

**REFERENDUM
TO
AMEND THE TAPPS CONSTITUTION
TO
REMOVE THE HOME SCHOOL UMBRELLA PROGRAM
AND
ALLOW HOME SCHOOL GROUPS TO JOIN TAPPS
AND
PARTICIPATE IN A HOME SCHOOL GROUP DIVISION**

The referendum to remove the provision from the TAPPS Constitution that allows home school students to compete under the umbrella of certain member schools has been approved by a vote of 160 for and 64 against. Thirteen schools have not responded. A 2/3 vote of the 237 that were members at the time of the referendum is 157.

The referendum also allows Home School groups to join TAPPS and compete in a separate HOME SCHOOL Division.

These amendments to the TAPPS Constitution become effective on July 1, 2006.

Home Schooled students are eligible to compete at approved umbrella schools during the 2004-2005 and the 2005-2006 school year.

TENTATIVE GUIDELINES FOR HOME SCHOOL GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN TAPPS BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF 2006.

1. Home School Groups would apply for TAPPS membership by:
 - A. Identifying their group by name and providing a list of students in the group;
 - B. Naming an individual who would:
 - 1) organize the group and serve as its administrator;
 - 2) keep records of the group's members;
 - 3) submit eligibility forms and other required documents;
 - 4) be responsible for verifying (certifying) the student's eligibility
 - 5) represent the home school group in the home school district organization.
2. Home School Groups would pay the same fees as other TAPPS Schools
 - 1) one time \$200.00 application fee for the Group.
 - 2) \$100.00 per year membership fee
 - 3) \$60.00 event fee for each event in which the Group participates

- 3. Home School Groups will be assigned to districts in their division for competition and advancement in the playoffs.**
- 4. Home School Groups play off sites will correspond with other TAPPS sites.**
- 5. Home School Groups will receive the same honors, awards, etc. in their division as other TAPPS schools**
- 6. Home School Groups shall submit eligibility forms listing all students in its group.**
- 7. Home School Students shall follow the same rules in regard to age and number of years of eligibility after initially enrolling in the ninth grade.**
- 8. TAPPS Home School Competition will be limited to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve.**
- 9. Home School students transferring from one home school group to another group would be ineligible for 15 school days. (Monday through Friday) a Previous Participation (transfer) Form would be required to change from one home school group to another**
- 10. The Home School Division of TAPPS would follow the same Constitution, By-Laws and Contest rules as other TAPPS members. The rules that apply to individual TAPPS schools would apply to each member home school group.**
- 11. TAPPS schools that wish to continue their home school umbrella program after July 1, 2006, shall be assigned to the Home School Division for competition, for a period of no less than 2 years.**

Any Home School Group that is interested in joining TAPPS, under the provisions listed above, should call the TAPPS office at 254-947-9268.

There will be meeting of all home groups that are interested in membership in TAPPS, to be held at the San Antonio Omni Hotel on Thursday June 2, 2005 at 9:00 am. Each home school group should be represented by no more than two persons at this meeting.

