

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 201.00 – Amateur Status

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Submitted by: Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors

201.2—Amateur Status: Reimbursements and participation with a professional team or organization

2. A student loses their amateur status and becomes a professional in an MSHSL sponsored sport if the student accepts any of the following for participation in school or non-school athletics in that sport:
 - A. a salary, cash or merchandise. (Actual and reasonable reimbursement for transportation, food and lodging when paid in connection with travel to and playing in a contest or participating in a camp or clinic are not violations. Golf is governed by the United States Golf Association amateur rule.) A student may receive payment for officiating, instructing, teaching or coaching a sport without losing their amateur status in that sport.
 - B. a share in the season's profit.
3. A student loses their amateur status and becomes a professional if the student participates with a professional team or any team deemed by the MSHSL to be a professional team in a contest, or signs a contract with a professional team (i.e. Canadian Major Junior Hockey teams in the WHL, OHL and QMJHL are considered professional teams).
4. A student does not lose their amateur status if they participate in a tryout with a professional team as long as the student can document that the student has paid all fees and expenses and as long as the student does not participate in a contest.
5. A student can receive one expense paid tryout with a professional team as long as the tryout period does not exceed 48 consecutive hours.
- ~~3.6.~~ It is recommended that awards and prizes for non-school participation should be of a symbolic nature. However, the acceptance of an award valued at less than \$100 retail when received for non-school participation will not constitute a violation.
- ~~4.7.~~ Student cannot use athletic skills to promote or advertise products.
- ~~5.8.~~ **Penalty:** A student who becomes a professional will be disqualified from further high school participation in that sport.

Rationale:

Recognizes how the camp and clinic landscape has changed and also provides an opportunity for reimbursement of specific expenses when a student attends a camp or clinic as is currently allowed when a student plays in a contest or contests.