



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. 1

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. 1

Amend Article IX, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution as such:

SECTION 1. RECRUITMENT PROHIBITED: No school may become or continue to be a member school if it gives or awards scholarships, free tuition, free bus transportation, free school lunch, or any other inducements, directly or indirectly, to persuade a student to attend its school. In this context, “other inducements” are defined as any special arrangement by either school personnel or non-school individuals to provide a student or student’s family a benefit or benefits not offered to other students and/or not expressly authorized by SDHSAA rules and regulations. This could include, but is not limited to, jobs or housing for parents, residential relocation offers, promotional efforts in excess of efforts for all other students, promises of playing time, financial aid to parents or students, or any other benefit not authorized by SDHSAA guidelines.

Nor shall any other undue influence be exerted by either school personnel or non-school individuals whereby an attempt is made to persuade or inspire a prospective student to attend a particular school for athletic purposes. Examples of “other undue influence” include but are not limited to calling, texting, or e-mailing student athletes or sending letters, cards, or questionnaires to student athletes in an effort to persuade that student to attend or transfer to a school, inviting prospective student athletes to summer camps or open gyms, or contact of any kind of a nature that is designed to persuade the student to attend or transfer to a specific school because of athletics. Confirmation of any such undue influence shall cause the student to be rendered ineligible pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article VII, Section 3, Subsection (g) of the Constitution. Schools and coaches are subject to penalties per Article IX, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution, including but not limited to suspension of the school and/or program from regular season and post-season activities, suspension of the coach from all coaching duties, or the banning of parents/alumni/supporters from attendance at sanctioned activities.

Rationale: The current language lacks definition or examples of the terms “other inducements” and “other undue influence”. The language offers definitions and examples of both terms to add clarity. In addition, current language only spells out penalties to the student. The added language clarifies that Article IX, Section 2 allows the Board of Directors to take action against the school, school personnel, and non-school personnel with confirmation of recruitment.