



Missouri State High School Activities Association

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Eligibility Rulings

All official eligibility opinions shall be in writing and shall bear the signature of the executive director. Verbal rulings are not official. Principals are reminded that correspondence concerning eligibility rulings, annual eligibility lists, applications for waiver of the transfer rule, hardship transfers and sanction forms, must be signed by the principal for consideration by the MSHSAA.

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Mission Statement

"The MSHSAA promotes the value of participation, sportsmanship, team play, and personal excellence to develop citizens who make positive contributions to their community and support the democratic principles of our state and nation."

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Email Policy: Due to the high volume of email messages received by the Association, an expedited personal response may not always be possible. The MSHSAA staff will respond first to more traditional means of communication such as telephone calls, written correspondence and faxes. The MSHSAA office can be reached at (573) 875-4880 during regular office hours. As time permits, staff will reply to email messages that include the sender's complete name, address and phone number. Questions regarding student eligibility or specific MSHSAA by-laws should first be directed to your local school administrator. By Board policy, our staff is not permitted to answer specific eligibility inquiries via email, and any follow-up questions to the MSHSAA should be done via telephone or written correspondence.



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The following are questions and answers pertaining to the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws and/or MSHSAA Board of Directors policy. These are provided as an aid in interpreting the rules and regulations which MSHSAA member schools have adopted. If you have a specific area and/or question which you would like explained, contact Dr. Kerwin Urhahn, MSHSAA executive director. Your attention is called to the fact questions and answers regarding interpretations of the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws appear following the Constitution Article or By-Law they relate to in the MSHSAA Official Handbook.

Question: May our high school basketball team scrimmage against an area junior college team or against a local city league team comprised of high school age players?

Answer: No in both cases. A school team may compete only against teams representing an MSHSAA member high school or teams from schools that are members of a like state association. The only exception to this would be an alumni game when conducted in accord with provisions of By-Law 3.12. This restriction applies to so-called scrimmages as well as to games. (By-Law 1.1)

Question: We have a person who lives in our community who has been involved in cheerleading for many years but has never attended a college/university. Can this person serve as our head cheerleading coach?

Answer: Yes. The standards for athletic coaches do not apply to cheerleading and dance team coaches. Any individual, however, hired to be a school cheerleading coach who does not possess a valid professional teaching certificate must satisfactorily complete an MSHSAA approved coaches education program and sports first aid. This is a prerequisite for approval to serve as a school cheerleading coach at any level at any MSHSAA member school in a subsequent school year. (By-Law 3.1)

Question: Do students participating in interscholastic competitive/evaluative music and speech activities have to meet the MSHSAA minimum essential student eligibility requirements?

Answer: Yes. Some have assumed that since these activities are generally a direct outgrowth of curricular programs the academic eligibility standards would not apply. As long as a student is limited to participating in a class setting during the regularly scheduled school day, that assumption is correct. However, music and speech activities that are conducted outside the regularly scheduled school day are considered to be extra-curricular in nature. Any extra-curricular competitive/evaluative music or speech event that involves students from two or more schools is considered to be an interscholastic event. Students participating in competitive/evaluative music or speech events must meet the MSHSAA minimum essential student eligibility requirements. This would not apply to events that are not competitive or evaluative, such as a parade that is not judged. (By-Laws 2.1 and 4.1)

Question: Our school uses NovaNET for credit recovery, remedial and enhancement. Credit earned will be placed on the student's transcript and count toward graduation. I would like to know if courses through NovaNET could also count toward a student's eligibility?

Answer: A course through NovaNET could count toward a student's academic eligibility under these conditions:

1. The student is doing the work through the school.
2. The work is all being done at a designated school site.
3. Credit must be placed on the student's transcript no later than the close of the semester in which the work was started. (By-Law 2.3)



Question: We have a student who is academically ineligible the first semester. Our first semester ends on January 19 and the second semester begins on January 22. We have a basketball game scheduled for Saturday, January 20. When may she begin competing in interscholastic basketball contests?

Answer: In accord with MSHSAA By-Law 2.3.10, if this student meets the academic requirement at the close of the first semester, she becomes eligible the fifth day classes are attended the second semester. In this specific case, she would become eligible to participate in interscholastic contests as of Friday, January 26.

Conversely, a student who is eligible the first semester but who fails to pass courses offering 3.00 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credit whichever is greater that semester may compete until the fifth day of classes of the second semester. Using the semester dates above, a student in this situation would become ineligible as of Friday, January 26. (Grades posted later would not mitigate the use of an ineligible player after January 26.)

Exception: If an interscholastic contest is played before the formal opening of school and a student has become academically eligible for the fall semester and is eligible in all other respects he/she may be eligible to participate under this provision provided the student is properly enrolled in the member school. (By-Laws 2.3.10 and 2.3.11)

Question: Our school just won the Class 2 State Softball Championship. Our Booster Club would like to donate money to our school to enable the school to purchase a state championship commemorative ring. Is this permissible under the Amateur and Awards Requirement?

Answer: Yes. The Amateur and Awards Requirement does permit the school to purchase an item of commemorative jewelry for each team member to recognize a specific team accomplishment. It should be noted that only the school may purchase the item. Therefore, the Booster Club must donate the funds directly to the school for appropriate use as determined by the principal. (By-Law 3.6.1)

Question: May a student participate in a non-school sponsored free throw contest during a season he or she is representing his or her school in the sport of basketball or in pass, punt and kick contests during a season he is representing his school in the sport of football?

Answer: Yes. The MSHSAA Board of Directors interprets By-Law 3.13 as not restricting participation in non-school sponsored contests involving individual skills of a team sport such as free throw contests or pass, punt, and kick contests. This interpretation is based on the fact these activities involve only individual skills of a team sport and, as such, would not in themselves constitute a sport per se by normal definition. (By-Law 3.13)

Track & Field Advisory Committee

Held June 6, 2017

1. Recommend their support of the decision that was made at the Class 3-4-5 State Track and Field Championships to delay the event until the weather passed.
2. Recommend alignment of the MSHSAA rule in the Track and Field Manual with the NFHS rule (Rule 4-Article 3) whereas a no-show athlete is disqualified from the no-show event only, and not the entire competition.
3. Recommend increased awareness and education be given to field event judges on our current measuring system.
4. Recommend making a recommendation to district and sectional sites that they allow ¼ inch (7mm) spikes on their tracks, to be in alignment with the state meet.
5. Recommend forming a subcommittee to look at the possibility of running super-districts instead of the current district-sectional format.
6. Recommend that district throw events be flighted with no more than 8 athletes.
7. Recommend enforcing the rule that only the performance marks, listed on the official timing system website, can be used as entry times for districts, and these times must be listed by the deadline (4 p.m. on Wednesday before the meet). The official timing system is to lock down the database so that no further times can be entered.
8. Recommend mandating the use of the double waterfall start in distance races (800m, 1600m, 3200m and 4x800m relay) in all state series (district, sectional and state) meets.

Appeals Committee

Held August 16, 2017

The Appeals Committee heard 12 cases and ruled as follows:

- a. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer and granted restricted eligibility under Transfer Waiver, By-Law 3.10.4.i:
 1. Oakville High School
 2. Ladue Horton Watkins High School
 3. Priory High School
- b. Granted appeal for unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer:
 1. South Shelby High School
 2. Chaminade High School
 3. Lutheran St. Charles High School
 4. Parkway West High School
 5. St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School
- c. Denied appeal to grant eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 2.4 (Semesters), Hardship Provision:
 1. Jefferson City High School
- d. Granted appeals for eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 2.4 (Semesters), Hardship Provision:
 1. Principia High School
 2. Truman High School
- e. Granted appeal for eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 2.6 (Undue Influence), Hardship Provision:
 1. St. Pius X (Festus) High School

Appeals Committee

Held August 30, 2017

Two cases were reviewed and decided on the basis of documentation presented by the Associate Executive Director to the Appeals Committee:

- a. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Transfer Applications and granted restricted eligibility under Transfer Waiver, By-Law 3.10.4.i:
 1. Monett High School
 2. St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School

The Appeals Committee heard 17 cases and ruled as follows:

- a. Granted appeals for unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfers:
 1. Montgomery County High School
 2. Christian High School (Two Student Appeals)
 3. College Heights Christian High School
 4. Neelyville High School
 5. Lafayette (Wildwood) High School
 6. Cardinal Ritter High School (First Student Appeal)
 7. Bishop LeBlond High School
- b. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Transfer Applications and granted restricted eligibility under Transfer Waiver, By-Law 3.10.4.i:
 1. East Newton High School
 2. DeSoto High School
 3. Strafford High School
 4. Cardinal Ritter High School (Second Student Appeal)
 5. Osborn High School
 6. Sacred Heart High School (Two Student Appeals)
- c. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Transfer Applications (transfer deemed as being made for athletic reasons – no eligibility for 365 days):
 1. Eldon High School
- d. Granted appeals for eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 2.3 (Academics), Hardship Provision:
 1. Marquette High School

Leadership Training Institute

The NIAAA certification process and the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) offer athletic administrators a national process to develop leadership and professionalism. All three levels of certification require that one have at least a Bachelor's degree and send an application form and fee to the NIAAA in Indianapolis. The three levels of certification are:

The RAA (Registered Athletic Administrator) which is for those with little or no experience in athletic administration. The RAA level requires that one take LTI 501 and 502, obtain the verifying signature of a sponsor (athletic administrator, principal, superintendent, state athletic/activities association staff), approval of a PDF (Personal Data Form) listing their experience, education, and contributions, and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

The CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator) is for those with two or more years of experience. It requires that one take LTI 501,

502 and 504), approval of the PDF, pass a CAA examination of multiple choice questions with at least 75 correct answers out of 100 questions, employed by (or retired from) a school, school district or state high school athletic/activities association in such capacity that the administration of interscholastic athletics is (was) among job responsibilities, and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

The CMAA (Certified Master Athletic Administrator) is for those with CAA certification. This level of certification requires that one take LTI 501, 502, 504, and 506. Additionally, the candidate must complete a minimum of six (6) LTI electives, three (3) each from Leadership and Management Categories. The candidate must be employed so that administration of interscholastic athletics is/was one's primary responsibility. In addition to approval of the PDF, submit supporting documentation of all requirements and points earned since CAA designation, the candidate must complete a practical written exercise, optional program implementation and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

For certification forms or further information, please contact the NIAAA in Indianapolis at (317) 587-1450.

Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Annual Clinic

The MTCCCA will hold its annual clinic Thursday through Saturday, December 7-9, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The clinic fee is \$100.00 for advanced registration or \$125.00 for registrations received after November 30, 2017. The first 500 people registered for the clinic will receive a free gift! Expanded Continental Breakfast on Friday and Saturday, Hall of Fame Dinner, as well as the socials on Thursday and Friday evening are included in the registration fee. Also included in this fee are your 2018 membership dues. Additional information, clinic speakers, online registration and hotel reservations can be obtained by going to the MTCCCA Clinic website located at:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2031940>

Interschool Scrimmages Not Permitted Before First Possible Contest

By-Law 3.16.5 defines a game as any organized play between teams not of the same school. Whether or not officials are hired, admission charged, etc., are not factors in determining whether the play constitutes a game. So-called "scrimmage games" cannot be played before the date of the first allowable contest and such competition must be counted as a game on the school's schedule. Also, they may be played only if the school has not scheduled the maximum number of games allowed. This By-Law applies to all sports and all sport seasons.

The only exception to this is a new allowance for one Pre-Season Interschool Scrimmage in team sports (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball) under certain defined conditions listed in By-Law 3.16.6 and Board Policy 25.

MSHSAA Catastrophic Insurance and Successful Prevention Techniques

School administrators are reminded to be certain to file appropriate claims for potential catastrophic injuries. The current policy is presented by Mutual of Omaha. Coverage is an excess medical plan. For a more detailed description of the benefits of this policy, please refer to the summary sheet highlighting the benefits provided to all MSHSAA member schools in the August packet mailing. It should be noted that this plan does not include any liability coverage as it serves as medical only.

Along with securing the catastrophic medical coverage for their students, it is imperative that school staffs have in place a solid risk management program. Facilities and equipment should be kept in good condition. Annual review of good risk management, standard operating procedures for injuries and first aid should occur with all staff. A continuing review of school policy for security, conduct of players, coaches and fans should occur.

Insurance will address the results of a situation. However, good planning and proper risk management are the only successful prevention techniques.

Length of Middle Level/Junior High Seasons

MSHSAA By-Law 3.29 permits flexible scheduling of middle level/junior high school sports seasons at any time during the school year to enable member schools to best utilize school facilities and coaching staffs.

The By-Law specifies that the sports seasons shall be 12 consecutive calendar weeks in length, beginning with the first organized practice with any part of a sports squad and ending with the last interscholastic contest in the sport concerned. It further provides that the sports season may be extended to a maximum of 14 consecutive calendar weeks in length whenever the Christmas/winter holiday period falls within the sports season. The sports season for 7th and 8th grade teams shall begin no earlier than the Monday of Standardized Calendar week Number Seven, and end with the last day of school in the spring.

Schools are reminded that a calendar week is interpreted as beginning with a Monday and ending with the following Sunday. Any part of a calendar week shall count as a full week. For example, if the junior high school basketball season culminates with a tournament which ends on a Tuesday, this entire calendar week would count as one of the 12-14 allowable weeks. In other words, a school could not have 12-14 weeks in addition to the tournament just because a season ended in the middle of a calendar week, in this case on Tuesday.

This provision for the scheduling of middle level/junior high school sports seasons has generally worked very well for member schools. However, from time to time, there has been some confusion in the application of this By-Law to the sport of basketball, particularly where a ninth grade student begins the season playing on a junior high school team and, at the end of the junior high season, moves up and plays as a member of a senior high school junior varsity or varsity team.

If a 9th grade basketball sports season is scheduled either concurrently with the senior high school season or so that it overlaps the beginning of the senior high school basketball season, individual ninth grade students may move up at the end of the junior high school season to play as a member of the senior high school junior varsity or varsity team. In such situations, the

individual student may not participate in more than the total number of games (quarters) and tournaments equal to that played by the high school team on which the student plays and may not participate in a total number of weeks that exceeds that of the senior high school season. A ninth grade student in the situation described above could participate in a maximum of 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks, based upon the classification of the high school, from the first practice date of the first team on which the ninth grade student plays to last contest (or practice) for the last team on which the ninth grade student plays. In either case (quarters and tournaments or length of season), once the maximum is reached, the student must discontinue participation in both practices and game competition.

Any ninth grade student that plays with seventh and eighth grade students on a junior high/middle school basketball team must begin his/her 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks length of season as of the first practice day of the seventh and eighth graders whether these ninth graders are competing in another sport at that time or decide for whatever reason to come out late for the junior high/middle school team. The ninth grade students may move up and play with the senior high team when the junior high/middle school season concludes, but these ninth graders are limited by 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks and the games (quarters) and tournament limits of their high school team. Once one of these limits is reached, the affected ninth grade student may no longer practice or compete with any school team. Ninth grade students may begin practice with the high school team on the first allowable high school practice date, but may not have practiced or competed with or against seventh and eighth graders earlier.

It is important all principals, athletic directors, and coaches who are responsible for middle level/junior high school and freshmen athletic programs be aware of these provisions so they may take advantage of and benefit from the flexible scheduling allowed in these school programs. At the same time administrators will be able to protect and maintain the eligibility of students who will be involved in these programs.

Future Board of Directors and Appeals Committee Meeting Dates and Sites

The following dates have been set for meetings of the MSHSAA Board of Directors and Appeals Committee for the 2017-2018 school year: School administrators and coaches are reminded of how important it is to have your transfer forms and supporting documentation supplied to the MSHSAA office a minimum of two weeks before the Appeals Committee meeting.

Board of Directors

- November 29-30, 2017 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed.-Thu. of Week 22)
- January 24-25, 2018 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed.-Thu. of Week 30)
- March 7, 2018 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed.-Thu. of Week 36)
- April 6-7, 2018 - Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach (Fri.-Sat. of Week 40)
- June 13, 2018 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed. of Week 50)

All meetings shall begin at 8:30 a.m. with the exception of April 6, 2018 meeting which shall begin at 1:00 p.m.

Appeals Committee

- November 14, 2017 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Tue. of Week 20)
- March 13, 2018 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Tue. of Week 37)

All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

Anyone attending a meeting in the MSHSAA office who requires auxiliary aids or services should request such services by contacting the executive director of the MSHSAA, telephone (573) 875-4880, no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Hearings of student eligibility shall be closed as matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student's educational record will be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. All other portions of all meetings are open.

For more details on the sites and times of the meetings, contact the MSHSAA office or MSHSAA web site at www.mshsaa.org.

Volleyball Advisory Committee

November 9, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Soccer Advisory Committee

November 15, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Cross Country Advisory Committee

November 16, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Public/Nonpublic Advisory Committee

November 16, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Middle Level Advisory Committee

December 6, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Constitution Study Committee

December 7, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Football Advisory Committee

December 14, 2017, MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Liaison Committee

February 6, 2018

Athletic Directors Advisory Committee

February 7, 2018

Important Information About NCAA Initial-Eligibility Changes

If you would like to read about NCAA Requirements, or to see the specific core-course breakdown, please visit one of the following web sites:

www.ncaa.org

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Questions or comments about the new rules may be submitted to: academics@ncaa.org.

Colleges will only accept ACT scores received from the national ACT office.

Multiple-Game Events Conducted in Missouri (MSHSAA By-Law 3.18.7)

The following provisions must be met in multiple-game events conducted in Missouri in the sports of basketball, soccer and football organized by a college or university, a member school(s), or a non-school entity co-sponsored by an MSHSAA member school in order for MSHSAA member schools to participate:

a. In all games involving MSHSAA member schools (one or both opponents), the designated host school shall be an MSHSAA member school, or the event organizer can designate an MSHSAA member school as the host of the overall event. If an MSHSAA member school is designated as the overall host of the event (i.e. initiating contracts between schools for all games, contracting all game officials and other administrative responsibilities), this overall event host school shall file a detailed financial summary of the event with the participating schools and the MSHSAA Office.

b. Game officials shall be approved by the participating schools, contracted directly by the host school administration, and registered with the MSHSAA in accord with By-Law 6.1.2.

c. All schools participating against MSHSAA member schools shall meet the provisions of 3.18.1. It is the responsibility of the MSHSAA member host school to confirm this status of the opposing school(s).

d. The event organizer shall file a financial report with the MSHSAA office within 90 days following the event. This is the responsibility of the event organizer. When a high school contest is held "in conjunction" with an intercollegiate contest(s), a financial report is not necessary.

e. Games that involve schools from other states may have state association requirements that are beyond these listed above. It is the responsibility of the MSHSAA member host school(s) and the event organizer to insure that these rules and all those previously mentioned are met.

f. The event organizer shall insure that the multiple-game event conducted in Missouri is approved at least 90 days in advance by MSHSAA (and the NFHS, if necessary).

g. A tournament or meet sponsored by a college or university involving only Missouri schools, must adhere to the above standards and shall have the approval of the Board of Directors (via Non-School Sponsored Event Sanctioning Procedure) the a minimum of 30 days prior to the first date of the event.

