



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SDHSAA MEMBERSHIP
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING**

April 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The SDHSAA membership held its annual meeting on April 23, 2025 at the SDHSAA office in Pierre, with a Zoom option for membership attendance. The meeting was called to order by SDHSAA Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos at 11:00 A.M..

Representing the SDHSAA staff in the SDHSAA office were Dr. Dan Swartos, Mr. Randy Soma, Mrs. Kristina Sage, Mr. Brooks Bowman, and Mr. Ryan Mikkelsen.

Item #1-Determine that a quorum is present

Dr. Swartos took a count of represented schools and determined that the threshold of ten (10) member schools was present, with the following 39 schools represented:

SF Public Schools	Spearfish	RC Central	Ipswich	Groton Area
Pierre TF Riggs	Todd County	Frederick	Madison	Lyman
Watertown	Dell Rapids	Selby Area	Belle Fourche	Hoven
Hamlin	Irene-Wakonda	Yankton	St. Thomas More	Harding County
Harrisburg	SF Roosevelt	Sioux Valley	Elk Mountain	Corsica-Stickney
Hot Springs	Hill City	Sturgis Brown	Dakota Valley	Parkston
Canistota	Webster Area	Arlington	Lakota Tech	White River
Little Wound	Chester Area	Herreid	RC Stevens	

Item #2-Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Jeff Kosters, Frederick Area, seconded by Randy Hartmann, Pierre, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried 39-0.

Item #3-Designate a parliamentarian for the meeting

Dr. Swartos designated Randy Soma of SDHSAA as the meeting parliamentarian.

Item #4-Approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Annual Meeting

It was moved by Adam Shaw, Madison, seconded by Jeff Danielsen, Watertown, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2024 minutes of the SDHSAA Annual Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried 39-0.

Item #5- Financial Report:

Mr. Brad Reinke of Reinke-Gray Wealth Management presented an overview of the SDHSAA financial position to the membership.

Item #6- Accept Nominations from the floor for Board of Directors positions, beginning July 1, 2025

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Small School Board of Education Representative**- to be filled by a School Board Member. This position is currently held by Marty Weismantel of Groton Area. The Small School Board of Education representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a high school physically located West of the Missouri River. The position must be filled by a School Board Member. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Kelly Messmer, Harding County, who placed the name of Billy Clanton, Harding County, in nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared nominations closed.

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **East River At-Large Representative**- to be filled by a Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal. This position is currently held by Trent Osborne of Ipswich. The position switches from a Superintendent position to a Principal position. The East River At-Large Representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a high school physically located East of the Missouri River. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** Ryan Rollinger of Harrisburg is eligible to run for this position even though he is finishing a term as Division I representative because he filled a vacant term of less than two years in length. The person elected will serve a five-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Bill Clements, Dakota Valley, who placed the name of Brittney Eide, Corsica-Stickney, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Jeff Kusters, Frederick Area, who placed the name of Tim Leibel, Hitchcock-Tulare, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Marty Weismantel, Groton Area, who placed the name of Shelby Edwards, Groton Area, in nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Trent Osborne, Ipswich, who placed the name of Bo Beck, Aberdeen Central, in nomination. NOTE- It was determined that Bo Beck was not eligible because he is a middle school principal. Dr. Tina Board, Aberdeen Central (who had asked her name to be put in prior to the meeting and whose name was neglected to be added by mistake), was placed on the ballot as a replacement.

Dr. Swartos recognized Adam Shaw, Madison, who placed the name of Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg, into nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared nominations closed.

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Division I Representative**- to be filled by an Athletic/Activity Director. This position is currently held by Ryan Rollinger of Harrisburg. The position switches from a Principal position to an Athletic/Activity Director position. The Division I Representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2023-24 ADM of Rapid City Central to Sioux Falls Roosevelt. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Craig Nowotny, St. Thomas More, who placed the name of Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central, into nomination.

Dr. Swartos recognized Casey Meile, Sioux Falls Public Schools, who placed the name of Steve Moore, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, into nomination.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared nominations ceased.

Dr. Swartos announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the **Division III Representative**- to be filled by an Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal. This position is currently held by Adam Shaw of Madison, who is moving to a new position in a different school and no longer qualifies to be the representative. The position stays as a Principal position for the remaining three years of the term. The Division III Representative may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2023-24 ADM of O’Gorman to Wagner. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a three-year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

Dr. Swartos recognized Jim Hulscher, Hamlin, who placed the name of Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin, into consideration.

