

# Arkansas Activities Association

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## Annual Meeting *of the* Governing Body

Statehouse Convention Center  
Wally Allen Ballroom  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Sign In From 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**  
**July 26, 2022, 3:00 PM**

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### AGENDA

- Call to order - President
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting, July 2021
- Reports from: Treasurer, John L Colbert and President, John Ward
- Citation Awards /Board Awards
- Consideration of proposals to amend the AAA Constitution and Bylaws; discussion of the immediate and long-term effects on member schools of such legislation; voting as stated below

### METHOD of VOTING

Balloting on all proposals will be conducted at the governing body meeting. Written ballots will be used. The ballots will be given to the voting representative upon signing in at the meeting. The voting power rests with the superintendent. The superintendent may authorize, *in writing* an assistant/deputy superintendent, or principal or assistant principal as the voting representative for each member school. An individual shall represent *only one* school.

# PREPARING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors has studied proposals from the various activity districts, suggestions from the AAA staff, results of the spring survey and advice from various committees before making recommendations and submitting the proposals included in this agenda. Clarifications and interpretations were made as well.

The board expresses its opinion on the long-term effect the proposals will have on the association through its recommendations and explanations. If a DO NOT PASS recommendation is made, the board feels that the long-term effect would not be in the best interest of the association.

NO RECOMMENDATION indicates that the effect of the proposal could best be determined by the opinion of a majority of the schools voting. Discuss these proposals with your various staff members, then come to the meeting and express your opinion by voting.

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

**John Ward, President.....Magnolia**  
**Steve Straessle 1st VP.....Catholic**  
**Kelvin Hudson, 2nd VP.....Flippin**  
**Billy Adams, Secretary.....Lakeside—LV**  
**John L Colbert, Treasurer.....Fayetteville**  
**Kim Wilbanks, Parliamentarian.....Jonesboro**

**Jared Cleveland.....Springdale**  
**Scott Embrey.....Beebe**  
**Jon Estes.....Palestine-Wheatley**  
**Jim Ford.....Ozark**  
**Brian Golden.....Malvern**  
**Shawn Halbrook.....Morrilton**  
**Kevin Hesslen.....Greenwood**  
**Brent Howard.....Mountain View**  
**Hugh Inman.....Marion**  
**Ronnie Kissire.....Poyen**  
**Jeremy Mangrum.....Elkins**  
**Robert Poole.....Prescott**  
**Jeff Priest.....Riverside**  
**Gary Williams.....White Hall**

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Lance W. Taylor**, Executive Director: Interpretation of Association Rules.  
*Executive Assistant, Christyal Parker*

**Dr. Joey Walters**, Deputy Director: Rules Interpreter for Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Soccer, Public Relations, AHSCA Liaison, Sports Medicine.  
*Administrative Assistant, Julia Harvey*

**Nick Lasker**, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Track, Cross Country, Volleyball, Swimming and Diving, Coaches Education, AHSAAA Liaison.  
*Administrative Assistant, Gabriel Foreman*

**Don Brodell**, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Baseball, Wrestling, AOA Liaison.  
*Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark*

**Steve Roberts**, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Football, Softball, Sponsorships.  
*Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark*

**Amber Balboa**, Assistant Executive Director: Business Manager, Personnel Policies, Accounting.  
*Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Mays*

**Bobby Swofford**, Assistant Executive Director: Media Relations, Publicity, Marketing, Editor of Publications.  
*Administrative Assistant, Nicole Cunningham*

**Christyal Parker**, Assistant Executive Director: Non-Athletics, Bowling, Student Recognition Programs, Awards, Sportsmanship, Cheer/Dance.

