

# **Rule Changes 2009**

Adopted by the HWSA Board in September 2008

1. Clarified “Definition of Homeschooling,” removing the ambiguity that athletes from small private schools are allowed to participate in our tournaments. In essence, this clarification bans private school students from participating in HWSA tournaments.

**Note:** The HWSA Board offers teams the opportunity to “grandfather in” for 1 year only all present private school students who have been playing with HWSA teams, and that all athletes go through a new certification process for 2010, which will clearly ban private school students from participating in HWSA tournaments.

2. Amended Rule 3.3a, requiring that participants be homeschooled since January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the tournament.
3. Added Rule 3.3b (Residence Rule), requiring that participants be living at home with a parent or guardian.