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Elected Officials,

The members of the WVSACA urge you to seek more information from medical professionals about athlete over usage before you run SB 813. To expand on the term 'over usage', the game totals for each WVSSAC sponsored activity has been set to protect the athlete. For example, we do not need to add more innings to a baseball pitchers arm, we do not need more weigh ins during a wrestling season, and we do not need more soccer matches. There must be time for the athletes to rest, have family/social time, and have time to focus on their academics.

The WVSSAC sets the game limit of each sport from the recommendations of the NFHS and state medical professionals.

The West Virginia Schools Coaches Association is deeply concerned about how this bill will affect team chemistry and the hardships placed on coaching staffs. We can't have players picking and choosing when they show up for practices and / or games. This is not a virtue that we should be teaching our athletes.

The dangerous word used today 'EXPOSURE' is major lie to scare parents and athletes. It usually leads to someone making money off the parents and athletes. I have many friends that coach in the college setting. They frequently let people know that if you are good enough, we will find you!

We cannot afford to have a major rule change like this one on top of the transfer portal. We already have a great problem with finding teachers that will coach in our schools. We do not seek to take away parent decision making, we do seek to have order, and follow the rules of the NFHS and the Board of Control.

Yours in Education,

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