

MHSA Rules & Regulations

Section (9) SPECIALIZED CAMP RULE, INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS & OTHER EVENTS

Any student enrolled in a school holding membership in the MHSA shall be allowed to participate in specialized camps, *invitational tournaments and other events* in all sports so long as the program and the student's participation meet the following requirements: (This includes all 9th grade students who are currently enrolled in a junior high school in the same school district as an MHSA member high school.)

A. No student shall participate in a specialized sports camp, *invitational tournament or other sporting events* in which any of his/her coaches are involved except from June 1 through July 31 of each calendar year. (This rule does not apply to individual sports.)

B. If a coach employed by the school or a coach who volunteers in the school's athletic program conducts a specialized camp, *invitational tournament or other* event independent of the school district and uses school district facility(ies), the coach must follow the district policy on facility use including paying the normal rental fee.

C. An MHSA member school, *its booster club or other school-related group* may not sponsor or have any part in any way in financing a specialized camp, *invitational tournament or any other event*. A school, *booster club or other school-related group* paying a coach for conducting a specialized camp, *invitational tournament or other event* would be in violation.

D. The MHSA Award Rule and the MHSA Amateur Rule must be followed.

INTERPRETATIONS

1. *Provided a student's coach(es) are not involved and the school/booster club is not, in any way, sponsoring a specialized camp, invitational tournament or other event and provided the general rules are met, a student may attend a specialized camp, invitational tournament or other event at any time during the year.*

2. *Schools and booster clubs cannot sponsor, supplement or underwrite a specialized camp, invitational tournament or other event.*

3. *Coaching staffs (head, assistant or volunteer coaches) of member schools cannot be involved unless the event is taking place between June 1 and July 31.*

4. *The amateur rule must be followed. Athletes can only receive actual expenses (hotel, travel, meals etc.) from an outside source (i.e. parent fundraiser, local business, private donor), and the school and booster club cannot cover expenses in any way. Expense records, receipts and other documentation should be kept by the sponsoring groups or individuals.*

5. Schools cannot manage or house accounts and/or funds that are used in any way for specialized camps, invitational tournaments or other events.

6. A student involved in a specialized camp, invitational tournament or other event cannot receive anything over \$50 in value for participating in the event, and no cash can be awarded.

7. School uniforms/equipment may be used, if the school allows.

8. MHSAs insurance does not cover any specialized camp, invitational tournament or other event.