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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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# WHY WE PLAY

## Daring Greatly by Embracing Failure



By **Jody Redman**, Associate Director, MSHSL

*"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while **daring greatly**, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."* — Theodore Roosevelt

It takes courage for students to show up every day in this public arena called high school athletics. It takes courage to be the students who wait for their turn to get into the game, to take the last shot, or to be put into the game to throw one pitch with the bases loaded. It takes courage to show up and try a new skill knowing mistakes will surely occur, to enter into a public arena where failure is inevitable, and to move outside of one's comfort zone.

Roosevelt captures the essence of showing up in the second line of the above quote: "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly." We want students to enter into the arena and strive valiantly. We want them to fully engage in the opportunities that are being provided to them. There is so much to be gained but this can only happen if we provide them with a safe place where they can show up and try.

Trying is natural. Trying is attempting something new; it is the struggle to overcome difficulties; it is striving for something more. A willingness to try is what puts our athletes into the arena. But as Roosevelt says, with trying comes failure: "there is no effort without error or shortcoming." Think about how much time it requires to master a skill. The skill development of our students occurs when they try and fail, and then try and fail again, sometimes hundreds of times. Students who show up are going to fail. Sometimes this failure is met by a critic whose judgment is discouraging. We need to celebrate not discourage this process of trying and failing.

When did students learn that mistakes and failure are negative and should be avoided, that somehow they should achieve without failure? Consider a one-year-old who is learning to walk. When she falls down,

she doesn't beat herself up, she doesn't get yelled at, and she isn't ridiculed. She falls down and then she gets back up. She tries again, falls down again and eventually learns to walk. Did her ultimate success occur because the adults watching her effort judged her, screamed at her or gave her a sarcastic eye roll filled with disapproval? Just the opposite is true. They cheered her on and encouraged her to try and try again.

As coaches we have limitless opportunities to provide messages to the young people on our teams. Much of our athlete's willingness to risk trying something new is determined by how we respond to their efforts: the point guard's risk to drive the lane with the left hand instead of the dominant right, the gymnast's risk to throw a double fly-away instead of the lay-out fly-away, or the goaltender who takes the risk to leave the comfort of the blue-painted crease to challenge the oncoming shooter. All of these risks take the athlete out of his or her comfort zone to the land of uncertainty, where there is a good chance that failure will occur. Our response to their efforts, to their risks and their failures and to their willingness to leave their comfort zone will either encourage students to try something new or convince them to stay locked in a risk free comfort zone.

The late motivational speaker Zig Ziglar said, "Failure is an event, not a person." Yet at times our response to students when they make a mistake is communicated with arms outstretched in disbelief, a scrunched up angry expression, and screams that center on our disappointment, disapproval and disgust. Our response makes it very clear that the failure is the person. In the book *Top 20 Teachers*, the authors' state, "It is because of the frequency and likelihood of these responses that people fear failure and mistake making. As a result, they fear moving outside their Comfort Zone and

handicap their learning and potential."

We have a choice to be the coach or the critic. We either find value in failure and mistakes and our students grow—we coach. Or we respond with negativity and the students on our team remain locked in their comfort zone, where they won't take risks, they play it safe, and learn nothing—we criticize.

Our awareness of how we respond to a student who makes the choice to show up is essential to keeping him in the arena "so that his place," says Roosevelt, "shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

Performing in public takes courage. Traveling down a road not yet travelled takes courage. It takes courage to try a new skill and to risk not knowing or understanding something. It takes courage to show up every day. We ultimately determine if our students will take the leap of faith to trust and risk failure simply by how we respond.

Take some time and reflect on how you respond to your players when they fail and make a mistake. Based on your response to their "error or shortcoming," is it acceptable for your athletes to take risks and stretch themselves or, based on your typical response, is it far better if they stay safely tucked inside their comfort zone?

Daring greatly means risking failure by stepping into the arena, getting into the game when others choose to sit it out, and choosing to move outside one's comfort zone to try something new. When you create an environment where students feel comfortable and embrace mistakes and failure, the athletes on your team will follow Roosevelt's lead, will dare greatly and will show up.

*This article was written by Jody Redman, MSHSL Associate Director, and is the third article in a four part series appearing in **The Prep Coach**.*

## Questions & Answers

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 1:** Our school has applied and been approved to participate in a cooperative sponsorship in baseball. Our school board now wants to void the sponsorship and enter into a cooperative sponsorship with another school in baseball. May our school do this? **Answer:** No. By-Law 1.4.1 provides that two schools may mutually dissolve a cooperative sponsorship but such decision may not occur unilaterally. Further, if a school ends a cooperative sponsorship it may not enter into another cooperative sponsorship in that sport until the next two-year cycle. Therefore, your school cannot enter into an agreement with another school. (By-Law 1.4.1)

**Question 2:** School A, a Class 1 school, is bordered by a Class 5 school, a Class 2 school and a K-8 district. School A wants to co-op with the Class 1 school on the other side of the K-8 district which is not contiguous to School A due to the K-8 district. May this occur since there is a Class 2 district which is contiguous to School A? **Answer:** Yes, provided cooperatively sponsoring the program(s) with the contiguous class 2 school is not an option as all co-ops must be with mutual approval of both school districts. Your school or the class 2 school is not required to



*It is permissible for a local school to give a student-athlete permission to miss swimming practice in order to compete in a non-school swim meet, per By-Law 235.1-c-1. This issue, along with cooperative programs and others are the focus of this issue's Q&A section.*

try to co-op with each other. (By-Law 1.4.1)

**Question 3:** A small Class 1, Grades 7-12 member school, has a junior high basketball season with a team comprised of grades 7-9. Following the junior high season, the school wants to have a cooperative sponsorship agreement with a neighboring member school in girls basketball to include the ninth graders moving up to the cooperative sponsorship high school team after the junior high season is over. Would this be allowed under By-Law 1.4.1? **Answer:** Yes, provided the ninth graders do not exceed the 20-week participation limit, quarter and tournament limitations. (By-Law 1.4.1)

**Question 4:** One of our swimmers has approached our principal requesting to miss this upcoming Friday school swimming practice to travel to Oklahoma for a non-school swimming meet on Saturday. Our team has practice on Friday and does not compete until Tuesday. Would it be acceptable for our principal and coach to approve this request? **Answer:** Yes. This is

not a replacement of school practice and is considered as a case by case request as permitted in the by-law (3.13.2.a) to be addressed by the local school administration. This decision rests with the school.

**Question 5:** In the posting of our open facility our softball coach stated "Any girl wanting to play softball may come to the open facility." Is this a proper posting? **Answer:** No. The "wanting to play softball" implies future team membership. It is acceptable to say "Open facility for softball play".



# Sister Act: Student's Willingness to Play New Sport Increases Opportunities and Playing Time for Many

By David Elms, Athletic Director, East Buchanan High School

I have been in education for over twenty years, fifteen of those being in administration, so you can imagine the types of stories and people that I have encountered throughout the years. This story is one of unselfishness and the impact teachers can have on young adults.

For the past couple of years our girls basketball team has struggled with participation numbers. In fact, our numbers were so low last season that we could not field a junior varsity team. As this basketball season started, we were once again low in numbers and in jeopardy of not having a junior varsity team once again.

Our school has a sophomore student-athlete, and as a freshman last year, she did not see a lot of playing time due to a lack of a junior varsity team. This athlete has an older sister who is currently a se-

nior. The older sister heard of the situation (the lack of players for the basketball team) and decided that she would go out for basketball so that her sister, and the current freshmen players, could have a junior varsity team.

This older sister has never played basketball before. She just wanted to help her younger sister, her schoolmates and her coach; whom she has a very close relationship with through another extracurricular activity.

In today's world of self-promotion, I think it's refreshing to witness a young adult think about others first. Because of the older sister's unselfishness and willingness to help, our school is now able to play a full junior varsity schedule this season. Additionally, I am happy to report that despite never playing basketball before

this season, the older sister scored her first ever varsity basket – on an assist from her younger sister.

## Officiating Income Must Be Reported on Tax Return

As independent contractors, officials are reminded that income they receive from officiating must be reported on their income tax returns. Records of fees received and expenses incurred should be carefully maintained for verification purposes. Please direct any questions you may have to your tax preparation specialist or accountant.

## Open Dates

### Football

#### South Gibson County HS (Tenn.)

South Gibson County High School in Medina, Tenn., is looking for a varsity football game on September 2nd, 2016 or September 23rd, 2016. Please contact **Coach Scott Stidham: [stidhams@gcssd.org](mailto:stidhams@gcssd.org)**

### Boys & Girls Basketball

#### Bentonville West HS (Ark.)

Bentonville West will be a 7A school in Arkansas. They will have a beginning enrollment of about 1700 – this is great due to the fact that the first year will only be 9-11 with no seniors.

