

Proposed Competition Rule Change (Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football Soccer, Softball, Volleyball)

Eligibility to Enter Tournament Play

Must be on the online roster and eligible to play in a contest on the Monday two weeks before the first week of postseason play.

Rationale: In all team sports, this would have the student-athlete required to be on the playing roster two weeks prior to the end of the regular season. While two weeks might sound short, it is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball seasons and any longer requirement might unfairly treat students in those sports. Wording like this would also ensure that an injured player isn't unfairly penalized as they would be "eligible" to enter games, simply not permitted per doctor's orders. This specifically targets last minute additions to rosters. A similar provision is already in place for wrestling which requires competitors to have made the postseason weight class on or before the Saturday the state duals (which is usually three weeks prior to regions).

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Vote to Seed

Change provisions to require that only teams participating in current year tournament in these sports (or previous year if decisions are made after tournament for following year) are eligible to vote for seeding and site selection decisions.

Rationale: In rare cases, teams that are in an alignment, but not participating in postseason play, are being allowed to vote in seeding and site selection decisions. These decisions for the following year should only be made by those participating. It should be noted that in the event that only four teams are in an alignment, but one does not participate, the automatic three-team district seeding would be implemented with the only school choice being whether to play twice or once.