Editor's Note: A contest is "in conjunction" with an intercollegiate contest if the college and the high school events are conducted in the same sessions, tickets are sold as a single event, and the playing facility is not cleared between the contests. Items d and e reflect NCAA requirements."

School Administration Responsible for Fans at Home and Away Contests

By-Law 5.5.1 makes no distinction of whether a school is the visiting or home school as far as unsportsmanlike conduct is concerned. The school's administration is responsible for the conduct of its team, coaches, students and fans at any interscholastic event in which the school is participating.

The failure to uphold proper standards of conduct causes much of the criticism and adverse publicity of interscholastic athletic events. Furthermore, improper conduct hinders the achievement of the educational values derived from athletics. Only with the conscientious effort of all administrators, coaches, fans, and players can we achieve the most worthwhile objectives of interscholastic athletics.

Annual Questionnaire to be Circulated in February

Each year, a questionnaire is prepared by the MSHSAA executive staff and distributed to member schools in early February. Items are placed on the annual questionnaire by the Board of Directors for the purpose of obtaining a consensus from member schools which will aid the Board in determining changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and in the regulations governing the administration of district and state events which are desired by the membership.

The annual questionnaire will be online. School administrators are urged to discuss items included on the questionnaire with staff members whose programs would be affected to get their input before completing and returning the questionnaire.

The Board of Directors relies quite extensively on the responses received to the questionnaire items when making important decisions that affect your interscholastic program. All administrators are urged to participate in this decision making process of your association by completing and returning the questionnaire.

Missouri Represented on National Federation Committees

The NFHS sponsors several national committees. The majority of these committees are committed to the formation and adoption of rules regulating specific interscholastic sports. The state of Missouri is well represented on the various committees. A hearty congratulation is extended to the following individuals for their involvement on these committees.

<u>Representative</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Kevin Garner	MSHSAA Staff	Basketball Rules Committee
Dawn Callahan	Parkway West	Field Hockey Rules Committee
Greg Stahl	MSHSAA Staff	Football Rules Committee
Edward J. Moreno	Hillsboro	National Athletic Director Conference Advisory Committee
Stacy Schroeder	MSHSAA Staff	Swimming and Diving Rules Committee
Kerwin Urhahn	MSHSAA Staff	NFHS Board of Directors & NFHS National Council and Technology Committee

Area Meetings

This year the MSHSAA staff shall be conducting Area Meetings across the state to gather input and discuss important issues facing the membership. These meetings have proved to be extremely helpful to your Board of Directors and the MSHSAA staff. The meetings will be held during January. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and end promptly at 11 a.m. Background information for the topics will be distributed at each site.

It is very important for superintendents, principals and athletic administrators to attend the meetings and take part in the developing role of your association and the events being sponsored for our students. Many issues have a fiscal impact on schools and the association as well as an impact on instructional time. The MSHSAA Board and staff look forward to seeing you at one of the eight sites.



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Weight-Control Requirements in Wrestling

If a coach enters a wrestler into competition against another school prior to that wrestler's name appearing on the school's Alpha List the coach has used an ineligible wrestler. **PENALTY:** 1) That match is forfeited; 2) The coach is ineligible to coach at the next contest at the same level – just as if he had been ejected; and 3) The wrestler is ineligible to wrestle at the next contest at the same level, after having his weight assessed, - just as if he had been ejected.

Each wrestler is required to make scratch weight, at least once, during the regular season once he/she has reached the minimum weight class they plan to wrestle in the District Tournament as determined by their weight management plan. The deadline for a wrestler to weigh-in at scratch weight is January 14, 2017. **Exception: A wrestler who has not been medically released due to injury or an ineligible wrestler gaining eligibility must first complete the weight management assessment by a MSHSAA approved Assessor. The weight class in which the wrestler officially weighs in at for the first time, making scratch weight, on or after January 15 will be considered his/her minimum wrestling weight. All wrestlers qualifying for the exception are required to meet the first weigh-in requirement on or before the Saturday of Week 31 of the Standardized Calendar(February 3, 2017).**

If using the Weight Certification Exception, the school AD and Coach are required to print off the Weight Certification Exception Document located on the Wrestling page of the MSHSAA website, The document must be completed entirely and submitted to the MSHSAA office to the attention of the Assistant Executive Director of Wrestling.

A 2lb. growth allowance will begin on January 15, 2017.

Wrestling Tournament Reminders

Every year the MSHSAA receives numerous questions about what is permitted and what is not concerning wrestling tournaments. For example, a frequently asked question is how many matches can a wrestler participate in during a tournament? The answer is a maximum of five matches each day of the tournament, excluding forfeits. The following items should answer most questions:

- Tournament Definition: "Any event in which awards are given and /or a champion is determined by any means or any format that involves five (5) or more teams, at one site, on any given date. All other contests at one site, on any given date will count as one non-tournament event." By Law 3.26.1
- Senior High School Wrestling Teams may compete in 15 events (no more than 6 of which may be tournaments).
- There is no limit on the number of teams participating in a tournament provided no team will compete on more than one school day.
- No wrestler shall compete in more than 50 matches, excluding forfeits, prior to the district tournament.



2017 MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships

• The MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships will be held at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, February 15-17, 2018, using a double-elimination format with complete wrestlebacks to sixth place with a total of 16 qualifiers in each weight class.

- Tickets: \$9 per session (good for one entry to the facility)
- Time Schedule:

Session 1: Thursday, 10:00 a.m. (Class 1 & 2 first round and first-round wrestlebacks)

Session 2: Thursday, 5:00 p.m. (Class 3 & 4 first round and first-round wrestlebacks)

Session 3: Friday, 9:30 a.m. (Quarterfinals, second-round wrestlebacks, Semifinals and third-round wrestlebacks)

Session 4: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Fourth-round wrestlebacks, third-place and fifth-place matches)

Session 5: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (Finals)

• The district tournament will be held February 9-10, 2017 and will be two-day tournaments comprised of approximately 14-15 schools in each district. The top four place finishers in each weight class will advance directly to the state tournament. If at the district seeding meeting it is determined that there are no more than nine wrestlers in each weight class, the district tournament shall be held on Saturday only.

WINTER ATHLETICS

2017-18 Basketball Schedule

All high schools participating in boys and/or girls basketball please note. Listed below are the pertinent dates associated with the 2017-18 Basketball Season:

First Possible Practice All Classes	October 30
Pre-Season Scrimmages	After 9th Practice Prior to First Game
First Possible Contest All Classes	November 17
District Tournaments Class 1, 2, and 3	February 17-24
District Tournaments Class 4 and 5	February 24-March 3
Class 1 Sectional Games	February 27
Class 2 and 3 Sectional Games	February 28
Class 1, 2, and 3 Quarterfinal Games	March 3
Class 4 Sectional Games	March 6
Class 5 Sectional Games	March 7
Class 4 and 5 Quarterfinal Games	March 10
Show-Me Showdown I	March 8-10
Show-Me Showdown II	March 15-17

If there are any questions, please contact Kevin Garner at the MSHSAA Office (573) 875-4880.



Mandatory 28-Foot Coaches Boxes on Basketball Court

It has come to the attention of the MSHSAA that there are numerous MSHSAA member schools that have gymnasiums with basketball courts that do not have the mandatory coaches boxes marked in paint on their court. There is a mandatory basketball game rule that involves these coaches boxes that must appear on the court.

Therefore, on all basketball courts that do not have these mandatory coaches boxes painted on the court, it is the responsibility of the host game management to place temporary strips of tape on the court before an interscholastic contest may begin. Officials are instructed not to begin any interscholastic contest until there are visible coaches boxes on the basketball court. These coaches boxes are to be located 28 feet from each baseline unless an alternative location is approved in writing by the MSHSAA. Cooperation between MSHSAA member school host game management and game officials is appreciated and expected to insure the required twenty-eight foot coaches boxes are present on all interscholastic basketball courts.

Holiday (Thanksgiving or Christmas) Basketball Tournament Regulation Reminder

All member schools should review MSHSAA By-Law 3.18 (Tournament, Meet, and Multiple-game Event Sanctioning Regulations) to insure that all provisions of the regulation are being met as they apply to all sports. Particular attention should be directed to the specific regulations regarding the conducting of a Christmas or Thanksgiving holiday tournament. It is important that all member schools are familiar with these provisions if they plan to host a holiday tournament or before they accept an invitation to participate in one. Listed below are two important specific reminders:

1. A tournament held during the Christmas or Thanksgiving holidays can include no more than 16 schools on a bracket that is scheduled so no school will compete on more than one school night preceding a school day, and that causes no loss of school time.
2. A tournament held during the Christmas holidays that begins no earlier than the day following Christmas Day and ends before any school entered resumes classes following the holidays may consist of two divisions with no more than 16 teams in each division competing for divisional honors only or three divisions with no more than 8 teams in each division competing for divisional honors only.

