

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

**LCB File No. R142-24**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-4, NRS 385B.060.

A REGULATION relating to interscholastic activities; revising provisions governing eligibility to participate in a sanctioned sport; revising provisions relating to the submission of an initial roster for a sanctioned sport; repealing provisions relating to option-zoned schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to adopt rules and regulations concerning interscholastic athletic events. (NRS 385B.060)

Existing regulations require a school to ensure that each pupil registers with the Executive Director of the Association before the pupil participates in any sanctioned sport at the school. Under existing regulations: (1) this registration must be completed on a form approved by the Executive Director; and (2) a pupil must register separately for each sanctioned sport in which he or she participates during each school year. (NAC 385B.702) **Section 1** of this regulation replaces the requirement that the registration must be completed on a form approved by the Executive Director with a requirement that the registration must be completed through the process approved by the Association. **Section 1** also eliminates the requirement that a pupil register separately for each sanctioned sport in which he or she participates during each school year.

Existing regulations require a school to submit an initial roster for each sanctioned sport to the Executive Director on or before the date of the first game, contest or meet for the sport. (NAC 385B.702) **Section 1** eliminates a requirement that any such roster be mailed or transmitted by facsimile.

Existing regulations authorize a school district to adopt requirements for eligibility to participate in a sanctioned sport that are stricter than the requirements prescribed by regulations adopted by the Association if the Board of Control of the Association approves the proposed requirements. (NAC 385B.704) **Section 2** of this regulation eliminates the requirement for approval by the Board, thereby authorizing a school district to unilaterally adopt requirements for eligibility that are stricter than the requirements prescribed by regulations adopted by the Association.

Existing regulations provide that, upon enrolling in ninth grade, a pupil is only eligible to participate in a sanctioned sport for eight consecutive semesters. (NAC 385B.708) **Section 3** of

this regulation makes these eight consecutive semesters of eligibility begin when a pupil who is retained in middle school for nonacademic reasons enrolls in high school course work.

**Section 4** of this regulation repeals provisions governing: (1) the eligibility of a pupil assigned to an option-zoned school; and (2) the effects of rezoning of boundaries of certain school districts. (NAC 385B.728)

**Section 1.** NAC 385B.702 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.702 1. A school shall ensure that each pupil who attends the school registers with the Executive Director before the pupil participates in any sanctioned sport. The registration must be completed ~~{on a form}~~ *through the process* approved by the ~~{Executive Director}~~ *Association*.

2. ~~{A pupil must register separately for each sanctioned sport in which he or she participates during each school year.~~

~~{3.}~~ Each initial roster prepared by a school must be ~~{mailed or transmitted by facsimile machine}~~ *submitted* to the Executive Director ~~{and must be postmarked or dated by a facsimile machine}~~ on or before the date of the first game, contest or meet that is authorized for the sanctioned sport by the Association. Any name added to the initial roster must be received by the Executive Director before the pupil whose name is added to the roster is eligible to participate in the sanctioned sport.

~~{4.}~~ 3. A school shall not schedule the first game, contest or meet of a sanctioned sport until 10 days after the first day of the season for the sanctioned sport.

~~{5.}~~ 4. A school that fails to comply with subsection ~~{3}~~ 2 shall pay a fine of \$100 to the Association.

**Sec. 2.** NAC 385B.704 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.704 ~~H~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 385B.170, any school district that has jurisdiction over a school may adopt additional requirements for eligibility that are stricter than the requirements for eligibility set forth in NAC 385B.700 to 385B.798, inclusive. ~~I, if:~~

~~—(a) The school district that proposes to adopt stricter requirements submits a copy of the proposed requirements to the Executive Director at least 30 days before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board;~~

~~—(b) The proposed requirements identify the regulations adopted by the Association that the school district proposes to amend; and~~

~~—(c) The Board approves the proposed requirements at its next regularly scheduled meeting.~~

~~—2. The Board shall, within 30 days after reviewing a proposed requirement pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1, send a written notice of its decision to the school district.]~~

**Sec. 3.** NAC 385B.708 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.708 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 3,~~ *subsections 3 and 4*, after a pupil enrolls in the ninth grade, the pupil is eligible to participate in a sanctioned sport for not more than eight consecutive semesters.

2. A pupil is not eligible to participate:

(a) For more than four seasons in any sanctioned sport; or

(b) In the same sanctioned sport more than once during a school year.

3. A pupil who, because of substandard academic performance, enrolls in the ninth grade during the second academic semester of a school year shall be deemed to have been eligible to participate in a sanctioned sport as of the first academic semester of that school year. Such a pupil shall be deemed to be a member of the class which enrolled in the ninth grade during the

first academic semester of the school year and the pupil is ineligible to participate in a sanctioned sport after the school year during which the class is scheduled to graduate.

*4. A pupil who is retained in middle school for reasons that are not due to substandard academic performance and is enrolled in high school course work during the period of retention shall be considered as having begun the eight consecutive semesters of eligibility described in subsection 1.*

**Sec. 4.** NAC 385B.728 is hereby repealed.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION**

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**385B.728 Pupil assigned to option-zoned school; effect of rezoning of boundaries of certain school districts during school year. (NRS 385B.060)**

1. A pupil who is assigned to an option-zoned school by a school district may establish eligibility to participate in a sanctioned sport in accordance with this section.

2. A pupil specified in subsection 1 who attends his or her school of residence remains eligible at that school. The pupil may choose to attend an option-zoned school at any time, and is immediately eligible to participate in a sanctioned sport at that option-zoned school. If the pupil transfers between schools that are located within an option zone, the pupil is ineligible to participate in a sanctioned sport for 180 school days after the initial transfer.

3. A pupil specified in subsection 1 who initially chooses to attend an option-zoned school is immediately eligible to participate in any sanctioned sport that is offered by the option-zoned

school. A pupil who initially chooses to attend an option-zoned school and who, after attending the option-zoned school, transfers to his or her school of residence, becomes ineligible for the remainder of the school year in which the transfer occurs and for an additional 180 school days in any sport in which the pupil's name appeared on a roster of the Association during the period he or she attended the option-zoned school.

4. If a school district has more than one school located within the school district and the school district rezones its boundaries during a school year, the school district is not required, during that school year, to comply with the provisions of NAC 385B.718. The provisions of subsection 2 of NAC 385B.720 apply to any pupil of a school who is affected by the rezoning. A pupil who is adversely affected by the rezoning may not appeal the decision of the school district to the Association.

5. As used in this section, "option-zoned school" means a school for which a school district authorizes a pupil who does not reside within the zone of attendance of the school to attend the school. The term includes a magnet school.