The schools are looking for games and tournaments anytime in November through December for both boys and girls, home and away and away tournaments. If interested, please contact Randy Richardson at [rrichardson@bentonvillek12.org](mailto:rrichardson@bentonvillek12.org) or 417-437-2811

### Baseball

#### Grove HS (Okla.)

Grove HS in Grove, Okla., has an opening in a JV tournament on April 8-9, 2016. There is a three game guarantee, with registration fee of \$150. Teams must be able to play both days.

Contact **Donny Pennington** at [dpennington@ridgerunners.net](mailto:dpennington@ridgerunners.net)

# Public/Nonpublic Advisory Committee Summary

Held November 19, 2015

1. Recommended the Board of Directors place the following topic on the agenda for the Area Meetings in January: The 1.35 Multiplier for Non-Public and Charter Schools, with the following questions:
  - 1) Does the membership still want it?
  - 2) Does the membership want to adjust it?
  - 3) Does the membership want different multipliers for different sports?

2. Recommended the Board of Directors place the following topic on the agenda for the Area Meetings in January: Should the member schools look at the following instead of the multiplier?
  - 1) Frequency (Championship Appearances) Factors for teams to move up one classification in a sport if they advance to the final four in multiple years.
  - 2) Changing enrollment gathering and classifications to an annual basis rather than every other year.

# MSHSAA Board of Directors Policy Regarding Specialized Sport Camp Fees

Provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Laws 3.13.6.b and 3.15.5.e stipulate that fees (tuition) for summer athletic camps shall be provided by the student or the student's parents precludes a school from being involved in any group projects to raise money to pay these fees. This restriction applies to a booster club as well as to school coaches. As far as the restriction on athletes is concerned, it would be permissible for several members of a school team to assemble themselves for the purpose of collectively undertaking work projects such as a car wash, a bake sale or other similar type of activities to earn money which could be applied toward camp fees. Under such circumstances all money earned shall go directly to the student to be used at his or her discretion. If the students assemble themselves collectively there can be no requirement that the money earned must go toward the payment of camp fees. Students cannot be assembled through coordination of the school, booster club, or coach nor can they identify themselves as the school athletic team with the purpose of raising money to attend a sport camp.

## Dates of Future Board of Directors Meeting Dates

January 27-28, 2016 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed.-Thu. of Week 30)

March 9-10, 2016 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed.-Thu. of Week 36)

April 8-9, 2016 - Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach (Fri.-Sat. of Week 39 - moved due to Easter weekend)

June 15, 2016 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Wed. of Week 50)

*(all meetings begin at 8:30 a.m., except the April 8 meeting which begins at 1 p.m.)*

## Dates of Future Appeals Committee Meeting Dates

March 17-18, 2015 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Tue.-Wed. 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](http://www.mshsaa.org).

## 2016 Board of Directors Elections: Northwest, Northeast, Kansas City and St. Louis Districts

The annual MSHSAA Board of Directors election will be conducted in April in accord with provisions contained in Article IV, Sections 3 and 4 of the MSHSAA Constitution. Member schools from the Northwest and Northeast districts will elect Board members for four-year terms. The St. Louis District will fill a one-year vacancy and the Kansas City will fill a two-year vacancy.

Primary (nomination) ballots will be e-mailed to member schools in the four districts on February 15 and must be received in the MSHSAA office no later than March 7. The names of the three persons receiving the highest number of

votes in the primary election in each district will appear on the final ballot unless there is a tie for the third highest position. In such cases, only the names of the persons receiving the two highest number of votes will be placed on the final ballot.

Final ballots will be on-line for all schools in the four districts on April 1 and must be submitted through the MSHSAA website no later than May 1. All ballots are sent to the attention of the school principal.

## Parental Permission Statement Reminder for Spring Sports

MSHSAA By-Law 3.7 requires each student participating in interscholastic athletic competition to furnish a statement, signed by the student's parents or guardians, which grants permission for the student to participate in interscholastic athletics. As an aid to member schools in complying with this requirement, the MSHSAA includes a recommended parental permission statement on the MSHSAA physical examination form, available on the MSHSAA Web Site.

Included as a part of the recommended parental permission statement is a statement acknowledging that the parents consent for the student to accompany the team on trips. It further acknowledges that in case of a medical emergency where the parents cannot be reached, the school official with supervisory responsibility for the individual student or group of students on the trip is authorized to obtain

emergency medical assistance through a physician or hospital of the supervisors choice which would be considered reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student.

While the parental permission form is required of all athletes, MSHSAA By-Laws do not require them for students participating in nonathletic activities or for students who serve in a support capacity for an athletic team such as statistician, manager, etc. However, the MSHSAA has been advised of a medical emergency that arose involving a student who was accompanying an athletic team to videotape games. Unfortunately, the school in question did not have a parental consent form signed for the student which authorized the school supervisor to obtain emergency medical care. Luckily, the school was able to contact the parents and obtain this permission by telephone after a significant delay.

## 2016 Investigative Committee Elections

The investigative committee from each of the eight MSHSAA board districts shall consist of one public school administrator, one nonpublic school administrator, and one at-large school representative.

Each year, one of the members will rotate off the committee and a replacement shall be voted on by the membership. Only self-nominations for the appropriate category for replacement members can be accepted (public member will need to be replaced by a public school nominee, nonpublic member will need to be replaced by a nonpublic school nominee, and an at-large member can be a nominee from either public or nonpublic schools). Each district's nomination ballot will list the specified membership category to be voted on for the respective district for the current year.

The self-nomination ballots will be e-mailed to the member school principals on February 15 and must be received in the MSHSAA office no later than March 7. The ballot listing the nominees received will be on the MSHSAA website for member schools' principals on April 8, with a due date of May 1. Please be certain to participate in these elections.

## Annual Election to Amend MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws

The 2016 MSHSAA annual election to amend the Constitution and By-Laws will again be held in April. The proposed amendments and background information will be distributed to member schools the last week in March. The Annual Ballot will be on-line the first week in April. All ballots are required to be finalized on-line by the school principal no later than May 1.

Because of this experience, it is strongly recommended that school administrators require that signed parental permission statements be on file for all students who travel as a part of an official school party to participate in any type of interschool activity. This will authorize school representatives to seek medical help in emergency situations. These signed statements should accompany the school supervisor on every school trip. It may be of further assistance to have these forms notarized.

# Appeals Committee Summary

*Held November 17, 2015*

One case was reviewed and decided on the basis of documentation presented by the Associate Executive Director to the Appeals Committee:

- a. Denied appeal to grant unrestricted eligibility to the following school's student 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. Southwest Early College Campus HS

The Appeals Committee heard nine cases and ruled as follows:

- a. Granted unrestricted eligibility to the following schools' students under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer:

- 1. Cardinal Ritter HS (1st student appeal)
- 2. King City HS (Two student appeals)
- 3. Marquette HS

- b. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility to the following schools' students 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. O'Hara HS
- 2. Cardinal Ritter HS (2nd student appeal)
- 3. Springfield Catholic HS
- 4. Dora HS
- 5. Father Tolton Regional Catholic HS



## MSHSAA & NFHS Policy Statement on Steroids



The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), strongly oppose the use of anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances by high school student-athletes. Such use violates legal, ethical, and competitive equity standards and imposes unreasonable, long-term health risks.

MSHSAA and the NFHS support prohibitions by educational institutions, amateur and professional organizations, and governmental regulators on the use of anabolic steroids and other controlled substances, except as specifically prescribed by physicians for therapeutic purposes.



## Coaches & Activities Directors Influence MSHSAA Program

The MSHSAA has advisory committees, appointed by the Board of Directors, for each sport and activity in which district and state events are sponsored. Each committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding matters relating to the sport or activity concerned. Some of these are in the form of regulations for the administration of district and state events which become effective when approved by the Board of Directors. Others involve proposals to amend the Constitution and By-Laws which must be put to a vote of the schools when accepted by the Board. The record shows that approximately 80-percent of the recommendations of these committees are approved by the Board and have resulted in significant changes in the MSHSAA program.

This is the Board of Director's procedure for allowing coaches and those involved at the grass roots level to make contributions. The only concern of the Board is that the recommended changes are acceptable to school administrators and do not adversely affect other activities.