If you have any questions about MSHSAA By-Law 3.18, call the MSHSAA for further clarification.

Basketball Players Restricted to Playing in Six Quarters on One Day

Coaches are reminded that MSHSAA By-Law 3.21.1 restricts basketball players from participating in more than six quarters on one calendar date. If a participant plays in a previous game on the same day or evening (either the junior varsity preliminary or some other game that day) then the total number of quarters in both games may not be greater than six. For example, a player who was in three quarters of the junior varsity contest may participate in three quarters of the varsity game.

This is an eligibility standard. Thus, the game officials have no authority to become involved in matters relating to the six quarter rule. Coaches and bench personnel (scorers) should discuss in advance of the varsity contest the number of quarters each boy and girl may play.

The minimum penalty for using a player for more than six quarters on a calendar date is forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurs. Over the course of a season, a player may play no more quarters than six times the number of games scheduled for the highest team on which he/she plays plus the allowable tournaments. This could be 120 quarters, if the team schedules 20 games and one tournament; 108 quarters, if the team schedules 18 games and two tournaments; or 96 quarters if the team schedules 16 games and three tournaments.

2017-18 Basketball Game Timing Rule

The Basketball Game Timing Rule shall be used for all interscholastic games both boys and girls, including high school varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, and all junior high contests. A running clock shall be used when after the end of the third quarter there is a point differential of 30 points or more. The clock will be stopped only under the following conditions:

1. Charged time-out
2. Injury time-out
3. To confer with scorers or timers, if necessary
4. Because of unusual delay in getting a dead ball alive
5. To administer all technical, intentional, flagrant and disqualifying fifth personal fouls
6. For any emergency

After these clock stoppages, the clock will begin to run again with normal play resuming procedures. If during the fourth quarter the point differential drops below 30 points, normal timing will resume until the 30 point differential has been reached again or the game ends.

2018 Show-Me Showdown

SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I SCHEDULE

**Classes 1, 2, and 3 – March 8-10, 2018
Missouri State University**

JQH ARENA

Session 1: Thursday, March 8, Classes 2
3:30 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 2)
5:10 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 2)
6:50 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 2)
8:30 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 2)

JQH ARENA

Session 2a: Friday, March 9, Classes 1 & 2
11:00 a.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 1)
12:50 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 1)
2:40 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 2)
4:30 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 2)
6:20 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 1)
8:10 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 1)

HAMMONS STUDENT CENTER

Session 2b: Friday, March 9, Classes 2 & 3
11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 2)
12:50 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 2)
2:40 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 3)
4:30 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 3)
6:20 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 3)
8:10 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 3)

JQH ARENA

Session 3a: Saturday, March 10, Classes 3 & 1
11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 3)
12:50 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 3)
2:40 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 1)
4:30 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 1)
6:20 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 3)
8:10 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 3)

HAMMONS STUDENT CENTER

Session 3b: Saturday, March 10, Classes 1
11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 1)
12:50 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 1)



SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II SCHEDULE

**Classes 4 and 5 – March 15-17, 2018
Missouri State University**

JQH ARENA

Session 1: Thursday, March 15, Class 5
3:30 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 5)
5:10 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 5)
6:50 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 5)
8:30 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 5)

JQH ARENA

Session 2: Friday, March 16, Classes 4 & 5
11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 5)
12:45 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 5)
2:30 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 4)
4:15 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 4)
6:00 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 4)
7:45 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 4)

JQH ARENA

Session 3: Saturday, March 17, Classes 4 & 5
11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 4)
12:50 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 4)
2:40 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 5)
4:30 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 5)
6:20 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 4)
8:10 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 4)



Team Shall Not be Removed in Protest

The attention of coaches is called to MSHSAA By-Law Section 5.5.2 which provides that a school whose coach removes a team from play in protest may be required to appear before the Board of Directors at its next meeting to show reason why the school shall not be suspended. Removal of a team in protest is considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct. If an emergency occurs of some type that would make it advisable to discontinue the contest this should be done by mutual agreement of the two schools and the officials. If done in protest, the provisions of By-Law Section 5.5.2 will apply.

Official Scorer for Basketball Apparel Requirement

The NFHS basketball rules committee implemented Rule 2-11-2 which now requires the official scorer to wear a black-and-white vertically striped garment. This is a 9-12 rule and is not a requirement but an option at the JH level. The NFHS rules committee felt that players, coaches and officials need to be able to quickly and easily identify the official scorer. Requiring the scorer to wear a striped garment will assist in this regard. In addition, wearing a striped garment will make the scorer look more professional.

WINTER ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

Behavioral Warning

The NFHS basketball rules committee implemented rule 4-48 for the 2017-18 school year. This new rule allows an official to issue a warning to a coach/team for misconduct prior to having to issue a technical. A team can only receive one warning during the game but if the behavior by the coach/team is major an official can bypass the warning and go straight to issuing a technical foul. Warnings may only be given for conduct in: 10-5-1 (a, b, d, e and f), and 10-5-2 and 10-5-4 and 10-6-1. Warnings CANNOT be given for 10-5-1c (profanity) or if gestures in 10-5-1 (e) implies profanity or 10-5-3 (alcohol, etc.). When coaches continue to show disregard for the coaches box and disrespect for officials, officials shall: (1) Stop the play. (2) Tell the coach: "you have been warned" or "this is your official warning." (3) Have the warning recorded in the official book. Include the time of the warning. (4) No further warnings may be issued for that coach/team. (5) The next issue shall equal a technical foul and warnings are not necessary before a technical foul is called.

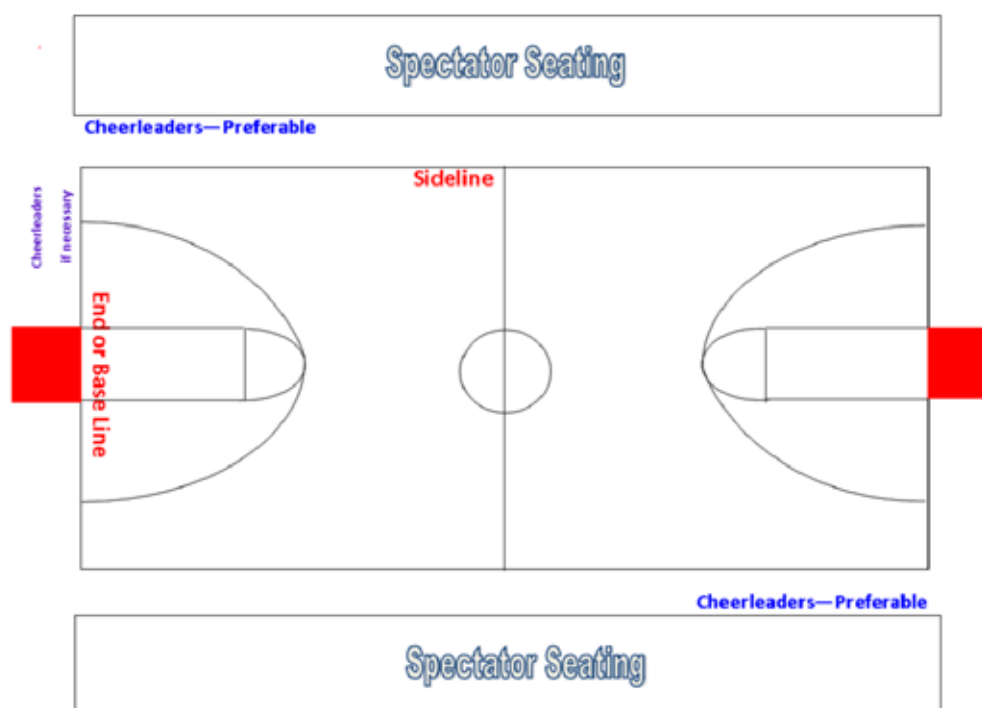
Stomping of Bleachers

Large numbers of fans standing on and stomping bleachers in rhythm can create a physical hazard. Stomping adds additional physical strain which can conceivably cause the bleachers to collapse. This is particularly true of temporary bleachers erected for outdoor events and rollout bleachers used in gymnasiums. It is strongly recommended to all school administrators that steps be taken to eliminate the stomping of bleachers. Schools should be aware of the possible damage to the school property and the potential physical dangers to spectators in establishing any policies in this regard.

Placement of Sideline Cheer Squads During Basketball Contests

Sideline cheer coaches should coordinate the placement of the sideline cheer squads at basketball contests with the school athletic administrator or building principal. When possible, it is suggested that the squads should cheer along the sidelines close to the intersection of the sideline and baseline. If space does **not** permit, the squad should be located along the baseline but **not** beneath the basket or within the area of the free throw lane lines extended. In all locations the squad should be back at least three or four feet from the boundary lines.

Sideline cheerleaders should always be aware of the actions occurring in the contest and be prepared to move as play advances toward them. The squad should also be attentive to the movement of the contest officials to be certain they do not interfere with their officiating responsibilities.



Participation of Bands at Basketball Contests

Part of the excitement at many of our interscholastic basketball contests involves the spirited music supplied by a pep or jazz band. The performances of the musical group are enjoyed by all attending the game. To ensure full appreciation of the group's performances certain guidelines, indicating when to play, should be followed. Band directors are reminded that as a courtesy to the teams and cheerleaders of both schools, the performances by the band should be limited to a certain schedule. The guidelines listed below indicate an appropriate playing schedule for the band.