**Michelle Langley**, Receptionist

## GOVERNING BODY

### Arkansas Activities Association

#### Governing Body Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2021

John Ward, President of the Arkansas Activities Association, reported that a quorum was present and called to order the annual meeting of the AAA Governing Body on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Little Rock Convention Center. Kelvin Hudson then gave the invocation.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2019 and 2020 Governing Body meetings were unanimously approved as published.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Billy Adams, Treasurer, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**ACTIVITY DISTRICT CITATIONS** – Fourteen AAA Citation awards were presented to recognize individuals who were named by their activity districts as administrators who have had a long standing and distinguished record of involvement and support of school activities programs. Citations were presented to:

Activity District 1E	Jay Martin, Harrison
Activity District 1W	Jody Wiggins, Siloam Springs
Activity District 2	Roger Rich, Southside
	Danny Starkey, Rose Bud
Activity District 3	Barry DeHart, Piggott
	Michael Todd, Greene County Tech
Activity District 4	Paul Dean, Clarksville
	Gregg Grant, Danville
	Larry Walker, Dardanelle
Activity District 5	Shawn Cook, Lakeside
	Don Pierce, Lakeside
Activity District 6	Willie Murdock, Lee County
Activity District 7	Benny Weston, Mena
Activity District 8	Tracy Streeter, Hamburg

**RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS** – Four retiring board members were recognized.

Benny Weston, Mena  
Kelvin Gragg, Dumas  
Steve Green, Cave City  
Gregg Grant, Danville

**PROPOSALS** – Proposals to be voted on were sent to each voting representative in June. The director announced that there would be an explanation of each proposal and that questions and discussion would be permitted prior to voting on each. He further explained that each vote would be taken by a written ballot as provided when the voting delegates checked in for the meeting. Ballots would be counted by the AAA's administrative staff members. Bryan Russell served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures.

The motion to vote on each proposal as a Do Pass recommendation was approved.

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

**Proposal #1 – Junior High Conference Tournaments – PASSED**-To allow junior high conferences to determine the method for declaring conference champions and junior high conference tournament champions. (84% spring survey). (For – 60; Against – 0) Effective 2021-2022 school year.

**Proposal #2 – AOA Registered Officials –PASSED-** To standardize the use of registered officials at the varsity level (89% spring survey). (For – 182; Against – 4) Effective 2021-2022 school year.

**Proposal #3 – Soccer – Non-School Team Participation -FAILED-** To align high school soccer participation with the competitive club program season. (For – 47; Against – 137)

**Proposal #4 – Football Limitations -PASSED-** To allow football schools to have the maximum amount of competitive opportunities during the regular season. (For – 182; Against – 1) Effective 2021-2022 school year.

**Proposal #5 – Golf Individual Qualifiers – PASSED**-To standardize qualifying methods across classifications (91% spring survey). (For – 124; Against – 2) Effective 2021-2022 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President/Chair

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Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

<b>PROPOSAL # 1</b>	<b>NEW COMPETITIVE EQUITY - FOOTBALL</b>			
<b>FROM: ACTIVITY DISTRICT 5</b>				
<b>2024-2025 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE II</b>	<b>SECTION 5</b>	<b>RULE 2,3</b>	<b>PAGE TBD</b>

### **AMEND TO READ**

Classification and Competitive Equity Factor  
Add to Article 2, Section 5, Rule 2

Nonpublic schools having 80 or more students in grades 9-11 shall move up one class when classifying schools. Furthermore, all nonpublic school “football” specific classification will be adjusted based on the Competitive Equity Factor. Calculations for the Competitive Equity Factor will take place after the conclusion of “football” during the final year of the previous cycle. Adjustments made in classification due to Competitive Equity Factor are effective for the **next two, 2 year** cycles.

Add to Article 2, Section 5, Rule 3

**Football Classification** Classification of schools for football shall be as follows:

**Class 7A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with the largest public schools by ADM to a total of 16 schools.

**Class 6A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with next the largest public schools by ADM to a total of 16 schools.

**Class 5A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with next the largest public schools by ADM to a total of 32 schools.

**Class 4A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with next the largest public schools by ADM to a total of 48 schools.

