicants shall share equally in the funds provided.

6.1.1.1.3 All applicants shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

6.1.1.1.4 All applicants shall have one year of prior participation in the sport for which the camp is intended or, absent any prior participation, he/she shall be judged by the coach to benefit substantially from participation in the camp/clinic.

6.2 Commercial Camps and Clinics

6.2.1 Commercial; camps and clinics are defined as a camp/clinic operated for profit which provides coaching or other sports training for a fee.

6.2.2 A student may participate in a commercial camp or clinic, including private lessons, both during and out of the designated sport season provided the following conditions are observed:

6.2.2.1 The student must participate unattached and may not wear school uniforms.

6.2.2.2 The student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.

6.2.2.3 The school may not provide transportation or pay fees.

6.2.2.4 The school coach may not require his/her athletes to participate in a camp or clinic or provide instruction to his/her returning athletes in a camp or clinic except as in accordance with 7.5.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.6.0**

1. What are the obligations of member schools in publicizing instructional camps/clinics? The clinic/camp may not be restricted to students from a particular school, district, or community. It must be publicized in such a way (newspaper ad, radio spot, flyers, etc.) that students from other schools, districts, and communities have knowledge of and access to the clinic/camp.

6.3 Open Gym Programs

6.3.1 A member school may open its gymnasium or other facility for informal, recreational activities in accordance with the following provisions:

6.3.1.1 The open gym must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.

6.3.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary and the open gym must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.

6.3.1.3 The activities must be unstructured and student-generated. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited. Organized competition with fixed team rosters is also prohibited.

6.3.1.4 A coach may not predetermine that the open gym will include only his/her sport and publicize the open gym as being restricted to that sport. It is the responsibility

- ty of the adult supervisor to permit as many different activities as the facility can effectively and safely accommodate.
- 6.3.1.5 A coach may open the facility and distribute playing equipment but may not instruct, officiate, participate, organize the activities, or choose teams in his/her assigned sport.
 - 6.3.1.6 Playing equipment is restricted to that which is customarily used in a contest in a particular sport. Playing equipment which is only used in a practice session is prohibited.
 - 6.3.1.7 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.6.3**

1. Can students enrolled at other schools participate in open gyms? The provision “must be available to all interested students” refers only to students enrolled at the school. Open gyms may not be limited to members of a particular team but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.

6.4 Conditioning Programs

- 6.4.1 A member school may conduct a conditioning program in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 6.4.1.1 The conditioning program must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.
 - 6.4.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary. The conditioning program must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.
 - 6.4.1.3 Permissible activities include stretching, lifting weights, jumping rope, running, calisthenics, aerobics, and similar generic conditioning activities. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.4 A coach may not provide instruction in sport-specific skills or techniques.
 - 6.4.1.5 Sport specific equipment is prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.6 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.6.4**

1. Can students enrolled at other schools participate in conditioning programs? The provision “must be available to all interested students” refers only to students enrolled at the school. Conditioning programs may not be limited to members of a particular team but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.

6.5 Non School Competition in which Participants are Competing Unattached and are Not Representing Their Schools

- 6.5.1 A student may participate on a non-school team or in a non-school individual event both during and out of the designated sport season. However, the student owes his/her primary loyalty and allegiance to the school team of which he/she is a member. A school shall have the authority to require attendance at practices and contests and students not in compliance shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school.
- 6.5.2 Participation on a non-school team or in a non-school individual event shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 6.5.2.1 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.5.2.2 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.5.2.3 The school or a school affiliated support group may not provide transportation.
 - 6.5.2.4 The school or a school affiliated support group may not pay entry fees or provide any form of financial assistance.
 - 6.5.2.5 The school coach may not require his/her athletes to participate in non-school competition or provide instruction to his/her athletes in non-school competition except as in 7.5.

- 6.5.3 14 *Del.C.* §122 (15) requires written parental permission prior to participation on a similar team during the designated sport season. Written authorization must be on file in the student's school prior to engaging in a tryout, practice, or contest with a similar team. Consent forms shall be available in all member schools. Similar teams shall include organized intramural teams as well as non-school teams in that sport.

7.0 Certified and Emergency and Volunteer Coaches, Student Teaching and Coaching Out of Season

7.1 Certified Coaches

- 7.1.1 Only those professional employees certified by the Department of Education and whose salary is paid by the State and/or local Board of Education, or in the case of charter and nonpublic schools by a similar governing body, if acceptable as a coach by the governing body, shall coach, assist in coaching, or direct member school teams in any district. The terms of employment must be for the regular school year and the professional assignment shall be no less than 1/2 of the school day, exclusive of coaching duties.
- 7.1.2 All head coaches shall be required to attend the DIAA rules clinic for their sport or, if applicable, pass an open book rules examination supplied by the DIAA office. A school shall pay a \$50.00 fine and the head coach shall be placed on probation if he/she fails to attend the DIAA rules clinic or pass the open book rules examination in his/her sport. Failure to comply for a second consecutive year shall result in the school paying a \$50.00 fine and the coach being suspended for up to five contests as determined by the Executive Director.
- 7.1.2.1 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.

7.2 Emergency Coaches

- 7.2.1 An emergency coach shall be defined as an individual who is either not certified by the Department of Education, or is certified by the Department of Education but is not employed for the school year or whose professional assignment is less than 1/2 of the school day. An individual who meets the requirements of a certified coach as specified in 7.1.1, but whose professional assignment is located in a different school or district than his/her coaching assignment shall not be considered an emergency coach by DIAA.
- 7.2.1.1 Emergency coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.
- 7.2.2 Member schools shall be required to annually reopen all positions that are held by emergency coaches.
- 7.2.3 Emergency coaches may be employed provided the local governing body adheres to the following procedures:
- 7.2.3.1 The employing Board of Education must attempt to locate an acceptable, certified professional staff member by advertising the coaching vacancy in the district for as many days as are required by the district's collective bargaining agreement.
- 7.2.3.2 If an acceptable, certified professional staff member is not available, an individual who is acceptable to the employing Board of Education may be hired as an emergency coach.
- 7.2.3.3 Any individual employed as a coach under the emergency provision must comply with the following regulations:
- 7.2.3.3.1 He/she must be officially appointed by the local Board of Education. The superintendent or his/her designee may temporarily appoint an individual if a coaching vacancy arises and the sport season begins during the interim between meetings of the local Board of Education.
- 7.2.3.3.2 His/her coaching salary must be paid exclusively by the local Board of Education.

7.3 Student Teaching and Coaching

- 7.3.1 Students who are practice teaching in a member school shall be permitted to assist in all professional activities during their practice teaching period.

7.4 Volunteer Coaches

7.4.1 In addition to the members of the school's regular coaching staff, the local governing body may supplement a school's coaching staff with volunteer coaches. Volunteer coaches are individuals who donate their services to a school and who have been approved by that school's local governing body. A current list of approved volunteer coaches shall be on file in the school's administrative office before any coaching duties are assumed.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ FAQ ... CONCERNING 1008.7.0

1. Is a member school required to annually reopen a coaching position if that position is held by a certified coach as defined in 7.1.1? No.
2. Is a member school required to annually reopen a coaching position and advertise it in the district if that coaching position is held by an emergency coach as defined in 7.2.1? Yes.
3. Is a member school obligated to have a certified coach if that individual is determined to be unacceptable for the coaching position in question? The term "acceptable" is not addressed by current DIAA regulations and therefore the determination of who is acceptable and the justification for that decision is a local responsibility.
4. Is a member school obligated to give all certified coaches who have applied for the position in question consideration? 7.2.4 states that an emergency coach may be hired "if an acceptable certified professional staff member is not available..." Consequently, a member school is obligated to give all certified coaches who have applied some degree of consideration; e.g., screening resumes, contacting references, and/or conducting interviews. In the absence of such efforts, a member school has not fulfilled its obligation to attempt to locate an acceptable certified coach.

7.5 Coaching Out of Season

7.5.1 From August 2nd through June 14th, a certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction out of the designated season in his/her assigned sport to returning members of the teams of the school at which he/she coaches or transfer students from other schools who play the coach's sport.

7.5.1.1 A coach shall not be allowed to participate on a team in his/her assigned sport with the aforementioned players.

7.5.1.2 A coach shall also be prohibited from officiating contests in his/her assigned sport if the aforementioned players are participating except in organized league competition.

7.5.1.3 The league shall not be organized and conducted by the employing school, the employing school's booster club, or the employing school's coaching staff.

7.5.1.4 The league shall have written rules and regulations that govern the conduct of contests and establish the duties of contest officials.

7.5.1.5 The league shall have registration/entry procedures, forms, and fees; eligibility requirements; and fixed team rosters, team standings, and a master schedule of contests.

7.5.1.6 A certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction during the designated season in his/her assigned sport to current members of the teams of the school at which he/she coaches outside of school sponsored practices, scrimmages, and contests.

7.5.1.7 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

7.5.2 From June 15th through August 1st, a certified, emergency or volunteer coach shall be allowed to provide instruction in his/her assigned sport to returning members of the varsity or sub-varsity teams of the school at which he/she coaches. Instructional contact with the aforementioned returning school team members shall be subject to the following conditions:

7.5.2.1 A coach may provide instruction to an unlimited number of his/her returning school team members in formal league/tournament competition or in formal instructional camps/clinics provided the league/tournament or instructional camp/clinic is organized and conducted by a non-school affiliated organization.

- 7.5.2.2 A coaching staff may provide instruction to a maximum of two returning school team members in an informal setting where the student has initiated the contact and it was not scheduled. A coaching staff may have multiple two-hour sessions on any given day. Returning school team members shall not receive more than two hours of sports instruction per day.
- 7.5.2.3 A coach shall not receive any compensation, from any source, for the instruction of his/her returning school team members. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. gas, food, lodging) incurred by returning school team members and coaches to attend leagues/tournaments or instructional camps/clinics are not prohibited provided that no local school or state educational funds are used.
- 7.5.2.4 Participation in the formal league/tournament or instructional camp/clinic, or informal instruction shall be open, voluntary, and equally available to all returning school team members as well as to members of the student body.
- 7.5.2.5 A coach in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specific sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

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1. In regards to swimming what can a coach do from August 2 to June 14?
 - A. Can the coach provide instruction to the “12 and under,” “10 and under,” and “8 and under” age groups of a non-school swimming and diving team that includes one or more members of his/her high school team? Yes.
 - B. Can the coach provide instruction to the “14 and under” and “18 and under” or “unlimited” age groups of the same non-school team? No.
 - C. Can the coach plan workouts, demonstrate techniques, make stroke corrections, determine lineups for meets etc. for the same non-school team? No.
 - D. Can the coach instruct the older swimmers and divers indirectly through another member of the coaching staff? No. The coach is restricted to social contract with these age groups.
 - E. If the “12 and under” and “10 and under” age groups are sharing the pool with the older swimmers during practice can the coach be on the deck? Yes, the coach may be on the deck during combined practices but may only supervise those lanes in which the younger swimmers are working out.
 - F. Can the coach be on the deck if only the “14 and under” and “18 and under” or “unlimited” swimmers are in the water during either practices or meets? No, the coach may not be on the deck.
2. Can returning players work as instructors at a camp/clinic involving their school team coaches? Returning players who are working as instructors at a camp/clinic may not participate in drills, scrimmages, and games, etc. if members of their school team coaching staff are involved in the camp/clinic. They may teach individual skills, coach teams, and officiate scrimmages or games, but they may not participate in those activities. Such participation will be considered a violation of the out-of-season coaching rule and result in sanctions against the offending coaches.

8.0 Recognition of Officials’ Associations, Required Use of Officials and Attendance at Rules Clinics

8.1 Recognition of Officials’ Associations

- 8.1.1 The officiating of interscholastic contests in the state of Delaware which involve one (1) or more member schools shall be under the control of the DIAA and such control may include, but not be restricted to, giving examinations, evaluating officials, setting game fees, determining the number of officials per game, and assigning officials.
- 8.1.2 An official’s association which desires to officiate middle school and/or high school contests shall request recognition and approval from DIAA by submitting the following documents to the DIAA Officials’ Committee:
 - 8.1.2.1 A letter of request indicating the association’s willingness to abide by DIAA rules and regulations.
 - 8.1.2.2 A brief history of the association.
 - 8.1.2.3 A copy of the association’s constitution and bylaws including a statement that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, etc.

- 8.1.2.4 A description of the association's evaluation and rating system.
- 8.1.2.5 A description of the association's recruiting and training programs for new members.
- 8.1.2.6 A membership roster indicating the number of years of experience at the sub-varsity, varsity, and state tournament levels for each member and also his/her most recent rating in a previous association.
- 8.1.2.7 If applicable, letters of recommendation or names of references from leagues which the association has serviced during the past year.
- 8.1.3 The Officials' Committee shall review the aforementioned documents and, if necessary, meet with the officers of the association to discuss their petition.
- 8.1.4 The Officials' Committee shall reserve the right to consult with any other interested parties during the evaluation process.
- 8.1.5 The Officials' Committee shall report its findings to the DIAA Board of Directors and recommend that the officials' association be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.1.6 The president of the officials' association or his/her designee shall petition the DIAA Board of Directors and the Board shall render a decision.
- 8.1.7 If more than one association is approved to officiate a particular sport, a conference or, in the absence of a conference affiliation, an individual school shall determine which association shall provide the officials for its home contests.

