

P. I. A. A. Votes Stepped-Up Sports Card

'Keep 'Em Playing' Physical Program Decided at Meeting

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HARRISBURG, Nov. 16 (A. P.).—The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association today adopted a "keep 'em playing" slogan to cooperate with the Nation's armed forces in promoting the physical development of 'teen age youth.

The group's board of control, at its annual fall meeting, determined to step up its athletic program in an effort to get a larger number of high school students into more activities and to "keep athletics in today's picture" despite the handicaps resulting from war restrictions.

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In line with this policy, the board decided to conduct its annual championship basketball tournament and said it would make every effort to continue wrestling, swimming, gymnastics and other minor sports competition on a State-wide basis as in the past.

The board passed upon four amendments, which will be submitted to member schools for approval before being adopted. They are:

1. To add the executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State School Directors' Association as an advisor on the P. I. A. A. board of control (pending additional approval by the school directors group).

2. Repeal of the eight-semester rule and the enactment of another stating that a pupil shall not be eligible if he fails to attain promotion from the highest grade in the school and is repeating that grade.

3. Prohibition of Sunday interscholastic games.

4. To give the board of control power for the war's duration and six months after to liberalize the interpretation of eligibility rules to schools and contestants where necessary. (This would affect game contracts, coaching rules, and territorial laws weakened because of housing conditions and transportation difficulties.

Four schools were given P. I. A. A. membership. They are Turbotville, Lycoming county; Meyersdale Junior High, Somerset county; South Hills High, Pittsburgh; and Mehoopany, Wyoming county.

C. L. Walsh, of Pittsburgh, District 8, was elected vice president of the board to replace William C. Evans, of Braddock, who resigned to accept a captain's commission in the Army. Dr. Robert Broyles, of Washington, was named to succeed Evans as chairman of District 7 and as a member of the board of control.