**Class 3A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with next the largest public schools by ADM to a total of 48 schools.

**Class 2A** — Place any nonpublic schools assigned by the Competitive Equity Factor then complete the classification with the remainder of football playing schools.

### **Point System for Football**

Nonpublic schools of 80 or more students grades 9-11 currently participate in one classification higher than the school’s enrollment numbers indicate. The following point system would allow for all non-public schools in these specific sports to:

- A. Continue to participate in the classification the school currently participates in if they are **competitive** or
- B. Move down a classification if the school is **non-competitive** or
- C. Move up another classification if the school is **dominant**.

Points will be awarded for the **4 years** previous to the classification cycle. Schools will only be awarded points for the highest point category achieved. For example, if a school is a state finalist, the school would earn 3 points total for that year. The school would not earn points for a winning record or playoff wins for that season.

Winning Conference Record – 1 point

State Playoff Win – 2 points

State Finalist – 3 points

State Champion – 4 points

## **Placement**

0-2 points – **Non-Competitive** -School moves down one classification for the next cycle.

3-9 points – **Competitive** -School remains in classification determined by AAA classification rules.

10+ points – **Dominant** -School moves up one classification for the next cycle.

If a specific sport moves up in classification due to application of the Competitive Equity Factor, the specific sport may move back down at the completion of two 2 year cycles if the specific sport earns 2 points or less during the previous four years.

Nonpublic schools cannot be moved to a classification below what their actual enrollment numbers indicate.

Note: Competitive equity calculations will be applied to any nonpublic AAA member school that has previously declared for football. Competitive equity calculations will not be considered in classification placement for new nonpublic AAA member schools or for existing nonpublic AAA member schools who declare for football for the first time. Therefore, if they have 80 or more students in grades 9-11, they will participate one classification higher than their enrollment numbers. Four years of data from the four years prior to the classification cycle as a AAA member school in football is used to apply the competitive equity factor.

## **SECTION 10. FOOTBALL**

### **Rule 1. CLASSIFICATION AND CONFERENCES.**

**A. Classification.** Classification of schools for football shall be as follows:

**Class 7A**

**Class 6A**

**Class 5A**

**Class 4A**

**Class 3A**

**Class 2A**

### **B. Conferences.**

7A – Two conferences

6A – Two conferences

5A – Four conferences

4A – Six conferences

3A – Six conferences

2A – Number of conferences based on participation

**PURPOSE**

To eliminate the competitive equity factor in all sports except for football. To allow schools to go back to traditional 8 team conferences and restore previous balance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

2024-2025 school year

**CONSTITUTION**

Requires 2/3 vote

**VOTING**

All high schools may vote

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

Do Not Pass (19-1)

**EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION**

The competitive equity committee and board of directors is adamant about addressing all sports, considering all sports as equally important. The committee and board cited multiple examples of nonpublic school dominance in all sports. Having odd numbers of schools in conferences is not new to most conferences.

<b>PROPOSAL # 2</b>	<b>VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, &amp; BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON GAME LIMIT</b>			
<b>FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<b>2022-2023 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE IV</b>	<b>SECTION 6, 13, 19</b>	<b>RULE 3</b>	<b>PAGE 59, 72, 79, 86</b>

### **AMEND TO READ**

Senior high varsity volleyball, soccer, and basketball teams may play the maximum allotted games outlined below. All games played other than district, region, or state tournament games count towards the game limit.

Volleyball	30 regular season matches
Soccer	24 regular season games
Basketball (non FB)	36 regular season games
Basketball (FB)	30 regular season games

### **PURPOSE**

To allow for flexibility in scheduling for teams from all classifications. (91.88% Spring Survey)

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

2022-2023 school year

### **BYLAW**

Requires a majority vote

### **VOTING**

All high schools may vote

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

Do Pass (20-0)

### **EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION**

Same as purpose



<b>PROPOSAL # 3</b>	<b>RECRUITING RULE</b>			
<b>FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<b>2022-2023 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE III</b>	<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>RULE 5</b>	<b>PAGE 39-42</b>

## **AMEND TO READ**

### **Rule 5. RECRUITMENT.**

NOTE: The term administrator refers to superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, or assistant principal.