The band director and his/her performing group will display courtesy and respect to the players and sideline cheerleaders by playing at specific times. With good planning and cooperation the school pep band will be an integral part of the excitement and spirit of the contests.

Guidelines for bands performing at basketball contests:

- The band should play before the game begins. The director should coordinate the schedule so that team members may be announced if desired by the host school.
- The band should play at halftime of the contest.
- The band should play in-between contests, again coordinating this schedule so that team members may be announced.
- The band may play at the end of the contest if desired.
- The band should not play during time-outs or the break between quarters in order to allow the sideline cheerleaders the opportunity to lead cheers. Players and coaches need to be able to communicate with each other during time-outs.
- Musical instruments may not be used as noise makers during the contests.

MSHSAA Music Adjudicator Training Session

The MSHSAA will sponsor one music adjudicator training session this school year. It will be held at the MMEA Conference on Wednesday, January 26, 2018. If you would like to register for this session, simply complete the registration form located on the MSHSAA website under the 'Music Activities' link and return it to MSHSAA. This program was developed by the MSHSAA Adjudicator Training Committee. The committee, which included music educators and experienced music adjudicators, was appointed by the MSHSAA Board of Directors as a result of a recommendation by the MSHSAA Music Advisory Committee. The main reason for embarking on the program was to bring about improved consistency among adjudicators statewide. The specific objectives of the program as identified by the committee are:

- To make the adjudication process a constructive and educational experience for all participants in the MSHSAA Evaluative Music Festivals.
- To establish a consistent evaluation process by adjudicators at all MSHSAA Music Festivals.
- To establish an ongoing system of certification for music adjudicators.
- To establish an ongoing system of evaluation for music adjudicator.

This session is open to any music educator at no charge. In order to be certified to judge at the MSHSAA festivals, it is a requirement that the attendees have 7 years of teaching experience. Music educators with less than 7 years teaching experience are welcome to attend and would likely find the session beneficial. Again, to register, simply complete and return the registration form available on the MSHSAA website under the link 'music activities'. Registration deadline is January 8, 2018.



Procedure for Late Submission of Music Entries

The following procedure has been approved by the MSHSAA Board of Directors regarding late fees for the MSHSAA District and State Music Festivals. This information is also available in Section 2-I of the MSHSAA Music Manual. The music manual is available for viewing and/or printing via the MSHSAA website under the Music Activities link.

Each music district has established a Tuesday entry deadline date. Deadline information is available through the MSHSAA Festival Manager Program and the MSHSAA website. Any director that fails to submit entry(s) or has left off entry(s) after the established Tuesday deadline may submit these entry(s) by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday immediately following the Tuesday district deadline. Any school submitting entry(s) after the Tuesday deadline shall be assessed a late fee of \$100 plus a doubling of the entry fee(s). The MSHSAA Office shall be notified by phone before any late entry(s) are accepted. (Section 2-I-1)

Once the **second penalty deadline** has passed and the school music director has failed to enter one or more events for the district or state solo/small ensemble and/or large group festival the director may enter the event(s) under the following conditions. (Section 2-I-2)

1. Only entries that were omitted after the penalty deadline are eligible to enter. No scratches and/or cancellations will be allowed to enter. Only events that did not appear on any previously submitted entry form are eligible. The school music director must phone the MSHSAA office for approval **prior** to submitting a late entry form.
2. A late entry fee of **\$300 PER EVENT** will be assessed to the school.

3. The festival manager will be notified by the MSHSAA office advising them of the late entry or entries. This will allow the festival manager to schedule the event(s) to the festival schedule and print the necessary evaluation form(s).
4. Each late entry will be scheduled at the end of the day. It is at the discretion of the festival manager to place the late entry in an earlier time slot **IF** one is available. If there are no cancellations the event shall be scheduled at the end of the day.
5. Schools will only be allowed to submit late entries to the district in which their school has been assigned. No school will be allowed to participate in a different district festival or state festival day.

School directors and administrators should note that changes in entries submitted are only possible as specified below.

Entry changes and additions to previously submitted entries: Entry changes and additions to previously submitted entries can be made **prior** to the stated district entry deadline. Once the district entry deadline has passed, entries will only be accepted as outlined above.

After the district entry deadline date has passed, changes to previously submitted entries shall be permitted as follows:

- Selection changes for entries: Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Cancellations: Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Substitution of participants in small ensembles. Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.

- After the district entry deadline date has passed, changes to previously submitted entries shall **NOT** be permitted as follows:
- Adding entries: Entries not listed on the previously submitted computer entries cannot be accepted after the district festival has commenced. Refer to Section 2-I (Late Submission of Music Entries)
- Substituting an entry for a cancelled entry
- Verbal notification of substitution in a small ensemble
- Verbal notification of selection changes
- Verbal notification of cancelled entries

A substitution may be made in an ensemble at the district festival for participants who are ill or are unable to perform on the date of the festival provided a written statement of verification is signed by the school director and is provided to the festival manager **prior** to the performance. Confirmation of eligibility of the substitution must be submitted following the festival signed by the school principal. The rating shall be withheld until confirmation of eligibility is received from the school principal.

If no confirmation is received within 72 hours of the festival the event shall be disqualified. The substitute must adhere to the limitations on entries as listed in the MSHSAA Music Manual. If a substitution is made at the district level and the entry qualifies for the state festival, the entry would be required to perform at the state festival with the students that performed at district unless an emergency substitution is necessary at state. An emergency would include but is not limited to sudden illness, medical or family emergencies.

District or state schedules shall not be altered without consent of the festival manager. Penalty for the violation shall be disqualification of the entry/entries involved. Changes in the state schedule shall **not** be made unless a direct schedule conflict exists.

How to Avoid Problems and Penalty Fees at District and State Music Festivals

Each year, there are numerous problems that develop regarding music festival entries. In order to avoid possible problems directors must be knowledgeable of MSHSAA policies, procedures, and rules. While these policies, procedures, and rules are provided to the school each year in the MSHSAA Music Manual, directors are not always as diligent as they should be to become informed. The result is often an unfortunate and unpleasant situation that could have been avoided with better preparation on the part of the directors. The following is an appropriate procedure for directors to follow which should help to prevent problems.

Early in the school year, the school administrator shall complete the required eligibility roster for all music students that will be participating in competitive/evaluation music events during the academic year. The eligibility roster must be completed online through the MSHSAA website www.mshsaa.org. This must be done prior to the first competitive/evaluative music event of the school year. List only those students that meet the student eligibility requirements of MSHSAA as well as those of the school. Any student who does not meet the requirements is not eligible and cannot be listed. This procedure will be repeated at the beginning

of second semester and any changes to the eligibility roster notated. This will address student eligibility for all competitive/evaluative music events for the school year including the district and state music festival. This is a separate roster from the Festival Manager Program. The Festival Manager Program roster is used only for the MSHSAA District and State Music Festivals.

In August, a packet should have been received by the school athletic administrator of the MSHSAA member schools registered to participate in music activities, with instructions to forward to the music directors. This packet contained information regarding registration with the MSHSAA Festival Manager Program as well as general information about the festival manager program. The music manual is available on the MSHSAA website under the 'Music Activities' link. This will allow each music director to print and have their own copy for review at any time. Please take the time to read it completely. New wording has been underlined, areas of emphasis appear in bold text and all penalties appear in gray boxes. It is the director's responsibility to know, understand and follow the stated rules for the festival and to communicate this information to students and parents.



In order to avoid some of the most common problems, pay particular attention to the following areas:

- **Entry deadline dates and late entry procedures:** One problem that occurs each year is late entries. The Music Advisory Committee has spent a great amount of time discussing this procedure. The policy appears in the MSHSAA Music Manual under Section 2-1. Refer to article Procedure for Late Submission of Music Entries located elsewhere in this Journal.
- **Limitations on entries:** An individual student may enter no more than two small vocal ensembles, no more than two wind/percussion small ensembles and no more than two string small ensembles. No student shall enter two identical ensembles (i.e. ensembles with the same instrumentation or voicing). A student can also perform one vocal solo and a maximum of two wind, percussion or string solos (piano solos are not included).
- **Performance time limits:** Another area of which directors must be knowledgeable is the minimum performance time limit. Solo and small ensemble performances shall be a minimum of 3 minutes. If a performance is less than 3 minutes in length, an additional work should be chosen from the MSHSAA Prescribed Graded List to bring performance to at least 3 minutes. A penalty of "one rating lower" shall be imposed for any solo/small ensembles that perform less than 3 minutes.
- **Scores:** For small ensemble entries, the adjudicator must be supplied an original publication of the score of the work with each measure numbered. If a score is not published, contact the publisher and request permission to create one. Separate parts or an incomplete score will not be allowed and will result in the rating being lowered one rank. Exception: For string duets only, if no score of the work is available and the music publisher will not grant permission to create a score, then individual parts may be provided to the adjudicator.
- **Accompaniment:** Accompaniment is required if one is written for the work selected but cannot be used if the work is to be unaccompanied. Also, an individual serving as an accompanist may only accompany up to 20 performances per day at the festival.
- **Supervision:** As the entries at the festival are school entries, it is required that students be accompanied and supervised at the festivals by a member of the faculty or administration of the school or school district. If no faculty member is present, the school's entries will be considered disqualifications.

