

## THE LAW PERTAINING TO WIAA

RCW 28A.600.200

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC AND OTHER EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, REGULATION OF, DELEGATION, CONDITIONS.

Each school district board of directors is hereby granted and shall exercise the authority to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or recreational nature for students of the district. A board of directors may delegate control, supervision and regulation of any such activity to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association or any other voluntary nonprofit entity and compensate such entity for services provided, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The voluntary, nonprofit entity shall not discriminate in connection with employment or membership upon its governing board, or otherwise in connection with any function it performs, on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex or marital status;
- (2) Any rules and policies applied by the voluntary nonprofit entity which govern student participation in any interschool activity shall be written;
- (3) Such rules and policies shall provide for notice of the reasons and a fair opportunity to contest such reasons prior to a final determination to reject a student's request to participate in or to continue in an interschool activity. Any such decision shall be considered a decision of the school district conducting the activity in which the student seeks to participate or was participating and may be appealed pursuant to RCW 28A.645.010 through 28A.645.030.

Sec 905. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association shall establish a nine-person appeals committee to address appeals of non-eligibility issues. The committee shall be comprised of the director from each of the activity districts of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. No committee member may participate in the appeal process if the member was involved in the activity that was the basis of the appeal. A decision of the appeals committee may be appealed to the executive board of the association.

APPENDIX II - POSITION STATEMENT ON BOYS' AND GIRLS' PROGRAMS - This policy is approved only insofar as the second sentence of the opening paragraph, and paragraphs 1 and 2, of the policy respecting separate boy's and girls' teams are applied solely to grades seven (7) through twelve (12) (WAC 392-190-025 prohibits separate sports teams and programs for boys and girls at the K-6 grade levels), and with the further exception of the unequivocal statement that volleyball for girls and football for boys, or vice versa, qualifies per se as the provision of an equal opportunity and substantial equality (assuming for the sake of argument that the state constitution allows for sex segregated sports teams and/or programs in certain cases, each case maintenance of separate teams/programs truly constitutes the best method of providing both sexes, as a whole, with an equal opportunity to participate in the sports or games of their choice and (b) clearly support a finding that substantial equality is provided for both sexes in terms of such WAC 392-190-030 factors as accommodation of the interests and abilities of both sexes, the provision of equipment, the provision of coaches, etc.)

DURATION AND LAPSE OF APPROVAL - The approval of policies and rules of the WIAA organization granted by resolution shall be for the school year only. This approval shall expire upon September 1, at which time all such policies and rules shall be deemed disapproved unless otherwise provided hereafter by resolution of the Board adopted pursuant to an application for approval by the WIAA.