Dr. Swartos recognized Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg, who placed the name of Chad Allison, Lennox into consideration.

Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Swartos declared the nominations ceased.

Sample ballots are found in Appendix A

Item #7- Introduction of five (5) proposed constitutional amendment as submitted by SDHSAA staff

Executive Director Dr. Daniel Swartos introduced five proposed constitutional amendments, as approved by the SDHSAA transfer rules task force.

It was moved by Marty Weismantel, Groton Area, seconded by Chris Long, Lyman, to send constitutional amendments #1-#5 to the membership for vote.

Motion carried 39-0

Sample ballot can be found in Appendix B

Item #8- Explanation of voting procedures and time frame to be followed.

Dr. Swartos explained the following voting procedures:

- The ballot pertaining to the Board of Directors positions will be e-mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual meeting- May 3, 2025.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2025.
- The ballots pertaining to the proposed constitutional amendment will be e-mailed to the Superintendent of each member school within ten days following the Annual Meeting- May 3, 2025.
- Deadline for return of all ballots is May 31, 2025.
- For a constitutional amendment to pass, it must receive a sixty percent favorable vote of the Association members who cast a ballot.

Item #9- Recognition of all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and retiring administrators

Dr. Swartos asked all past members of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and any retiring administrators to be recognized. Craig Nowotny of St. Thomas More was recognized as a past Board member and as a retiring administrator. Tim Graf of Harrisburg was recognized as a retiring administrator. Thanks and best wishes were sent to all retiring administrators and coaches.

Item #10-Member Comments

Dr. Swartos asked if there were any comments from member schools in the crowd. No further comments from the membership were offered.

Item #11- Any other business that the membership and/or Board of Directors might wish to consider

Dr. Swartos asked if there was any other business. No other business was raised.

Item #12- Adjournment

It was moved by Jeff Kusters, Frederick Area, second by Chuck Wilson, Todd County, to adjourn. *Motion carried 39-0.*

There being no further business, Dr. Swartos declared the Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.
SDHSAA Executive Director



APPENDIX A

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
Small School Board of Education Representative
TERM: JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2030**

Small School Group Board of Education Representative- To be filled by a **School Board Member** within the Small School Group.

This position is currently held by Marty Weismantel of the Groton Area School District. The Small School Board of Education Representative may be a school board member from any SDHSAA member school with a 23-24 ADM from Douglas (565.18) to Elk Mountain (0.0). This position must be filled by a school board member. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** Lyman, Todd County, and Frederick are ineligible as they already have members on the Board of Directors. The person elected will serve a **five-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election in the Small School Board of Education slot.

You may vote for **one** candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**.

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Billy Clanton, Harding County School District

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**East River At-Large Representative
TERM: JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2030**

East River At-Large Representative- To be filled by a **Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal**

East River At-Large Principal- To be filled by a **Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal**. This position is currently held by Trent Osborne of the Ipswich School District. The representative position switches from a Superintendent position to a Principal Position. The East River At-Large representative may be a Principal or Assistant Principal from any SDHSAA member school physically located east of the Missouri River. This position must be filled by a Principal or Assistant Principal. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** Frederick Area, Watertown, and Pierre are ineligible as they already have members on the Board of Directors. Ryan Rollinger is eligible to run for this position even though he is coming off of the Board as Division I representative because he filled a vacated position for less than two years. The person elected will serve a **five-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**.

- ☐ **Dr. Tina Board, Assistant Principal, Aberdeen Central**
- ☐ **Shelby Edwards, Secondary Principal, Groton Area**
- ☐ **Brittney Eide, Secondary Principal, Corsica-Stickney**
- ☐ **Tim Leibel, Secondary Principal, Hitchcock-Tulare**
- ☐ **Ryan Rollinger, Secondary Principal, Harrisburg**

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2025 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Division I Representative

TERM: JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2030

Division I Representative- To be filled by a **Athletic/Activity Director**.