8.2 Required Use of Officials

- 8.2.1 Member schools and tournament sponsors shall be required to use officials approved by DIAA for interscholastic contests. Use of non-approved officials without permission from the Executive Director shall result in the school or tournament sponsor being assessed a \$50.00 fine per game per non-approved official.
 - 8.2.1.1 In the case of emergencies, such as an act of God, refusal by an association to work games, or a shortage of qualified officials, schools which desire to use other than approved officials must obtain permission from the Executive Director.

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1. What happens if an assigned official fails to appear for a contest? If the officials assigned to a contest fail to appear, the game may be rescheduled in accordance with 4.3.2. The opposing coaches may conduct a scrimmage but, in the absence of DIAA approved officials, the teams may not play an official game. A scrimmage is an informal competition in which the score is not kept and the results are not reported to the media or the state tournament committee. There is no winner or loser in a scrimmage as far as conference standings and state tournament selection/seeding are concerned. In addition, a scrimmage is considered "no contest" and neither team can offer to forfeit or accept a forfeit.

8.3 Attendance at Rules Clinics

- 8.3.1 Officials shall be required each year to both attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and to pass the rules examination provided by the DIAA office for the sport(s) they officiate.
- 8.3.2 Failure on the part of an official to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and pass the rules examination in the same season shall cause the official to be placed on probation and to lose his/her eligibility to officiate a state tournament contest during that season.
- 8.3.3 Failure to satisfy both requirements in the same season for two (2) consecutive years shall cause the official to lose varsity officiating status during the second season. Failure to fulfill this obligation in subsequent years shall cause the official to continue to be restricted to sub-varsity contests until both requirements have been satisfied in the same season.
- 8.3.4 Attending the fall soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for both the boys' and girls' soccer seasons. Attending the spring soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for only the girls' soccer season.
- 8.3.5 If, for a legitimate reason which is documented by the president of his/her association, an official is unable to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, he/she may view a videotape

of the DIAA clinic or, in the absence of a videotape, attend a clinic conducted by another NFHS member state association provided the following procedures are observed:

- 8.3.5.1 No later than the day of the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the president of the association notifies the Executive Director, in writing, of the official's inability to attend the clinic.
- 8.3.5.2 The out-of-state clinic is conducted by an individual either trained by the NFHS or designated as a clinician by the state's athletic association.
- 8.3.5.3 The official arranges for a letter to be sent to the Executive Director from the state's athletic association office verifying his/her attendance at the clinic.

9.0 Awards

9.1 Awards

- 9.1.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with member schools, such as an alumni association or booster club, shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments. The awards, including artwork and lettering, shall require the approval of the administrative head of the school and their value shall be mostly symbolic, not more than \$150.00. Member schools and/or support groups affiliated with member schools are also permitted to sponsor banquets.
- 9.1.2 A nonprofit group, such as a coaches association, booster club not affiliated with a member school, or community service organization shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school. Nonprofit groups shall also be permitted to sponsor banquets.
- 9.1.3 Commercial organizations shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school.
- 9.1.4 Permissible awards include trophies, plaques, medals, letters, certificates, photographs, and similar items. Jackets, sweaters, shirts, watches, rings, charms, and similar items if properly inscribed (reference to the team or individual athletic accomplishment) are also acceptable. The awards shall have symbolic value only; awards with utilitarian value are prohibited. The aggregate retail value of the award shall not exceed \$150.00 per team or per recipient and shall require prior approval of the Executive Director.

10.0 Use of Influence for Athletic Purposes

10.1 Definition: The use of influence for athletic purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 10.1.1 Offer of money, room, board, clothing, transportation, or other valuable consideration to a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s).
- 10.1.2 Offer of waiver/reduction of tuition or financial aid if based, even partially, on athletic considerations.
- 10.1.3 Preference in job assignments or offer of compensation for work performed in excess of what is customarily paid for such services.
- 10.1.4 Offer of special privileges not accorded to other students.
- 10.1.5 Offer of financial assistance including free or reduced rent, payment of moving expenses, etc., to induce a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver to change residence.

10.2 Illegal Contact with Students, Legal Guardians, or a Relative Caregiver

- 10.2.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may not initiate contact or request that a booster club member, alumnus, or player initiate contact with a student enrolled in another school or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver in order to persuade the student to enroll in a particular school for athletic purposes. Illegal contact shall include, but not be limited to, letters, questionnaires or brochures, telephone calls, and home visits or personal contact at athletic contests.
- 10.2.2 If a coach or athletic director is contacted by a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver, the former must refer the individual(s) to the principal or school personnel responsible for admissions.

10.3 Permitted Activities

10.3.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may do the following:

10.3.1.1 Discuss the athletic program with a prospective student or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver during an open house or approved visit initiated by the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver.

10.3.1.2 Provide information concerning sports offered, facilities, conference affiliation, and general athletic policies. However, he/she is not permitted to state or imply in any way that his/her athletic program is superior to that of another school or that it would be more beneficial or advantageous for the prospective student to participate in athletics at his/her school.

10.3.1.3 Conduct an informational presentation at a feeder school.

10.4 School Choice

10.4.1 If the number of applicants under the Delaware School Choice Program exceeds the number of available student openings, the selection criteria established by the district shall not include athletic considerations.

10.5 Penalties

10.5.1 The use of influence or illegal contact but not limited to violations of 10.1 and 10.2 by a person(s) employed by or representing a member school including members of alumni associations, booster groups, and similar organizations to persuade, induce, or facilitate the enrollment of a student in that school for athletic purposes may render the student ineligible for up to one (1) full school year from the date the charge is substantiated. In addition, the offending school may be placed on probation, as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors, and the offending employee, if a coach, may be suspended for up to one (1) full school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

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1. What can a member school do to promote its program and attract students?

A. Promotional Campaigns

1. Is a member school permitted to conduct a promotional campaign and target specific student-athlete populations; e.g., CYO wrestlers, AAU basketball players, YMCA swimmers, etc? No.

B. Promotional Literature

1. Is a member school permitted to include pictures and descriptions of its athletic facilities in its promotional literature? Yes. The DIAA Board affirmed the validity of making athletic related information available to prospective students provided it is integrated with information describing other aspects of student life. Consistent with the philosophy that interscholastic athletics should be an integral part of the overall secondary school educational program. The DIAA Board believes that athletic related information should be distributed as part of the total package of information provided to prospective students. Therefore, no promotional literature may be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics and a member school may not disseminate either seasonal or game athletic programs to prospective students.

2. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its conference and state championship teams in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.

3. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its all-conference and all-state athletes in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.

4. Is a member school permitted to include references to its past conference and state championships in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.

5. Is a member school permitted to include references to its former athletes who have participated or are currently participating at the collegiate level? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.

C. Open House/Approved Campus Visit

1. Is a member school permitted to include a scrapbook or photo display as part of its open house program? Yes.

2. Is a member school permitted to include a highlight video as part of its open house program? Yes, provided the video is not exclusively or primarily devoted to interscholastic athletics. Again, the DIAA Board believes that athletic related footage should be integrated with footage describing other aspects of student life and other facets of the secondary school educational program.

3. Is a member school permitted to display its conference and state championship trophies during its open house program? Yes.
4. Is a member school permitted to stage a team demonstration during its open house program? No. A prospective student would be permitted to observe a regularly scheduled practice session, but a member school may not conduct a team or partial team demonstration during its open house program.
5. Is a member school permitted to include a panel of current athletes in its open house program? No. A panel discussion may not be entirely of an athletic nature. A panel of students is permissible provided they are not selected exclusively because of their participation in interscholastic athletics. Again, the panel discussion must focus on other aspects of student life and may not be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics.
6. Is a member school permitted to present complimentary items; e.g., a baseball cap with the school name, to a prospective student during its open house program? No.
7. Is a member school permitted to offer complimentary admission to athletic events to a prospective student during its open house program? No.
8. Is a member school permitted to arrange for a same sport athlete to act as a host for a prospective student during an approved campus visit? A student host may not be chosen primarily because he/she participates in the same sport as a prospective student. However, athletes are not prohibited from hosting prospective students provided they are part of the regular pool of student hosts. Coaches and athletic directors may not arrange for a particular student to host a prospective student during an approved campus visit. Arranging a student host is a guidance or admissions office function and must be handled by the individual ordinarily assigned to that responsibility.

D. Follow-Up Contact with Prospective Student

1. Is a member school permitted to send specific athletic related information to a prospective student based on his/her responses to questions on the application? No. Follow-up contact with a prospective student is limited to a packet of general information as opposed to specific athletic related information. See 1. under Promotional Literature.
2. Is a member high school permitted to invite a prospective student to participate in an open gym or an out-of-season conditioning program? No. Only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, and are officially registered at that high school may participate in an open gym or out-of-season conditioning program.
3. Is a booster club affiliated with a member high school permitted to offer financial assistance to a prospective student to attend a summer instructional camp or clinic? No. The procedure for providing financial assistance to students interested in attending a summer instructional camp or clinic is stipulated in 6.0. However, only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, and are officially registered at that high school are eligible for financial assistance from a school affiliated booster club.
4. Is an employee or representative of the high school in a prospective student's feeder pattern permitted to disparage the athletic program of another school in an attempt to dissuade the student from attending a school outside of the feeder pattern? No. "Negative recruiting" is an unethical practice and is a violation of 10.0.

E. Special Situations

1. Is a member school permitted to invite a prospective student to a school sponsored sports banquet? No.
2. Is a member high school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a middle school team? No, unless those same privileges are offered to all students, both athletes and non-athletes, who attend that particular middle school.
3. Is a member school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a non-school sponsored youth league team? No.
4. Is a member high school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a middle school team? No. Such ceremonies may not be sponsored by a member school or support group affiliated with a member school either before, during intermission, or after a home athletic contest.
5. Is a member school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a non-school sponsored youth league? No.
6. Are high school athletes permitted to participate in an athletic orientation session conducted by high school personnel at a feeder school? No. 10.3.1.3 allows high school personnel to conduct an athletic orientation session at a feeder school provided the restrictions stipulated in 10.3.1.2 are observed but involvement by high school athletes in such a program is not permitted.
7. Is a member school permitted to promote its athletic program during an instructional camp/clinic which is being sponsored and/or hosted by that member school, sponsored by a booster club affiliated with that member school, or sponsored by the

coaching staff of that member school? No. Such a camp/clinic is instructional in nature and must not be used to showcase the athletic program of a particular school. Consequently, no promotional literature may be distributed, no championship trophies may be displayed, and no other act which could be construed as an attempt to generate interest in the athletic program of a particular school is permitted. Additionally, if returning players at that member school are working as instructors, they must be cognizant of the difference between an instructional camp/clinic and a promotional event and act accordingly. Any casual remarks regarding the advantages of participating in interscholastic athletics at that member school, the opportunities available for underclassmen to play immediately at certain positions at that member school, etc. will be considered a violation of 10.0.

1009 DIAA Senior High School Interscholastic Athletics

1.0 National Federation of State High Schools, Conferences, Contracts and Equivalency Rules

1.1 National Federation of High School Associations

1.1.1 DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The playing codes, sanctions, and other rules of the NFHS are adopted except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.1.1.1 The playing rules of the United States Tennis Association, the United States Golf Association, and the United States Lacrosse Association are adopted for the sports of tennis, golf, and girls' lacrosse respectively except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.2 Conferences

1.2.1 Member schools may establish voluntary conference organizations that may be composed of public and nonpublic schools. When established, they must submit their conferences' proposed membership and its constitution and bylaws to the DIAA Board of Directors and be approved by the DIAA Board of Directors before the schools may enter into any contractual agreements.

1.2.1.1 All subsequent amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the conferences must be compatible with all provisions of the DIAA Regulations; interpretations and with the rulings of the Executive Director, Sportsmanship Committee, and Board of Directors; state tournament regulations; and DIAA approved playing codes.

1.3 Contracts

1.3.1 Contracts between DIAA member schools or between DIAA member schools and full member schools of comparable state associations are encouraged but not required.

1.3.1.1 Conference master contracts are approved substitutes for individual contracts.

1.3.1.2 In the case of a dispute and provided either a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors which, after review of the circumstances, may assign an appropriate penalty.

1.3.1.2.1 Without a signed individual contract or conference master contract, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.3.2 Contracts between DIAA member schools and nonmember or associate member schools of comparable state associations are required.

1.3.2.1 A copy of the signed contract must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the contest for which the agreement was drawn up. Failure to file a signed contract as prescribed shall result in the DIAA member school being assessed a \$15.00 fine.

1.3.2.2 In the case of a dispute, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors unless a signed individual contract is in place.

1.3.3 Contracts shall be interchanged according to the following provisions:

- 1.3.3.1 Contracts on the accepted form shall be arranged by the competing schools for each season's interscholastic athletic contests.
- 1.3.3.2 Contracts shall be drawn up by the faculty manager or other designated staff member of the home school of the earlier varsity contest.
- 1.3.3.3 A signed contract or any part thereof may not be nullified or modified except by mutual agreement of both schools involved.
- 1.3.4 If a game is not played, it shall be considered "no contest" unless a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, and one of the participating schools breached the agreement in which case appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 1.3.4.1 If a game is not played because an out-of-state opponent qualifies for its state championship series and the date of the playoff game conflicts with the date of the regular season game, a forfeit shall not be awarded.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1009.1.3**

1. What happens if a school discontinues sponsorship of a team before the start of a season? If a school discontinues sponsorship of a particular team prior to the start of the competitive season in that sport, regardless of the presence of a master contract or a signed individual contract, the contracted games shall be considered "no contests." No forfeits shall be awarded and those games shall not count as either wins or losses for the purpose of conference standings or selection and seeding in the state tournament.

