ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS

(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ADM 18 - INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT/FORFEITS **(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)**

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read: Page 96

Amend Bylaw 2400 by deleting and adding:

_____ _____

Yes no

2400. INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT/FORFEITS

2400.1 It shall be the duty and responsibility of the principal, or his/her designee, ~~and coach~~ of a member school to determine that participants have met all eligibility requirements **and communicate student eligibility procedures to registrars, coaches and sponsors**. ~~Schools which fail to submit eligibility lists as required subject themselves to forfeiture and lose the opportunity of review by the league principals.~~

2400.2 ~~If a principal, his designee or coach certifies or permits any ineligible contestant or player suspended from competition to participate, then all games in which the contestant participated shall be forfeited.~~ **A student who does not meet all eligibility requirements is an ineligible participant and any game in which an ineligible participant participates shall be forfeited.** The team and/or coach may be placed on probation **and/or restriction** for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

2400.21 An exception may be made only after a notification of penalty has been made by the Assistant/Associate Commissioner of a sport that the game(s) must be forfeited. A formal written appeals request shall be made to the ~~a review by a committee designated by the Commissioner of at least three, excluding the school involved, and their determination that the violation was neither intentional nor the result of negligence by the school and that mitigating circumstances exist which make forfeiture or probation an inappropriate penalty. The league(s) shall recommend to the~~ Commissioner, **who then will determine if the** ~~appropriate~~ **penalty shall be upheld, modified or additional sanctions are required as** ~~. which may include declaring the participant ineligible for future competition and/or any of the penalties~~ **specified in Rule 2420.**

The decision of the Commissioner may be appealed through the process outlined in Article 25, Rule 2540.

2400.3 During state culminating competitions, the Commissioner will determine penalties to be assessed for playing an ineligible or a player suspended from competition.

Note: Renumber remaining bylaws.

RATIONALE: The changes align with our current appeals process which is familiar to the membership. The new changes promote a more equitable standard and removes the perception of a conflict of interest.

PROS: Process is clearly defined and eliminates league involvement.

CONS: None