

**MIAA RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR 2013-2015 – PASSED**  
**(Numbers correspond to the Rule Change Proposals)**

**1. Proposal – added exception - Rule 36.2**

Sub-varsity multi-school events are not allowed. Exception: Track, **Volleyball**, Wrestling, and Cross Country sub-varsity multi-school meets may be considered for approval unless (1) a team champion or winner is determined, or (2) the meet is advertised as a tournament or championship.

No sub-varsity competition in cross country, track, **volleyball** or wrestling, or any event which combines sub-varsity with varsity level competition, will be approved which seems to establish champions or which provides competitors with any award and/or recognition not provided to all other participants equally.

**2. Proposal – Rule 40.5.3**

A coach's high school candidates must constitute the minority of those taking part in any out-of-season sport's program, **and never more than 50%** competing on any team at any moment (e.g. no more than two basketball candidates could be on the court, or 3 ice hockey players on the ice, on the same team, at any point during a game). In sports that are individual in nature, or where competition involves a series of scoring events, candidates of that high school coach must be fewer than 50% of those participating in the overall competition or program.

**5. Proposal – New – Rule 45.1**

New section: 45.1 A student-athlete must be a Team Member for 50% of the regular season schedule for that sport to participate in any MIAA Tournament competition (team member: any student athlete who attends practices or games for his/her sport teams – e.g. Freshman basketball player moved to JV and then Varsity).

**6. Proposal - Rule 45**

A bona fide member of the school team is a student who is consistently present for, and actively participates in, all high school team sessions (e.g. practices, tryouts, competitions). Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to participate in a non-school athletic activity/event in any sport recognized by the MIAA. ***Students cannot be given special treatment (late arrival, early dismissal, etc.) for non-school athletic programs.***

First Offense: Student athlete is suspended for 25% of the season (see chart on Rule 62). Second Offense: Student athlete is suspended for an additional 25% of the season, and is ineligible for tournament play immediately upon confirmation of the violation. See Rule 96 for additional tournament restriction and Rule 86 for waiver guidelines.

**7. Proposal – Rule 47.3**

***Only awards of no monetary worth to anyone else may be accepted by a high school student-athlete as a result of participation in school or non-school competition in any sport recognized by the Association.*** Individual interscholastic athletic awards and similar mementos to athletes shall be limited to those approved and administered by the institutions, league, or MIAA in keeping with traditional school requirements as to what constitutes an acceptable award.

**8. Proposal – New - Rule 49.13**

New Rule: Add to Rule 49 “Athlete and Coach Disqualifications” – Any student athlete who is disqualified from any interscholastic contest must complete the National Federation Sportsmanship on-line course – “Sportsmanship – it’s up to you”, before reestablishing eligibility. This course is free.

**18. Proposal – addition to Rule 69.2, 72.3, and 97.4.2**

*69.2.1 The school designated as the home team, or the host site identified with a participating school, must have an AED on site or with their medical person.*

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*97.4.2 Football and Ice Hockey: A game will not start unless a licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT is present. The school designated as the home team, or the host site identified with a participating school, must have an AED on site or with their medical person.*

**20. Proposal – revises Rule 72.16 and Rule 72.17**

*72.18 A “game misconduct” called by an Ice Hockey Official would eliminate a player from the remainder of that game only, as per National Federation Rules.*

**24. Proposal – addition to Rule 81.2**

All varsity competitions will be three out of five sets, played to 25 points utilizing rally scoring, and will count toward the season and weekly schedule limit. The fifth varsity set will be played to 15 points. Junior varsity competitions will be two out of three sets, played to 25 points utilizing rally scoring, with the third set played to 25 points, and will count toward the season and weekly schedule limit. *Individual leagues/conferences are allowed to include a by-law or rule that increases the number of total junior varsity sets per match to three, regardless of the outcome of the first two sets.*