

**Instruction--Elementary and Secondary****INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS--SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL****I. Selection by Students**

All students shall be permitted to select their own school team sports activities without duress or interference by any employee.

**II. Interscholastic Athletic Manual**

Regulations to be observed by school personnel are found in the Interscholastic Athletic Manual which is incorporated by reference into this rule and is a part hereof. The Interscholastic Athletic Manual is on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, the Citizen Information Center, and the Office of the School Board Clerk.

**III. Administrative Procedures for Senior High School Athletic Programs**

The Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation has the responsibility to:

- A. Provide the schools with consistent, unified leadership in their athletic programs.
- B. Provide athletic opportunities to all high school students.
- C. Provide financial aid to new schools and others needing temporary assistance.
- D. Develop and recommend policies for Board consideration which will continue the development of athletics within the overall educational program.
- E. Carry out and administer the Board's policies through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- F. Interpret Board policy to the extent necessary to provide guidance for schools in areas not specifically covered by policy.
- G. Provide the management leadership on a countywide basis which will enable all schools to develop their individual athletic capabilities to the fullest extent and thereby provide Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) with maximum benefits from balanced well-managed, and well-operated athletic

programs.

IV. Greater Miami Athletic Conference

- A. The Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) was formed following the dissolution of the Gold Coast Conference, from which Christopher Columbus High School was “grandfathered” into the GMAC. Other non-public schools shall not be permitted to become members of the GMAC.
- B. The Executive Committee of the GMAC shall consist of: the President; the First Vice President; the Second Vice President; the Immediate Past President; two delegated principals (M-DCPS north and M-DCPS south); two delegated athletic directors (M-DCPS north and M-DCPS south); an FHSAA Board representative; a representative of the secondary principals group; and two members-at-large. The Administrative Director of the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation and the GMAC Executive Secretary serve as non-voting, ex-officio members. Two members from the same school may not serve on the Executive Committee at the same time.
- C. The Executive Secretary shall have decision-making responsibilities relative to the supervision of the high school athletic program as prescribed in the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies of the GMAC, and shall be the executive officer of this Conference.

V. Administrative Director

The responsibilities of the position of Administrative Director of the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation are as follows:

- A. Coordinate with the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management procedures for competitive bidding of all purchases of over \$3,000.00. All other purchases are to be individually approved by the principal before contracts for purchases are made.
- B. Administer a special trust fund to be used to aid schools in financial distress by assessment of each GMAC member school, on a one-time basis, an amount not to exceed \$1,000. The exact amount of assessment will be determined by the Administrative Director of the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation based on the number of sports offered at an

individual school.

The Administrative Director of the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation shall develop procedures for distribution and repayment. Should the fund fall below a reasonable level, each school will be notified of the additional assessment and will issue a check made payable to Coral Gables Senior High School where the special trust fund is maintained. (Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.161, Section V.B.)

- C. Develop and enforce special directives as shall be necessary to provide uniformity of policy within the District and to ensure an effective athletic program in the various senior high schools.
- D. Standardize the operations of the athletic departments in all high schools.
- E. Manage all athletic events in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, within the policies of the GMAC, Florida High School Activities Association, and Miami-Dade County School Board rules.
- F. Help all schools to develop their athletic capabilities to the full extent.
- G. Coordinate the purchase of all athletic equipment by bid purchasing.
- H. Help develop realistic athletic budgets.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 228.041(1)(e) and (9); 230.03(2); 230.22(1); 230.23005(2)(3)(c) F.S.

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