- **Division I Representative (Athletic/Activity Director)-** To be filled by an **Athletic Director or Activities Director**. This position is currently held by Ryan Rollinger of Harrisburg High School. The representative position in Division I switches from Principal to Athletic/Activities Director. The Division I Athletic/Activities Director may be an Athletic/Activities Director from any school with a 23-24 ADM from Rapid City Central (1488.08) to Sioux Falls Roosevelt (1236.69). This position must be filled by an Athletic or Activities Director. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a **five-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**.

☐ **Jordan Bauer, Rapid City Central High School**

☐ **Steve Moore, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School**

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Division III Representative

TERM: JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028

Division III Representative- To be filled by a **Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal**

- **Division III Representative (Principal)-** To be filled by a **Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal**. This position is currently held by Adam Shaw of Madison High School, and is a **partial term** as he is moving to a different position that does not qualify for this spot. The representative position in Division III continues through the term as a Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal. The Division III Principal may be a Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal from any school with a 23-24 ADM from O’Gorman (474.36) to Wagner (103.60). Todd County is not eligible as they already have someone on the Board. This position must be filled by a Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a **three-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

You may vote for **one** candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**.

☐ **Chad Allison, Lennox High School**

☐ **Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin High School**

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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APPENDIX B

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

To Amend Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection E (Scholastic/Academic Rule) of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #1**

Amend Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

E. Scholastic/Academic Eligibility Rule.

1. **Preceding Semester/Trimester.** The student, unless they are entering high school for the first time, shall have successfully earned a minimum of two (2) units of **semester credit/ one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** which are used in the issuance of a diploma, for the preceding or for the most recent semester/trimester of attendance in any accredited high school. For the purposes of this subsection, enrollment and attendance in school or participation in one or more contests shall constitute a semester/trimester in determining eligibility. However, the Board of Directors or the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive the attendance rule when and if a student withdraws from school as a result of an injury or illness and does not return to any school for the remainder of the semester/trimester and the student does not receive any high school course credits.

NOTE: Failure to earn two (2) units of credit the previous semester/one and one half (1.5) units of credit the previous trimester causes the student to become ineligible the entire following semester/trimester.

NOTE: Only credits accepted by the school for graduation may be used in determining whether a student successfully earned two (2) units of **semester/one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit.**

Source: Minutes of the January 10-11, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting.

2. **Current Semester/Trimester.** The student shall (a) be enrolled in an accredited high school and attend courses for which a minimum of two (2) units of **semester credit/ one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** may be earned towards the issuance of a diploma, (b) be receiving alternative instruction as set forth in **SDCL § 13-27-3** or (c) any student in grades ten, eleven, or twelve may apply to an institution of higher education or a postsecondary vocational education institution as a special student in a course or courses offered at the institution of higher education or postsecondary vocational education institution. Correspondence/college courses approved in advance by the high school principal for which credits earned are used in the issuance of a high school diploma may count towards the two (2) units of **semester/ one and one half (1.5) units of trimester credit** eligibility requirement. **(Refer to SDCL § 13-28-37)**

Rationale: Reflects the differences between Semester and Trimester scheduling.



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AMENDMENT NO. 2

To ADD Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D (Scholastic/Academic Rule) of the SDHSAA By-Laws. (Current subsection D becomes subsection E) and Amend Chapter I, Part IV, Section 3 of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #2**

ADD Chapter 1, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D and Amend Chapter I, Part IV Section 3 of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

Chapter I, Part IV, Section I, Subsection D addition:

D. Four Semester/Six Trimester Middle School Participation Rule. Middle school students shall be eligible for four consecutive semesters OR six consecutive trimesters of high school interscholastic competition while enrolled in grades 7-8. The four semesters/six trimesters begin when the student enrolls as a 7th grader or is a student enrolled in alternative instruction as set forth in SDCL 13-27-3, must be consecutive, and are not dependent upon actual participation in high school level interscholastic competition (the four semesters/six trimesters start at enrollment/recognition as a 7th grader, not upon participation in high school competition).

