

**128C.07 ARRANGING INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.**

Subdivision 1. **Policy.** The league may establish a policy to guide member high schools in forming or altering interscholastic conferences.

Subd. 1a. **Request.** A league member high school that is not in a conference may ask the league to arrange membership for the league member in an interscholastic conference.

Subd. 2. **Reason not in conference.** The reason the member is not in a conference must be: (1) the conference was dissolved, or (2) the member was involuntarily excluded.

Subd. 3. **Prerequisite: 90-day good faith effort.** Before asking the league to arrange membership, the school must make a good faith attempt over at least 90 days to join a conference. The 90 days run from the date of the school's first written request to join or rejoin a conference.

Subd. 4. **League deadline: 90 days.** The league must arrange the conference membership within 90 days after receiving a timely written request from a league member high school.

Subd. 5. **Must use criteria.** The league must follow its criteria in arranging the conference membership.

Subd. 6. **Right to hearing, notice.** (a) The requesting school or a high school already in the conference that is the subject of the proposed arrangement may request a timely public hearing on the proposed arrangement.

(b) The league must notify the schools mentioned in paragraph (a) of the right to a hearing.

Subd. 7. **Decision is binding.** The league's final decision on a matter of conference membership under this section is binding on all of the schools required to be notified of the right to a hearing.

Subd. 8. **Otherwise, conferences are voluntary.** Except to the extent the league arranges conference membership under this section, an interscholastic conference of schools participating in activities delegated to the league may be formed and changed freely.

**History:** 1989 c 220 s 4; 2012 c 125 s 1