The names of advisory committee members are contained in the manuals published for the sport or activity concerned. Coaches, music directors, and speech directors who desire to have changes considered should contact the person on the particular advisory committee from his or her district. Some advisory committee members hold meetings in their areas at the time of district events to get a consensus from their colleagues. This procedure is

encouraged to involve as many persons as possible.

Frequently, suggestions from advisory committees are first placed on the Annual MSHSAA Questionnaire sent to member schools in February each year to get a consensus from the schools to determine whether a proposal is satisfactory. In addition to providing the Board of Directors with information regarding the position of school administrators on the matter, it provides an opportunity for each school to give consideration to proposed changes. School administrators are urged to meet with members of their staffs concerned. This course helps provide programs that are acceptable to the majority of persons who are interested in the educational welfare of our youth.

## MSHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES – Revised December 2015

DISTRICT - Election Year -	NORTHWEST 2016	NORTHEAST 2016	KANSAS CITY 2016#	CENTRAL 2017	ST. LOUIS 2016#	SOUTH CENTRAL 2018	SOUTHWEST 2019	SOUTHEAST 2019
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	KEN EATON Mound City	ERIC CHURCHWELL Fairmyra	Dr. PAUL KINDER North Kansas City Schools	MARK BEEM Skyline Schools	MARK LINNEMAN Lutheran South	Dr. JENNIFER SCHMIDT Sullivan	BRETT SODEN Strafford	CHRIS WILSON Kennett
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<b>FOOTBALL 11-man</b>	*Mark Petegrew Mid-Buchanan	Jason Hannam Moberly	Seth DeRose Oak Park	Danny Dick Tipton	Greg Gibson St. Charles	Brad Royle Owensville	Mike Wallow Willow Springs	Brad Downs Farmington
<b>Girls</b>	*Mark Korell Lafayette (St. Joseph)	Seth Woods Centralia	Trevor Short Platte County	*Chuck Campbell Eldon	Todd Pannett Parkway Central	*Zack Nixon Rolla	*Keith Spaulding Logan-Rogersville	Jerry Grim Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau)
<b>LIAISON**</b>	David Elms East Buchanan M.S.	Jason Church Clark County M.S.	vacant	Eric Findley Warsaw	*Alison Todd MICDS	Brian Witt Bourbon	Lori Wilson Nixa Jr. HS	Jared Gurley Senath-Harnersville
<b>MEDIA</b>	Chris Ward KKWK/KMRN Radio Cameron	Brad Boyer KRES Moberly	Tim Crone The Examiner Oak Grove	Tom Collins Eldon Advertiser Eldon	Jim Powers PlayOn! Sports St. Louis	Dave Roberts Rolla Daily News Rolla	Mike Scott KSPR Springfield	vacancy
<b>MIDDLE LEVEL</b>	*Michele Kelley Stanberry	Brad Hudson Kirksville	Kirt Mosier Lee's Summit West	*Andy Kroesen Harrisonville	Joe Gutowski Lafayette (Wildwood)	Ray Spiller Vienna	*Rene Spencer Mt. Vernon	Victoria Siddell Perryville
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cory Gilpin St. Joseph	Brent Rich Emden	Mark Mundell Smithville (Staley)	Rick Schmidt Warrensburg	Larry Donovan High Ridge	Ernest Grayer Rolla	Tony Hill Ozark	Tim Harmon Malden
<b>OFFICIALS</b>								

(Two At Large Representatives - Southwest and Northeast); Jamie Dunn, Hollister (17); Raashad Thompkins, Columbia (17)



# ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>PUBLIC/ NONPUBLIC</b>	*Travis Dittmore DeKalb	*Bruce Whitesides Columbia Schools  Nonpublic: Kansas City: Joe Monachino, St. Pius X (Kansas City) (2018); St. Louis: *Jim Wealy, St. Dominic (2017); At-Large: vacancy	Dave Adams Blue Springs  Region 1 – Michael Blackshear, Cardinal Ritter (2018); Region 2 - vacancy (2017)	Marlin Hammond Lincoln	Corey Nessage Kirkwood	Andy Herbst Pacific	Greg Garton Republic	Chad Bradley Central (Park Hills)
<b>SCHOLAR BOWL</b>	David Reiter Mound City	John Reardon Clark County	Randy Jackson North Kansas City	*Jason Loy Tuscumbia	*Mike Flandermeyer Lutheran St. Charles	Michele Auxier St. James	Todd Koon Branson	Michelle McMullan Kennett
<b>SOCCER Boys  Girls</b>	Stuart Collins Maryville  Jeff O'Neal Savannah	*Sarah Mueller Canton  *Chad Baldwin Troy Buchanan	Dan Porter Raytown South  Josh Howard Oak Park	Roy Poynter Stover  Dan Coleman Harrisonville	Chris Steinmetz Kirkwood  Bill Taylor Rosati-Kain	Todd Dempsey Pacific  Mike Howard Rolla	Mike Hines Springfield Catholic  Joseph Florez Fair Grove	Dan Martin Central (Cape Girardeau)  Justin McMullen Jackson
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	Brandon Craig North Harrison	Brian Wosman Palmyra	vacancy	Sharon Buschjost Blair Oaks	Rich Sturm Oakville	Ashley Crump Sullivan	Yancey Little Ozark	Rhonda Ratledge Kelly
<b>SPEECH/DEBATE/THEATRE</b>	Katy Schwartz Central (St. Joseph)	*Denise Clark Kirksville	Kenny Yunker Grandview	Jamie Yung Lexington	Molly Beck Ladue Horton Watkins	Tom Martin Camdenton	Nicole Smith El Dorado Springs	Kim Zusifak Seckman
<b>SPIRIT Cheer/reading  Dance</b>	Renaë Wattenbarger Penny  vacancy	*Rebekah Kropf Centralia  *Kari Williams Monroe City	*Kelsey Mayabb Oak Park  Heather Oldham Keamey	Pam Miffin Clinton  *Tiffany Caldwell Iberia	Kim Daus Visitation Academy  *Karen Asbell St. Charles	*Casey Cowser Pacific  *Melissa Albright Cuba	Jennifer Clark Ozark  Abbey Ellington Joplin	*Chelsea Buchanan Campbell  Ashley Douglas North County
<b>SPORTS MEDICINE**</b>	Paul Snow Trainer Maryville HS	Bus Tarbox M.D. Columbia	Greg Canty, M.D.; Matthew Daggett, M.D., Kansas City	David Glover M.D. Warrensburg	Mark Halstead M.D. Washington University	Kim D. Colter M.D. Washington	Jim Raynor, Trainer, Springfield	Tom Weber Trainer, Cape Girardeau
<b>SPORTSMANSHIP/ CITIZENSHIP</b>	Doug Miller East Buchanan	Mark Penny Troy Buchanan	Ryan Nichols Oak Park	Brent Cooper Concordia	Brian Kessler Parkway West	Bill Deckelman Washington	Willie Ng Seneca	Laura Ort Central (New Madrid Co.)
<b>STUDENT**</b>	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy	vacancy
<b>SWIMMING Boys &amp; Girls</b>	N/A	Brenda Gieseke Hannibal	Tim Busenhardt Park Hill South	Jerry Tankersley Smith-Coiton	Lindbergh Leslie Kehr (SWG) John Burroughs	N/A	Shawn Klosterman Webb City	Dan Rau Saxony Lutheran
<b>TENNIS Boys  Girls</b>	Traci Westfall Savannah  Nicole McGinness Maryville	Louis Schnoebelen Fulton  Ben Loeb Rock Bridge	Stu Reece Lee's Summit North  Todd Wilson Lee's Summit West	Jim Stoner Lalayette County  Allan Twillgear Odessa	Patrick Huewe MICDS  Susie Luten Clayton	Will Hubbs Salem  Kirk Richey Camdenton	Chris Kohl Kickapoo  Bob Cooper Glendale	Russ Dial Sikeston  Seth Benton Central (Cape Girardeau)
<b>TRACK Boys  Girls</b>	*Shane Hilton Stanberry  Mike Long Richmond	Geoff Hutton Kirksville  Mark Thomas Hannibal	Thomas Stueve Raytown South  Dale Brown Winnetonka	Quenton Bainbridge Wellington-Napoleon  Joshua Dorr Clinton	Scott DeNoyer Lutheran South  Chris Moore Rockwood Summit	Chris Kelley Union  Megan Booker Sullivan	Lance Brumley Nixa  Jay Miller Parkview	Mike Genge Grandview (Hillsboro)  Dina Holland Hillsboro
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	*Jayme Wood Tarkio	Rachel Leu Mexico	Lindsey Hood Park Hill	George Creason Pleasant Hill	Zach Young Lalayette (Wildwood)	Janel Brown Pacific	Tammy Miller Logan-Rogersville	Beisy Middleton Lesterville
<b>WRESTLING</b>	Phillip Limb Cameron	Derek Greening Hannibal	Jesse Whitsom Grain Valley	*Eric DeVenney Harrisonville	James Lake Parkway South	Marty Hauck St. James	Dustin Martin Nixa	John Brown DeSolo
Ex-Officio Member: Bobby Lowe, Oak Grove, President of MWA								

\*. Appointed during Board term (may be reappointed for 4 year term); \*\*. Not on Board rotation schedule; NOTE: Each advisory committee member's term terminates the year that district's Board member's term is up for election. (Exception - appointed in mid-term - may be reappointed for a full four year term)

# ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

## MSHSAA Guidelines for Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the chart below, ONLY those items marked "Yes" will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all MSHSAA District and State Series Championships. Schools are encouraged to follow these guidelines during the regular season. Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from the team bench area are encouraged. The items indicated on this page are for use by all fans/spectators.

