Annual Meeting
of the
Governing Body

Statehouse Convention Center
Governors Hall I & II
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sign In From 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM
July 29, 2019, 3:30 PM

AGENDA

- Call to order - President
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting, July 2018
- Reports from: Treasurer, Steve Straessle and President, Gary Hines
- Sportsmanship Awards / Citation Awards / Board Awards
- Consideration of proposals to amend the AAA Constitution and Bylaws; discussion of the immediate and long-term effects on member schools of such legislation; voting as stated below

METHOD of VOTING

Balloting on all proposals will be conducted at the governing body meeting. Written ballots will be used. The ballots will be given to the voting representative upon signing in at the meeting. The voting power rests with the superintendent. The superintendent may authorize, in writing an assistant/deputy superintendent, or principal or assistant principal as the voting representative for each member school. An individual shall represent only one school.
In preparation for the upcoming school year, the Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors has studied proposals from the various activity districts, suggestions from the AAA staff, results of the spring survey and advice from various committees before making recommendations and submitting the proposals included in this agenda. Clarifications and interpretations were made as well.

The board expresses its opinion on the long-term effect the proposals will have on the association through its recommendations and explanations. If a DO NOT PASS recommendation is made, the board feels that the long-term effect would not be in the best interest of the association.

NO RECOMMENDATION indicates that the effect of the proposal could best be determined by the opinion of a majority of the schools voting. Discuss these proposals with your various staff members, then come to the meeting and express your opinion by voting.

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Gary Hines, President...Emerson-Taylor-Bradley
Benny Weston, 1st VP......................Mena
Jon Collins, 2nd VP...............West Memphis
John Ward, Secretary............Magnolia
Steve Straessle, Treasurer.........Catholic
Bryan Russell, Parliamentarian.....Valley View
Billy Adams..............Lakeside, Lake Village
John L Colbert.......................Fayetteville
Scott Embrey.........................Beebe
Jon Estes......................Palestine-Wheatley
Brian Golden.......................Malvern
Kelvin Gragg.......................Dumas
Gregg Grant......................Danville
Steve Green.......................Cave City
Shawn Halbrook...................Morrilton
Kevin Hesslen....................Greenwood
Kelvin Hudson....................Flippin
Ronnie Kissire...................Poyen
Bryan Law.........................Farmington
Kim Wilbanks.....................Jonesboro

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Lance W. Taylor, Executive Director: Interpretation of Association Rules.
Executive Assistant, Christyal Holloway

Dr. Joey Walters, Deputy Director: Rules Interpreter for Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Soccer, Public Relations, AHSCA Liaison, Sports Medicine.
Administrative Assistant, Julia Harvey

Nick Lasker, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Track, Cross Country, Volleyball, Swimming and Diving, Coaches Education, AHSAAA Liaison.
Administrative Assistant, Gabriel Foreman

Don Brodell, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Baseball, Wrestling, AOA Liaison.
Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark

Steve Roberts, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Football, Softball, Sponsorships.
Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark

Amber Balboa, Assistant Executive Director: Business Manager, Personnel Policies, Accounting.
Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Mays

Derek Walter, Assistant Executive Director: Media Relations, Publicity, Marketing, Editor of Publications.
Administrative Assistant, Nicole Cunningham

Michelle Langley, Receptionist
GOVERNING BODY

Arkansas Activities Association

Governing Body Meeting
Monday, July 30, 2018

Gary Hines, President of the Arkansas Activities Association, reported that a quorum was present and called to order the annual meeting of the AAA Governing Body on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 12:30 PM at the Little Rock Convention Center. Gregg Grant then gave the invocation.

MINUTES – Minutes of the 2017 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Steve Straessle, Treasurer, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

ACTIVITY DISTRICT CITATIONS – Eleven AAA Citation awards were presented to recognize individuals who were named by their activity districts as administrators who have had a long standing and distinguished record of involvement and support of school activities programs. Citations were presented to:

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS – AAA Sportsmanship Awards for the 2017-2018 school year were presented to these selected schools.

7A  Van Buren
3A

6A  Greenwood
2A  Murfreesboro

5A  Blytheville
1A  Caddo Hills

4A  Pocahontas

PROPOSALS – Proposals to be voted on were sent to each voting representative in June. The director announced that there would be an explanation of each proposal and that questions and discussion would be permitted prior to voting on each. He further explained that each vote would be taken by a written ballot as provided when the voting delegates checked in for the meeting. Ballots would be counted by the AAA’s administrative staff members. Bryan Russell served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures.

The motion to vote on each proposal as a Do Pass recommendation was approved.

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

Proposal #1 – Sanctioning – PASSED – Amends and clarifies the sanction rules. (For – 221; Against – 0) Effective immediately.

