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TO: Superintendents
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FROM: Billy Strickland, Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: Proposed Bylaw/Policy Amendments— Article 12.C.3 and Article 12.C.16

The Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors proposes to amend Association bylaws at its meeting on May 1-2, 2023. Preceding the amendment is a short explanation of the proposal.

In amending the Bylaws, the Board of Directors will be using the following procedure:

Article 18, Bylaw Amendment, Section 1, Method, states:

“These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors sitting in regular session provided that at least 30 days advance notice has been mailed to the general membership.”

Section 2, Effective Date, states:

“Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these Bylaws take effect 30 days after their filing.”

Please review these proposed changes and if you wish, provide written comment by letter or email billy@asaa.org, to the ASAA office prior to the meeting.

Explanation

Currently when a student moves without a bona fide change in residence of their parents, they may only participate on sub-varsity for a calendar year. Also, when students transfer to or from a boarding school after the beginning of a school year, they can only participate on sub-varsity for the remainder of the year. The proposed bylaw change would allow these students to participate as a varsity member in individual sports until the beginning of the state qualifying or state competition.

Proposed Amendments:

Article 12 Section 9.C.3

3. Transfer Without a Bona Fide Change of Residence of Parents: A student who transfers without a bona fide change of residence of parents or guardians, is ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition for one calendar year, from the date of first attendance in the new school **(add) in team sports. Students participating in individual sports may compete on varsity during regular season, but are ineligible for State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition for one calendar year, from the date of first attendance in the new school.**

Students who live with coaches are ineligible (see Section 5, E). At schools with no sub-varsity team **(add) sports**, the student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity team during the regular season, but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments.

Article 12 Section 9.C.16

16. Boarding School Transfer Rule: Students who transfer to a boarding school at the beginning of a school year, or from a boarding school at the end of a school year, will be eligible for interscholastic participation at the new school as soon as properly certified. Students who transfer to or from a boarding school during the school year shall be ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic participation the remainder of the school year **(add) in team sports. Students participating in individual sports may compete on varsity during regular season, but are ineligible for State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition for the remainder of the school year.**

Students who live with coaches are ineligible (see Section 5, C). At schools with no sub-varsity team **(add) sports**, the student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity team during the regular season, but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments. Boarding school students must meet all other eligibility rules required of other students in Alaska.