

CHAPTER 129

SCHOOL BOARDS; MISCELLANEOUS POWERS

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Subdivision 1. The governing board of any high school may delegate the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities referred to in section 123.38 to the Minnesota state high school league, a nonprofit incorporated voluntary association. Membership in said Minnesota state high school league shall be composed of such Minnesota high schools whose governing boards have certified in writing to the state commissioner of education that they have elected to delegate the control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic events and other extracurricular activities to said league. The Minnesota state high school league is hereby empowered to exercise the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletics, musical, dramatic and other contests by and between pupils of the Minnesota high schools, delegated to it pursuant to this section. The Minnesota high school league may establish a policy or guidelines for the guidance of member high schools in the formation or alteration of athletic or other extracurricular conferences. Except as otherwise provided by subdivision 1a, the formation or alteration of conferences is voluntary.

The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's representative, shall be an ex officio member of the governing body of the Minnesota state high school league, with the same rights and privileges as other members of its governing body. The rules of said league shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 14.02, 14.04 to 14.36, 14.38, 14.44 to 14.45, and 14.57 to 14.62.

Subd. 1a. The league shall arrange membership for schools in athletic or other extracurricular conferences to the extent and in the manner provided by this subdivision. After notice and an opportunity for participation by league members at a public hearing, the league shall develop criteria to arrange membership in athletic or other extracurricular conferences for schools that make a written request pursuant to this subdivision. The criteria shall include, at least, the distance to be traveled by competing schools, the relative enrollments of the schools, and the comparability of athletic or other extracurricular activities in the schools.

Within 90 days after receiving a written request from a member high school, the league shall, following the criteria developed pursuant to this subdivision, arrange membership in an athletic or other extracurricular conference for any high school that (1) lacks membership in a conference because of involuntary exclusion from a conference or because of the dissolution of a conference and (2) has made its own good faith attempts for at least 180 days to obtain membership in a conference. The 180 days run from the date of the member school's first written request to join or rejoin a conference. When arranging conference membership for a school, the league shall notify the school seeking membership and all schools already in a proposed conference that, upon request of a notified school, a public hearing on the proposed conference membership will be held in a timely manner. The school seeking conference membership and the schools already in a proposed conference are bound by the league's final decision under this subdivision on a matter of conference membership.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S. 1986]

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