LEGEND: BA-Baseball BK-Basketball CC Cross Country FB-Football GO-Golf SO-Soccer SB-Softball SW-Swimming & Diving TN-Tennis TR-Track & Field VB-Volleyball WR-Wrestling NA-Not Apply

SPORT	BA	BK	CC	FB	GO	SO	SB	SW	TN	TR	VB	WR
Balloons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Banners on wall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Confetti/shredded paper	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hand held signs (no obstruction of view)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Laser light/pointer/flashing objects	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Megaphones (Exception: Sideline Cheerleaders only)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Artificial noisemakers, (including but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, shakers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles, instruments not part of a band)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Compressed Air Horns/sirens	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Whistles	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Shirts on fans (required)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Team Introduction Run-Throughs or Break Away Banners (fans)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Team Introduction Run-Throughs or Break Away Banners (team personnel & sideline cheerleaders)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poms, spirit/rally towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cannons/muskets/guns/fireworks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Carried school flags (Running/taunting prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Live animals	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No

\*not at the Dome



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Motion Eaton, second Churchwell, to go into closed session for matters involving legal actions or litigation involving MSHSAA including any confidential or privileged communications between MSHSAA and its attorney. Section 610.021(1) R.S.Mo. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

Motion Kinder, second Eaton, to exit out of closed session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

No information was reported out of closed session.

Approved the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting and the November 17, 2015 meeting 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): Affton, Bayless, Bishop DuBourg, Bishop DuBourg, Blair Oaks, Bourbon, Branson, Butler, Cabool, Calvary Lutheran, Carnahan, Carnahan, Carnahan, Central Academy, Chaffee, Charleston Middle, Christian, Christian Brothers College, Clinton, College Heights Christian, Collegiate School of Med/Bio Science, Concordia, Couch, Delta, Dexter, Dexter, Dixon, Duchesne, Father Tolton Regional Catholic, Francis Howell North, Frontier STEM, Fulton, Grain Valley, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hickman, Hillcrest, Hillsboro, Hogan Prep Academy Charter, Hogan Prep Academy Charter, Hogan Prep Academy Charter, Hollister, Jamestown, Kearney, Kearney, Kearney, Kearney, Kelly, Koshkonong, Lakeview, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit North, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Lutheran St. Charles, Maysville, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, Meadow Heights, Meadville, Mehlville, Miami, Miller Career Academy, Miller Career Academy, Neosho, North Technical, North Technical, North Technical, Northeast (Kansas City), Northeast (Kansas City), Northwestern (Mendon), Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau), Notre Dame (St. Louis), Oak Hill Junior, Orchard Farm, Pacific, Pacific, Parkview, Parkway West, Polo, Principia, PRIORITY, PRIORITY, Purdy, Raytown, Reeds Spring, Rock Port, Rolla, Russellville, Saxony Lutheran, Saxony Lutheran, Seckman, Sheldon, Smith-Cotton, Soldan International Studies, South Harrison, South Iron, South Shelby, Springfield Catholic, St. Charles, St. Francis Borgia, St. Francis Borgia, St. Francis Borgia, St. Joseph Christian, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Paul Lutheran (Farmington), St. Pius X (Festus), Summersville, Summit

Lakes, Summit Lakes, Timberland, Trinity Catholic, Trinity Catholic, Trinity Catholic, Troy Buchanan, Truman, Truman, Valle Catholic, Vashon, Vianney, Webster Groves, West Middle, Westminster Christian Academy, Westminster Christian Academy, William Chrisman, Winfield, Winnetonka, Winston, and Winston.

Transfer Hardship Applications (By-Law 3.10.4.h) (Duplicate school names indicates an additional transfer(s) student(s) for that school): Adrian, Affton, Affton, Alton, Alton, Antioch, Arcadia Valley, Archie, Ash Grove, Aurora, Aurora, Aurora, Bevier, Bevier, Bevier, Bismarck, Blair Oaks, Bloomfield, Bosworth, Breckenridge, Brentwood, Bronaugh, Brunswick, Brunswick, Brunswick, Bucklin, Bunker, Calhoun, Camdenton, Camdenton, Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Ritter, Carnahan, Carthage, Carthage, Center, Central (Cape Girardeau), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (Springfield), Central (St. Joseph), Centralia, Centralia, Chadwick, Chaffee, Chamois, Charleston, Chilhowee, Chilhowee, Chillicothe, Clayton, Clearwater, Cleveland NJROTC, Cleveland NJROTC, Confluence Prep Academy Charter, Conway, Conway, Conway, Couch, Couch, Crocker, Cuba, DeSoto, Dora, Dora, East (Joplin), East (Kansas City), East Carter, Ellington, Exeter, Fair Grove, Farmington, Festus, Fisk, Fordland, Fort Osage, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell North, Francis Howell North, Fredericktown, Fredericktown, Fredericktown, Ft. Zumwalt East, Ft. Zumwalt South, Fulton, Grain Valley, Grain Valley, Grain Valley, Grain Valley, Grandview (Hillsboro), Greenwood, Halfway, Hancock, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hannibal, Hardin-Central, Hardin-Central, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood East, Herculaneum, Herculaneum, Hermann, Hillsboro, Houston, Jefferson City, John B. Lange, Joplin, Joplin, Joplin, Kickapoo, King City, King City, Kingston, Kirksville, Knob Noster, La Plata, Ladue Horton Watkins, Lafayette County, Lee's Summit West, Liberty, Liberty North, Liberty North, Liberty North, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Lift for Life Academy Charter, Logan-Rogersville, Lone Jack, Lone Jack, Lutheran St. Charles, Malta Bend, Mansfield, Marceline, Mark Twain, Marquette, Marshall, Marshfield, McCluer, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer North, McCluer South-Berkeley, McKinley Classical Leadership, Mehlville, Mid-Buchanan, Midway, Milan, Moberly, Montgomery County, Mt. Vernon, Naylor, Naylor, Neelyville, Neosho, Neosho, Nevada, Nevada, Nevada, Nixa, Nodaway-Holt, North Callaway, North County, North County, North County, North Harrison, North Shelby, North Technical (14 transfers), Northeast Vernon County, Northwest (Hughesville), Northwestern (Mendon), Northwestern (Mendon), Oak Hill Junior, Oak Hill

Junior, Oak Park, Oakland Middle, O'Hara, Otterville, Owensville, Owensville, Palmyra, Park Hill, Park Hill, Park Hill, Park Hill South, Park Hill South, Parkview, Parkview, Parkway Central, Parkway North, Parkway West, Pattonville, Pattonville, Pattonville, Pilot Grove, Portageville, Potosi, Potosi, Princeton, Putnam County, Raytown South, Raytown South, Ritenour, Riverview Gardens, Rock Bridge, Rock Bridge, Rolla, Rolla, Rolla, Rosati-Kain, Salem, Salisbury, Salisbury, Savannah, School of the Ozarks, School of the Ozarks, Scott County Central, Scott County Central, Scott County Central, Seymour, Smithton, Soldan International Studies, Soldan International Studies, South Harrison, South Holt, South Iron, South Shelby, Southland, Southwest Early College, Springfield Catholic, St. Charles, St. Joseph Christian, St. Mary's (St. Louis), St. Mary's (St. Louis), Staley, Stanberry, Stewartville, Strafford, Sullivan, Sweet Springs, Tipton, Trenton, Trenton, Trenton, Troy Buchanan, Troy Buchanan, Troy Buchanan, Truman, Truman, Truman, Twin Rivers, Union, Ursuline Academy, Van Horn (Independence), Vashon (17 transfers), Versailles, Walnut Grove, Warrensburg, Warrensburg, Warrenton, Warrenton, Washington, Washington, Waynesville, Webb City, Webster Groves, Wentworth Military Academy, West Middle, Winfield, Winfield, Winfield, and Winston.