1.4 Equivalency Rules

- 1.4.1 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an in-state school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA.
 - 1.4.1.1 Scrimmage shall be defined as: an informal competition between schools in which the officials are not compensated, a score is not kept, the time periods are modified, the results of the competition are not reported to the media, the coaches may interrupt the play to provide instruction, and the competition is strictly for practice purposes.
- 1.4.2 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or nonmember school of another state association unless the opposing school, as part of a written contract, certifies that its contestants are eligible under the rules of its home state association.
- 1.4.3 An associate member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or nonmember school of another state association unless the opposing school complies with the conditions specified in 1.4.2. However, the opposing school shall be exempt from those rules which DIAA has waived for its associate member school.
- 1.4.4 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non-school sponsored team.
- 1.4.5 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with post graduate students or college students. This provision shall not apply to games played against the alumni or faculty of the school when the game is sponsored by school authorities.
- 1.4.6 A school which participates in a game against an illegal opponent shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$100.00 fine.

2.0 Eligibility: No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest if he/she does not meet the following requirements:

2.1 Eligibility, Age

- 2.1.1 Students who become 19 years of age on or after June 15 shall be eligible for all sports during the school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met. In determining the age of a contestant, the birth date as entered on the birth record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be required and shall be so certified on all eligibility lists.
 - 2.1.1.1 Requests for a waiver of the age requirement shall only be considered for participation on an unofficial, nonscoring basis in non-contact or non-collision sports.

2.2 Eligibility, Residence

- 2.2.1 With the exception of boarding school students, a student must be living with his/her custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver in the attendance zone of the school which he/she attends, or be a student 18 years of age or older and living in the attendance zone of the school which he/she attends (see 2.2.1.7), in order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics in that school. In cases of joint custody, the custodial parent shall be the parent with actual physical placement as determined by court. In the case of shared custody the parents must commit to sending the student to a particular school for the year. Maintaining multiple residences in order to circumvent this requirement shall render the student ineligible.
- 2.2.1.1 A student who, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, remains in a school he/she has been attending after his/her legal residence changes to the attendance zone of a different school in the same school district, may exercise, prior to the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, a one-time election to remain at his/her current school and thereby not lose athletic eligibility. If a student chooses to remain at his/her current school and then transfers to the school in his/her new attendance zone on or after the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, he/she shall be ineligible, for ninety (90) school days.
- 2.2.1.2 A student who changes residence to a different attendance zone after the start of the last marking period and, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, shall be granted permission to continue attending his/her present school, the student shall retain his/her athletic eligibility in that school for the remainder of the school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
- 2.2.1.3 A student shall be permitted to complete his/her senior year at the school he/she is attending and remain eligible even though a change of legal residence to the attendance zone of another school has occurred. This provision shall refer to any change of legal residence that occurs after the completion of the student's junior year.
- 2.2.1.4 A student may be residing outside of the attendance zone of the school which he/she attends if the student is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program as authorized by 14 *Del.C.*, Ch. 4.
- 2.2.1.5 A student who is a nonresident of Delaware shall be eligible to attend a public school, charter school or career-technical school if, in accordance with 14 *Del.C.* §607, his/her custodial parent or court appointed legal guardian or Relative Caregiver is a full-time employee of that district.
- 2.2.1.6 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student shall be eligible at a public or vocational-technical school if he/she is enrolled in accordance with 14 *Del.C.* §202(f), the Caregivers School Authorization.
- 2.2.1.6.1 An exception would be a student whose Relative Caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Caregivers' School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full-time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating him/her as the student's legal guardian.
- 2.2.1.7 A student who reaches the age of majority (18) and leaves his/her parents' place of residency and jurisdiction thereof, and moves to another attendance zone to continue his/her high school education shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for 90 school days commencing with the first day of official attendance. This provision shall not apply to a student participating in the Delaware

School Choice Program, as authorized by 14 *Del.C.* Ch. 4, provided the student's choice application was properly submitted prior to his/her change of residence.

2.2.1.8 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student who is homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2) shall be eligible to participate at the public school in which he/she is enrolled.

2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment and Attendance

2.3.1 A student must be legally enrolled in the high school which he/she represents in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest.

2.3.2 A shared-time student who attends two (2) different schools during the regular school day shall be eligible to participate only at his/her home school. A student's home school shall be the school at which he/she is receiving instruction in the core academic areas and at which he/she is satisfying the majority of his/her graduation requirements; not a school at which he/she is receiving only specialized educational instruction such as vocational training.

2.3.3 Students with disabilities who are placed in special schools or programs

2.3.3.1 Definitions:

"Campus" means a contiguous land area containing one or more school buildings.

"Special School or Program" means a school or program approved by the Department of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education to serve students with disabilities, but does not include alternative schools.

"Student With a Disability" means a "child with a disability" as that term in the Administrative Manual for Special Education Services (AMSES), 14 DE Admin. Code 925.

2.3.3.2 A student with a disability who is placed in a special school or program shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as follows.

2.3.3.2.1 If the special school or program sponsors the interscholastic sport in question, the student shall be eligible to participate only at the school or program.

2.3.3.2.2 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question and the student is served in a regular high school for all or part of the school day, the student shall be eligible only at that regular high school.

2.3.3.2.3 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is located on the campus of a regular high school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular high school on the same campus.

2.3.3.2.4 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is not located on the campus of a regular high school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular high school designated to serve the special school's or program's students.

2.3.3.2.4.1 School districts or charter schools which administer special schools or programs and have multiple high schools shall decide which of its regular high schools shall be designated to serve special school or program students in these circumstances.

2.3.4 A student who is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program, as authorized by 14 *Del.C.* Ch. 4, is obligated to attend the choice school for a minimum of two (2) years unless the students custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver relocate to a different school district or the student fails to meet the academic requirements of the choice school. If a student attends a choice school for less than two (2) years and subsequently returns to

his/her home school, the student must receive a release from the "choice district" in order to legally enroll at his/her home school. Without a release, the student would not be legally enrolled and consequently would be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

- 2.3.5 A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in-school or out-of-school, is in effect or during the time he/she is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.
- 2.3.6 A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest on that day.
- 2.3.7 A student who fails to complete a semester or is absent for one or more semesters for reasons other than personal illness or injury shall be ineligible for ninety (90) school days from the date of his/her reentry to school.
- 2.3.8 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.3.1 through 2.3.7 shall, when he/she regains his/her eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging, or competing for an equivalent number of days.

■■■■■■■■■■■ FAQ ... CONCERNING 1009.2.3

1. What is the eligibility of a student attending an alternative school for transitional purposes? A student who is being transitioned for a return to his/her home school from a correctional facility should be considered as having been assigned to the alternative school for disciplinary reasons and would be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics until he/she was in regular attendance at his/her home school.
2. What is the eligibility of a student assigned to homebound instruction for disciplinary reasons? A student is ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in interscholastic athletics during the time he/she is assigned to homebound instruction for disciplinary reasons.
3. What is the eligibility of a student assigned to an Intensive Learning Center (ILC)? All ILC students in grade 7 through 12 will participate in interscholastic athletics at the school in which the ILC is located. If that school does not sponsor interscholastic in any sport, ILC students will be permitted to participate at their home school. Students who are assigned to an ILC and students who are reassigned to their home school from an ILC are not subject to the provisions of 2.4 and are immediately eligible to participate provided they are in compliance with all other DIAA eligibility requirements.

2.4 Eligibility, Transfers

- 2.4.1 A student who has not previously participated in interscholastic athletics (previous participation is defined as having practiced, scrimmaged, or competed in grades 9 through 12) is released by a proper school authority from a sending school, has completed the registration process at the receiving school, and is pursuing an approved course of study shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided he/she meets all other DIAA eligibility requirements.
- 2.4.2 If a student has previously participated in interscholastic athletics, he/she shall be ineligible for a period of ninety (90) school days commencing with the first day of official attendance in the receiving school unless one of the following exceptions applies:
 - 2.4.2.1 The transfer is within a school district and is approved by the district's superintendent pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure. This provision shall not apply to a student who transfers to his/her home school from a "choice school" within the district and who has not completed the two-year attendance requirement unless he/she satisfies the conditions stipulated in 2.4.2.5.1 through 2.4.2.5.4. This provision shall also not apply to a student who transfers from a "choice school" to another "choice school" within the district.
 - 2.4.2.2 The transfer is caused by court action, court action being an order from a court of law affecting legally committed students. In the case of a transfer of guardianship/custody, the transfer shall be the result of a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction. A petition for the transfer of guardianship/custody, an affidavit, (except as permitted by 2.4.2.3), or a notarized statement signed by the affected parties shall not be sufficient to render the student eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

- 2.4.2.3 The transfer is in accordance with the student being placed with a Relative Caregiver as per 14 *Del.C.* §202(f), the Caregivers School Authorization.
 - 2.4.2.3.1 An exception would be a student whose Relative Caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Caregivers School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full-time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating him/her as the student's legal guardian.
- 2.4.2.4 The transfer is the result of a change in residence by the custodial parent(s) legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver from the attendance zone of the sending school to the attendance zone of the receiving school. A change in residence has occurred when all occupancy of the previous residence has ended. A student who transfers shall be eligible in the receiving school immediately when the custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver has established a new legal residence in another public school attendance zone.
- 2.4.2.5 The transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the receiving school's academic year provided that the following has occurred:
 - 2.4.2.5.1 The student has completed the registration process at the receiving school prior to the first official student day of the academic year. The first official student day shall be defined as the first day on which students in any grade in that school are required to be in attendance.
 - 2.4.2.5.2 The student has not attended class, excluding summer school, or participated in a scrimmage or contest at the sending school since the close of the previous academic year.
 - 2.4.2.5.3 The student's legal residence is located in the attendance zone of the receiving school.
 - 2.4.2.5.4 All other DIAA eligibility requirements have been met.
- 2.4.2.6 The transfer is the result of the student being homeless as defined in the McKinney - Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2).
 - 2.4.2.6.1 Notwithstanding the above, the student shall be ineligible under the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause where the student's homeless status is created by the student or his/her family for the primary reason of:
 - 2.4.2.6.1.1 Seeking a superior team; or
 - 2.4.2.6.1.2 Seeking a team more compatible with the student's abilities; or
 - 2.4.2.6.1.3 Dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics; or
 - 2.4.2.6.1.4 Avoiding disciplinary action imposed by the school of origin related to or affecting interscholastic athletic participation.
- 2.4.3 Transfer Because of Promotion or Administrative Assignment: Transfer because of promotion or administrative assignment to the ninth grade from a school whose terminal point is the eighth grade, or to the tenth grade from a junior high school whose terminal point is the ninth grade, shall not constitute a transfer. Students so promoted or administratively assigned shall be eligible.
- 2.4.4 Transfer Because of a Change in the Program of Study or Financial Hardship: If a waiver of the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause is requested due to a desired change in the pro-

gram of study or financial hardship, the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver is responsible for providing documentation to the DIAA Board of Directors to support the request.

- 2.4.4.1 Documentation for change in the program of study (a multi-year, hierarchical sequence of courses with a common theme or subject matter leading to a specific outcome) shall include:
 - 2.4.4.1.1 The student's schedule;
 - 2.4.4.1.2 The student's transcript;
 - 2.4.4.1.3 Current course descriptions from both the sending and receiving schools;
 - 2.4.4.1.4 A statement from the Principal of the sending school indicating that a significant part of the student's desired program of study will not be offered and that it will place the student at a definite disadvantage to delay transfer until the end of the current school year; and
 - 2.4.4.1.5 A statement from the Principals of both the sending and receiving schools that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage (see 2.4.6).
- 2.4.4.2 Documentation for Financial Hardship: Documentation for financial hardship shall include:
 - 2.4.4.2.1 Proof of extreme financial hardship caused by significant and unexpected reduction in income and/or increase in expenses; and
 - 2.4.4.2.2 A statement from the principals of both the sending and receiving schools that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage (see 2.4.6).
- 2.4.5 Transfer Because of Custody Change: In cases of joint or shared custody when a primary residence is established, a change in a student's primary residence without court action subjects the student to the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause.
- 2.4.6 A change of custody or guardianship for athletic advantage shall render a student ineligible under the ninety (90) school day ineligibility clause if the reason for his/her transfer is one of the following: to seek a superior team, to seek a team more compatible with his/her abilities, dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods, or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics or to avoid disciplinary action imposed by the sending school related to or affecting interscholastic athletic participation.
- 2.4.7 A student who transfers from a public, private, vocational-technical, or charter school to a school of choice, as authorized by 14 *Del.C.*, Ch. 4, shall be eligible immediately provided the transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the receiving school's academic year.
 - 2.4.7.1 A student who transfers from a school of choice to another school of choice shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during his/her first year of attendance at the receiving school unless the receiving school sponsors a sport(s) not sponsored by the sending school in which case the student shall be eligible to participate in that sport(s) only.
- 2.4.8 A student who transfers from a school of choice to either a private school, career-technical school or, after completing his/her two-year commitment, to a public charter school shall be eligible immediately provided the transfer occurs after the close of the sending school's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the receiving school's academic year.
- 2.4.9 If a student transfers with fewer than ninety (90) school days left in the academic year, he/she shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year but shall be eligible beginning with the subsequent fall sports season provided he/she is in compliance with all other eligibility requirements.

