

Action Items for January 10, 2013



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REFERENDUM ITEMS FOR JANUARY 10, 2013

CONSTITUTION

ISSUE 1C - Constitution 8-1-1

If passed, effective August 1, 2013

Amend 8-1-1 by adding:

In the event of a proposed or adopted legislative action or court order that modifies an existing bylaw or article of the constitution, the Board of Directors may immediately authorize the change in the bylaw or constitution so that the bylaws and/or constitution of the OHSAA will be in compliance with Ohio state law or the proposed legislative action. **In addition, the Board is authorized to circulate an emergency petition for referendum vote to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws in the event of circumstances that arise that cause conflict within the Constitution and/or Bylaws.**

BYLAWS

ISSUE 1B - Bylaw 2 – CLASSIFICATION AND ORGANIZATION (via Petition from Dave Rice, Wooster Triway)

If passed, effective August 1, 2015

Section 1 . . . Change heading to **Classification of Schools and OHSAA Tournaments** from Classification of Schools

2-1-3

Member school teams and individuals may compete in OHSAA sponsored tournaments only in the tournament to which they have been assigned. Notwithstanding this provision, all member non-public school teams and individuals shall be assigned to a tournament separate and apart from tournaments in which member public school teams and individuals compete.

ISSUE 2B - Bylaw 4-4-5 – Scholarship - Add exceptions two and three from Bylaw 4-4-1 to the scholarship bylaw affecting students in grades seven and eight. This issue is to be voted on by 7-8th grade principals only.

If passed, effective August 1, 2013

Amend 4-4-5

...Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

Exception 1: The Commissioner's office may waive the enrollment requirements of this bylaw provided the student has been withdrawn or removed from school because of circumstances due to personal accident, illness or family hardship. An appeal for such a waiver must come from the principal of the school and be in writing. The appeal for waiver shall contain documents with school and medical supporting evidence.

Exception 2: If a student's failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw are due to an "incomplete" given in one or more courses which the student was taking during the grading period in question, the student may have his/her eligibility restored by the Commissioner's office once the "incomplete" has been changed to a passing letter grade provided:

a) the failure to complete the required coursework during the grading period was due to calamity day(s), family tragedy, or illness or accident as verified by a physician; and

b) the "incomplete" was given in accordance with Board of Education/other governing board adopted policies and procedures and is applicable to all students in the school; and

c) the previously scheduled work and/or exams is/are completed within the time period provided in Board policy for completing work required to convert an "incomplete" into a letter grade; and

d) there is no evidence that the "incomplete" was given in order to afford the student extended time in order to provide the student tutoring or other educational services simply to avoid a failing grade.

Note: This exception only applies where an "incomplete" has been issued and not a letter grade that is subsequently changed as a result of the extended time/additional work.

ISSUE 3B - Bylaw 4-6-3 – RESIDENCE

If passed effective August 1, 2013

Amend 4-6-3 Exception 1

A student whose parents reside outside the state of Ohio will be ineligible for interscholastic athletics in a member school. (See Bylaw 4-8-1 for eligibility requirements for international students whose parents live outside the United States). **Note:** A biological parent with custodial rights or adoptive parent must reside in Ohio.

EXCEPTION 1 – The Commissioner’s office may declare a student who is the subject of a custody order issued by a court of proper jurisdiction conferring custody upon a grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling who resides in Ohio, if, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner’s office, the Commissioner’s office determines that the purpose of this change in custody was not for athletic reasons, but purely for the best interest of the student in terms of the student’s mental, physical and educational well-being. **The Commissioner’s office may grant eligibility to a student whose legal custodian, pursuant to a court order, has had legal custody of the student for a minimum of one year and who has become a bona fide resident of the state of Ohio. Such a student is ineligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner’s office.**