While these areas are not all-inclusive of possible pitfalls, they should be of help to directors to prevent many possible problems. It is imperative that directors be knowledgeable of the rules of the festival. We owe it to our students to prevent problems and teach them that rules exist for good reasons and must be followed.

Show-Me Scholar Bowl Question Provider

The question provider for the 2017-18 MSHSAA Scholar Bowl districts and state series will be National Academic Quiz Tournaments. Should schools wish to purchase practice questions, simply contact National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC via their website: NAQT.com.

Last Year's Scholar Bowl Questions Available for Purchase

The questions which were used at the 2016-17 MSHSAA Scholar Bowl District and State tournaments, written by National Academic Quiz Tournaments, are available for purchase from the MSHSAA. The price for a set of these questions is \$50.00 plus shipping and handling for 8 games (5 District + 3 Sectional games) or \$100.00 plus shipping and handling for 18 games (5 District + 3 Sectional + 10 State Games). Schools that are interested in purchasing these questions must contact MSHSAA by phone or mail (the questions are included on the MSHSAA order form located on the website).

The question provider for the 2017-18 Scholar Bowl district and state tournament series is National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC, and these questions will be available for purchase following this year's State Championships.

2017 State Cross Country Officials

David Allen (Rocky Mount), Dave Carlson (Columbia), Randy Crowe (Owensville), Emry Dilday (Springfield), Tom Emmel (Jefferson City), Donald Harris (Cape Girardeau), Dean Hays (Hardin), Craig Kammien (St. Louis), Dennis Lickliger (Holts Summit), Alan Luebbert (Fulton), Mark Ness (Cuba), Andy Phipps (Gower), Jason Pyrah (Willard), Chris Rebello (Excelsior Springs), Mike Reece (Ash Grove), Steve Serniak (Insbrook), Clark Swisher (Columbia), Donnie Thomas (Jefferson City), Scott Thomas (Boonville), Jim Thomson (Richmond Heights), Elizabeth Wallace (Louisiana), Charley Welker (Monroe City), and Ron Whittaker (Mexico).

2016-17 NFHS Coaches Association Coaches of the Year

Annually, the NFHS Coaches Association recognizes - by sport - outstanding coaches within each state. These individuals have been selected based upon their knowledge and dedication to their sports. They have made numerous contributions to their sport within our state. The NFHS Coaches Association recognizes the importance of addressing coaching in the interscholastic arena in a professional manner and benefits from membership in the largest coaches association in the United States.

The MSHSAA is proud to congratulate the following coaches and to say thank you for your effort and contribution to secondary school sports in our state.

James Hoffman	Aurora HS	Baseball
Altonio Irons	Vashon HS	Boys Basketball
Kevin Cheek	Skyline HS	Girls Basketball
Andy Youngworth	Carthage HS	Boys Cross Country
Andrea Talley	Jackson HS	Girls Cross Country
Derrek Uhl	Monett HS	Football
Chad Sullenger	Gallatin HS	Boys Golf
Mark Moore	Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) HS	Girls Golf
Chris Kappler	Rockwood Summit HS	Boys Soccer
Ryan D Schweain	Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) HS	Girls Soccer
Dale Bean	Strafford HS	Softball
Dayna Powell	Central (Cape Girardeau) HS	Boys Swimming and Diving
Todd Gabel	Lafayette (Wildwood) HS	Girls Swimming and Diving
Ben Loeb	Rock Bridge HS	Boys Tennis
Todd Wilson	Lee's Summit West HS	Girls Tennis
Joe Porter	St. Louis University HS	Boys Track and Field
John Tucker	New Haven HS	Girls Track and Field
Carol Reinitz	Lutheran South HS	Volleyball
Gary Mayabb	Staley HS	Wrestling

Mark Lawley Receives NFHS Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award

Each year, the NFHS Music Association gives its Outstanding Music Educator of the Year award to one recipient in each state. This year, MSHSAA is please to recognize Mark Lawley, of Springfield, Missouri, as the 2017-2018 Missouri state award recipient.

Mark earned his Bachelor of Music Education at Evangel University and a Master of Music in Conducting at Missouri State University. His first 25 years were spent teaching secondary music at Willard High School where his students consistently earned superior ratings at the MSHSAA District and State Music Festivals. Mark then severed 4 years as Director of Music Education at Drury University where he was recognized by two Judge White Scholars who identified him as the faculty member who had the greatest impact on their education during their freshman year. After serving as Director of Choral Activities at Missouri Baptist University Mark now serves as the Director of Choirs and Department Chair at New Covenant Academy High School in Springfield.

He has received numerous honors and awards and under Lawley's direction his ensembles have performed at local, state, regional and national events.

In 2008, Lawley founded the Boys Choir of Springfield Choral Festival. This festival has grown into a 3 day event welcoming hundreds of students each year from across the state of Missouri. He has served as an adjudicator for over 2 decades for MSHSAA, KSHSAA and the Arkansas Choral Directors Association. During his tenure as president of the Southwestern Division of ACDA students from a 7 state region (Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and Kansas) were given opportunities to sing in an auditioned Honor Choir. Lawley continues to serve as a frequent guest conductor and clinician for Honor Choirs in Missouri, Kansas, Florida and Arkansas. In 2012, Lawley founded the Drury University Chamber Choir festival which welcomes hundreds of high school student to campus each year.



2017 State Softball (Fall) Officials

Tim Gee (Clever), Eddie Dugger (Hartville), Melvin Respress (St. Robert), Ken Hosler (Poplar Bluff), David Spriggs (Scott City), Gary Wheeler (Higginsville), Donald Gonzalez (Maryland Heights), Keith Huether (Columbia), Johnny Fry (Mexico), Troy Figg (Chillicothe), Terry Stevens (Kansas City), Bob Power (St. Joseph), Craig Pounds (Houston), Donald Freeman (Springfield), David Johnson (Stockton).

September 2017 Board of Directors Summary**Held September 13, 2017**

Amended the agenda to add a request from Webster Groves High School.

Approved the June 14, 2017 Minutes of the MSHSAA Board of Directors and the August 16 and August 30-31, 2017 Minutes of the MSHSAA Appeals Committee.

Approved the general consent items as presented.

Transfer Waiver Applications (By-Law 3.10.4.i) (Duplicate school names indicates an additional transfer(s) student(s) for that school): Adrian, Affton, Aurora, Barstow, Barstow, Barstow, Barstow, Battle, Battle, Battle, Bishop LeBlond, Bishop LeBlond, Bishop LeBlond, Bishop LeBlond, Brookfield, Brunswick, Calvary Lutheran, Carnahan, Carnahan, Carnahan, Carthage, Carver MS, Central (Cape Girardeau), Centralia, Chadwick, Chaffee, Chaffee, Chaminade, Chester Boren, Christian, Christian, Christian, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers College, College Heights Christian, Cor Jesu Academy, Cor Jesu Academy, Crane, Crossroads College Preparatory, DeSmet, DeSmet, DeSmet, DeSoto, Duchesne, Duchesne, East (Kansas City), East Prairie, Eldon, Fair Grove, Fordland, Forsyth, Forsyth, Fox, Fox, Francis Howell, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Frontier STEM, Ft. Zumwalt West, Gallatin, Gateway Science Charter, Glendale, Glendale, Grain Valley, Grandview (Hillsboro), Grandview (Hillsboro), Grandview (Hillsboro), Greenwood, Hallsville, Hallsville, Hardin-Central, Harrisonville, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood West, Hazelwood West, Hazelwood West, Helias Catholic, Helias Catholic, Hillcrest, Incarnate Word Academy, Jefferson Middle, John Burroughs, John Burroughs, Joplin, Joplin, Joplin, Joplin, Joplin, Joplin, Kickapoo, Kickapoo, Kingsville, Kirksville, Knob Noster, Ladue Horton Watkins, Lafayette (St. Joseph), Lafayette (St. Joseph), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette County, Liberty (Wentzville), Lindbergh, Lindbergh, Lutheran North, Lutheran North, Lutheran South, Lutheran South, Lutheran South, Lutheran South, Lutheran South, Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Maysville, McAuley Catholic, McCluer, McCluer, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, Mercer, MICDS, Moreland Ridge, Moreland Ridge, Mound City, Nerinx Hall, Nodaway-Holt, North Platte, North Platte,

North Technical (13 transfers), Northeast (Cairo), Northeast (Kansas City), Northland Christian, Northland Christian, Notre Dame (St. Louis), Notre Dame de Sion, Oakville, Oakville, Ozark, Parkway Central, Parkway Central, Parkway North, Parkway North, Parkway West, Parkway West, Parkway West, Parkway West, Pembroke Hill, Principia, Raymore-Peculiar, Raymore-Peculiar, Republic, Rock Bridge, Rockhurst, Rockhurst, Rockhurst, Sacred Heart, Salem, Savannah, Saxony Lutheran, Scott City, Scott City, Sherwood, Smithton, Smithville, Smithville, South Iron, South Nodaway, South Nodaway, South Shelby, Southeast, Southeast, Spokane, Springfield Catholic, St. Charles, St. Dominic, St. Dominic, St. Dominic, St. Joseph Christian, St. Joseph Christian, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis University, St. Louis University, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Paul Lutheran (Farmington), St. Paul Lutheran (Farmington), St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Teresa's Academy, Staley, Staley, Ste. Genevieve, Sullivan, Sullivan, Summit Christian Academy, Summit Christian Academy, Summit Christian Academy, Sweet Springs, Thayer, Timberland, Tipton, Trinity Catholic, Troy Buchanan, Truman, Villa Duchesne, Washington, Webster Groves, Webster Groves, West Middle, West Plains, Westminster Christian Academy, Westminster Christian Academy, Westport MS, Whitfield, Whitfield, Whitfield, Whitfield, Whitfield, Whitfield, and Windsor (Imperial)

