



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA OFFICE/TELECONFERENCE**

September 23, 2014
9:00 AM CT

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Approve the agenda.
3. Review of SDHSAA Policy specific to Cross Country and Road Races
4. (If Necessary) Executive Session pursuant to section 1-25-2, sub-section two:
1-25-2. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED MEETINGS. Executive or closed meetings may be held for the sole purpose of: 2) Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student
5. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director

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ITEM NO. 1

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Call the meeting to order.

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ITEM NO. 2

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Approval of the agenda.

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ITEM NO. 3

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Review of SDHSAA Policy specific to Cross Country and Road Races.

In reviewing policy, current SDHSAA regulations state:

From the SDHSAA Constitution and Bylaws, Chapter Two, Part One, Section Seven:

***SECTION 7. NON-SCHOOL TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION.** A student who is a member of a high school team may not participate in that particular sport during the “in-season” time period on an independent or non-high school team or as a member of any “All-Star” team, or completely unattached on an individual basis.*

***NOTE:** The penalty for violation of this Bylaw is loss of eligibility for the remainder of that sports season.*

An approved ruling on that part of the Constitution and By-Laws from the Cross Country section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook, specific to Road Races during the SDHSAA Cross Country Season:

Information on Road Races During Cross Country Season

1. *Athletes who have joined their high school cross country team may not participate in road races once the high school cross country season started as “unattached individuals;” this would be considered to be a violation of the “In-season Participation Rule”.*

It is permissible for a cross country team or members of said team to run in road races during the cross country season provided the following conditions are met:

- All athletes represent their school, which includes running in their team gear*
- The event sponsors set up a division for high school cross country teams*
- Teams have had two full weeks of practice*
- The event organizers complete “Event Sanctioning” paperwork through the SDHSAA office*

2. *After the high school cross country season has ended it is permissible for athletes to participate in road races, running unattached, without jeopardizing his/her future cross country eligibility. The “In-season Participation Rule” does not apply after the cross country season is over and sanction is not required.*

3. *The SDHSAA will not sanction any competitions, road races or otherwise, for high school cross country teams that are scheduled to be held on Sunday.*

4. *Participation in triathlons is not considered a violation of the in-season participation rule.*

To that end, the SDHSAA Staff recommends the Athletic Handbook, Cross Country section, be amended as follows, effective immediately:

Information on Road Races During Cross Country Season

Athletes who have joined their high school cross country team may participate in road races once the high school cross country season started provided the following conditions are met to avoid violation of the ***“NON-SCHOOL TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION”*** section of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws:

1. For events that are interpreted as “competitive” in nature, such as those where times are formally kept and compared, awards issued, or events that are otherwise seen as competitive, each of the following conditions must be met:
 - a. All student-athletes who participate in Cross Country must represent their school, which includes running in their team gear
 - b. The event sponsors set up a division for high school cross country teams
 - c. Teams have had two full weeks of practice
 - d. Event organizers complete ‘Sanctioning’ paperwork through the SDHSAA Office
2. For events which are interpreted as “non-competitive” in nature, such as those where no places are awarded, times are not formally kept and compared, or events that may be seen as completely charitable and non competitive, all student-athletes are allowed to compete without restriction on their athletic eligibility.

NOTES:

The “In-season Participation Rule” does not apply after the cross country season is over and sanction is not required. The SDHSAA will not sanction any competitions, road races or otherwise, for high school cross country teams that are scheduled to be held on Sunday. Participation in triathlons is not considered a violation of the in-season participation rule.

Furthermore, the SDHSAA Staff recommends fully reinstating the eligibility of any student-athlete who has had their eligibility removed through participation in such a charitable event during the 2014-15 school year, effective immediately.

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ITEM NO. 4

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Executive Session pursuant to section 1-25-2, sub-section two (if necessary): 1-25-2. EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED MEETINGS. Executive or closed meetings may be held for the sole purpose of: 2) Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student

STAFF RECCOMENDATION: Upon exit from executive session, action as necessary.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT: Adjournment.