



2014 OCSAA FALL REFERENDUM

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Items for the 2014 Fall Referendum will be voted on by the member school representatives from 8/1/14 - 8/14/14. When casting your ballot, please mark either "**YES**" or "**NO**" in the available space of each ISSUE. Ballots are not considered official if the form is not completed in its entirety.

Ballots are due in the Association office no later than 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 14.

The athletic director or appointed representative of the member school shall email the referendum ballot to the OCSAA office by the specified deadline. Only one vote per member school. **Failure to return the referendum ballot will not void the referendum vote.** All returned ballots will be tabulated and the referendum will pass or fail based on the majority vote of returned referendums. Many members feel strongly that returning the referendum ballot is an obligation of membership. Please return your ballot, whether voting or not, by the deadline.

NOTE: If passed, all eligibility issues in this referendum will be requirements for member school participation in OCSAA post season tournaments **ONLY!** The OCSAA does not regulate regular season competition.

ISSUE 1

Eligibility Changes to (**bylaw II D. 3 Enrollment and Attendance**)

 Definition of Enrollment: Only students enrolled on a full-time basis at a member school are eligible to participate in the OCSAA athletic tournaments

 Definition of Enrollment: Permit students enrolled on a part-time basis at a member school eligibility to participate in the OCSAA athletic tournaments

COMMENTS:

Please cast your vote for either the full-time or par-time student definition, do not vote for both. Please keep in mind, this definition will not exclude the rules currently in the handbook which permit home school and vocational education student's to participate in OCSAA sanctioned athletic tournaments at member schools.

ISSUE 2

Eligibility Changes to (bylaw II D. 3 Enrollment and Attendance)

____ **Definition of Enrollment:** To be considered an enrolled student, and eligible to participate in OCSAA athletic tournaments for a member school: 1) the student must be taking a minimum of five credit hours of classroom instruction per participating semester at the member's school 2) upon completion of graduation requirements, the student will receive his or her diploma from the member school

____ **Definition of Enrollment:** To be considered an enrolled (part-time) student, and eligible to participate in OCSAA athletic tournaments for a member school: 1) the student must be taking a minimum of one credit hour of classroom instruction per participating semester at the member's school 2) the student will not be participating in athletics at any other school during that academic year 3) the student must comply with all age limitations, semesters of eligibility guidelines, graduation limits and applicable enrollment guidelines as set forth by the OCSAA

COMMENTS:

Please vote for the above definition that corresponds with your vote on Issue 1. The OCSAA does not regulate the regular season and members who wish to field teams with student athletes from other schools may do so. However, they will not be permitted to participate in OCSAA sanctioned tournament contests if the issue is approved. We do not want members to recruit student athletes from public and private schools in order to have more competitive teams. The OCSAA feels that these actions defeat the spirit and integrity of Christian athletics.

ISSUE 3

Eligibility Changes to (bylaw II D. 5 Team Membership)

____ **Students attending a school without athletics:** A student of an OCSAA member school may participate in athletics at another member school if 1) their school of enrollment does not offer a specific sport(s) 2) the student does not participate in established athletics for any other school during that academic year with the exception of the school they are enrolled at 3) the student cannot be enrolled at a non-member school 4) the student must comply with all age limitations, semesters of eligibility guidelines, graduation limits and applicable enrollment guidelines as set forth by the OCSAA.

COMMENTS:

The OCSAA believes that athletic team involvement is vital to the growth and development of an individual and has decided to make athletic participation available to all member students. We do not want to see students from non-member schools being recruited by members to gain a competitive edge nor do we want student athletes moving around from school to school based on level of competition and their ability to play. There needs to be loyalty shown to the program that offers you a chance to play.

Name of member school: _____ School phone: _____

Name of voter: _____ Position at member school: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____