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 - Bishop DuBourg - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 3.4 and 3.10.4, accepted schools actions, no forfeitures are required by the school due to students being retroactively eligible; Bishop LeBlond - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.10.4 - accepted school's actions, contest to be forfeited if won, coach to be reinstated after serving school's imposed sanctions; Central (Park Hills) - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are fully eligible; Christian - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 4.1.6 and 2.4, accepted school's actions, to forfeit event participated in by ineligible student, reinstate 8th grader to be eligible for 8 semesters of participation beginning with the student's 9th grade year; Clinton - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.4, accepted schools' actions, no forfeitures required, students to be certified as eligible; Dixon - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2.a, accepted school's actions, no forfeits required, student to sit out first game of the district tournament and then shall become eligible in softball after sitting out that game; Knob Noster - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 6.1.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required;

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La Monte - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 6.1.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required; Ladue Horton Watkins - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.4, accepted schools' actions, no forfeitures required, students to be certified as eligible; McAuley Catholic - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 2.2.2 and 2.2.5, accepted schools actions, no forfeit of October 5th game required, granting lesser penalty for student than 365 days of ineligibility, student is ineligible until conditions of the court are met and must sit out the next contests after regaining eligibility; McCluer North - Self-reported violation of By-Laws 2.3 and 3.4 - accepted school's actions, school to forfeit any games that ineligible players participated in, students that participated while ineligible must sit out equal number of contests once they gain eligibility; New Bloomfield - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 2.4.2, school to forfeit all contests in the 2014-15 school year in which ineligible student participated, student is eligible for the 8th grade year due to the first entry into the 8th grade and having two semesters under the By-Law; North Technical - Self-reported a violation of MSHSAA Board Policy Number 23, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures are required; Oak Park - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 2.3, accepted schools actions, school must forfeit all games played by ineligible player, student is ineligible for remainder of fall semester; Oakville - Self-Reported a violation of By-Law 3.4, accepted school's actions, school to forfeit event(s) in which the ineligible student participated; Valle Catholic - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are fully eligible;

Recommend action by school be accepted and administration acknowledged for self-reporting with no further action – Clarkton - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 2.2.2 and 2.2.5, accepted school's actions, student is ineligible for all sports and activities for the remainder of her high school career; Helias Catholic - Self-reported a violation of By-Laws 2.2.2 and 2.2.5, accept school's actions, no forfeitures required, student may have eligibility reinstated for October 16th game; Hickman - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2.a, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, student's eligibility may be reinstated after sitting out one contest; Oak Grove - Self-reported violations of By-Laws 2.2.2 and 2.2.5, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, students are to be reinstated once they meet all requirements from the court and sit out equal number of contests as played in while ineligible; Park Hill - Self-Reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2, accepted school's actions, no forfeitures required, student to be reinstated after sitting out one contest; Silex - Self-Reported a violation of By-Law 3.4, inadvertently omitted a student who was fully eligibility from the cross country eligibility roster, student added to roster.

Application for approval of Senior High

School Cooperative Sponsorships (By-Law 1.4.1) - host school listed first: Appleton City and Montrose high schools - 11-Man Football, Boys and Girls Track, and Girls Volleyball (2016-17 and 2017-18); Bishop DuBourg and Hancock senior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Braymer and Breckenridge senior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Brunswick and Keytesville senior highs - Baseball - Fall and Girls Softball - Fall (2016-17 and 2017-18); Cainsville and Ridgeway senior highs - Baseball (Spring), Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Boys Golf, Scholar Bowl, Boys and Girls Track Clopton and Elsberry senior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); DeSoto and Kingston senior highs - 11-Man Football, Boys Soccer and Boys and Girls Track (2016-17 and 2017-18); Elsberry and Silex senior highs - Boys and Girls Soccer (2016-17 and 2017-18); Hale and Bosworth senior highs - Boys and Girls Basketball, Girls Softball (Fall), and Boys and Girls Track (2016-17 and 2017-18); Hermitage and Wheatland senior highs - Boys and Girls Cross Country and Boys Golf (2016-17 and 2017-18); John F. Kennedy and Valley Park high schools - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Keytesville and Brunswick senior highs - Baseball - Spring (2016-17 and 2017-18); King City and Union Star - 8-Man Football, Boys and Girls Golf, and Girls Softball (Fall) (2016-17 and 2017-18); Lockwood and Golden City senior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Mid-Buchanan and North Platte senior highs - Wrestling (2016-17 and 2017-18); Montrose and Appleton City senior highs - Baseball (Spring), Boys and Girls Cross Country and Softball - Girls (Fall/Spring) (2016-17 and 2017-18); Mound City and Craig senior highs - Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Cross Country, 8-Man Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Track and Girls Volleyball (2016-17 and 2017-18); Norborne and Hardin-Central senior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); North Nodaway and West Nodaway senior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Princeton and Mercer senior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); South Holt and Nodaway-Holt senior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Tarkio and Fairfax senior highs - Baseball (Spring), Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, 8-Man Football, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Track, Girls Volleyball, and Wrestling (2016-17 and 2017-18); South Nodaway and Jefferson (Conception Jct.) - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Southwest (Livingston County), Hale and Tina-Avalon senior highs - Cheerleading (Football) and 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Stewartville and Osborn senior highs - 8-Man Football and Girls Softball (Fall) (2016-17 and 2017-18); Van-Far and Community high schools - 11-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18); Worth County and Northeast Nodaway senior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-17 and 2017-18).

Application for approval of Junior High School Cooperative Sponsorships (By-Law 1.4.2) - host school listed first: Butler and Hudson junior highs - Wrestling (2015-16); Cainsville and Ridgeway junior highs - Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Scholar Bowl, and Boys and Girls Track (2016-17); Clopton and Ida Cannon junior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17); Laura Speed Elliott and Prairie Home junior highs - 11-Man Football (2016-17); Macon County and Bucklin junior highs - Boys and Girls Basketball, Scholar Bowl, and Boys and Girls Track (2015-16); North Nodaway and West Nodaway junior highs - 8-Man Football (2016-2017); Quin and Fisk junior highs - Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball (2015-16); Russellville and High Point junior highs- Boys Cross Country (2015-16).

Determined to remove probation status for all St. Louis Public School District schools except Vashon. Vashon coach remains under suspension until a mentor is named and approved by MSHSAA staff

Davis and Urhahn presented the Board with information regarding cash awards for school music organizations. This is also listed as a possible Area Meeting Topic later in the meeting. No action was taken.

Accepted the financial reports as presented.

Urhahn reported to the Board from the Athletic Directors Advisory Committee. There were no formal recommendations from the committee for the Board. No action taken.

Stahl presented three recommendations to the Board from the Tennis Advisory Committee: 1) using "sum total" to establish an order for doubles lineups during team competition as noted below.

Doubles line-ups may be played in any order provided:

i. Doubles rank orders will be determined by the sum total of the singles rank order value. Example: if the #1 and #2 singles play together their sum total is 3 points. If the #3 and #4 singles play together their sum total is 7 points. Therefore, #1 and #2 must play at the #1 doubles spot; #3 and #4 must play at the #2 doubles; etc.

ii. When the sum total of the teams are the same, (example: #3 and #4 play together and #2 and #5 play together-both teams point value is 7), the team with the highest ranked player must play at the higher doubles position. Therefore, #2 and #5 would play at the #1 doubles spot; #3 and #4 would play at the #2 doubles spot; etc.

Exception: When sum totals of teams are of equal value and a team line-up can be justified based on doubles results (challenge matches or match results), the lower ranked player combination may be played at the higher doubles position.

It is legal to use that line-up in post-season if the line-up has been used three times during the regular season in a 6 and 3 format or in a doubles tournament(s) where 3 or more doubles teams were entered; Recommend language change to Appendix B, item B-2 as follows: Vote 12-0.