SECTION 3. SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CONTESTANTS. Member schools may use seventh and eighth grade students on high school teams for high school contests provided they meet scholastic standards fully equivalent to those required for students in grades 9-12 by the Association. 7th and 8th grade **alternative instruction** students satisfy SDHSAA scholastic standards via compliance with SDCL 13-27-3 and submission of transcripts per SDCL 13-36-7. **NOTE-Semester/trimester limitations on middle school students are found in Chapter I, Part IV, Section 1, Subsection D of the SDHSAA By-Laws.**

Rationale: The addition of Section D uses the same standards that we use for high school participation in the eight semester/twelve trimester rule and applies them to middle school. Students get four semesters/six trimesters of participation in high school athletics while in grades 7 and 8, beginning with the fall of their 7th grade year, followed by eight semesters/twelve trimesters of eligibility in high school athletics while in grades 9-12, beginning with the fall of their freshman year. This prevents potential “redshirting” of 8th grade students prior to them entering the 9th grade.

The language in Section 3 was an omission from the past and notes that 7th and 8th grade alternative instruction participants satisfy scholastic standards the same way 9-12th grade alternative instruction students satisfy scholastic standards, via compliance with SDCL.



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AMENDMENT NO. 3

To Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections B and C of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #3**

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections B and C of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

- B. ~~If the parents of a student move to the district of a different high school, a student's eligibility is not affected by a transfer to that high school. When two or more public high schools are operated within the same district, the attendance boundaries set up by the board of education of the district shall be considered the boundaries of the public schools within the district for the application of this rule. Students shall be eligible at the first school they choose to enroll in following a bona-fide move~~ **once the sit out period listed in Chapter II, Part 1, Section 1, Subsection A of the By-Laws is completed if they are not enrolled at the beginning of the semester. However, if a student participates in one or more SDHSAA tournaments or play-off games at the sub-state level at the school previously attended, said student would be ineligible at the new school in that sport even though the parents complete a move.** All eligibility rules, age, enrollment, eight semester rule, and scholastic/academic eligibility rules shall apply.

NOTE: In order to be determined "bona-fide", the following minimum conditions must be met:

1. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence; that is sold, rented or disposed of as a residence, and must not be used as a residence by any member of the family.
2. The entire family, including minor siblings, must make the change and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.
3. The change must be made with the intent that it be permanent.
4. The entire family must physically reside at the residence for the duration of the student's enrollment.
5. In school districts with multiple high schools; if the parents/legal guardians and the student move back, within one year, to the residence in the school district from whence they moved, the student will be eligible only at the high school which the student attended prior to any change of residence.

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6. **The move must be out of the boundaries of the school district of the original residence or attendance center area (if you live in School District A, you must move outside of the boundaries of School District A for it to be considered a bona fide move). Districts without boundary areas (private/federal schools) use the boundaries of the district the parent/guardian resides in.**
- C. The eligibility of a student remaining in a school district is not affected when his/her parents move to another district **and the student continues participation in the initial school district. (Example- student attends school in school district A, parents move to school district B and student remains enrolled at the school in school district A. Student remains eligible at school A).**

Rationale: The language change in Section B stipulates that a move must be out of the district/attendance center area the parent/guardian lives in and eliminates the situation of a move across the street or a move to a different apartment within the same complex as being a bona fide move. The hardship process to waive the transfer rule exists for extenuating circumstances where warranted.

The language change in Section D is clarifying language to note that if a family moves and the student remains enrolled in the current school, eligibility is not affected.



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2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

To Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections A and N of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #4**

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections A and N of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

- A. To be eligible at the beginning of a semester for participating in interscholastic athletics of the SDHSAA, a transfer student must be enrolled at the beginning of the semester. ~~For~~ **Students not enrolled at the beginning of the semester shall become eligible on the 15th calendar day following enrollment provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met, with the first day of attendance as the first day included in determining the fifteenth day.:**

- ~~Transfer students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a five (5) day week shall become eligible on the eleventh scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met.~~

- ~~Transfer students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the ninth scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met.~~

~~The first day of attendance is the first day included in the count to determine the ninth and eleventh day. However, if a student participates in one or more SDHSAA tournaments or play-off games at the sub-state level at the school previously attended, said student would be ineligible at the new school in that sport even though the parents move.~~

NOTE- The term “Transfer students ” this section refers only to changes of schools under Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections B, H, J, and L (Bona-fide move, Guardianship to include termination of parental rights, school closure, and divorce) of the By-Laws. Change of schools completed under Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsection N (open enrollment) would be subject to the sit-out time periods listed in that section (immediate if over the summer, 63 calendar day sit-out period once school starts or team membership is established in a fall sport prior to school starting).