A. Recruitment of students or attempted recruiting of students for athletic purposes, regardless of their residence, is a gross violation of the spirit and philosophy of the AAA By-Laws and is expressly prohibited.

B. "Athletic recruiting" is defined as the use of undue influence and/or special inducement by anyone connected directly or indirectly with an AAA member school in an attempt to encourage, induce, pressure, urge or entice a prospective student of any age to transfer to or retain a student at a school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.

C. Recruiting for athletic purposes is not only a violation by the student who has been recruited, but is also a violation by the school and/or the school personnel who recruited the student. It is a violation to recruit for athletic purposes regardless of a student's age or grade level. If proof is established that a school has secured an athlete under any of the conditions set forth in this section, the superintendent shall be required to appear before the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to answer the allegations against his/her school and the student(s) may be ineligible to participate in athletics for one calendar year.

D. If a student, parent, or any person regarding a student athlete transferring to a district contacts a coach or teacher, they must be referred to a school administrator immediately. A coach shall refrain from making any comments or gestures regarding a student athlete transferring to the district and participating in athletics.

E. A coach may not contact or be contacted by a student or the student's parents prior to enrollment in the school. If a student is to attend a camp, clinic, or tryout or participate on a non-school team with a school or school coach other than his or her domicile school, the student must have written permission from the coach and administrator of both schools using the AAA's Athletic Release Form.

F. It shall be a violation of this rule for a student-athlete to receive or be offered remuneration or special inducement of any kind that is not made available to all applicants who apply to or enroll in the school.

G. A school that allows a student to participate who has transferred, moved or for any reason is attending a new school where the student's non-school coach is a school coach is subject to action against the school through one of the following penalties: warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

H. The penalties for illegal recruiting of students may be one or more of the following:

1. The school may be placed on probation in the sport(s) in which the violation occurred.
2. The school may be fined not to exceed \$1,000 and billed for the cost of any investigation related to the violation.
3. The school may be required to forfeit any contest(s) in which the student participated after the violation as determined by the executive director.
4. A student found to be recruited in violation of this rule may be ineligible to participate in athletics for up to one calendar year (365 days).
5. A coach or other licensed school personnel may be subject to a complaint for a violation of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators.
6. Other penalties may be imposed on the school to a degree in keeping with the severity of the violation.

I. Guidelines. Evidence of undue influence or special inducement of a student or the parents or guardians of a student by anyone connected directly or indirectly with an AAA member school includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Offer or acceptance of money or other valuable considerations such as free or reduced tuition during the regular school year and/or summer school
2. Offer or acceptance of room, board, clothing, or financial allotment for clothing

3. Offer or acceptance of pay for work that is not performed or is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service
4. Offer or acceptance of employment or assistance in securing employment or contractual arrangement of any kind for which compensation may be paid for the parents/guardian in order to entice the parents/guardian to move to a certain community. It makes no difference who makes the offer. The school is guilty because it plans to use the student to build a stronger team
5. Offer or acceptance of a residence
6. Offer or acceptance of free or reduced rent for parents' or student's housing, vehicles or other
7. Offer or acceptance of cash or like items, such as credit cards, debit cards, gift cards, gift certificates or coupons
8. Offer or acceptance of gift of clothing, equipment, merchandise or other tangible items
9. Offer or acceptance of loans or assistance in securing a loan of any kind
10. Offer or acceptance of free transportation by any school connected person
11. Offer or acceptance of a privilege(s) not afforded to other students
12. Offer or acceptance of payment for moving expenses of parent(s) or assisting parent(s) with a move
13. Offer or acceptance of help in securing a college athletic scholarship
14. Offer or acceptance of free admission to AAA interscholastic activities in which the school is participating where an admission is being charged
15. Offer or acceptance of payments of fees to take the ACT and/or SAT examinations
16. Offer or acceptance of any other privileges or consideration made to induce or influence the student to transfer from one school to another because of his/her athletic ability
- J. Other inducements or attempts to encourage a prospective student to attend a school for the purpose of participating in athletics, even when special remuneration/inducement is not given, shall be a violation. It shall be a violation for a school to offer and/or grant special favors, privileges or inducements of any kind including payment of fees to a student-athlete(s) under any circumstances not offered and/or granted to a non-student-athlete(s) who attends the school.