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1. What is the eligibility of a return transfer student to the original sending school? A student who withdraws from school A and regis-

ters at school B (e.g., during either winter or summer vacation) but does not attend class at school B or participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest at school B, will not be subject to the 90 school day ineligibility clause if he/she returns to school A. However, if the student either attends class or participates in interscholastic athletics at school B, then he/she will be ineligible for 90 school days if he/she returns to school A.

2.5 Eligibility, Amateur Status

- 2.5.1 A student may not participate in an interscholastic sport unless he/she is considered an amateur in that sport. A student forfeits his/her amateur status if he/she does any of the following:
 - 2.5.1.1 Knowingly plays on or against a professional team which is defined as a team having one or more members who have received or are receiving directly or indirectly monetary consideration for their athletic services,
 - 2.5.1.2 Signs a professional contract, accepts reimbursement for expenses to attend a professional tryout, or receives financial assistance in any form from a professional sports organization.
 - 2.5.1.3 Enters a competition under an assumed name. The surname and given name used by any player in his/her first game of interscholastic competition shall be used during the remainder of the student's interscholastic career. Any change in spelling or use of another name shall be regarded as an attempt to evade this rule unless the change has been properly certified by the player to the principal of the school.
 - 2.5.1.4 Receives remuneration of any kind or accepts reimbursement for expenses in excess of the actual and necessary costs of transportation, meals, and lodging for participating in a team or individual competition or an instructional camp or clinic. Reimbursement for the aforementioned expenses is permitted only if all of the participants receive the same benefit.
 - 2.5.1.5 Receives cash or a cash equivalent (savings bond, certificate of deposit, etc.), merchandise (except as permitted by 9.1.4) or a merchandise discount (except for discount arranged by school for part of team uniform), a reduction or waiver of fees, a gift certificate, or other valuable consideration as a result of his/her participation in an organized competition or instructional camp/clinic. Accepting an event program and/or a complimentary item(s) (t-shirt, hat, equipment bag, etc.) that is inscribed with a reference to the event, has an aggregate retail value of no more than \$150.00, and is provided to all of the participants, shall not jeopardize his/her amateur status.
 - 2.5.1.6 Sells or pawns awards received.
 - 2.5.1.7 Uses his/her athletic status to promote or endorse a commercial product or service in a newsprint, radio, or television advertisement or personal appearance.
- 2.5.2 Accepting compensation for teaching lessons, coaching, or officiating shall not jeopardize his/her amateur status.
- 2.5.3 A student who forfeits his/her amateur status under the provisions of this rule is ineligible to participate at the interscholastic level in the sport in which the violation occurred. He/she may be reinstated after a period of up to the number of days in the school year provided that during the suspension, he/she complies with all of the provisions of this rule. The suspension shall date from the time of the last offense.

2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work

- 2.6.1 In order to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, including practices, a student must pursue a regular course of study or its equivalent as approved by the local governing body, and must be passing at least five (5) credits. Two (2) of those credits must be in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies.
 - 2.6.1.1 A student who is receiving special education services and is precluded from meeting the aforementioned academic requirements due to modifications in the grading procedure or course of study, shall be adjudged eligible by the principal if he/she is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his/her individualized education plan (IEP).

- 2.6.2 In the case of a student in the twelfth grade, he/she must be passing all courses necessary for graduation from high school in order to be eligible for participation. A course necessary for graduation shall be any course, whether taken during or outside the regular school day, that satisfies an unmet graduation requirement.
- 2.6.3 A student whose work in any regular marking period does not meet the above standards shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, including practices, for the next marking period.
 - 2.6.3.1 In the case of a conflict between the marking period grade and the final grade, the final grade shall determine eligibility.
 - 2.6.3.2 The final accumulation of credits shall determine eligibility for the first marking period of the following school year. When a student makes up a failure or earns the required credit(s) during the summer, he/she shall become eligible provided he/she successfully completes the course work prior to the first official student day of the school year.
 - 2.6.3.3 Written verification of the successful completion of a correspondence course must be received before a student shall regain his/her eligibility.
- 2.6.4 A student forfeits or regains his/her eligibility, in accordance with the provisions of this rule, on the day report cards are issued.
- 2.6.5 Local school boards and nonpublic schools may establish more stringent requirements for academic eligibility than the minimum standards herein prescribed.
- 2.6.6 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, or 2.6.4 shall, when he/she regains his/her eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging, or competing for an equivalent number of days.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1009.2.6**

1. How do incompletes on grade change affect a student's eligibility?
 - A. If a student receives an incomplete because he/she was unable to complete the required assignments in a particular course due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances and consequently becomes ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics (when report cards are issued), that student will regain his/her eligibility when the required assignments are submitted and a passing grade is recorded.
 - B. If a student receives a failing grade in a particular course and consequently becomes ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics (when report cards are issued) but it is determined that a mistake was made in the computation of the grade, that student will regain his/her eligibility when the correct passing grade is recorded. During the time that the matter is being resolved, he/she is ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in a contest at any level of competition.
 - C. If a student receives a failing grade in a particular course but is permitted to retake a test, rewrite a paper, submit an additional assignment for credit, etc. after the end of the marking period and his/her grade is subsequently changed to a passing grade, that student will become ineligible when report cards are issued or remain ineligible if report cards have already been issued regardless of the grade change.

2. How is eligibility determined for students with one-semester and nine-week courses?
 In order to determine if a student who is taking either a semester course(s) or a nine-week course(s) is passing the equivalent of five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas, multiply the credit value of a semester course(s) by a factor of 2 and multiply the credit value of a nine-week course(s) by a factor of 4. Block scheduling would not affect the calculation of credit equivalences.

<i>Example:</i>	1st Nine-Week Marking Period	2nd Marking Period	Final Grade
Course #1 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C	C	
Course #2 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C*	B*	
Course #3 (full year, 1.0 credit)	C*	C*	
Course #4 (full year, 1.0 credit)	D*	F*	
Course #5 (semester, .5 credit)	C	C	C
Course #6 (semester, .5 credit)	F*	D*	F*

The student in the example above would be eligible during the second marking period because he/she passed courses #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 during the first marking period which would be considered the

equivalent of five (5) credits. However, the student would be ineligible during the third marking period even though he/she passed courses #1, #2, #3, #5, and #6 during the second marking period because the final grade takes precedence over the marking period grade (see 2.6.3.1). The student passed only the equivalent of four (4) credits and consequently would be ineligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete during the third marking period.

3. How is eligibility determined for a student classified as an 11th grader but graduating at the end of the school year? A student who was classified as a junior but had declared his/her intention to graduate at the end of the school year and was taking the courses necessary to do so (either during the regular school day or outside of the regular school day), should be held accountable to the 12th grade academic eligibility standard. Therefore, the aforementioned student would be required to pass all courses necessary for graduation in order to practice, scrimmage, or compete rather than five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas.
4. What are the local academic requirements and timelines for losing/regaining eligibility? A student who was in compliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements but had lost his/her eligibility as a result of noncompliance with a local academic eligibility requirement (2.6.5 permits member schools to adopt additional or more stringent academic eligibility requirements; e.g., a minimum GPA), would regain his/her eligibility when he/she had satisfied the local requirement in accordance with the timelines used by that particular district or school. If a student became ineligible due to noncompliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements, then that student would regain his/her eligibility on the date that report cards were issued as stated in 2.6.4. Member schools should use local timelines for enforcing additional academic eligibility requirements and DIAA timelines for the academic eligibility requirements stipulated in 2.6.1 and 2.6.2.
5. What are the local academic requirements and forfeiture? An offending school would not be required to forfeit the contest if a student who was in compliance with DIAA academic eligibility requirements but was ineligible as a result of noncompliance with a local academic eligibility requirement was inadvertently allowed to participate.
6. What are the eligibility requirements for an 8th grader participating on a high school team? An 8th grader who is permitted to participate on either a subvarsity or varsity high school team must be held accountable to the same eligibility requirements as a student in grades 9 thru 12. Therefore, an 8th grader must be passing the equivalent of five (5) credits with two (2) credits in the core academic areas before being allowed to try out for either a subvarsity or varsity high school team or before being moved up from a middle school team to either a subvarsity or varsity high school team.
7. What is a computer literacy credit? Whenever a student earns the computer literacy credit by testing out during the school year, it shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated at the end of that school year and used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year. If the computer literacy credit is earned between the end of one school year and the first official school day of the subsequent school year, it shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated during the previous school year and again used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year.
8. How is eligibility determined for a student who successfully completes a correspondence course during a marking period? A correspondence course which is successfully completed during a marking period shall be considered the equivalent of a passing grade at the end of that marking period and shall be used to determine eligibility for the subsequent marking period. However, a correspondence course which is successfully completed between the end of one school year and the first official school day of the subsequent school year shall be considered the equivalent of a course passed during the previous school year. The credit earned shall be added to the total number of credits accumulated at the end of the previous school year and used to determine eligibility for the first marking period of the subsequent school year.
9. How is eligibility determined for a special education student who is noncompliant due to modifications in their course of study? If it is not possible for a student who is receiving special education services to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1 (must pass five (5) credits per marking period with two (2) credits in the areas of English, mathematics, science, or social studies) due to modifications in his/her course of study, then the principal will determine the student's eligibility based on whether he/she is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his/her IEP. An example would be a student who is taking fewer than two (2) credits in the aforementioned core academic areas. The key word in 2.6.1.1 is "precluded." If a student fails to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1, he/she is ineligible and that determination is not left to the principal's discretion. If a student who is receiving special education services is taking a minimum of five (5) credits with at least two (2) credits in the core academic areas, he/she is expected to satisfy the academic requirements stipulated in 2.6.1 in order to be eligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in interscholastic athletics.

2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation

2.7.1 No student shall represent a school in athletics after four (4) consecutive years from the date of his/her first entrance into the ninth grade unless a waiver is granted for hardship reasons.

2.7.1.1 No student shall have more than four (4) opportunities to participate in a fall

sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.

2.7.1.2 "Hardship" shall be defined as extenuating circumstances peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control or creation of the student athlete, his/her family, or school which (1) deprive him/her of all or part of one of his/her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season; (2) preclude him/her from completing the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness or accidents, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.

2.7.1.2.1 A waiver not shall be granted under this section where DIAA finds that the student was academically eligible pursuant to DIAA's minimum passing work standards but was ineligible to participate under more stringent locally adopted academic standards and where the local school board has adopted its own waiver or exemption policy.

2.7.1.2.2 A clear and direct causal relationship must exist between the alleged hardship condition and the failure of the student to complete the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility and the loss of all or part of one of his/her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season.

2.7.1.2.3 The burden of proof rests with the student in conjunction with the waiver process as described in 14 *DE Admin. Code* 1006.9. Claims of extended illness, debilitating injury, emotional stress, etc., must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Evidence must be submitted to verify that the student or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) sought assistance to ameliorate the effects of the hardship condition.

2.7.2 Satisfactory completion of studies in accordance with promotion policies established by the local governing body shall determine when a student is beyond the eighth grade. If the eighth grade is part of the same administrative unit as grades 9 through 12, participation on the part of an eighth-grade student toward five (5) years of eligibility shall be at the discretion of the individual school.

2.7.2.1 Eighth grade students who are enrolled or transfer to schools that meet the above criteria begin their five years of eligibility for senior high school athletic participation the first year they enter eighth grade.

2.7.3 Seventh-grade students shall not be permitted to participate on senior high school interscholastic teams.

2.7.4 Participation of Postgraduates

2.7.4.1 Participation shall be defined as taking part in a school sponsored practice, scrimmage or contest on or after the first allowable date for practice in that sport.

2.7.4.2 Postgraduates shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. All graduates of recognized senior high schools shall be considered postgraduates.

2.7.4.3 A regularly enrolled student taking courses in an institution of higher education shall be eligible provided he/she meets all other DIAA requirements.

2.7.4.4 Students whose commencement exercises are prior to the completion of the school's regular season schedule and/or the state tournament shall be eligible to compete.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1009.2.7.4**

1. Are students who have passed the GED exam eligible? In accordance with Department of Education regulations, students who have passed the GED exam in Delaware, Virginia, Indiana, Utah, Nevada, and Washington are not considered postgraduates and conse-

quently, may enroll at a public, vocational-technical, or charter school and may participate in interscholastic athletics at any member school provided they are in compliance with all other DIAA eligibility requirements. However, students who have passed the GED exam in other states are considered postgraduates because they have received or will receive when they become 18 years of age, a bona fide high school diploma. They are not permitted to enroll at a public, vocational-technical, or charter school and may not participate in interscholastic athletics at any member school unless they refuse the diploma or return it to the appropriate state department of education. Whenever a student transfers from an out-of-state correctional school, member schools should investigate the possibility that the student has passed the GED examination.

2.8 Eligibility of Foreign Exchange Students and International Students

- 2.8.1 Notwithstanding 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4, foreign exchange students and international students may be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics upon arrival at their host school provided they have not attained the age of 19 prior to June 15 and are enrolled as participants in a recognized foreign exchange program.
 - 2.8.1.1 All foreign exchange programs which are included on the Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and are two (2) semesters in length shall be considered as recognized.
 - 2.8.1.2 Students participating in programs not included on the CSIET list shall be required to present evidence that the program is a bona fide educational exchange program before it shall be considered as recognized.
- 2.8.2 International students who are not participating in a foreign exchange program are considered to be transfer students and are ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics unless they are in compliance with all DIAA eligibility requirements including 2.2.
- 2.8.3 Once enrolled, foreign exchange and other international students must comply with all DIAA eligibility rules.
 - 2.8.3.1 Athletic recruitment of foreign exchange students or other international students by a member school or any other entity is prohibited, and any such students recruited shall be ineligible.