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2) Once team competition starts (team districts, sectionals or state), no substitutions may be made except for injury, illness, or disciplinary actions. A player who cannot continue must default the match in progress and then has two options:

a. Return to competition (e.g.: return for doubles singles competition in semifinals or return for finals). OR

b. Call for a substitute, with the understanding that he/she (the injured, ill, or disciplined player) will not be able to return to play until the next team match. (If a substitution is made, the substitute will complete the team match in progress- team district, sectionals or state.) (A player substituted for, using a direct substitution, in the Sectional or State semi-final may return to the line-up to play in the finals)

Example: If a team's number 1 player is injured/becomes ill during doubles and cannot continue for singles play, the substitute will "directly" fill the number 1 singles position. All other players remain in the same position they were in at the time team line-ups were exchanged; 3) Recommend to survey head tennis coaches of member schools with tennis on whether or not to allow coaching during matches, between points while still remaining compliant with 20 seconds between points.

Approved all three recommendations from the Tennis Advisory Committee.

Urhahn presented the Board with two recommendations from the Public/Nonpublic Advisory Committee: 1) the Board of Directors place the following topic on the agenda for the Area Meetings in January: The 1.35 Multiplier for Non-Public and Charter Schools, with the following questions: 1) Does the membership still want it?, 2) Does the membership want to adjust it?, 3) Does the membership want different multipliers for different sports?; 2) the Board of Directors place the following topic on the agenda for the Area Meetings in January: Should the member schools look at the following instead of the multiplier? 1) Frequency (Championship Appearances) Factors for teams to move up one classification in a sport if they advance to the final four in multiple years. 2) Changing enrollment gathering and classifications to an annual basis rather than every other year.

Approved both recommendations from the Public/Nonpublic Advisory Committee.

Maurer presented three recommendations to the Board from the Softball Advisory Committee: 1) the following addition to Section 4-B of the softball manual: A Sectional Game, held at a facility without lights, may begin as early as 2:00pm, with prior approval of both participating schools' administrators and the MSHSAA office; 2) the following addition to Section 1-D of the Softball Manual: The director/host, of a regular season tournament, may elect to institute a 1:15 time limit game-ending procedure. (No new inning begins after 1:15); 3) to institute an observers program for softball officials

Approved recommendations #1 and #2 and table #3 from the Softball Advisory Committee.

Davis presented two recommendations to the Board from the Spirit Advisory Committee: 1) approving the Board Policy on Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Spirit Activities as presented below beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Heat Acclimatization Guidelines – Spirit Activities Heat Acclimatization Period: For the health and safety of participants in sideline cheer and dance team practices, it is recommended that member schools develop and implement a Heat Acclimatization Schedule for camps and/or practices that take place during the summer months when school is not in session or when your spirit programs conduct its camps and/or practices in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The goal of the Heat Acclimatization Period is to increase exercise heat tolerance and enhance the ability to practice safely and effectively in warm and hot conditions. It is recommended this period begin with the first day of your spirit team(s) practice.

Heat Acclimatization Definitions: Some definitions of terms which may be helpful when developing a Heat Acclimatization system are listed below.

a) A 'day' is defined as a calendar day (12:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.

b) Rest Period: A rest period is defined as the time between the end of one practice to the beginning of the next practice, which should last no less than one hour. During this time, students should rest in a cool environment, with no physical or conditioning-related activity permitted (e.g. outdoor or indoor practices in a non-air conditioned facility). Examples of approved activities would include, but not limited to; reviewing your spirit handbook, videos, planning spirit activities, etc.

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Suggested Limits within the Heat Acclimatization Period:

a) Practice Duration: Each outdoor or non-air conditioned practice should last no more than three hours. Warm-up, stretching, and cool-down activities are included as part of the three-hour practice time. Regardless of ambient temperature conditions, all conditioning and/or practice activities must be considered part of the practice.

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c) Rest Day: If practice occurs on six consecutive days, participants should be provided one day of complete rest (no conditioning or practices); 2) that MSHSAA explore the possibility of offering One-Day Dance Clinics to be held during the same week and using the same format as the MSHSAA One-Day Cheer Clinics.

Approved both recommendations from the Spirit Advisory Committee.

West presented the Board two recommendations from the Sportsmanship/Citizenship Advisory Committee: 1) to accept the following as the topic for 2015-16 Junior high School Sportsmanship Essay Contest Topic: "How can you help your school or community battle negative examples for sportsmanship?"; 2) to move the Sportsmanship Summit to June 9, 2016.

Approved both recommendations from the Sportsmanship/Citizenship Advisory Committee.

Davis presented the Board with three recommendations from the Volleyball Advisory Committee: 1) no change in the format the current 18 minute warm-up procedure; 2) to increase the maximum number of players appearing on the post season team roster from 14 to 15 players and to increase the number of chairs for the team bench from 12 to 15; 3) the championship match be played immediately following the third place match for each class on Saturday of the state tournament and to keep the current rotation in place. 2016 Tournament finals would be played as follows:

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4:30 p.m.	3	Championship
6:00 p.m.	4	Third-Place
7:30 p.m.	4	Championship

Approved all three recommendations from the Volleyball Advisory Committee.

Garner presented the Board with four recommendations from the Soccer Advisory Committee: 1) to expand the district tournament starting with the 2016-17 school year to Monday of week #16 through Saturday of week #16 for the Class 1-2 boys.; 2) that a break-out session at the MIAAA conference be available to discuss rules and intricacies of soccer; 3) wording in the soccer manual and meeting announcements be adjusted as follows: "An individual player or coach that accumulates five yellow cards during the season will be issued a one game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game. The second set of five yellow cards received will result in a two game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game; the third set of five yellow cards will result in a three game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game. "; 4) that MSHSAA survey all soccer coaches to gauge interest on:

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- Reducing the number of contests to 19 games and 1 tournament, 16 games and 2 tournaments, or 13 games and 3 tournaments;
- Lowering the goal differential in the mercy rule from 10 to 8; and
- Reducing the time by 10 minutes when teams trail by 7 during the second half. Changes would become effective for the 2017-18 school year.

Approved all four recommendations from the Soccer Advisory Committee.

Richards discussed information from the Cross Country Advisory Committee. The information will be presented to the Board in January for action at that time. No action was taken.

Motion Churchwell, second Hill, 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 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

Motion Hill, second Johnson, to exit out of executive and closed session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Johnson, second Hill, to grant full eligibility to the student at Cardinal Ritter High School based on evidence of a hardship as per Hardship Transfer, By-Law 3.10.4.h. Motion passed 6-4 with Beem, Soden, Linneman, Hill, Johnson and Schmidt voting yes; Wilson, Eaton, Kinder, and Churchwell voted no.

Motion Eaton, second Churchwell, to deny full eligibility to the student of O'Hara High School based on lack of evidence of a hardship as per Hardship Transfer, By-Law 3.10.4.h. -Motion passed 7-3 with Beem, Soden, Wilson, Linneman, Johnson and Churchwell voting yes; Hill, Kinder, and Schmidt voting no.

Motion Hill, second Beem, in light of new information presented to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Father Tolton Regional Catholic High School under Transfer Exception 5, By-Law 3.10.4.e.4. Motion passed 8-2 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, and Soden voting yes; Kinder and Eaton voting no.

Motion Hill, second Churchwell, to uphold the Appeals Committee decision due to lack of evidence of hardship as per Hardship Transfer, By-Law 3.10.4.h and deny eligibility to the student of Southwest Early College Campus High School. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

Urhahn presented topics to the Board for their consideration as Area Meeting Topics at the

January 2016 meetings:

1. Why We Play? Issues Schools are facing from parents and students? How can the Association help?

2. Academic Requirements, do we need to look at how academic eligibility is being determined to give more flexibility to the schools?

3. Coaches or Athletic Directors must post schedule changes and final scores within 24 hours after the schedule start of the contest, or face a \$25 fine per offense?

4. Basketball: Should the by-law be changed to allow students to play in two tournaments during the same week? (cannot be on two teams in the same tournament)

5. Cash Awards for Music and other Activities to go to the school, should this be allowed?

6. What are the membership's views and perspectives on required random drug testing for all student athletes in the state to ensure safety?

7. Does the membership feel there is a manner in which home school students could represent and compete for a MSHSAA member school in interscholastic competition?

8. Fall, Winter, and Spring No Contact Periods; does the membership still feel the need for having them, or should they be modified to no school personnel contact days during that week? Should there be an increase from 9 to 16 days?

9. The start date for the Fall Sports Season, does it need to be modified?

10. The 1.35 Multiplier for Non-Public and Charter Schools: a. Does the membership still want it? b. Does the membership want to adjust it? c. Does the membership want different multipliers for different sports?

11. Should the member schools look at the following instead of the multiplier? a. Frequency (Championship Appearances) Ratio for teams to move up one classification on a sport by sport basis if they advance to the final four in multiple years? b. Should the process for changing enrollment gathering and classifications be made to conduct on an annual basis rather than every other year?