- N. TRANSFER OF ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR SDHSAA OPEN ENROLLMENT STUDENTS. Any student who transfers from a member high school to another member high school shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics provided such student has met the standards for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment as defined in the following paragraph: **(Amended 6-8-17)**

1. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students transferring from one high school to another must have the school (s)he leaves file a transcript of credits with the principal of the school to which (s)he is transferring. Until such transcript is filed the student is ineligible.

In order for SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students to be eligible immediately for participation in interscholastic athletics of the SDHSAA, the student must both: (1) be enrolled on the first day of the school year at the school they are open enrolling to, and, (2) have not competed in any SDHSAA sanctioned athletic contest at the school they are open enrolling from during that school year's athletic season, **and (3) have not established team membership on any athletic team during that school year's athletic season.** Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.

2. ~~For s~~**Students who do not meet these criteria in Section N, Subsection 1 would become eligible on the 64th calendar day following enrollment at the school, provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. The students may practice but not compete during the 63 calendar day sit-out period. Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.:**

- a. ~~SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in a SDHSAA member school which operates a five (5) day week shall become eligible on the forty-sixth (46th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.~~

~~b. SDHSAA athletic open enrollment students enrolled in an SDHSAA member school which operates a four (4) day week shall become eligible on the thirty seventh (37th) scheduled day of school provided all other SDHSAA regulations are met. Revised 2005 Member schools must have the necessary athletic open enrollment papers filed with the SDHSAA office prior to allowing athletic open enrollment students the opportunity to play. Until such athletic open enrollment paperwork is filed, the student is ineligible.~~

3. In addition, all such students must meet all other eligibility requirements.
4. For purposes of this Bylaw “standards for open enrollment” shall mean such standards authorized by a public school board as required by SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47. In the case of a non-public school, such comparable standards and time-lines, as set forth in SDCL §13-28-40 through and including SDCL §13-28-47 would be applicable to such school.
5. In such cases, eligibility is applicable to the initial SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer only. Any subsequent SDHSAA athletic open enrollment transfer to another high school shall render the student ineligible for one year with one exception.

The exception: In the event a student returns to: (1) his/her former school; or (2) where his/her parents reside, the student will not be eligible until the beginning of the following school year.

Rationale: The changes in both sections change the wording of scheduled days of school, which is different for schools with 4 day weeks and 5 day weeks, to calendar days. The initial intent was a 9-week sit out period (45 school days in a 5 day week school, 36 school days in a 4 day week school). However, some 4-day week schools have weeks where they go to school 5 days, which means a student in a 4-day school could potentially become eligible faster than a student in a 5-day school week. This change levels that out and changes it to calendar days. It also accounts for days over holidays, which aren’t currently counted.

The other change in Section N is stipulating that establishment of team membership for fall sports counts as establishing team membership even though school has not started, and a student who transfers after establishing team membership would be subject to the sit-out period listen in Section N Subsection 2 the same as a student who established team membership on a winter or spring sports team would be subject to the sit-out period. This prevents students from testing out teams in the fall and switching schools before a game has been played or school has started without a sit-out period.



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

To Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections F and H of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.

BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #5**

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections F and H of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

- F. A student transferring from one high school to another must have the school (s)he leaves file a transcript of credits with the principal of the school to which (s)he is transferring. This transcript must contain his/her complete high school attendance and scholastic record and must be certified by the principal of the school (s)he is leaving. Until such a transcript is filed the student is ineligible. **The sending school must also notify the receiving school of any ongoing or pending suspensions for SDHSAA rules or conduct violations.**
- H. GUARDIANSHIP. A student who transfers under guardianship from a school out-of-state or from one **member** high school to another **member high school** within the state, shall become eligible for interscholastic athletics provided **all of** the following criteria is **are** met:
1. There is a legal transfer of guardianship.
 2. The named guardian resides in the school district.
 3. The court has ruled that the parents are not competent to care for the student.
 4. There has been a judicial termination of parental rights.

Rationale: The change in Section F notes that sending schools must notify the receiving school of any ongoing or pending suspensions regarding the transferring student (controlled substances, training rules violations, game suspensions due to ejection from a contest).

The change in Section H is clarifying language noting that all of the criteria must be met for a transfer due to guardianship change to be legitimate.