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1. What are the eligibility exceptions for foreign exchange students?

Foreign exchange students who are participating in a two-semester, CSIET recognized program are immediately eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics at their host school provided they are in compliance with all applicable DIAA rules and regulations.

 - a. Foreign exchange students in a two-semester, CSIET recognized program are exempt from certain requirements of 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4. More specifically, they are eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics even though they have not enrolled and been in regular attendance by September 20; they are not living with their custodial parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) in their host school's attendance zone; and their transfer to their host school was not the result of a change in residence by their custodial parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s).
 - b. Foreign exchange students in a two-semester, CSIET recognized program must comply with all other DIAA eligibility requirements including 2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, and 3.1.
1. Foreign exchange students in a two-semester, CSIET recognized program who have graduated from their home schools are not considered postgraduates if they are only in their twelfth year of attendance. These students must pass five (5) credits per marking period, including two (2) from the core academic areas, in order to be academically eligible. However, if they are in their thirteenth year of attendance, they are considered postgraduates and may not participate in interscholastic athletics at a DIAA member school.
2. Foreign exchange students who are being sponsored by an organization not recognized by CSIET must present evidence to the Executive Director that the program is a bona fide educational exchange program before they are considered eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics.
3. In accordance with 2.8.3.1 and CSIET Standard 4., the placement of foreign exchange students in a host school should not involve athletic considerations. Coaches and other athletic personnel should not be involved in recruiting or selecting a host family.

2.9 Student Eligibility Report Forms

- 2.9.1 Member schools shall use eligibility forms approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the original eligibility report and subsequent addenda must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the first contest for which the students listed are eligible.

Failure to file an eligibility report as prescribed shall result in a \$15.00 fine against the school.

2.9.1.1 In the case of a student who met all DIAA eligibility requirements but was omitted from the eligibility report due to administrative or clerical error, he/she shall be adjudged eligible and the school assessed a \$10.00 fine.

2.10 Use of an Ineligible Athlete:

- 2.10.1 If a school uses an ineligible athlete, the administrative head or his/her designee shall notify the opposing school(s) or event sponsor, in the case of a tournament or meet, and the Executive Director in writing of the violation and the forfeiture of the appropriate game(s), match(es), and/or point(s) won.
- 2.10.2 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of soccer, football, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse shall require the offending school to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible athlete participated.
 - 2.10.2.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, including a state championship, the offending school shall be replaced by its most recently defeated opponent. Teams eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament, team and/or individual awards shall be returned to the event sponsor and team and/or individual records and performances shall be nullified.
 - 2.10.2.2 The offending school may appeal to the DIAA Board of Directors for a waiver of the forfeiture penalty. If the forfeiture penalty is waived, the offending school shall be reprimanded and fined \$200.00 unless the athlete or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s) knowingly withheld information or provided false information that caused him/her to be eligible for interscholastic competition. The burden of proof, in both instances, rests entirely with the offending school. A forfeit shall constitute a loss for the offending school and a win for its opponent for purposes of standings and playoff eligibility and shall be automatic and not subject to refusal by the offending school's opponent.
- 2.10.3 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of cross country, wrestling, swimming, track, golf, and tennis shall require the offending school to forfeit the matches won and/or points earned by the ineligible athlete or by a relay team of which he/she was a member. The points contributed by an ineligible athlete to his/her team score shall be deleted and the contest score as well as the affected placements will be adjusted according to the rules of the sport.
 - 2.10.3.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, including a state championship, the ineligible athlete shall be replaced by his/her most recently defeated opponent or the next highest finisher. Contestants eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament.
 - 2.10.3.1.1 Individual awards earned by the ineligible athlete and team awards, if necessary because of adjustments in the standings, shall be returned to the event sponsor. Individual records and performances by the ineligible athlete shall be nullified.
- 2.10.4 If an ineligible athlete participates in interscholastic competition contrary to DIAA rules but in accordance with a temporary restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or DIAA, and the injunction is subsequently vacated, stayed, or reversed, or the courts determine that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, or the injunction expires without further judicial determination, the penalties stipulated in 2.10.2 and 2.10.3 shall be imposed.
- 2.10.5 The intentional use of an ineligible athlete by a member school or repeated indifference to its responsibility to determine the eligibility of its athletes will subject the school to additional penalties which may include suspension for the amount of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.10.6 If a coach knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes an athlete to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the coach shall be suspended from coach-

ing in any sport at any DIAA member school for the amount of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

- 2.10.7 If an athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes him/her to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the athlete shall be suspended from participation in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the amount of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

2.11 Determination of Student Eligibility and the Appeal Procedures

- 2.11.1 In cases of uncertainty or disagreement, the eligibility of a student shall be determined initially by the Executive Director. If the Executive Director determines that the student is ineligible, the school and the student shall be notified and the student suspended immediately from participation in interscholastic athletics.
- 2.11.2 The school and the student shall be informed that the decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 2.11.3 Decisions of the DIAA Board of Directors to affirm, modify, or reverse the eligibility rulings of the Executive Director may be appealed to the State Board of Education in accordance with 14 *DE Admin. Code* 1006.11.

3.0 Physical Examinations, Weight Control Program for Wrestling and Required Medical Personnel in Attendance at All Football Games.

3.1 Physical examinations

- 3.1.1 A student shall not be eligible to practice, scrimmage, or compete in an interscholastic contest unless he/she has been adequately examined by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.), a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified physician's assistant on or after May 1 and before beginning such athletic activity for the current school year.
- 3.1.2 A certificate to that effect, as well as the parent's, legal guardian's, or Relative Caregiver's consent, shall be on file with the administrative head of the school prior to the student participating in a practice, scrimmage, or game.
- 3.1.3 For any subsequent sports season in the school year, a limited reexamination shall be performed if any of the following circumstances exist: the athlete has been treated for an injury during the preceding sports season, the athlete has been out of school during the preceding sports season with an illness other than the usual minor upper respiratory or gastrointestinal upset, an operation has been performed on the athlete during the preceding sports season, or the athlete has a remedial defect.
- 3.1.4 The medical history of the student should be available at the time of each examination.
- 3.1.5 A player who is properly certified to participate in interscholastic athletics but is physically unable to participate for five (5) consecutive days on which a practice, scrimmage, or contest is held due to illness or injury, must present to the administrative head of the school or designee, a statement from a qualified physician that he/she is again physically able to participate.

3.2 Wrestling Weight Control Program

- 3.2.1 Each year, beginning November 1st and prior to January 15th, a wrestler must establish his/her minimum weight class at a weigh-in witnessed by and attested to in writing by the athletic director or a designated staff member (excluding coaches) of the school the wrestler attends. The official weigh-in for a regularly scheduled dual meet or tournament would establish certification. In addition, each year beginning November 1 and prior to January 15, each wrestler is required to determine his/her lowest allowable competitive weight according to the DIAA Weight Monitoring Program. A wrestler may recertify at a lower weight class during November 1 and prior to January 15 if his individual weight loss plan allows for it. However, once certified at a weight a wrestler may not weigh-in more than one weight class above the weight of certification without automatically recertifying at a higher weight. Once recertified to a higher weight class the wrestler can no longer recertify lower. After January 14 no wrestler is allowed to recertify at a lower weight.
- 3.2.1.1 A wrestler who weighs in at least once but fails to establish his/her minimum

weight class prior to January 15 shall automatically be certified at the weight he/she last weighed in before that date.

3.2.1.2 A wrestler who does not weigh in at least once and fails to establish his/her minimum weight class prior to January 15 shall automatically be certified at the weight he/she first weighs in after that date.

3.2.1.3 A wrestler who is unable, prior to January 15, to get down to the maximum allowable weight of 275 pounds in order to compete in the heavyweight class shall be permitted to certify his/her minimum weight class at a later date in the season and thereafter be eligible to participate.

3.2.2 By January 15, a certified team roster listing the established minimum weight class of each wrestler shall be sent to the secretary of the conference to which the school belongs or to the secretary of the independent tournament. Further, duly attested notices of additions to the certified roster shall be sent to the conference secretary without delay.

3.2.2.1 The conference secretary shall in turn send to each school in his/her conference copies of the certified rosters of each school. Further, he/she shall note and send copies of the notices of additions to the rosters as these additions occur.

3.3 Required Medical Personnel In Attendance at All Football Games

3.3.1 Provision shall be made for a licensed physician, a NATA certified athletic trainer, or a registered nurse to be present at all interscholastic football games in which a member school participates. The host school shall provide this service. Failure by the host school to provide this service shall result in a \$100.00 fine.

4.0 Sports Seasons, Practices Sessions and Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons

4.1 Sports Seasons

4.1.1 The fall sports season shall begin with the first approved day for practice and end with the start of the state championship in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. A conference championship game must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport and practice for any fall sport shall not begin earlier than 21 days before the first Friday after Labor Day.

4.1.1.1 The first three (3) days of football practice shall be primarily for the purpose of physical conditioning and shall be restricted to non-contact activities. Coaches may introduce offensive formations and defensive alignments, run plays "on air," practice non-contact phases of the kicking game, and teach non-contact positional skills. Protective equipment shall be restricted to helmets, mouth guards, and shoes. The use of dummies, hand shields, and sleds in contact drills is prohibited. Blocking, tackling, and block protection drills which involve any contact between players are also prohibited.

4.1.1.2 No member school shall participate in spring football games nor shall a member school conduct football practice of any type outside of the regular fall sports season except when participating in the state tournament. "Organized football" or "organized football practice" shall be defined as any type of sport which is organized to promote efficiency in any of the various aspects of football. Touch football, featuring blocking, tackling, ball handling, signaling, etc. shall be considered "organized football" and shall be illegal under the intent of this rule

4.1.2 The winter sports season shall begin with the first approved day for practice and end with the start of the state championship in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. Conference championships must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport and practice for any winter sport shall not begin earlier than 21 days before the first Friday in December.

4.1.3 The spring sports season shall begin on March 1 and ends with the start of the state championship in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled

and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. Conference championships must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport and practice for any spring sport shall not begin earlier than March 1.

- 4.1.4 A school which participates in a game prior to the first allowable date or after the start of the state championship shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$100.00 fine.
- 4.1.5 A school which conducts practice prior to the first allowable date shall pay a fine of \$100.00 per illegal practice day.
- 4.1.6 No member school shall participate in a post-season contest without the written approval of the Executive Director.

4.2 Practice Sessions

- 4.2.1 A practice session shall be defined as any instructional activity on the field, court, mat, or track or in the pool, weight room, or classroom such as team meetings, film reviews, black-board sessions, warmup and cool down exercises, drills or mandatory strength training. Member schools shall conduct a minimum of 21 calendar days of practice under the supervision of the school's certified, emergency and/or approved volunteer coaching staff prior to the first scheduled contest in all sports.
- 4.2.2 Practice sessions shall be limited to two (2) hours on official school days. Split sessions may be conducted but practice time shall not exceed two hours for any individual athlete. The two-hour practice limitation does not include time for noninstructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
- 4.2.3 Practicing on holidays and weekends shall be left to the discretion of the individual schools and conferences. However there should be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage, or contest) during any seven-day period.
- 4.2.4 A student shall be required to practice for a period of at least seven (7) calendar days prior to participating in a contest. However, if a student has been participating in a state tournament during the preceding sports season and is unable to begin practicing at least seven (7) calendar days before his/her team's first contest, he/she shall be exempt from this requirement.
- 4.2.5 A school which exceeds the two-hour practice limitation shall pay a \$100.00 fine.

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1. Can an athlete who participates in two different sports practice more than two hours on the same school day? The two-hour practice limitation referred to in 4.2.2 also applies to athletes who are members of two (2) different teams at the same time. The aggregate practice time per day for an individual athlete participating in two (2) different sports may not exceed two (2) hours.
2. Is an athlete required to satisfy the individual practice requirement twice during the same season after periods of inactivity or ineligibility? A student who has fulfilled the individual practice requirement at the start of the season is not obligated to satisfy it a second time if he/she was injured for an extended period of time or was academically ineligible for a marking period and did not participate.