Approved the Area Meeting Topics with addition to #8 and the removal of #9.

Urhahn presented the Board with a list of schools that did not have an administrator in attendance at the required administrators rules meeting this fall (MSHSAA 101 Meetings).

Determined to take action against schools on the list for not having a representative in attendance at a MSHSAA 101 meeting.

Urhahn reported that at this time we do not have any petitions submitted for certification. No action taken.

Stahl reported to the Board a list of schools failing to submit the required officials ratings for fall sports.

Approved taking action against schools on list for failure to submit required officials ratings for fall sports.

Urhahn spoke to the Board regarding enrollment numbers of schools with students from unaccredited schools. No action was taken. The enrollment verification process will remain the same as is currently in place.

Approved the Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Report as presented.

Approved Van-Far High School's self-reported violation of By-Law 3.29.6.a.6 and the actions the school took as a result of the violation.

Denied the request of Pattonsburg High School to form a senior high cooperative agreement with a school which is not contiguous.

Approved the cooperative agreement request by Bishop LeBlond and St. Joseph Christian high schools for the 2015-16 school year.

Referred the issue of girls participating in wrestling to the Wrestling Advisory Committee. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with members Schmidt, Churchwell, Kinder, Beem, Linneman, Hill, Johnson, Wilson, Eaton, and Soden voting yes.

Approved dissolution of the senior high cooperative agreement in place between Tarkio and South Holt high schools for the 2015-16 school year in the sport of wrestling.

Resolved to allow to Lindenwood University to alter the basketball to reflect starting the boys game first followed by the girls game they are hosting.



# 2016 Show-Me Showdown Schedule

The time schedule for the 2016 MSHSAA Basketball Championships, SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I & II, reflects a three-day format for all classes at the final site. Time modifications have been made in the schedule for the weekends to reflect both a recommendation of the MSHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee that was approved by the Board of Directors. Admission prices have been set at \$8 per session.

Games for Classes 1, 2, & 3, for Thursday, March 10, 2016, of the SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I, will begin at 12:00 noon with the last game beginning at 8:20 p.m. and the Friday and Saturday games beginning at 11:00 a.m. See the detailed schedule below for times and details of which class and gender play.

Class 5 will begin the SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II on Thursday, March 17, 2016, starting at 3:30 p.m. beginning with two semifinals girls games followed by two semifinal boys games with the last game starting at 8:30 p.m. Friday will feature the Class 5 third place games starting at 11:00 a.m. followed by the girls and boys Class 4 semifinals starting at 2:30 p.m. See the detailed schedule below for times and details of which class and gender play. The following is a complete schedule of games for the 2016 Show-Me Showdown.

## SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I

### Session 1A: Thursday, March 10, Classes 1 & 2

#### **HEARNES CENTER – Semifinal Games**

- 12:00 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 2)
- 1:40 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 2)
- 3:20 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 1)
- 5:00 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 1)
- 6:40 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 1)
- 8:20 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 1)

### Session 1B: Thursday, March 10, Classes 2 & 3

#### **MIZZOU ARENA – Semifinal Games**

- 12:00 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 3)
- 1:40 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 3)
- 3:20 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 3)
- 5:00 p.m. – Boys Semifinal (Class 3)
- 6:40 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 2)
- 8:20 p.m. – Girls Semifinal (Class 2)

### Session 2: Friday, March 11, Classes 1, 2, & 3

#### **MIZZOU ARENA – Third Place Games**

- 11:00 a.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 3)
- 12:45 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 3)
- 2:30 p.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 2)
- 4:15 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 2)
- 6:00 p.m. – Girls Third Place (Class 1)
- 7:45 p.m. – Boys Third Place (Class 1)

### Session 3: Saturday, March 12, Classes 1, 2, & 3

#### **MIZZOU ARENA – Championship Games**

- 11:00 a.m. – Girls Championship (Class 3)
- 12:50 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 3)
- 2:40 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 2)
- 4:30 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 2)
- 6:20 p.m. – Girls Championship (Class 1)
- 8:10 p.m. – Boys Championship (Class 1)

## SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II

### Session 1: Thursday, March 17, Class 5

- 3:30 p.m. – Girls Semifinal
- 5:10 p.m. – Girls Semifinal
- 6:50 p.m. – Boys Semifinal
- 8:30 p.m. – Boys Semifinal

### Session 2: Friday, March 18, Class 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)

### Session 3: Saturday, March 19, Class 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)



## Basketball Pregame and Halftime Warm-up Procedure

In some areas of the state, some traditional pregame and halftime warm-up rituals are creating problems for schools and school administrators.

First, it is recommended that teams not be permitted to warm up at halftime of the game that precedes theirs (halftime of the junior varsity game in a JV-varsity doubleheader, etc.).

Next, the NFHS Basketball Rules Book states that home management will designate the location of each team's bench. The rules also state that the

pregame practice and first half basket for each team is the one farthest away from its bench. Teams are to conduct pregame and halftime warm-up on their half of the floor only.

If jogging or running is part of their warm-up drills, then it is to be confined to their half of the court. Teams are to refrain from circling the entire floor when they enter the court to warm-up. Officials are to enforce this once their jurisdiction begins by rule by assessing the head coach an indirect technical foul.

Teams leaving their locker rooms and entering the court are to proceed to their warm-up end of the court by the most direct route and at no time are they to pass underneath their opponent's basket. Baiting and taunting of opponents continues to be a problem in some areas, and conducting a segment of a team's warm-up activity in the opponent's end of the court has the potential to encourage poor sportsmanship.

## Board Interpretation on "Halftime Shootouts"

Following is an interpretation of the MSHSAA Amateur Awards Standards (By-Law 3.6) as they apply to athletic skill contests. The interpretation was adopted by the Board of Directors at its July 1, 1985 meeting.

"When a student is selected by chance to participate in a carnival type contest involving a skill of a sport, he or she may receive cash or merchandise awards as a result of that participation without its affecting his or her eligibility under the MSHSAA Amateur and Awards Standards. An example of this would be where a student is selected to participate in a half-time promotion at a University basketball game on the basis of a chance drawing of a number on a program which he or she purchased at the game.

In cases where such activities are scheduled and a student is required to enter for the purpose of competing for a cash or merchandise award, such activity would come under the restrictions of the amateur and awards standard and a youngster would jeopardize his or her eligibility in the sport concerned by competing for or accepting such awards."

# Tennis Advisory Committee Summary

**Held November 3, 2015**

1. Recommend using "sum total" to establish an order for doubles lineups during team competition as noted below.

Doubles line-ups may be played in any order provided:

- i. Doubles rank orders will be determined by the sum total of the singles rank order value. Example: if the #1 and #2 singles play together their sum total is 3 points. If the #3 and #4 singles play together their sum total is 7 points. Therefore, #1 and #2 must play at the #1 doubles spot; #3 and #4 must play at the #2 doubles; etc.
- ii. When the sum total of the teams are the same, (example: #3 and #4 play together and #2 and #5 play together—both teams point value is 7), the team with the highest ranked player must play at the higher doubles position. Therefore, #2 and #5 would play at the #1 doubles spot; #3 and #4 would play at the #2 doubles spot; etc.

Exception: When sum totals of teams are of equal value and a team line-up can be justified based on doubles results (challenge matches or match results), the lower ranked player combination may be played

at the higher doubles position. It is legal to use that line-up in post-season if the line-up has been used three times during the regular season in a 6 and 3 format or in a doubles tournament(s) where 3 or more doubles teams were entered.

2. Recommend language change to Appendix B, item B-2 as follows:

Once team competition starts (team districts, sectionals or state), no substitutions may be made except for injury, illness, or disciplinary actions. A player who cannot continue must default the match in progress and then has two options:

- a. Return to competition (e.g.: return for ~~doubles~~ **singles** competition in semifinals or return for finals). **OR**
- b. Call for a substitute, with the understanding that he/she (the injured, ill, or disciplined player) will not be able to return to play until the next team match. (If a substitution is made, the substitute will complete the team match in progress – team district, sectionals or state.)  
(A player substituted for, using a direct substitution, in the Sectional or State semi-final may return to the line-up to play in the finals)

**Example: If a team's number 1**

**player is injured/becomes ill during doubles and cannot continue for singles play, the substitute will "directly" fill the number 1 singles position. All other players remain in the same position they were in at the time team line-ups were exchanged.**

3. Recommend to survey head tennis coaches of member schools with tennis on whether or not to allow coaching during matches, between points while still remaining compliant with 20 seconds between points.