K. The following individuals shall be considered school-connected:

1. Employees of the school, including but not limited to the superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal(s), athletic director(s), guidance counselor(s), faculty coaches, and teachers
2. Non-faculty coaches (paid or voluntary) that coach any sport at the school
3. A student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program, such as a team manager, student trainer, etc., at that school
4. The parents, guardians, or other relative of a student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program at that school
5. Relatives of a coach or other member of the athletic department staff at that school
6. A volunteer worker in that school or that school's athletic program
7. Members of the school's athletic booster club(s)
8. Members of the school's alumni association
9. Any independent person, business, or organization acting at the request or direction of the school to include students, parents, junior high coaches, former students, and other such individuals
10. Any independent person, business, or organization that is otherwise involved in promoting the school's interscholastic athletic program
11. Any independent person, business, or organization that is representative of the school's athletic interests when a member of the school's administration or athletic department staff knows or should know that the person, business, or organization is promoting the school's interscholastic athletic program
12. Any independent person, business, or organization that makes financial or in-kind contributions to the athletic department or to an athletic booster organization of that school
13. Any independent person, business, or organization that contributes money to a school that is used to provide legal financial assistance to a student-athlete attending the school

L. Specifically prohibited contact by school employees, athletic department staff members, and representatives of the school's athletic interests with a student who does not attend that school includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Visiting or entertaining the student or any of his/her relatives in an attempt to pressure, urge, or entice the student to attend the school to participate in interscholastic athletics.
2. Sending, or arranging for anyone else to send, any form of written or electronic communication to the student or any of his/her relatives, in an attempt to pressure, urge, or entice the student to attend the school to participate in interscholastic athletics.

3. Suggesting or going along with any effort by any person, whether a school employee or other representative of the school's athletic interests, or any other person such as an alumnus of the school, a coach or other person affiliated with a non-school athletic program (e.g., AAU team, club team, travel team, recreational league team, etc.) a coach or recruiter for a collegiate athletic team, or a scout for a professional team, to pressure, urge, or entice the student to attend the school to participate in interscholastic athletics, or to direct or place the student at the school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics.
4. Making a presentation or distributing any form of advertisement, commercial or material that promotes primarily or exclusively the school's athletic program or implies the school's athletic program is better than the athletic program of any other school or suggests that the student's athletic career would be better served by attending that school.
5. Answering an inquiry by the student or any of his/her relatives about athletic participation opportunities at the school with any response that pressures, urges or entices the student to attend that school. The student or his/her relatives instead should be immediately referred to the principal.
6. Providing transportation to the student or any of his/her relatives to visit the school, to take an entrance examination for the school, to participate in an athletic tryout at the school, or to meet with a school employee, athletic department staff member or other representative of the school's athletic interests as part of an effort to pressure, urge to facilitate the student's attendance at that school to participate in interscholastic athletics.
7. A coach may not contact or be contacted by a student or the student's parents prior to enrollment in the school.
8. School-connected individuals shall refrain from statements to prospective student athletes such as, "we would like to have you play for us", "you would look good in our uniform", "you could make a difference for our team," etc. These types of statements are not normal or appropriate and could be considered recruitment.
9. Any prospective student or parent/guardian who visits an AAA member school may only meet with the school's administration or guidance counselor. Athletic directors and coaches, paid or voluntary, may not conduct tours of school facilities.