Proposal #2 – Age Rule – PASSED – Aligns AAA Age Rule with the state attendance law. (For – 215; Against – 3) Effective immediately.
Proposal #3 – Football Zero Week Scheduling – PASSED – Aligns scheduling opportunities for senior high and junior high. (For – 218; Against – 0) Effective immediately.

Proposal #4 – Allow Use of Football Dummies Year Round – PASSED – Allows coaches to teach safe practices all year round. (For – 207; Against – 2) Effective immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President/Chair

_______________________________________________
Secretary

_______________________________________________
Date
AMEND TO READ

A. Any student who is enrolled in a middle school (7th or 8th grade) that is consolidated administratively with other middle schools may, at the discretion of the administration, be eligible to attend any class, academic program or participate in any extracurricular activity or program offered by another school in the administratively consolidated district or system, if the middle school in which the student attends does not offer the same or similar class, academic program or extracurricular activity or program.

A middle school is defined as one containing 7th and/or 8th grade.
A junior high school is defined as one containing 7th up to 9th grade.
A senior high school is defined as one containing 9th up to 12th grade.

PURPOSE
To create more extracurricular activity opportunities for middle school students that do not currently have extensive program offerings.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Immediately

BYLAW
Requires a majority vote

VOTING
All schools vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Pass (17-0)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Same as purpose
AMEND TO READ

g. Junior Varsity basketball teams may participate in two (2) invitational basketball tournaments.

PURPOSE

To allow junior varsity teams to play in two tournaments. (80% approval on spring survey)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass (16-1)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose
### AMEND TO READ

a. A student participating in interscholastic activities must be a bona fide student of the school; a bone fide student is one who has not graduated from a high school nor received a GED or equivalency of a high school diploma and who is enrolled in and regularly attending at least four academic courses in the school. These courses shall be from those identified in the Arkansas Department of Education Standards of Accreditation. If a student is enrolled in the school through an online program, the student must attend at least one period a day at the school.

### PURPOSE

To align requirements for online programs with requirements for home school and virtual school students. (93% approval on spring survey)

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

### BYLAW

Requires majority vote

### VOTING

All schools may vote

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass (17-0)

### EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose
AMEND TO READ
3. School groups may not spend more than two (2) school days out of state Monday – Friday.

PURPOSE
To keep the same intent as previous rule by limiting loss of class time but allowing for travel time to compete in sanctioned events. (89% approval on spring survey)

EFFECTIVE DATE
Immediately

BYLAW
Requires majority vote

VOTING
All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Pass (17-0)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Same as purpose
**AMEND TO READ**

**Rule 1. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The superintendent and/or principal shall:

A. In all matters pertaining to the activity relations of their schools are responsible for enforcing the rules of this association. They may delegate some of these powers, but such delegation shall not relieve them of responsibility for any infraction by their school.

B. Have general local control over all interscholastic activities and contests in which the school participates.

C. Be responsible for the education of all students, representing the school as participants or spectators, of their school district regarding AAA rules and regulations. Be responsible for the education of all parents of such students of their school district regarding AAA rules and regulations.

D. Be responsible for the conduct of all students representing the school as participants or spectators at any interscholastic activity, and exclude any contestant who because of bad habits or improper conduct will not represent the school in a becoming manner.

E. Any contestant who has suffered serious illness or injury should be excluded until the school physician or the attending physician pronounces that contestant physically fit.

F. Be responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending activities conducted by the school. Penalties may be imposed upon a member school whose principal or superintendent fails to provide reasonable protection for officials and visitors at home contests.

Although the administrator of a host school is responsible for the treatment of visitors and officials as specified above, the principal, superintendent, or school representative of a visiting school shall have the responsibility of helping the authorities of a host school in the control of the fans, students, and players from the visiting school and shall make a reasonable effort to assist in controlling fans, students, and players as soon as potential crowd control problems become evident.

If a game or contest is held at a neutral place, the principal or superintendent of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for this protection. In such case, penalties may be imposed upon either or both of the schools.

G. See that all contracts for athletic contests in which the school participates are in writing and signed by the superintendent, principal, or athletic director.

H. Authorize a full time faculty member or credentialed registered volunteer of the school to be the school representative of any organization representing the school unless the administrator serves as the school representative.

However, for activities, other than team sports, involving FEWER THAN SIX STUDENTS, a responsible adult may be authorized IN WRITING as the school representative. Such individual shall not represent more than one member school.

Such authorization or delegation of responsibility shall not relieve the school and the superintendent or principal of responsibility to the association.