4.3 Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons:

- 4.3.1 The maximum number of regularly scheduled interscholastic contests/competition dates for each team and individual in the recognized sports and their sports season shall be designated by the DIAA Board of Directors and is as follows:

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Team Limitations</i>		<i>Individual Limitations</i>	
	<i>Season</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Day</i>
Fall				
Cross Country (boys and girls)	16 competition dates	•+3 competition dates	•+3 competition dates	
Field Hockey (girls)	16 contests	•3 contest	•3 Competition dates	2 halves
Football (boys)	10 contests	1 contest	4 varsity quarters or any combination of 5 varsity and subvarsity quarters provided no more than 3 quarters are at the varsity level	
Soccer (boys)	16 Contests	•3 contests	•3 competition dates	2 halves
Volleyball (girls)	16 competition dates of which 1 date may involve more than 2 teams	•3 competition dates	•3 competition dates	
Winter				
Basketball (boys and girls)	22 contests	•3 contests	•3 competition dates	4 quarters
Swimming and Diving (boys and girls)	16 contests	•3 contests	•3 contests	
Indoor Track (boys and girls)	12 contests	•+3 contests	•+3 contests	
Wrestling (boys)	*18 contests	•3 competition dates	•3 competition dates	5 matches
Spring				
Baseball (boys)	20 contests	•3 contests	•3 contests	
Softball (girls)	20 contests	•3 contests	•3 contests	
Golf (boys)	16 competition dates	•3 competition dates	•3 competition dates	
Tennis (boys and girls)	16 contests	•3 contests	•3 contests	
Outdoor Track (boys and girls)	18 competition dates	•+3 competition dates	•+3 competition dates	
Lacrosse (boys and girls)	16 contests	•3 contests	•3 competition dates	4 quarters (boys) or 2 halves (girls)
Soccer (girls)	16 contests	•3 contests	•3 competition dates	2 halves

- *The third contest/competition date in a week must be held on Friday (no early dismissal permitted), Saturday or Sunday. This requirement is waived when a school is closed for the entire week such as during winter or spring vacation.*
- + *A team may not participate in two different cross country, indoor track or outdoor track meets on the same day.*
- * *Participation in a triangular meet shall count as two contests and participation in a quadrangular meet shall count as three contests toward the seasonal limitation.*

- 4.3.2 The third contest/competition date in a week shall be held on Friday (no early dismissal permitted), Saturday or Sunday. This requirement is waived when a school is closed for the entire week such as during winter or spring vacation.
- 4.3.2.1 A team shall not participate in two different cross country, indoor track or outdoor track meets on the same day.
- 4.3.2.2 Participation in a triangular meet shall count as two contests and participation in a quadrangular meet shall count as three contests toward the seasonal limitation.
- 4.3.2.3 Participation in any part of a quarter/half shall count as a quarter/half toward the weekly and daily limitations in that sport. However, in the case of football, participation on a free kick or a play from a scrimmage kick formation shall not count as a quarter. Overtime periods shall be considered as part of the fourth quarter or second half.

- 4.3.3 A week shall be designated as starting on Monday and ending on Sunday for all sports except football. A football week shall begin the day of the varsity game and end the day preceding the next varsity game or the following Friday.
 - 4.3.3.1 The preceding game limitations, with the exception of the individual daily limitation, shall not prohibit the rescheduling of postponed games at the discretion and convenience of the member schools involved provided the game was postponed due to inclement weather, unplayable field conditions, failure of the assigned officials to appear for the game, breakdown of the bus or van carrying the visiting team, or any other circumstances beyond the control of site management which preclude playing the game. However, a team may not participate in more than four (4) contests/competition dates in a week.
- 4.3.4 The maximum number of regularly scheduled contests for each of the recognized sports, except football, shall be exclusive of conference championships, playoffs to determine tournament state berths, and the state tournament/meet. The maximum number of regularly scheduled football contests shall be exclusive of the state tournament.
 - 4.3.4.1 Any playoffs to determine state tournament berths shall be under the control and supervision of the DIAA tournament committee.
- 4.3.5 A student shall participate in a particular sport for only one season during each academic year.
- 4.3.6 A school which participates in more than the allowable number of contests in a season shall be suspended from the state playoffs or, if a non-qualifying team, fined \$200.00.
 - 4.3.6.1 A school which exceeds the weekly contest limitation shall be required to forfeit the contest and pay a \$100.00 fine.
 - 4.3.6.2 A student who exceeds the weekly or daily contest limitation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the school subject to the process stipulated in 2.10.

5.0 School/Team Competition, Sanctioning of Competitions, State Championships and All Star Contests

5.1 School/Team Competition

- 5.1.1 Sponsoring Interscholastic Teams: Interscholastic competition is defined as any athletic contest between students representing two (2) or more schools. Members of school clubs who participate in non-competitive, recreational activities or compete unattached are not considered to be engaged in interscholastic competition. Students are considered to be representing a school if the school does any of the following:
 - 5.1.1.1 Partially or wholly subsidizes the activity (providing equipment, uniforms, transportation, entry fees, etc.).
 - 5.1.1.2 Controls and administers the funds, regardless of their source, needed to conduct the activity.
 - 5.1.1.3 Permits students to compete under the name of the school.
 - 5.1.1.4 Publicizes or promotes the activity through announcements, bulletins, or school sponsored publications in excess of what is customarily done for "outside" organizations.
 - 5.1.1.5 Presents or displays individual/team awards.
- 5.1.2 Schools may sponsor teams for interscholastic competition in a sport provided the following criteria are met:
 - 5.1.2.1 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school approves participation in the sport. The administrative head of the school shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the school's intent to sponsor a team in a new sport.
 - 5.1.2.2 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school controls the funds needed to support the proposed team, regardless of their source, in the same manner as existing teams (coaches' salaries, purchase and repair of equipment, medical supervision, transportation, preparation and maintenance of prac-

tice and game facilities, awards, etc.). Requests from outside sources to make financial contributions or to donate equipment or services must be submitted in writing and must include an acknowledgment that the equipment becomes the property of the school. The contribution or donation must be approved in writing by the administrative head of the school.

5.1.2.3. The participating schools agree to comply with all applicable DIAA rules and regulations as stated in the current DIAA Official Handbook.

5.1.3 Levels of Participation

5.1.3.1 Level 1 or developmental sport — less than twelve (12) participating schools at the varsity level. DIAA rules and regulations shall not be in effect.

5.1.3.2 Level 2 or recognized sport — twelve (12) or more participating schools at the varsity level. Participating schools must petition the DIAA Board of Directors for official recognition of the sport.

5.1.3.2.1 At the time of official recognition, DIAA shall provide rules publications to the participating schools, designate an approved officials' association, conduct an annual or biannual rules clinic for coaches and officials, establish a maximum game schedule, and form a committee to promote the continued development of the sport and prepare for a future state championship. All DIAA rules and regulations shall then be in effect.

5.1.3.3 Level 3 or championship sport — sixteen (16) or more participating schools at the varsity level. Upon petition by the sport committee and adoption of a tournament proposal, DIAA shall establish a state championship.

5.1.3.4 Withdrawal of level 2 or level 3 status. If, for two (2) consecutive years, less than the required number of schools participate in a sport, DIAA may withdraw official recognition or suspend the state tournament/meet for a period of time as determined by the Board of Directors.

5.1.4 Membership on Coed Teams

5.1.4.1 If a school sponsors a boys' team and a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall participate on the boys' team and girls shall participate on the girls' team even if the teams compete during different seasons. If a school sponsors only a boys' team in a particular sport, girls shall be permitted to participate on the boys' team, but if a school sponsors only a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to participate on the girls' team.

5.1.4.2 Coed teams shall participate only in the boys' state championship tournament/meet.

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1. Can a girl participate on a boys' soccer team? A member school is considered to be sponsoring a girls' soccer team when the governing boys of the district or private school approves participation in the sport. From that date forward, girls interested in participating in soccer must play on the girls' team during the spring sports season and are not permitted to play on the boys' team during the fall sports season except as stipulated below. If a girl has been listed on a varsity, junior varsity, or freshmen boys' soccer eligibility report in the past, she may continue to participate on the boys' team during the fall sports season. However, if she participates on the boys' team in the fall, she will not be permitted to participate on the girls' team in the spring unless the governing body's decision to sponsor girls' soccer was not made until after the start of the boys' soccer season, in which case she will be allowed to complete the boys' season and also participate on the girls' team for that year only. Once a girl participates on the girls' team, she forfeits her eligibility to participate on the boys' team for the remainder of her high school career.

5.2 Sanctioning of Competitions

5.2.1 Member schools may participate in tournaments/meets involving four (4) or more schools only if the event has been sanctioned by DIAA and, if applicable, by the NFHS. Tournaments/meets shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following criteria:

5.2.1.1 The event shall not be for determining a regional or national champion.

- 5.2.1.2 The event shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
- 5.2.1.3 Non-symbolic competition awards shall have a value of not more than \$150.00 per recipient and shall require the prior approval of the Executive Director.
- 5.2.1.4 Non-school event organizers shall submit a full financial report to the DIAA office within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the event.
- 5.2.1.5 The event organizer shall submit a list of out-of-state schools which have been invited to participate and such schools shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director.
- 5.2.1.6 Out-of-state schools which are not members of their state athletic association shall verify in writing that their participating athletes are in compliance with their state athletic association's eligibility rules and regulations.
- 5.2.1.7 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.
- 5.2.1.8 The event organizer shall comply with all applicable NFHS sanctioning requirements.
- 5.2.2 Participation in a non-sanctioned event shall result in payment of a \$25.00 fine. A second offense shall result in a \$50.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the sport season. A third offense shall result in a \$100.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the school.

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1. What are the requirements for the member schools that cosponsor a tournament/meet? Any tournament/meet which must be sanctioned by the NFHS must also be sponsored or cosponsored by a member school of the host state athletic association. In order to be considered a cosponsor of a tournament/meet, a member school must be legitimately involved in the planning, promotion, and conduct of the event. A school would be accorded cosponsor status provided the following conditions were satisfied:
 - a. The superintendent must approve, in writing, the school's request for cosponsor status and such documentation must accompany the completed sanction form submitted to the DIAA office.
 - b. The principal, an assistant principal, the athletic director, or the head varsity coach in that sport must attend the tournament planning meetings and must have both voice and vote in any decisions related to the tournament.
 - c. The school must be assigned responsibilities commensurate with their cosponsor status; e.g., site management, in which case the school would be responsible for hiring and supervising site personnel, arranging for security, providing for crowd control, etc. as if the tournament/meet was being conducted on school premises.
 - d. The principal, an assistant principal, or the athletic director must agree to investigate any complaints from the participating schools and/or state athletic associations.
 - e. If applicable, the school must be listed as an additional insured on the event liability insurance policy.

5.3 State Championships

- 5.3.1 State Championships: The minimum number of high schools which must sponsor a sport at the varsity level in order for DIAA to approve a state championship shall be sixteen (16).
 - 5.3.1.1 State championship play shall be permitted at the varsity level only in football, basketball, indoor and outdoor track, cross country, swimming, wrestling, golf, baseball, soccer, tennis, field hockey, softball, girls' volleyball, and lacrosse provided such tournament or meet is under the direct control and supervision of and/or has the approval of DIAA.
 - 5.3.1.2 A member school which does not pay all fines incurred during the school year by July 1st shall be ineligible to participate in a state championship event in any sport during the following school year until such time as all fines are paid.
- 5.3.2 All state championships shall be managed by committees established by the DIAA Board of Directors.

- 5.3.2.1 Each tournament format, as well as the criteria and procedures for selecting and seeding the participating teams, must be approved by the Board of Directors and any subsequent changes must also be approved by the Board. The Executive Director shall advise the committees as to which proposed changes must be presented to the Board. If the Executive Director and the committee cannot agree, the proposed change must be presented to the DIAA Board of Directors for approval.
- 5.3.2.2 All financial arrangements, including the collection of monies and expenditures, must be approved by the Executive Director.
- 5.3.2.3 Championship play in other sports must be confined to the individual conferences and conducted in accordance with the rules of the conference as approved by the DIAA Board of Directors.

5.4 All-Star Contests

- 5.4.1 An all-star contest shall be defined as an organized competition in which the participants are selected by the sponsoring organization or its designee on the basis of their performance during the interscholastic season in that sport.
- 5.4.2 Students who have completed their eligibility in a sport may participate in all-star contests in that sport, if approved by DIAA, prior to graduation from high school.
- 5.4.3 Member schools shall not make their facilities, equipment, or uniforms available to the sponsoring organization or the participants unless the all-star contest is approved by DIAA.
- 5.4.4 The all-star contest must be approved by DIAA in accordance with the following criteria:
 - 5.4.4.1 The contest shall not be for determining a regional or national champion.
 - 5.4.4.2 The contest shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
 - 5.4.4.3 The awards given shall be in compliance with 9.0.
 - 5.4.4.4 Exceptions to the adopted rules code for the sport, including uniform regulations, shall require the approval of DIAA.
- 5.4.5 A full financial report must be filed with the Executive Director within ninety (90) days of the contest. Failure to submit a financial report within the specified period of time shall result in the sponsoring organization being assessed a \$300.00 fine.
- 5.4.6 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.

6.0 Out of Season Athletic Camps and Clinics Sponsorship, Commercial Camps and Clinics and Open Gyms, Conditioning Programs and Non-School Competition

6.1 Out of Season Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship

- 6.1.1 DIAA does not restrict a student’s decision to attend an out-of-season athletic camp/clinic. However, schools, school organizations, coaches, or school related groups, such as booster clubs, may not sponsor an athletic camp/clinic which limits membership to their own district, locale, or teams. Coaches employed by an out-of-season athletic camp may only instruct their returning athletes in accordance with 7.5.
 - 6.1.1.1 School related groups, such as booster clubs, which desire to sponsor the attendance of their school’s enrolled students at an out-of-season athletic camp/clinic, may do so with the approval of the local school board or governing body. The disbursement of funds to pay for camp/clinic related expenses (fees, travel costs, etc.) shall be administered by the principal or his/her designee and the funds shall be allocated according to the following guidelines:
 - 6.1.1.1.1 All students and team members shall be notified of the available sponsorship by announcement, publication, etc.
 - 6.1.1.1.2 All applicants shall share equally in the funds provided.
 - 6.1.1.1.3 All applicants shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
 - 6.1.1.1.4 All applicants shall have one year of prior participation in the sport

for which the camp/clinic is intended or, absent any prior participation, he/she shall be judged by the coach to benefit substantially from participation in the camp/clinic.