Transfer Hardship Applications (By-Law 3.10.4.h) (Duplicate school names indicates an additional transfer(s) student(s) for that school): Adrian, Advance, Ash Grove, Ava, Ava, Barat Academy, Barat Academy, Benton, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop LeBlond, Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Blue Springs South, Blue Springs South, Blue Springs South, Bowling Green, Bradleyville, Branson, Branson, Brentwood, Bronaugh, Brookfield, Brookfield, Bucklin, Butler, Cabool, California, California, Camdenton, Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Ritter, Carthage, Carthage, Carthage, Central (Cape Girardeau), Central

(Park Hills), Central (Park Hills), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (St. Joseph), Chaminade, Charleston, Charleston, Christian, Christian, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers College, Christian Brothers College, Cleveland NJROTC, Cleveland NJROTC, Clever, Clever, Cole Camp, College Heights Christian, College Heights Christian, Collegiate School of Med-Bio Science, Community, Community, Community, Crane, Crest Ridge, Cuba, Cuba, DeKalb, Delta, DeSmet, DeSoto, DeSoto, DeSoto, Dexter, Diamond, Diamond, Dixon, Dixon, Doniphan, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, Duchesne, East Newton, East Prairie, El Dorado Springs, Eldon, Ellington, Ellington, Ellington, Eminence, Eugene, Eureka, Excelsior Springs, Excelsior Springs, Exeter, Exeter, Fair Play, Farmington, Forsyth, Forsyth, Fort Osage, Fort Osage, Fox, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Ft. Zumwalt North, Ft. Zumwalt West, Ft. Zumwalt West, Fulton, Fulton, Fulton, Galena, Galena, Gateway, Glendale, Glendale, Glendale, Glendale, Gloria Deo Academy, Green Ridge, Grundy County, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal, Harrisonville, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Hazelwood West, Helias Catholic, Hickman, Hickman, Hickory Hills MS, Hillsboro, Holt, Humansville, Humansville, Iberia, Incarnate Word Academy, Incarnate Word Academy, Jackson, Jackson, Jackson, Jarrett MS, Jasper, Jasper, Jefferson (Conception), Jefferson City, Jefferson City, Jefferson City, Joplin, Kearney, Kearney, Kickapoo, Kickapoo, Kingston, Kingston, Kingsville, Kirksville, Kirksville, Kirkwood, Ladue Horton Watkins, Ladue Horton Watkins, Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette (Wildwood), Lafayette County, Lakeland, Lathrop, Lathrop, Lebanon, Lebanon, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Lee's Summit West, Liberty, Liberty, Liberty (Wentzville), Liberty (Wentzville), Liberty (Wentzville), Liberty (Wentzville), Liberty North, Liberty North, Liberty North, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lincoln, Lincoln, Lindbergh, Linn, Linn, Linn County, Lutheran North, Lutheran North, Lutheran

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St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Macon, Macon, Macon, Maplewood-Richmond Hts., Maplewood-Richmond Hts., Marionville, Marquand-Zion, Marquette, Marquette, Marquette, Marshall, Marshall, Marshfield, McCluer North, Mehlville, Mid-Buchanan, Mid-Buchanan, Milan, Moberly, Monett, Monett, Monett, Montgomery County, Montrose, Moreland Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Neelyville, Nevada, Nevada, New Bloomfield, New Bloomfield, Newburg, Nixa, Normandy Collaborative, North Andrew, North Andrew, North Harrison, North Kansas City, North Kansas City, North Kansas City, North Technical (19 transfers), Northeast (Cairo), Northeast Vernon County, Northeast Vernon County, Northwest (Cedar Hill), Northwestern (Mendon), Notre Dame (St. Louis), Oak Park, Oak Park, Oakland Middle, Oakville, Oakville, Odessa, Orchard Farm, Orchard Farm, Orchard Farm, Orchard Farm, Osborn, Osborn, Osceola, Osceola, Osceola, Owensville, Owensville, Owensville, Ozark, Ozark, Ozark, Park Hill, Park Hill, Park Hill South, Parkway Central, Parkway Central, Parkway Central, Parkway North, Parkway North, Parkway North, Parkway West, Pattonsburg, Penney, Pershing MS (22 transfers), Platte County, Pleasant Hope, Pleasant Hope, Polo, Polo, Poplar Bluff, Potosi, Potosi, PRIORITY, Putnam County, Putnam County, Raytown, Raytown, Raytown, Raytown South, Raytown South, Reeds Spring, Riverview Gardens, Rock Bridge, Rock Bridge, Rock Bridge, Ruskin, Ruskin, Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart, Salem, Salem, Salem, Santa Fe, Sarcoxie, Seymour, Sheldon, Sherwood, Sherwood, Sikeston, Smithville, Smithville, South Harrison, South Nodaway, South Shelby, Southeast, Southwest (Livingston County), Sparta, Sparta, St. Charles, St. Charles West, St. Charles West, St. Charles West, St. Charles West, St. Dominic, St. Dominic, St. Francis Borgia, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Mary's (St. Louis), St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Festus), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Pius X (Kansas City), St. Teresa's Academy, St. Teresa's Academy, Staley, Stanberry, Stewartville, Stockton, Stockton, Stockton, Strafford, Strafford, Summersville, Trenton, Tri-County, Trinity Catholic, Trinity Catholic, Truman, TS Hill M.S., Tuscumbia, Union, Union Star, University City, Ursuline Academy, Ursuline Academy, Van Horn (Independence), Warrensburg, Warsaw, Warsaw, Washington, Waynesville,

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Self-Reported Violations and/or Requests for Lesser Penalties (By-Law 5.4):

Recommend action by school be accepted with reprimand issued and administration acknowledged for self-reporting – Alton - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.1, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, will accept two years of assistant coaching to meet By-Law 3.1 to all coach to serve as a head coach; Bloomfield Jr. H. - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 2.2.2, accepted school's actions, school to forfeit all contests in which the ineligible student participated, lesser penalty granted, student is eligible once he meets all conditions placed upon him by the juvenile courts; Bradleyville - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.1, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, school to add coach to the 2016-17 coaches roster; Christian Brothers College - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 3.1.3 and 3.1.4, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required; Cole Camp - Self-reported a violation of By-law 3.8, school to forfeit game played by ineligible player, student's eligibility may be reinstated following completion of 14 days of conditioning practice and sitting out one game to equal playing which ineligible; Duchesne - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.4, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, student fully eligible at the school; Excelsior Springs - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.15.5.b, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required; Ft. Zumwalt North - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.9.1, accepted school's actions, to forfeit contest in which ineligible student participate, student's eligibility to be reinstated after practicing three additional days and sitting out one contest; Hannibal - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 1.5, no forfeitures required, students' eligibility may be reinstated after sitting out the first day of basketball practice, adult in situation violated by-law, if the person is a coach he should be withheld from practice as well, in addition to what the school has put in place, recommend a day for each student he made ineligible and violate the by-law, so two days of practice to start the season; Hazelwood Central - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 1.7, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures

required, students' eligibility to be reinstated; John Burroughs - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.15, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, student's eligibility to be reinstated; Lee's Summit North - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 1.7.3, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students who practiced in full pads are to have their eligibility reinstated, school will practice in helmets only and helmets and shoulder pads on consecutive days this week; Lee's Summit North - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.25.1, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, student's eligibility may be reinstated after sitting out matches imposed by the school; Lee's Summit West - Self-reported a violation of By-laws 1.7.3 and 3.8, accepted school's actions, school to forfeit two games in which an ineligible student participated, student's eligibility may be reinstated following her required and legal 14th practice, and sitting out two games to make up for the two she played while ineligible; Marquette - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.10.4, accepted school's actions, contest in which the ineligible player participated is to be forfeited, student's eligibility to be reinstated now that he has sat out a contest following his eligibility being confirmed; McCluer South-Berkeley - Self-reported violation of By-Law 3.9, accepted school's actions, school to forfeit contests in which the ineligible students participated, cannot practice in the beginning of the fall season for seven days in a row, students' eligibility to be reinstated; Northeast (Kansas City) - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.8, accepted school's actions. no forfeits required, student's eligibility to be reinstated, the practice in which he did not have a physical cannot count as one of his 14 conditioning practices; Northwest (Cedar Hill) - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 6.1.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are all to be reinstated; Odessa - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.15 - accepted the school's actions, no forfeitures required, students and coach to be reinstated, accepted school's two-day reduction in summer contact days; Parkway Central - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 6.1.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are all to be reinstated; Perryville - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.1, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students' eligibility to be reinstated; St. Louis University - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 1.7.3.b, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students who attended double practice to have eligibility reinstated, school must only practice once during the day on an allowable two a day; Warrenton - Self-

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reported a violation of By-Law 6.1.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are all to be reinstated.

Recommend action by school be accepted and administration acknowledged for self-reporting with no further action

- Northwestern (Mendon) - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 1.5.5, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures are required.

Application for Assignment to Alternate MSHSAA Board District: St. Elizabeth High School (South Central District - 2018-2028).

Amended the previously approved deadlines (in April) for the State Swimming and Diving entry process and end of season schedule.