I. Assign personnel that meet AAA interscholastic coaching and/or advisor requirements.

J. Be responsible for certifying on the AAA website the eligibility of all contestants, grades 7-12, in accordance with the bylaws of the association.

K. Have such other powers concerning interscholastic contests and activities in the school in keeping with the growth and needs of the school and which are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the Arkansas Activities Association.
L. In accordance with Act 1214 of 2011, each member school must develop emergency action plans for each individual athletic venue and procedures for hot weather practices. The emergency action plans should be reviewed each year with staff and the local EMS provider.

**Rule 2. SPORTSMANSHIP.** Refer to the Sportsmanship Manual.

**PURPOSE**
To clarify the role of superintendents and principals in administering AAA rules and regulations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**
Immediately

**BYLAW**
Requires a majority vote

**VOTING**
All schools vote

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**
Do Pass (17-0)

**EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION**
Same as Purpose
AMEND TO READ
To allow a ninth (9th) grade student who attends a AAA member private school that does not offer grades ten through twelve (10-12) to participate on an athletic team during the spring semester at the public school district of the parent’s domicile.
The private school must not field a team in baseball, softball, or soccer. The student must meet the participation requirements by the school district in which the student seeks to participate. On July 1, 2021 this rule will be nullified.

PURPOSE
To enhance sport participation.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Immediately

BYLAW
Requires a majority vote

VOTING
All schools vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Pass (17-0)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Same as purpose
AMEND TO READ
Rule 1. CLASSIFICATION. Classification of schools for bowling shall be as follows:
Class 6A
Class 5A
Class 4A and 3A
Class 2A and 1A

PURPOSE
To promote competitive balance amongst all classifications and assist with travel/scheduling.

EFFECTIVE DATE
2019-2020 School Year

CONSTITUTION
Requires 2/3 vote

VOTING
Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Pass (17-0)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Same as purpose
AMEND TO READ
Table page 86 “Season and Event Limitations”: Bowling begins on week 21 and the state event held on week 32.

PURPOSE
Avoids conflict between basketball district tournaments and bowling state tournaments. Currently students are having to choose one or the other.

EFFECTIVE DATE
2019-2020 School Year

CONSTITUTION
Requires 2/3 vote

VOTING
Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Pass (17-0)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Same as purpose
AMEND TO READ

Rule 1. CLASSIFICATION AND CONFERENCES.
A. Classification. Classification of schools shall be as follows:
Class 6A - All public schools within the ADM of the largest ADM x .5
Class 5A - All public schools within the ADM of the next largest school not classified as 6A x .5
Class 4A - All public schools within the ADM of the next largest school not classified as 5A x .5
Class 3A - Class 2A - Class 1A - Take remaining public schools and divide by three with the greatest number of schools assigned to Class 1A if not divisible by 3. For Football only, Class 2A and 1A are combined.

Non-Public schools with 80 or more students in grades 9-11 shall be inserted in proper order and moved up one classification after calculations of the public schools are determined.

B. Conferences.
6A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 10 members based on number of schools.  
5A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 members based on number of schools.  
4A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 members based on number of schools.  
3A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 members based on number of schools.  
2A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 members based on number of schools.  
1A - Number of conferences of no fewer than 7 and no more than 9 members based on number of schools.  

Rule 4. CONFERENCE CERTIFICATION. (FB, BB, BA, SB, Track, Golf)
6A - Number of Qualifiers will be based on number of schools.  
5A - Number of Qualifiers will be based on number of schools.  
4A - Number of Qualifiers and Regionals will be based on number of schools.  
3A - Number of Qualifiers and Regionals will be based on number of schools.  
2A - Number of Qualifiers and Regionals will be based on number of schools.  
1A - Number of Qualifiers and Regionals will be based on number of schools.  

PURPOSE
To make classifications strictly about the enrollment numbers to alleviate competitive inequities due to enrollment imbalances. Schools increasing or decreasing in enrollment do not adversely affect the placement of other schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE
2020-2022 Cycle

CONSTITUTION
Requires 2/3 vote
VOTING
Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
Do Not Pass (13-4)

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION
Majority of the board does not support the proposed classification structure and potential travel conflicts
Catastrophic Insurance Coverage

FOR: 7th grade through 12th grade during interscholastic activities

COVERAGE PERIOD: August 1, 2019—August 1, 2021

INSURER: National Union Fire Insurance Company

AGENT: Loomis & LaPann, Inc.
PO Box 2158
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Phone - 1-800-566-6479
Fax - 518-792-3426

PLAN MAXIMUM: $1,450,000

MAXIMUM BENEFIT PERIOD: 10 years

DEDUCTIBLE: $25,000

INCURRAL PERIOD: 52 weeks

DEATH BENEFIT: $20,000