

Specialized Camp Reminders (Supplement to Out-of-Season Contest Guidelines)

Before embarking on any fundraising ventures, schools are advised that all personnel should be familiar with the regulations for Specialized Camps.

MHSA Rules and Regulations Section (7) Specialized Camp Rule specifies the following:

“The fee (tuition) and expenses must be provided by the student or the student’s parents/legal guardian.”

The following options are in compliance with the camp rule:

- ◆ A student’s parents pay the camp fee and the expenses for the student’s travel and room at the camp.
- ◆ A student babysits, mows lawns or holds some other job to earn his/her own money to pay for the camp fee and expenses.
- ◆ A student works at a school fundraising opportunity (such as a concession stand) and is paid by the hour, earning his/her own money to pay for the camp fee and expenses. Records which detail the student’s earnings should be kept.

*The following are **violations** of the camp rule:*

- ◆ A booster club pays the camp fee or other expenses for a student or students.
- ◆ A local business or individual donates money to pay the camp fee or other expenses for a student or students.
- ◆ A group of parents conduct a fundraiser to offset expenses for students to attend a camp.
- ◆ A school supplements the expenses for a camp by providing transportation such as buses or bus drivers, and the expenses for the bus/bus drivers are not reimbursed by assessing a fee to the individual students.
- ◆ A school helps sponsor a camp by waiving the rental fees for school facilities or by failing to adhere to district policies regarding use of facilities, equipment etc. (if there are any).