NOTE: This rule attempts to provide a thorough explanation of the AAA recruiting rule. While there are many explanations involved, this rule does not cover every conceivable example of recruiting .

Rationale - Recruiting an athlete is a serious offense as it creates an unfair advantage.

M. Tuition and Financial Aid Procedures. If tuition is charged, it must be paid by parent, legal guardian, or other family member. If a parent, guardian, or other family member secures a loan for payment of tuition, it must remain an obligation of the parents, guardian, or other family member to repay the principal and interest in full with no exceptions. Financial aid will be allowed under the following conditions:

1. Financial aid may only be awarded on the basis of need. Proof of need must be filed in the AAA office on forms approved by the Executive Director. In order to determine the basis for need, all schools awarding financial aid shall use one of the following agencies: Financial Aid Independent Review, Financial Aid for School Tuition, Private School Aid Service, School and Student Service for Financial Aid, Tuition Aid Data Services, and FACTS Grant in Aid Agency. The use of any unapproved agency is a violation of Rule 5, Recruitment and is subject to the penalties under Rule 5.

2. Any loan program, grant program, educational foundation, scholarship, or similar program that is established and/or administered, in whole or in part, by a school or official of a school is considered financial aid.

3. Schools shall remove any student from athletic eligibility whose accounts with the school are 60 days overdue.

All records pertaining to financial aid or tuition assistance shall be open to the AAA upon its request.

Each school shall be responsible for securing necessary authorization to allow the AAA to review or audit such records.

N. In addition, nonpublic member schools providing financial assistance programs for athletes shall present to the Executive Director of the AAA by October 1 of each year the following documents:

Financial Aid For Non-public School Athletes and Financial Aid Form Supplemental List. Nonpublic member schools must also submit to the AAA a Student-Athlete Financial Aid Report Form for fall sports by December 7 of each year and a Student-Athlete Financial Aid Report Form for winter and spring sports by May 8 of each year.

**PURPOSE**

To provide clarity concerning the recruiting rule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

2022-2023 school year

**BYLAW**

Requires a majority vote

**VOTING**

All schools may vote

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

Do Pass (20-0)

**EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION**

Same as purpose

<b>PROPOSAL # 4</b>	<b>PENALTIES</b>			
<b>FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<b>2022-2023 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE II</b>	<b>SECTION 4</b>	<b>RULE 4</b>	<b>PAGE 25-26</b>

## **AMEND TO READ**

**Rule 4. PENALTIES.** Except for fines authorized in other sections of the bylaws, a violation of any rule or regulation, mandatory or prohibitory, contained in either the bylaws or the constitution of the Arkansas Activities Association, or any amendment enacted by any member school or a representative of such school shall subject the school or the representative, through action against the school, to one of the following penalties, depending upon the severity of the violation: Warning, Probation, Suspension, or Expulsion. Any further violation(s) during a penalty period shall subject the school or individual to a more severe penalty. If a violation occurs during a non-participating time period, other penalties may be imposed.

A. **Warning.** A school may be forced to forfeit all games played or awards received during the period of violation. The school may compete for a championship, rating, or award during this period (See note on Bylaws Article II, Section 3, Rule 6—Enforcement of Contracts). Such penalty may extend up to a year (365 days) from the date of violation, but the school may participate in regular season events.

B. **Probation.**

1. A school shall forfeit all games played or awards received during the period of violation. The school may not compete for a championship, rating, or award in the sport or activity involved during the time period it is placed or continues on probation.  
Such penalty may extend up to a year (365 days) from the date of violation but the school may participate in regular season events.
2. As an alternative, the school may reduce the penalty of probation to a warning by suspending a school employee or student causing the violation for a length of time accepted by the AAA and from duties or privileges of attendance, supervision, coaching, practicing, or playing in the activity or sport involved.