Resolved to allow Scott Sluder to renew as an official with MSHSAA.

Approved the scheduling option for the state basketball tournaments which includes using two facilities on Friday and Saturday for Class 1-3 and keep the current format for Class 4-5.

Urhahn discussed with the Board the correspondence received regarding St. Pius X (Festus) High School. The school indicated that the letter misrepresented the situation. Urhahn is to work with the school to resubmit a corrected letter to MSHSAA for action at the November Board meeting. No action was taken.

Determined to request the superintendent, school board president, principal and athletic director be at the November Board meeting to explain why the school should retain membership in the association.

Long and Urhahn reported to the Board from the Finance Committee, presented the FY2017 Audit Report, and FY2018 Budget. Long presented the financial statements to the Board.

Accepted the financial reports as presented.

Long updated the Board on Request for Proposals - Championship Venues. No action taken.

West presented two recommendations to the Board from the Media Advisory Committee: 1) that media hospitality be expanded at the Basketball, Wrestling, and Football Championships. Various options should be explored to best benefit both the media and MSHSAA, with the MSHSAA staff working with championship venues to allow credentialed media to bring in outside food; 2) to update the media guideline language to include social media, and to create a "new" set of guidelines that ALL (print, radio, internet, TV) media must sign/agree to prior to the start of the Fall season. Failure to comply with the requirement to sign and/or failure to follow the guidelines could result in the individual (not the outlet as a

whole) being denied credentials for the state championships that season.

Approved item #1 as amended and approved item #2 as recommended from the Media Advisory Committee.

Stahl presented the Board with 10 recommendations from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee: 1) approving the Sports Medicine Page on the MSHSAA website, which serves as our Sports Medicine Manual; 2) approval of the 2016-17 Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Report; 3) organizing a subcommittee to do research and develop guidelines on implementing the use of the wet bulb globe instead of heat index readings at member schools, with the goal of making a recommendation to the MSHSAA Board of Directors; 4) that Dr. Colter create an educational resource document on the topic of Iron Screening in Female Endurance Athletes to add as a Position Statement to the Sports Medicine Tab on the MSHSAA website; 5) that MSHSAA personnel provide a Minimum Standard of Care checklist for sports medicine services (to include an Emergency Action Plan) to the medical coordinator for each state championship site and location two weeks in advance of the championship; 6) the Board place an item on the Annual Ballot for changing By-law 3.8.1 and 4.5.6 to allow a PPE to be valid for a two-year period, with the medical history, student agreement, parent permission, proof of insurance, concussion education and emergency contacts sections being updated annually; 7) that the MSHSAA staff evaluate summer contact restrictions; 8) to amend Item #7 of the Lightning Safety Guidelines to include the following statement, "If available, other tools should be utilized (i.e., internet access via mobile device monitoring the environmental conditions) in making a well-informed decision on delaying events and/or practices."; 9) to include a point of clarification on what constitutes a conditioning practice in the online rules review for each sport; 10) the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee go on record reiterating that chiropractors should not be able to perform a PPE due to the scope and sequence of their profession.

Approved item numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as recommended and items 5 and 6 as amended from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

Approved the request of Osceola High School for post season competition in 8-Man Football under the same conditions as precedent which is being the 8th seed and travel involved to the game.

Approved the request of Hermitage and Wheatland high Schools to dissolve the senior high boys cooperative agreement for 2017-18.

Approved the mid-cycle cooperative agreement requests for College Heights

Christian/McAuley Catholic (Music); Fair Play/Dadeville (Fall Softball); Carl Junction/Liberal (Wrestling); and Bucklin/Macon County (Music).

Approved establishing an ad hoc Committee to Review Classifications.

Determined to maintain the current football playoff format with the Show-Me Bowls played on Week 21 and Week 22 of the standardized calendar to coordinate with the regular season start date being moved to one week later.

Urhahn discussed with the Board the definition of Immediate Family and Legal Guardian in By-Law 2.6. The staff with research and draft a definition. No action taken.

Urhahn presented a request to the Board from the Missouri Choral Director's Association. requesting the Board either allow MCDA to do their review of the MSHSAA Prescribed Graded Music List prior to the summer of 2018 or grant a one year delay in implementing the requirement that all vocal selections for solo and small ensembles events must perform literature from the MSHSAA Prescribed Graded Music List.

Denied the request of the Missouri Choral Director's Association.

Determined to place item on the Annual Questionnaire addressing the standards for winter guard director certification.

Directed staff to move forward with an investigation of undue influence against Liberty High School.

Urhahn presented to the Board the practice of unified sports competition. No action taken.

Granted a one-time request by Webster Groves High School to participate in a basketball tournament which does not use NFHS game rules.

The Board reviewed informational items. No action taken.

Motion Schmidt, second Johnson, to enter into closed session for Matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student's educational record may be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

Motion Linneman, second Dunham, to exit out of executive and closed session. Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

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Motion Johnson, second Schmidt, to grant eligibility to the student of Priory High School based on evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

Motion Schmidt, second by Johnson, to grant eligibility to the student of Strafford High School based on evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

Motion Schmidt, second Dittmore, to

grant eligibility to the student of Cardinal Ritter High School due to evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 7-2 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, and Smith voting yes, and Dunham and Soden voting no.

Motion Finley, second Dunham, to deny eligibility to the student of DeSoto High School due lack of evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 8-1 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes, and Schmidt voting no.

Motion Johnson, second Linneman, to grant eligibility to the student of Ladue

Horton Watkins High School due evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

Motion Smith, second Dittmore, to grant eligibility to the student of East Newton High School due evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 9-0 on a roll call vote with members Soden, Schmidt, Johnson, Linneman, Dittmore, Finley, Rukstad, Dunham, and Smith voting yes.

The meeting was adjourned.

NFHS Executive Director Update

Educational Services Update

Education Begins Here

- The NFHS Learning Center has developed a new promotional video. Please check it out. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2E4gc2GuA4>.
- Additions to the NFHS Learning Center
- “[Concussion in Sports](#)” is now available in Spanish. The course which was developed by the NFHS and the CDC and has been delivered more than 3.5 million times, can now be taken in Spanish. The course was recently translated and recorded by the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.
- “[Officiating Wrestling](#)” is now available. This important course is designed to help wrestling officials understand the rules and their application. Take the course today.

Coming Soon

- Coaching Unified Sports (Revision)
- Sportsmanship (Revision)
- NCAA Eligibility (Revision)

AED Update

The NFHS Foundation Board of Directors has approved the expenditure of up to \$300,000 to place at least one AED in each member high school around the nation. In order to provide the correct number of AEDs, please verify the number of AEDs needed in your state and forward that information to Davis Whitfield (dwhitfield@nfhs.org) at your earliest convenience.

Track and Field

The NFHS, in collaboration with the USA Track and Field Official Training Subcommittee, will release the NFHS “Track and Field Pre-Meet Notes” for 2018 January. The publication will be available on the [NFHS website](#) and also on the [NFHS Central Hub](#) for NFHS Officials Association members.

Swimming and Diving

The NFHS has developed an online education course, “[Officiating Swimming and Diving](#),” which is one of several new sport-specific officiating courses offered on www.nfhslearn.com. This course was released in August 2017, and addresses pre-meet preparation, stroke and turn instruction, best practices for conducting a diving competition, and provides an opportunity to score diving video clips.

Softball

The NFHS and USA Softball have partnered to develop a new online officials education course, “[Umpiring Softball](#).” This online course covers game management, obstruction and interference. The course is currently available on www.nfhslearn.com.

Affiliate Member Change

The Oklahoma Christian Schools Athletic Association, an affiliate member of the NFHS, has changed its name to the Heartland Christian Athletic Association.

This association includes schools from Arkansas as well as Oklahoma. Please let us know if you have any questions.

NFHS National Student Leadership Summit

The timeline for the 2018 National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS) was distributed on Monday, November 13. The NSLS student/adult ambassador registration and hotel registration link will be sent in early January along with the student and adult ambassador application (hard copy).

Interscholastic Safety and Security Summit

An event focusing on the critical safety and security challenges for high school athletic events and afterschool programs will be held February 13-15 at the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Attendees will

participate in moderated discussions focusing on the following topics: Event Day Safety and Security, Crowd Dynamics/Management, Emergency Action Planning, Staff Development and Performance, Facilities Design, Use of Technology, Non-Game Day Operations, Risk/Threat/Vulnerability Assessment and Internal/External Communication to Key Constituents. Additional information, including registration, is available at www.ncs4.com/interscholastic.

ACT/SAT Programs Available

eknowledge has partnered with the NFHS for the 13th consecutive year to offer free SAT and ACT Preparatory DVDs to NFHS member state associations and their constituent high schools. These programs created by eknowledge normally sell for \$199.95; however, through this generous gift, students in your schools can receive a complimentary copy for only shipping and handling costs. The PowerPrep programs include 11 hours of video instruction, practice tests, sample questions and more than 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material. This program is designed for the students to study at their own pace. In the past several years, eknowledge has donated more than 250,000 programs with a value of \$55 million. To secure a donated program, contact: www.eknowledge.com/NFHS or order by phone (951-256-4076) and reference the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Following is a link to a YouTube video explaining the program in its entirety: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JjyazTc6Lo&list=UUPalslteXAJ6YgjAiFhtvZA&index=1&feature=plcp>.

If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Litras (Cheryl@eknowledge.com), 951-256-4076.

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