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NSAA ACTIVITIES:

THE OTHER HALF OF EDUCATION

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OVERVIEW OF TOPICS


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- Home-school eligibility changes
- Music copyright compliance—important!
- Unified Sports: bowling, track & field, age change for non-contact Unified Sports
- Volleyball Jamboree games
- Football classifications, issues, scheduling
- Opting up and down in classification
- Other

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EXEMPT/HOME-SCHOOL


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- All student enrolled 20 credit hours current semester; at least 10 in member school
- Eligibility of student from Rule 13 exempt school
- Can only be eligible in resident district
- Previous semester requirement, successful completion of at least 20 credit hours, at least 10 credit hours in member school

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EXEMPT/HOME-SCHOOL


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- Schools determine acceptability of credits earned in home-school setting
- Schools may have more restrictive rules, not less restrictive
- Questions?

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MUSIC COPYRIGHTS


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- Music used for contests, concerts, other performances generally need to be licensed
- BMI, ASCAP, SESAC and others are entities who license and protect intellectual and creative music properties
- Some music in public domain; most other music requires a license

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- Schools and entities have often performed and played music without permission
- Music group performances, cheer and dance teams, pre-game music over PA system
- Fines reportedly in \$300 to \$30,000 range (school in Iowa fined \$10,000)
- NFHS courses
- NSAA's efforts toward enforcement

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UNIFIED SPORTS




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- Unified Bowling—43 teams last year, anticipate 55 teams for 2017-18
- Tentative plans to expand to track & field for 2018-19
- Age change approved for athletes in non-contact Unified Sports
- Wheelchair athletes and competition

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VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREES




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- Volleyball Jamboree games have been permitted week before start of season and Monday and Tuesday of first contest
- Legislation moved start of season one week
- In 2018, all must be played Monday thru Saturday of Week 7 and Monday/Tuesday of Week 8 – check your schedules!

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FB CLASSIFICATION




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- New legislation dictates football classification on boy-only count
- Rather than defined number of schools in a class, classes based on enrollment ranges

A: 425 and above	D1: Top half of eligible
B: 160-424	D2: Bottom half of
C1: 70-159	eligible + odd no.
C2: 69 and below	D6: All 6-man schools

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FB CLASSIFICATION




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- New number (47 boys) to qualify for 8-man playoffs
- New number (27 boys) to qualify for 6-man playoffs
- One classification period waiver will be in effect
- NSAA assumes scheduling and playoff responsibilities for 6-man in 2018

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULING




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- Requires planning on part of schools; number of schools had to forfeit seasons and likely others to forfeit games
- 2-year classification period (tentative)
- November 1 deadline for football cooperative sponsorships
- November 9, three-grade boys enrollments approved by Board (tentative)

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- November 30 deadline for declarations: 6, 8, 11-man football
- In December, assignment to districts; non-district priority lists
- January and February, staff will devise schedules
- Schedules released February 13 (staged release to schools first)

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OPTING UP & DOWN




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- Opting up in classification was permitted (except FB and music) if schools opted up in all activities
- With football new classification process, can now opt up in football
- Due to safety concerns, schools can now opt down in football, but can't qualify for playoffs

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REQUIRED COURSES



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- NSAA Board mandates three courses
- Concussion law requires education course; Sudden Cardiac Arrest; Heat Acclimatization/Illness
- Required annually of all coaches
- Free on NFHS Website
- May be delivered in mass setting; schools must assure compliance

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QUESTIONS?
