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TO: High School Principals
Athletic/Activities Directors
Superintendents
School Board Presidents

FROM: Billy Strickland
Executive Director

DATE: March 2, 2020

RE: Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Section 9.C.17

The Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors proposes to amend Association bylaws at its April 2020 meeting. 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

Student who “try-out” for a team and then transfer are not allowed to participate in the activity at their new school. To increase participation the Board is considering this change. This bylaw would be amended to match the other transfer rules (Boarding School and Bona Fide Move Without Parents), so the student could participate at the sub-varsity level or until the conference tournaments.



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Amendment

Article 12, Section 2, B. 17 Changing Schools During A Sport Season

A student may represent only one member school during a respective sport season. From (add) **the first allowable contest date of an activity (delete) the first day of practice**, a student who participates in a sport at one school (add) **(including practices)**, and who subsequently transfers to another school, will not be eligible in that sport (delete) **for the remainder of the current season (add) at the Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition level. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, 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.**

The revised section would read as follows:

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A student may represent only one member school during a respective sport season. From the first allowable contest date of an activity, a student who participates in a sport at one school (including practices), and who subsequently transfers to another school, will not be eligible in that sport at the Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition level. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, 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.