



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2025 OFFICIAL AMENDMENT BALLOT

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**. In order to pass, a proposal must receive a 60% favorable vote. Please refer to the accompanying document for the text of the amendment and the rationale that was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

To Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections F and H of the SDHSAA By-Laws

☒ Yes

☐ No

Brookings School District
Name of Member School

5/12/25
Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.

BALLOTS DUE: May 31, 2025

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
AMENDMENT #5**

Amend Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsections F and H of the SDHSAA By-Laws as follows:

- F. A student transferring from one high school to another must have the school (s)he leaves file a transcript of credits with the principal of the school to which (s)he is transferring. This transcript must contain his/her complete high school attendance and scholastic record and must be certified by the principal of the school (s)he is leaving. Until such a transcript is filed the student is ineligible. **The sending school must also notify the receiving school of any ongoing or pending suspensions for SDHSAA rules or conduct violations.**
- H. GUARDIANSHIP. A student who transfers under guardianship from a school out-of-state or from one **member** high school to another **member high school** within the state, shall become eligible for interscholastic athletics provided **all of the following criteria is are met:**
1. There is a legal transfer of guardianship.
 2. The named guardian resides in the school district.
 3. The court has ruled that the parents are not competent to care for the student.
 4. There has been a judicial termination of parental rights.

Rationale: The change in Section F notes that sending schools must notify the receiving school of any ongoing or pending suspensions regarding the transferring student (controlled substances, training rules violations, game suspensions due to ejection from a contest).

The change in Section H is clarifying language noting that all of the criteria must be met for a transfer due to guardianship change to be legitimate.