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TO: Superintendents
High School Principals
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FROM: Billy Strickland, Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: Proposed Bylaw/Policy Amendments— Article 7 Section 7.B

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 student is participating in an ASAA sport that overlaps the beginning of another ASAA sport, up to five practices may be waived. The amendment would take away the requirement for the ASAA Executive Director to grant the automatic waiver. It would keep the requirement that schools must seek a waiver for students having participated in a “nationally recognized activity”.

Proposed Amendment:

Article 7 Section 7.B

B. When a student is participating in an ASAA sport that overlaps the beginning of another ASAA sport, **(delete) up to (add) only five practices in the second sport are required. (delete) may be waived.** In addition, when a student is participating in a nationally recognized activity (or the Arctic Winter Games) that overlaps the beginning of an ASAA sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to five practices. For purposes of this section, a “nationally recognized activity” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice, in a sanctioned ASAA sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. This activity will usually be conducted outside of the state of Alaska.