Suspension of such individuals shall not exceed the time prescribed for the probation or warning period.

C. **Suspension.** A school shall forfeit all games played or awards received during the period of violation. The school may not participate in a regular season schedule nor participate in any invitational, district, regional, or state events during the suspension period.

Such penalty may extend up to a year (365 days) from the date of violation.

D. **Expulsion.** A school shall forfeit all games played or awards received during the period of violation. The school or individual may not participate in any interscholastic activities after being expelled.

**NOTE:** *The Governing Body shall have exclusive power to expel a school from the association by a two-thirds vote.*

- E. In the event a penalty specified in paragraphs A-D above requires forfeiture, the offended participant or team shall receive the same forfeit as defined by the approved rules book for the forfeit of events or games due to violations of rules in the sport involved.
- F. If a violation requiring a penalty of forfeiture is discovered after an event has occurred, any award received by the offender shall be awarded to the next finisher in individual sports or to the last team offended in team sports.
- G. If a student is ineligible according to AAA rules but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such AAA rules but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order of injunction against that student's school and/or AAA, and that injunction is subsequently voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified or expires without further judicial determination, those penalties stipulated in Rule 4A, B, C, D, E, or F may be imposed.

**PURPOSE**

To provide clarity on the penalties associated with failing to comply with the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Activities Association.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

2022-2023 school year

**BYLAW**

Requires a majority vote

**VOTING**

All schools may vote

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

Do Pass (20-0)

**EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION**

Same as purpose

<b>PROPOSAL # 5</b>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD ACTIONS RECOGNIZED</b>			
<b>FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<b>2022-2023 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE III</b>	<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>RULE 3</b>	<b>PAGE 37</b>

### **AMEND TO READ**

#### **H. School Board Actions Recognized**

1. When a public school district board of education with multiple middle, junior high, or senior high schools defines attendance zones or makes specific assignments to magnet, specialty, or competitive entry schools, the student meets the domicile requirement at the school specified by the assignment if the assignment takes place by July 1 before a student enters grades 7-10.
2. After July 1 prior to entering the 10th grade, a student whose parent's domicile is outside the boundaries of a school district with a magnet, specialty, or competitive entry public school must make a bona fide move within the school district boundaries that the student will attend to become eligible.
3. After July 1 prior to entering the 10th grade, parents in districts having multiple high schools must make a bona fide move into the specific attendance zone of the public school that the student will attend for the student to become eligible. Magnet, specialty, or competitive entry schools do not apply because they do not have specific attendance zones.
4. When a public school district has a School of Innovation that does not offer an athletics program, the public school district board of education may assign a student to compete at a school within the district with a specific attendance zone. Magnet, specialty, or competitive entry schools do not apply because they do not have specific attendance zones.
5. When a school's board of education discontinues a nonpublic school, a student meets the resident requirement in the district of his parent's domicile or at another private school in the area.

### **PURPOSE**

To mainstream eligibility guidelines for magnet, specialty, and competitive entry schools that do not have specific attendance zones.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

2022-2023 school year

### **BYLAW**

Requires a majority vote

### **VOTING**

All schools may vote

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

Do Pass (20-0)

### **EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION**

Same as purpose

<b>PROPOSAL # 6</b>	<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
<b>FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>				
<b>2022-2023 AAA HANDBOOK</b>	<b>ARTICLE III</b>	<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>RULE 1 (New E-J)</b>	<b>PAGE 35, 107</b>

#### AMEND TO READ

#### **E. Transfers.**

1. A student changing schools under the **Freedom of Choice** law, transferring other than a legal transfer (school board to school board) or any circumstance other than public school domicile rules 1 through 6 above, is assumed to have changed schools for athletic purposes if the student participated in athletics the previous year.
2. **Same Sport Season.** A student changing schools for any reason who has been a member of an athletic team may not participate in the same sport at the receiving school during the same defined sport season.
3. To gain eligibility through the legal attendance rule or the transfer rule, the following criteria must be met by using the CSAP (Changing Schools/Athletic Participation) form.

