

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

Amend Rules by adding the following to bylaw 2760 to read:

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**2760. OFFICIALS' CONDUCT**

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Any registered official may be suspended and/or banned from the CHSAA registered list of officials for a specified amount of time (including a lifetime ban) by recommendation of the officials' organizations' governing board **or CHSAA Commissioner** when:

1. It has been shown that the official is guilty of unethical conduct; or
2. The official refuses to promptly file reports requested by the Commissioner's office and such reports are deemed pertinent to the conduct of coach, contestant, official or school competing under the jurisdiction of the CHSAA; or
3. If the official, as an adult, has been convicted of or has pleaded "guilty" or "no contest" to any criminal charge due to conduct that adversely affects the ability or appropriateness of the official to perform officiating duties in interscholastic athletics or activities; or
4. If the official has engaged in any illegal, unethical, or immoral conduct that adversely affects the ability or appropriateness of the official to perform officiating duties in interscholastic athletics or activities; or
5. It is deemed that the official's conduct is detrimental to interscholastic athletics and activities.

CHSAA game officials are expected to abide by the code of ethics for their respective associations, including proper, accepted social conduct. Violations of this Bylaw will be investigated and, if substantiated, the official may be suspended from the CHSAA registered list of officials for a specific period.

Any official who has been suspended or expelled by the CHSAA may appeal the action by an appearance before the CHSAA Board of Directors. The decision of the CHSAA Board of Directors shall be final.

Rationale There is a need for CHSAA, as well as the officials' organizations to be able to address divisive and disruptive officials' actions.

Pros Gives CHSAA authority over an official who should not be registered, yet may be in a sports officials' organization with a Constitution that does not allow for this action, or political issues within the organization limit that group's ability to make this decision.

Gives CHSAA authority to keep undesirable officials from registering.

Cons None