6.2 Commercial Camps and Clinics:

- 6.2.1 Commercial camps and clinics are defined as a camp/clinic operated for profit which provides coaching or other sports training for a fee.
- 6.2.2 A student may participate in a commercial camp or clinic, including private lessons, both during and out of the designated sport season provided the following conditions are observed:
 - 6.2.2.1 The student must participate unattached and may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.2.2.2 The student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.2.2.3 The school may not provide transportation or pay fees.
 - 6.2.2.4 The school coach may not require his/her athletes to participate in a camp or clinic, or provide instruction to his/her returning athletes in a camp or clinic except as provided in 7.5.

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1. What are the obligations of member schools in publicizing instructional camps/clinics? The clinic/camp may not be restricted to students from a particular school, district, or community. It must be publicized in such a way (newspaper ad, radio spot, flyers, etc.) that students from other schools, districts, and communities have knowledge of and access to the clinic/camp.

6.3 Open Gym Programs

- 6.3.1 A member school may open its gymnasium or other facility for informal, recreational activities in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 6.3.1.1 The open gym must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.
 - 6.3.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary and the open gym must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.
 - 6.3.1.3 The activities must be unstructured and student-generated. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited. Organized competition with fixed team rosters is also prohibited.
 - 6.3.1.4 A coach may not predetermine that the open gym will include only his/her sport and publicize the open gym as being restricted to that sport. It is the responsibility of the adult supervisor to permit as many different activities as the facility can effectively and safely accommodate.
 - 6.3.1.5 A coach may open the facility and distribute playing equipment but may not instruct, officiate, participate, organize the activities, or choose teams in his/her assigned sport.
 - 6.3.1.6 Playing equipment is restricted to that which is customarily used in a contest in a particular sport. Playing equipment which is only used in a practice session is prohibited.
 - 6.3.1.7 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.

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1. May students enrolled at other schools participate in open gyms? The provision "must be available to all interested students" refers only to students enrolled at the school. Open gyms may not be limited to members of a particular team but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.

6.4 Conditioning Programs

- 6.4.1 A member school may conduct a conditioning program in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 6.4.1.1 The conditioning program must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.

- 6.4.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary. The conditioning program must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.
- 6.4.1.3 Permissible activities include stretching, lifting weights, jumping rope, running, calisthenics, aerobics, and similar generic conditioning activities. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited.
- 6.4.1.4 A coach may not provide instruction in sport-specific skills or techniques.
- 6.4.1.5 Sport-specific equipment is prohibited.
- 6.4.1.6 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.

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1. Can students enrolled at other schools participate in conditioning programs? The provision “must be available to all interested students” refers only to students enrolled at the school. Conditioning programs may not be limited to members of a particular team but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.

6.5 Non-School Competition in which Participants are Competing Unattached and are Not Representing Their Schools

- 6.5.1 A student may participate on a non-school team or in a non-school individual event both during and out of the designated sport season. However, the student owes his/her primary loyalty and allegiance to the school team of which he/she is a member. A school shall have the authority to require attendance at practices and contests and students not in compliance shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school.
- 6.5.2 Participation on a non-school team or in a non-school individual event shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 6.5.2.1 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.5.2.2 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.5.2.3 The school or a school affiliated support group may not provide transportation.
 - 6.5.2.4 The school or a school affiliated support group may not pay entry fees or provide any form of financial assistance.
 - 6.5.2.5 The school coach may not require his/her athletes to participate in non-school competition or provide instruction to his/her athletes in non-school competition except as in 7.5.
- 6.5.3 14 *Del.C.* §122(b)(15) requires written parental permission prior to participation on a similar team during the designated sport season. Written authorization must be on file in the student’s school prior to engaging in a tryout, practice, or contest with a similar team. Consent forms shall be available in all member schools. Similar teams shall include organized intramural teams as well as non-school teams in that sport.

7.0 Certified, Emergency and Volunteer Coaches, Student Teaching and Coaching and Coaching Out of Season

7.1 Certified Coaches:

- 7.1.1 Only those professional employees certified by the Department of Education and whose salary is paid by the State and/or local Board of Education, or in the case of charter and nonpublic schools by a similar governing body, if acceptable as a coach by the governing body, shall coach, assist in coaching, or direct member school teams in any district. The terms of employment must be for the regular school year and the professional assignment shall be no less than ½ of the school day, exclusive of coaching duties.
- 7.1.2 All varsity head coaches (junior varsity if the school does not sponsor a varsity team) shall be required to attend the DIAA rules clinic for their sport or, if applicable, pass an open book rules examination supplied by the DIAA office. A school shall be assessed a \$50.00 fine and the head coach shall be placed on probation if he/she fails to attend the DIAA rules clinic or pass the open book rules examination in his/her sport. Failure to comply for a

second consecutive year shall result in the school being assessed a \$50.00 fine and the coach being suspended for up to five contests as determined by the Executive Director.

7.1.2.1 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.

7.2 Emergency Coaches

7.2.1 An emergency coach shall be defined as an individual who is either not certified by the Department of Education, or is certified by the Department of Education but is not employed for the regular school year or whose professional assignment is less than ½ of the school day. An individual who meets the requirements of a certified coach as specified in 7.1.1, but whose professional assignment is located in a different school or district than his/her coaching assignment shall not be considered an emergency coach by DIAA.

7.2.1.1 Emergency head coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR

7.2.2 Member schools shall be required to annually reopen all positions that are held by emergency coaches.

7.2.3 Emergency coaches may be employed provided the local governing body adheres to the following procedures:

7.2.3.1 The employing Board of Education must attempt to locate an acceptable, certified professional staff member by advertising the coaching vacancy in the district for as many days as are required by the district's collective bargaining agreement.

7.2.3.2 If an acceptable, certified professional staff member is not available, an individual who is acceptable to the employing Board of Education may be hired as an emergency coach.

7.2.3.3 Any individual employed as a coach under the emergency provision must comply with the following regulations:

7.2.3.3.1 He/she must be officially appointed by the local Board of Education. The superintendent or his/her designee may temporarily appoint an individual if a coaching vacancy arises and the sport season begins during the interim between meetings of the local Board of Education.

7.2.3.3.2 His/her coaching salary must be paid exclusively by the local Board of Education.

7.3 Student Teaching and Coaching

7.3.1 Students who are practice teaching in a member school shall be permitted to assist in all professional activities during their practice teaching period.

7.4 Volunteer Coaches

7.4.1 In addition to the members of the school's regular coaching staff, the local governing body may supplement a school's coaching staff with volunteer coaches. Volunteer coaches are individuals who donate their services to a school and who have been approved by that school's local governing body. A current list of approved volunteer coaches shall be on file in the school's administrative office before any coaching duties are assumed.

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1. Is a member school required to annually reopen a coaching position if that position is held by a certified coach as defined in 7.1.1? No.
2. Is a member school required to annually reopen a coaching position and advertise it in the district if that coaching position is held by an emergency coach as defined in 7.2.1? Yes.
3. Is a member school obligated to have a certified coach if that individual is determined to be unacceptable for the coaching position in question? The term "acceptable" is not addressed by current DIAA regulations and therefore the determination of who is acceptable and the justification for that decision is a local responsibility.
4. Is a member school obligated to give all certified coaches who have applied for the position in question consideration? 7.2.4 states that an emergency coach may be hired "if an acceptable certified professional staff member is not available..." Consequently, a member school is obligated to give all certified coaches who have applied some degree of consideration; e.g., screening resumes, contacting references, and/or conducting interviews. In the absence of such efforts, a member school has not fulfilled its obligation to attempt to locate an acceptable certified coach.

7.5 Coaching Out of Season

- 7.5.1 From August 2nd through June 14th a certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction out of the designated season in his/her assigned sport to returning members of the varsity or sub-varsity teams of the school at which he/she coaches or transfer students from other schools who play the coach's sport. He/she shall also be prohibited from coaching rising ninth graders (rising eighth graders if eighth grade is part of the same administrative unit as grades 9 through 12) who participated in his/her assigned sport at a feeder school. A rising ninth grader is a student who has completed eighth grade requirements but is not yet enrolled in ninth grade. A rising eighth grader is a student who has completed seventh grade requirements but is not yet enrolled in eighth grade.
- 7.5.1.1 A coach shall not be allowed to participate on a team in his/her assigned sport with the aforementioned players.
- 7.5.1.2 A coach shall also be prohibited from officiating contests in his/her assigned sport if the aforementioned players are participating except in organized league competition.
- 7.5.1.3 The league shall not be organized and conducted by the employing school, the employing school's booster club, or the employing school's coaching staff.
- 7.5.1.4 The league shall have written rules and regulations that govern the conduct of contests and establish the duties of contest officials.
- 7.5.1.5 The league shall have registration/entry procedures, forms, and fees; eligibility requirements; and fixed team rosters, team standings, and a master schedule of contests.
- 7.5.1.6 A certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction during the designated season in his/her assigned sport to current members of the varsity or sub-varsity teams of the school at which he/she coaches outside of school sponsored practices, scrimmages, and contests.
- 7.5.1.7 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 7.5.2 From June 15th through August 1st, a certified, emergency or volunteer coach shall be allowed to provide instruction in his/her assigned sport to returning members of the varsity or sub-varsity teams of the school at which he/she coaches. Instructional contact with the aforementioned returning school team members shall be subject to the following conditions:
- 7.5.2.1 A coach may provide instruction to an unlimited number of his/her returning school team members in formal league/tournament competition or in formal instructional camps/clinics provided the league/tournament or instructional camp/clinic is organized and conducted by a non-school affiliated organization.
- 7.5.2.2 A coaching staff may provide instruction to a maximum of two returning school team members in an informal setting which means student initiated and non-scheduled. A coaching staff may have multiple two-hour sessions in any given day. Returning school team members shall not receive more than 2 hours of sports instruction per day.
- 7.5.2.3 A coach shall not receive any compensation, from any source, for the instruction of his/her returning school team members. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. gas, food, lodging) incurred by returning school team members and coaches to attend leagues/tournaments or instructional camps/clinics are not prohibited provided that no local school or state educational funds are used.
- 7.5.2.4 Participation in the formal league/tournament or instructional camp/clinic, or informal instruction, shall be open, voluntary and equally available to all returning school team members as well as members of the student body.
- 7.5.2.5 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

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1. In regards to swimming what can a coach do from August 2 to June 14?
 - A. Can the coach provide instruction to the “12 and under,” “10 and under,” and “8 and under” age groups of a non-school swimming and diving team that includes one or more members of his/her high school team? Yes.
 - B. Can the coach provide instruction to the “14 and under” and “18 and under” or “unlimited” age groups of the same non-school team? No.
 - C. Can the coach plan workouts, demonstrate techniques, make stroke corrections, determine lineups for meets etc. for the same non-school team? No.
 - D. Can the coach instruct the older swimmers and divers indirectly through another member of the coaching staff? No. The coach is restricted to social contact with these age groups.
 - E. If the “12 and under” and “10 and under” age groups are sharing the pool with the older swimmers during practice can the coach be on the deck? Yes, the coach may be on the deck during combined practices but may only supervise those lanes in which the younger swimmers are working out.
 - F. Can the coach be on the deck if only the “14 and under” and “18 and under” or “unlimited” swimmers are in the water during either practices or meets? No, the coach may not be on the deck.

8.0 Recognition of Officials’ Associations, Required Use of Officials and Attendance at Rules Clinics

8.1 Recognition of Officials’ Associations

- 8.1.1 The officiating of interscholastic contests in the state of Delaware which involve one (1) or more member schools shall be under the control of the DIAA and such control may include, but not be restricted to, giving examinations, evaluating officials, setting game fees, determining the number of officials per game, and assigning officials.
- 8.1.2 An official’s association which desires to officiate middle school and/or high school contests shall request recognition and approval from DIAA by submitting the following documents to the DIAA Officials’ Committee:
 - 8.1.2.1 A letter of request indicating the association’s willingness to abide by DIAA rules and regulations.
 - 8.1.2.2 A brief history of the association.
 - 8.1.2.3 A copy of the association’s constitution and bylaws including a statement that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, etc.
 - 8.1.2.4 A description of the association’s evaluation and rating system.
 - 8.1.2.5 A description of the association’s recruiting and training programs for new members.
 - 8.1.2.6 A membership roster indicating the number of years of experience at the sub-varsity, varsity, and state tournament levels for each member and also his/her most recent rating in a previous association.
 - 8.1.2.7 If applicable, letters of recommendation or names of references from leagues which the association has serviced during the past year.
- 8.1.3 The Officials’ Committee shall review the aforementioned documents and, if necessary, meet with the officers of the association to discuss their petition.
- 8.1.4 The Officials’ Committee shall reserve the right to consult with any other interested parties during the evaluation process.
- 8.1.5 The Officials’ Committee shall report its findings to the DIAA Board of Directors and recommend that the officials’ association be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.1.6 The president of the officials’ association or his/her designee shall petition the DIAA Board of Directors and the Board shall render a decision.
- 8.1.7 If more than one association is approved to officiate a particular sport, a conference or, in the absence of a conference affiliation, an individual school shall determine which association shall provide the officials for its home contests.

8.2 Required Use of Officials

- 8.2.1 Member schools and tournament sponsors shall be required to use officials approved by DIAA for interscholastic contests. Use of non-approved officials without permission from the

Executive Director shall result in the school or tournament sponsor being assessed a \$50.00 fine per game per non-approved official.