#### **F. CSAP Forms.**

1. A Changing Schools/Athletic Participation (CSAP) document stating that the student was not recruited and did not change schools for athletic purposes must be signed **prior to participation** by:
  - a. The superintendent or designated administrator of the previous school.
  - b. The superintendent or designated administrator of the new school.
  - c. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s), witnessed by the new (receiving) school's administrator or a notary public.
2. CSAP forms may only be used for eligibility of public school students and boarding school students who are enrolled in the receiving school by July 1 before a student enters grades 7-10.

**G. JV CSAP Forms.** A student meeting all eligibility requirements except the transfer requirements shall be eligible to participate in junior varsity competition as long as the JV CSAP form is signed by both school administrations and parents before the student participates interscholastically.

**H. Athletic Release Form.** An **Athletic Release Form** must be completed prior to a student attending or participating in a camp, clinic, private or group instruction/training, or on a non-school team that is organized, led, or coached by any person affiliated with a AAA member school other than the school in which the student is currently enrolled. The Head Coach of each school team is responsible for ensuring every coach, registered volunteer or anyone who assists in any capacity with the coaching or training of the school team completes this form prior to working with any student who is not enrolled in your school or feeder school. Failure to complete this form prior to working with a student who is not enrolled in your school or feeder school may result in the school being placed on warning, probation or suspension and/or fined up to \$200.

**I. Non-School Coach.** Article III, Section 1, Rule 1, I. Non-School Coach. A coach, registered volunteer, or anyone who has assisted in any capacity with the coaching or training of a school team (within the last 365 days) who also coaches a non-school team or assists in any capacity with the coaching or training of a non-school team, organized program, or individual training (within the last 365 days) is defined as a non-school coach. A school that allows a student to participate who has transferred, moved or for any reason is attending a new school where the student's non-school coach is a school coach is subject to action against the school through one of the following penalties: warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

**J. Return to Resident District** A student who transfers back to the public school district of his parent's domicile within the first eleven days of the fall or the spring semester of that district shall become eligible after attending one day of classes if the student would not be in violation of the Same Sport Season rule. (Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Rule 1-6)

**NOTE:** This rule does not apply to magnet, specialty, competitive entry, or public charter schools because they do not have specific attendance zones.



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**\* PLEASE FILE A COPY & SEND A COPY TO THE AAA OFFICE \***

\_\_\_\_\_ who is enrolled as a student at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Student) (School)

is released to attend/participate in an activity, as described above with

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Coach or Person Affiliated) (AAA Member School)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Coach Requesting Permission) \_\_\_\_\_ (Administrator of Requesting School)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Coach of Releasing School) \_\_\_\_\_ (Administrator of Releasing School)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or legal guardian of student athlete)

Effective Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Effective End Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PURPOSE**

To clarify eligibility rules associated with transfers. (Athletic Release – 85.88% Spring Survey)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

2022-2023 school year

**BYLAW**

Requires a majority vote

**VOTING**

All schools may vote

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# CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE COVERAGE

FOR:	7th grade through 12th grade during interscholastic activities
COVERAGE PERIOD:	August 1, 2022—August 1, 2023
INSURER:	National Union Fire Insurance Company
AGENT:	Loomis & LaPann, Inc. PO Box 2158 Glens Falls, NY 12801 Phone - 1-800-566-6479 Fax - 518-792-3426
PLAN MAXIMUM:	\$1,450,000
MAXIMUM BENEFIT PERIOD:	10 years
DEDUCTIBLE:	\$25,000
INCURREAL PERIOD:	52 weeks
DEATH BENEFIT:	\$20,000