



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2023 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2023**. 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. 2

☒ Yes

☐ No

Brookings School District
Name of Member School

5/8/23
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, 2023

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 9 of the SDHSAA By-Laws as such:

SECTION 9. STUDENT/COACH EJECTION FROM A CONTEST. Any student or coach ejected from an interscholastic contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

In the sport of football only, any player ejected/disqualified for specifically violating the provisions of “Illegal Personal Contact” as outlined in NFHS Rule 9-4-3, subsections (a) through (i) and (k) through (o):

- a) Shall be disqualified only for the remainder of the current game if the foul occurs in the first half of a game; or
- b) Shall be disqualified from the remainder of the current game, as well as the first half of the next varsity contest, if the foul occurs in the second half of a game.

Adopted 6-6-19.

A second ejection that occurs during the same sports season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for the next four regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition.

A third ejection that occurs during that same sport season shall cause that coach or athlete to be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that specific sport season at all levels of competition. **Adopted 5-27-14.**

If penalties are imposed at the end of a sports season and no contests remain, the penalty is carried over to the next school year to be served in that particular sport. If the ejected individual is in his or her senior year, the penalty shall instead carry over to their next ~~season of competition~~ scheduled varsity contest in any sport where the student has previously established team membership and is an active member of the team (the student may not join a sport at the end of a season in order to serve the suspension before the next season begins, they must have previously established team membership for the game suspension to count. The student may also not join a team and then not participate, solely for the purpose of serving the suspension. Example- student is ejected the last contest of basketball season, joins track to serve the game suspension but is not an active member of the team- does not practice or compete).

Rationale: There is ambiguity in the phrase “next season of competition” in the case of senior athletes who are in two sports during the same season and who receive an ejection in the final contest of one of those sports, with contests remaining in the other sport (example- student is involved in both volleyball and soccer and is ejected during their final soccer match while volleyball contests remain). The game suspension should be served during the next scheduled varsity contest, be it the next sport season or in a different sport in the same sports season. We also stipulate that a student cannot join a different sport in the same season for the purpose of serving the suspension prior the next sport season starting. The student must have already established team membership in that sport at the time of the ejection for the game suspension served to be considered valid.