8.2.1.1 In the case of emergencies such as an act of God, refusal by an association to work games, or a shortage of qualified officials, schools which desire to use other than approved officials must obtain permission from the Executive Director.

8.3 Attendance at Rules Clinics

- 8.3.1 Officials shall be required each year to both attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and to pass the rules examination provided by the DIAA office for the sport(s) they officiate.
- 8.3.2 Failure on the part of an official to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and pass the rules examination in the same season shall cause the official to be placed on probation and to lose his/her eligibility to officiate a state tournament contest during that season.
- 8.3.3 Failure to satisfy both requirements in the same season for two (2) consecutive years shall cause the official to lose varsity officiating status during the second season. Failure to fulfill this obligation in subsequent years shall cause the official to continue to be restricted to sub-varsity contests until both requirements have been satisfied in the same season.
- 8.3.4 Attending the fall soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for both the boys' and girls' soccer seasons. Attending the spring soccer interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for only the girls' soccer season.
- 8.3.5 If, for a legitimate reason which is documented by the president of his/her association, an official is unable to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, he/she may view a videotape of the DIAA clinic or, in the absence of a videotape, attend a clinic conducted by another NFHS member state association provided the following procedures are observed:
 - 8.3.5.1 No later than the day of the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the president of the association notifies the Executive Director, in writing, of the official's inability to attend the clinic.
 - 8.3.5.2 The out-of-state clinic is conducted by an individual either trained by the NFHS or designated as a clinician by the state's athletic association.
 - 8.3.5.3 The official arranges for a letter to be sent to the Executive Director from the state's athletic association office verifying his/her attendance at the clinic.

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1. What happens if an assigned official fails to appear for a contest? If the officials assigned to a contest fail to appear, the game may be rescheduled in accordance with 4.3.3.1. The opposing coaches may conduct a scrimmage but, in the absence of DIAA approved officials, the teams may not play an official game. A scrimmage is an informal competition in which the score is not kept and the results are not reported to the media or the state tournament committee. There is no winner or loser in a scrimmage as far as conference standings and state tournament selection/seeding are concerned. In addition, a scrimmage is considered "no contest" and neither team can offer to forfeit or accept a forfeit.

9.0 Awards and Scholarships

9.1 Awards

- 9.1.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with member schools, such as an alumni association or booster club, shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments. The awards, including artwork and lettering, shall require the approval of the administrative head of the school and their value shall be mostly symbolic, **no more than \$150.00**. Member schools and/or support groups affiliated with member schools are also permitted to sponsor banquets.
- 9.1.2 A nonprofit group such as a coaches association, booster club not affiliated with a member school, or community service organization shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school. Nonprofit groups shall also be permitted to sponsor banquets.
- 9.1.3 Commercial organizations shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and/or individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school.

- 9.1.4 Permissible awards include trophies, plaques, medals, letters, certificates, photographs, and similar items. Jackets, sweaters, shirts, watches, rings, charms, and similar items if properly inscribed (reference to the team or individual athletic accomplishment) are also acceptable. The awards shall have symbolic value only, awards with utilitarian value are prohibited. The aggregate retail value of the award shall not exceed \$150.00 per team or per recipient and shall require prior approval of the Executive Director.

9.2 Scholarships

- 9.2.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with member schools shall be permitted to present post-secondary scholarships.
- 9.2.2 Nonprofit organizations cosponsoring a tournament shall be allowed to give post-secondary scholarships to participating schools provided they are not awarded on the basis of team or individual performance in the tournament. Scholarship monies shall be administered in accordance with DIAA and NCAA regulations.

10.0 Use of Influence for Athletic Purposes

10.1 Definition: The use of influence for athletic purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 10.1.1 Offer of money, room, board, clothing, transportation, or other valuable consideration to a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian(s).
- 10.1.2 Offer of waiver/reduction of tuition or financial aid if based, even partially, on athletic considerations.
- 10.1.3 Preference in job assignments or offer of compensation for work performed in excess of what is customarily paid for such services.
- 10.1.4 Offer of special privileges not accorded to other students.
- 10.1.5 Offer of financial assistance including free or reduced rent, payment of moving expenses, etc., to induce a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver to change residence.

10.2 Illegal Contact with Students, Legal Guardians, or a Relative Caregiver

- 10.2.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may not initiate contact or request that a booster club member, alumnus, or player initiate contact with a student enrolled in another school or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver in order to persuade the student to enroll in a particular school for athletic purposes. Illegal contact shall include, but not be limited to, letters, questionnaires or brochures, telephone calls, and home visits or personal contact at athletic contests.
- 10.2.2 If a coach or athletic director is contacted by a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver, the former must refer the individual(s) to the principal or school personnel responsible for admissions.

10.3 Permitted Activities

- 10.3.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may do the following:
- 10.3.1.1 Discuss the athletic program with a prospective student or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver during an open house or approved visit initiated by the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver.
- 10.3.1.2 Provide information concerning sports offered, facilities, conference affiliation, and general athletic policies. However, he/she is not permitted to state or imply in any way that his/her athletic program is superior to that of another school or that it would be more beneficial or advantageous for the prospective student to participate in athletics at his/her school.
- 10.3.1.3 Conduct an informational presentation at a feeder school.

10.4 School Choice

- 10.4.1 If the number of applicants under the Delaware School Choice Program exceeds the number of available student openings, the selection criteria established by the district shall not include athletic considerations.

10.5 Penalties

- 10.5.1 The use of influence or illegal contact including but not limited to, violations of 10.1 and 10.2 by a person(s) employed by or representing a member school including members of

alumni associations, booster groups, and similar organizations to persuade, induce, or facilitate the enrollment of a student in that school for athletic purposes may render the student ineligible for up to 1 full school year from the date the charge is substantiated. In addition, the offending school may be placed on probation, as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors, and the offending employee, if a coach, may be suspended for up to one (1) full school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ **FAQ ... CONCERNING 1009.10.5.1**

1. What can a member school do to promote its program and attract students?

A. Promotional Campaigns

1. Is a member school permitted to conduct a promotional campaign and target specific student-athlete populations; e.g., CYO wrestlers, AAU basketball players, YMCA swimmers, etc? No.

B. Promotional Literature

1. Is a member school permitted to include pictures and descriptions of its athletic facilities in its promotional literature? Yes. The DIAA Board affirmed the validity of making athletic related information available to prospective students provided it is integrated with information describing other aspects of student life. Consistent with the philosophy that interscholastic athletics should be an integral part of the overall secondary school educational program, the DIAA Board believes that athletic related information should be distributed as part of the total package of information provided to prospective students. Therefore, no promotional literature may be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics and a member school may not disseminate either seasonal or game athletic programs to prospective students.
2. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its conference and state championship teams in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.
3. Is a member school permitted to include pictures of its all-conference and all-state athletes in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.
4. Is a member school permitted to include references to its past conference and state championships in its promotional literature? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.
5. Is a member school permitted to include references to its former athletes who have participated or are currently participating at the collegiate level? Yes, but subject to the aforementioned restrictions.

C. Open House/Approved Campus Visit

1. Is a member school permitted to include a scrapbook or photo display as part of its open house program? Yes.
2. Is a member school permitted to include a highlight video as part of its open house program? Yes, provided the video is not exclusively or primarily devoted to interscholastic athletics. Again, the DIAA Board believes that athletic related footage should be integrated with footage describing other aspects of student life and other facets of the secondary school educational program.
3. Is a member school permitted to display its conference and state championship trophies during its open house program? Yes.
4. Is a member school permitted to stage a team demonstration during its open house program? No. A prospective student would be permitted to observe a regularly scheduled practice session, but a member school may not conduct a team or partial team demonstration during its open house program.
5. Is a member school permitted to include a panel of current athletes in its open house program? No. A panel discussion may not be entirely of an athletic nature. A panel of students is permissible provided they are not selected exclusively because of their participation in interscholastic athletics. Again, the panel discussion must focus on other aspects of student life and may not be devoted exclusively or primarily to interscholastic athletics.
6. Is a member school permitted to present complimentary items; e.g., a baseball cap with the school name, to a prospective student during its open house program? No.
7. Is a member school permitted to offer complimentary admission to athletic events to a prospective student during its open house program? No.
8. Is a member school permitted to arrange for a same sport athlete to act as a host for a prospective student during an approved campus visit? A student host may not be chosen primarily because he/she participates in the same sport as a prospective student. However, athletes are not prohibited from hosting prospective students provided they are part of the regular pool of student hosts. Coaches and athletic directors may not arrange for a particular student to host a prospective

student during an approved campus visit. Arranging a student host is a guidance or admissions office function and must be handled by the individual ordinarily assigned to that responsibility.

D. Follow-Up Contact with Prospective Student

1. Is a member school permitted to send specific athletic related information to a prospective student based on his/her responses to questions on the application? No. Follow-up contact with a prospective student is limited to a packet of general information as opposed to specific athletic related information. See 1. under Promotional Literature.
2. Is a member high school permitted to invite a prospective student to participate in an open gym or an out-of-season conditioning program? No. Only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, and are officially registered at that high school may participate in an open gym or out-of-season conditioning program.
3. Is a booster club affiliated with a member high school permitted to offer financial assistance to a prospective student to attend a summer instructional camp or clinic? No. The procedure for providing financial assistance to students interested in attending a summer instructional camp or clinic is stipulated in 6.0. However, only students who have completed the eighth grade, have been promoted to ninth grade, and are officially registered at that high school are eligible for financial assistance from a school affiliated booster club.
4. Is an employee or representative of the high school in a prospective student's feeder pattern permitted to disparage the athletic program of another school in an attempt to dissuade the student from attending a school outside of the feeder pattern? No. "Negative recruiting" is an unethical practice and is a violation of 10.0.

E. Special Situations

1. Is a member school permitted to invite a prospective student to a school sponsored sports banquet? No.
2. Is a member high school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a middle school team? No, unless those same privileges are offered to all students, both athletes and non-athletes, who attend that particular middle school.
3. Is a member school permitted to offer free admission and/or concessions at a home athletic contest to a non-school sponsored youth league team? No.
4. Is a member high school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a middle school team? No. Such ceremonies may not be sponsored by a member school or support group affiliated with a member school either before, during intermission, or after a home athletic contest.
5. Is a member school permitted to sponsor a recognition ceremony at half-time of a home athletic contest for a non-school sponsored youth league? No.
6. Are high school athletes permitted to participate in an athletic orientation session conducted by high school personnel at a feeder school? No. 10.3.1.3 allows high school personnel to conduct an athletic orientation session at a feeder school provided the restrictions stipulated in 10.3.1.2 are observed but involvement by high school athletes in such a program is not permitted.
7. Is a member school permitted to promote its athletic program during an instructional camp/clinic which is being sponsored and/or hosted by that member school, sponsored by a booster club affiliated with that member school, or sponsored by the coaching staff of that member school? No. Such a camp/clinic is instructional in nature and must not be used to showcase the athletic program of a particular school. Consequently, no promotional literature may be distributed, no championship trophies may be displayed, and no other act which could be construed as an attempt to generate interest in the athletic program of a particular school is permitted. Additionally, if returning players at that member school are working as instructors, they must be cognizant of the difference between an instructional camp/clinic and a promotional event and act accordingly. Any casual remarks regarding the advantages of participating in interscholastic athletics at that member school, the opportunities available for underclassmen to play immediately at certain positions at that member school, etc. will be considered a violation of 10.0.



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Adventures in Real Communication
AFS-USA, Inc.
American Academic and Cultural Exchange
American Councils for International Education:
 ACTR/ACCELS
American Cultural Exchange Service
American Intercultural Student Exchange
AIFS Foundation
Amicus
Amigos
ASA International
Aspect
ASSE
ASSIST
 (American Secondary School for Int'l Students & Teachers)
ATAD (Association of Teenage Diplomats)
AYUSA International
Azumano
CCI (Center for Cultural Interchange)
CI(SV (Children's International Summer Villages)
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CETUSA (Council for Educational Travel USA)
CIEE (Council for Inter. Educational Exchange)
CASE (Cultural Academic Student Exchange)
CHI (Cultural Homestay International)
DM Discoveries
Educational and Cultural Interactions, Inc.
ETC (Education Travel and Culture)
EMF (Educational Merit Foundation)
ERDT/SHARE
EF Foundation
FLAG (Foreign Links Around the Globe)
Face the World
Forte
FACE (Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange)
FIT (Foundation for Intercultural Travel)
WISE (Foundation for Worldwide Int'l Student Exchange)
Global Insights
Global Outreach, Inc.
Global World
HIS (Intercultural Homestay Services)
International Cultural Exchange Services
International Experience USA
International Fellowship
ISE (International Student Exchange)
INTO Ed
Musiker
Nacel Open Door
(NWSE) Northwest Student Exchange
NW Services, Inc., PEACE Program
OCEAN (Organization for Cultural Exchange
 Among Nations)
PIE (Pacific Intercultural Exchange)
PAX
Quest
Reflections
Rocky Mountain Rotary
Rotary – Central States
Rotary – Districts 5950/5960
Rotary – ESSEX
Rotary – Ohio-Erie
Rotary – South Central
Rotary District 5580
Rotary District 7120
Rotary District 7150
Rotary District 7890
Rotary International
Rotary District 7190
Rotary SCANEX
Rotary Youth Exchange Programs
School Year Abroad
STS Foundation
SAI (Student American International)
Student Quest
Study Group
Terra Lingua
The Traveling School
USSE (United Studies Student Exchange)
VIA (Ventures International Association)
World Experience
World Heritage
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