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Date: 11/28/2018  
To: Matt Fetsch  
Executive Director NDHSAA  
From: Chris Larson  
Superintendent Milnor Public School  
Topic: Athletic Preseason Practice Waiver

I am requesting the policy committee review the following bylaw, found within Part III (p. 2) of the Constitution and bylaws. "Required preseason practices, which are not attended by an athlete because that athlete is actively involved in practice for or participation in NDHSAA post season athletic competition held concurrently with such preseason practices shall be waived".

The stipulation of "athletic" competition is my concern. The state competition for one-act fell (and commonly does fall) within the preseason calendar for Girls Basketball. When NDHSAA events overlap, it is my belief that the nine-practice rule should be waived. I feel that, as written, the bylaw creates a double standard for students that are solely athletes and those that also participate in the arts. My proposal is to remove the word athletic from the existing bylaw. "Required preseason practices, which are not attended by an athlete because that athlete is actively involved in practice for or participation in NDHSAA post season ~~athletic~~ competition held concurrently with such preseason practices shall be waived".

Sincerely,

Chris Larson  
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