

ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL
(Requires majority vote for approval)

ADM 2 – YOUTH RECOGNITION EVENTS

(BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read:

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Amend Bylaw 1900.6

Yes

No

1900.6

YOUTH RECOGNITION

1900.6 Youth recognition events/games will be defined, for the purpose of setting school protocol, as an event where individual, group or district student participants, of middle-school or younger age are recognized at a CHSAA member school athletic event. Legal and illegal protocols for such events are clearly defined below:

Acceptable:

- Free admission
- Pre-game, half-time or post-game **exhibitions**, introductions or announcements with group visibility on field, court, playing arena.
- Groups may be recognized for their participation or involvement in youth activities only.
- Teams or groups invited must have a logical tie to the high school.

Unacceptable:

- Youth on sideline during warm-up or game
- Youth in locker room or involved in any activities **or meetings** associated with the team (**before, during and after the event**).
- Current players/coaches cannot be involved in recognition or ceremony on any level.
- Youth receiving any merchandise, meals, or school related tokens.
- Youth provided transportation to and from event.
- Illegal contact can result in the sport specific teams' placement on probation/restriction.
- No gifts, food, certificates, school gear, prizes or awards of any kind can be handed out.
- No individual or specific group or team can be singled out at the event separate from the rest of the invitees.

This does not include: Regular season ball boys, team managers, etc. are exempt from recognition programs.

Rationale: Better and more specifically clarifies the appropriate contact during youth recognition nights with non-high school aged students.

Pros: Better clarifies that half-time exhibition games are allowed (which have already been happening), and clarifies that no additional contact can happen before, during or after the events.

Cons: None

Financial Impact: None