



Mission Statement
Grand Forks Public Schools will provide an environment of educational excellence that engages all learners to develop their maximum potential for community and global success.

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To: NDHSAA Board of Directors
Matt Fetsch, Executive Director

Re: Part II, Article XIV, Section IX – Transfer Rule Enforcement

Grand Forks Public Schools is proposing the following amendment to Part II, Article XIV, Section IX of the NDHSAA by-laws concerning enforcement of the transfer rule. This addition would subside at Art XIV – Sec IX: j.

In track and field where all athletes compete at a singular event classified as a varsity meet, athletes ineligible for varsity competition due to this rule may still compete at the meet provided the athletes do not place in varsity competition, do not earn points for a varsity team, and their performance will not alter the scoring potential for varsity athletes. Athletes may not qualify in individual events. If the athlete is part of a relay that runs a qualifying time, the entire relay team may not qualify. This allows a transfer ineligible student an opportunity to continue competing at a sub-varsity level when specific sub-varsity competitions do not exist.

Rationale:

In track and field, there are rarely JV specific meets where transfer ineligible students could compete. While the transfer rule is removing the athlete's ability to compete at the varsity level, a sport's lack of sub-varsity competition is unnecessarily punishing a student by removing all means of competing during the season. When students have no opportunities to compete, it is difficult to keep those students interested in remaining with the team for the season.

By allowing transfer ineligible students to compete and not affect varsity scoring, those students could earn the benefits of interscholastic competition while still meeting the criteria of the transfer rule – in a similar manner to how team sport athletes may continue competing with their schools' JV teams.

This proposal has the support of the Track & Field Coaches' Advisory group whose members are cc'd to this request. Please feel free to contact me for any further clarification of this request.

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