- \* Denied
  - \*\* Tabled for further study
  - \*\*\* Approved as amended
- All others approved

## Boys Volleyball – Registered Schools

The following MSHSAA schools are registered for the 2015 boys volleyball season: Affton, Bayless, Bishop DuBourg, Chaminade, Christian Brothers College, Christian, DeSmet, Duchesne, Eureka, Fox, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell, Francis Howell North, Ft. Zumwalt East, Ft. Zumwalt North, Ft. Zumwalt South, Ft. Zumwalt West, Kirkwood, Lafayette (Wildwood), Lindbergh, Lutheran South, Marquette, Mehlville, North Technical, Northwest (Cedar Hill), Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau), Oakville, Parkway Central, Parkway North, Parkway South, Parkway West, Pattonville, Ritenour, Rockwood Summit, Seckman, St. Dominic, St. Francis Borgia, St. Louis University, St. Mary's (St. Louis), Vianney, Webster Groves, Westminster Christian Academy and Whitfield.

If your school is scheduled to play a team that is not listed above, please notify that school's athletic administrator. All schools participating in boys' volleyball must be registered for the sport with the MSHSAA.

# Volleyball Advisory Committee Summary

**Held November 12, 2015**

1. Recommend no change in the format the current 18 minute warm-up procedure.
2. Recommend to increase the maximum number of players appearing on the post season team roster from 14 to 15 players and to increase the number of chairs for the team bench from 12 to 15.
3. Recommend the championship match be played immediately following the third place match for each class on Saturday of the state tournament and to keep the current rotation in place.

4. Recommended the 2016 Tournament finals would be played as follows:

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## 2016-17 National High School Policy Debate Topic: China

**Resolved:** *The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.*



# Soccer Advisory Committee Summary

Held November 18, 2015

1. Recommend to expand the district tournament starting with the 2016-17 school year to Monday of week #16 through Saturday of week #16 for the Class 1-2 boys.
2. Recommend that a break-out session at the MIAAA conference be available to discuss rules and intricacies of soccer.
3. Recommend wording in the soccer manual and meeting announcements be adjusted as follows: "An individual player or coach that accumulates five yellow cards during the season will be issued a one game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game. The second set of five yellow cards received will result in a two game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game; the third set of five yellow cards will result in a three game suspension for the next regular season or playoff game."

4. Recommend that MSHSAA survey all soccer coaches to gauge interest on:
  - Reducing the number of con tests to 19 games and 1 tournament, 16 games and 2 tournaments, or 13 games and 3 tournaments;

- Lowering the goal differential in the mercy rule from 10 to 8; and
  - Reducing the time by 10 minutes when teams trail by 7 during the second half.
- Changes would become effective for the 2017-18 school year.



# Spirit Advisory Committee Summary

Held September 25, 2015

1. Recommend approving the Board Policy on Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Spirit Activities as presented below beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

## Heat Acclimatization Guidelines – Spirit Activities

**Heat Acclimatization Period:** For the health and safety of participants in sideline cheer and dance team practices, it is recommended that member schools develop and implement a Heat Acclimatization Schedule for camps and/or practices that take place during the summer months when school is not in session or when your spirit programs conduct its camps and/or practices in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The goal of the Heat Acclimatization Period is to increase exercise heat tolerance and enhance the ability to practice safely and effectively in warm and hot conditions. It is recommended this period begin with the first day of your spirit team(s) practice.

**Heat Acclimatization Definitions:** Some definitions of terms which may be helpful when developing a Heat Acclimatization system are listed below.

- a) A **'day'** is defined as a calendar day (12:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.

- b) **Rest Period:** A rest period is defined as the time between the end of one practice to the beginning of the next practice, which should last no less than one hour. During this time, students should rest in a cool environment, with no physical or conditioning-related activity permitted (e.g. outdoor or indoor practices in a non-air conditioned facility). Examples of approved activities would include, but not limited to; reviewing your spirit handbook, videos, planning spirit activities, etc.
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## Suggested Limits within the Heat Acclimatization Period:

- a) **Practice Duration:** Each outdoor or non-air conditioned practice should last no more than three hours. Warm-up, stretching, and cool-down activities are included as part of the three-hour practice time. Regardless of ambient temperature conditions, all conditioning and/or practice activities must be considered part of the practice.
  - b) **First Five Days:** Only one practice should be held on each of the first five days of the Heat Acclimatization Period. Further, one indoor practice could be held after a rest period of one or more hours.
  - c) **Rest Day:** If practice occurs on six consecutive days, participants should be provided one day of complete rest (no conditioning or practices).
2. Recommend that MSHSAA explore the possibility of offering One-Day Dance Clinics to be held during the same week and using the same format as the MSHSAA One-Day Cheer Clinics.

# State Music Festival Scheduling

Problems scheduling performances at the MSHSAA State Music Festival due to local conflicts (i.e. proms, musicals, theatrical productions, athletic events, etc.) are becoming more prevalent. Due to the size of the festival, it is impossible to schedule every performance to avoid local conflicts.

School administrators and activities directors are asked to avoid scheduling local events that will conflict with the MSHSAA Music Festival performances. The dates of the 2016 Festival are scheduled for April 28-30.

Music directors should also be aware that with approximately 9,000-10,000 students participating at the State Festival each year, some events from your school may be scheduled at the same time. It is impossible to build a schedule that will allow every director to hear each entry. Therefore, schedule changes will only be made if there is a direct conflict with an accompanist or a student scheduled for two events during the same time period. Please remember that an individual may accompany no more than 20 entries per day at the district and state music festivals.

Due to the number of participants at the State Festival, the MSHSAA staff will not be able to honor specific performance time requests. In an effort to assist school administrators and music directors in making appropriate plans for the event as far in advance as possible, a brief summary of the scheduling process is being presented.

Schools should plan to have their schedule encompass the amount of time indicated below. These performance schedules are based on the average amount of time necessary to accommodate the entries as listed.

- 40 or more entries.....allow 8 hours
- 30-39 entries.....allow 7 hours
- 20-29 entries.....allow 6 hours
- 10-19 entries.....allow 5 hours
- 6-9 entries.....allow 4 hours
- 5 or fewer entries.....allow 3 hours

Schools spending the night prior to their performance date should plan on beginning early in the morning. Schools spending the night the day of the performance should plan on performing through the end of the day. Schools with many entries will be scheduled to occupy the mid-morning through afternoon time slots.

When listing accompanists, it is very important that only a true accompanist is listed. If directors list themselves and are not truly accompanying the performance, scheduling problems for their school

and other schools may occur. Please list events appropriately. Your cooperation is appreciated.

This year, selected schools located in the Northeast, Central, South Central and Kansas City districts are scheduled to perform on Thursday, April 28. All schools located in the Northwest and selected schools located in the Kansas City, Northeast and South Central MSHSAA Board Districts will attend the festival on Friday, April 29. All schools located in the St. Louis, Southwest, Southeast and selected schools located in the South Central and Central MSHSAA Board Districts will attend the festival on Saturday, April 30. If you are unsure which day you are assigned, go to the Music Activities link of the MSHSAA web site ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)). If your school is not listed, the school did not register for music for the 2015-16 school year, and you should contact MSHSAA immediately

## Spring Tryouts for Sideline Cheer, Pom & Winter Guard Teams Require Physicals

The MSHSAA Board of Directors has interpreted By-Law 4.5.6 to include tryouts as a recognized event for sideline cheerleading and dance teams. School administrators and event sponsors should be certain all students involved in the tryouts provide a physician's certificate stating that the individual is physically able to participate in sideline cheerleading or dance activities as required *prior* to participating in any activities in preparation for tryouts. This would include practices.

It should be noted that cheerleading and dance physicals issued on or after

February 1, 2016, are valid for the remainder of the current school year and all of the upcoming school year (2016-2017).

To keep problems at a minimum, please provide advance notice of this requirement to interested students to allow sufficient time for physicals to be obtained prior to practices and tryouts.

In addition, only students who are currently enrolled at the member school may participate in spring tryouts. Students who may be transferring from another school district into your district for the fall semester are *not* eligible to participate in spring tryouts.

## Music Awards Now Available to Music Students and Schools

MSHSAA offers music awards for purchase by individual music students and schools to recognize outstanding performances at the district and state music festivals. These quality awards are designed to recognize the achievements of students or groups receiving a division 1 or 2 rating at the district and state festivals. The cost per medal is \$3.00.

A plaque may also be purchased to recognize large and small ensembles that receive a 1 rating at the MSHSAA Music Festival. The plaque has been designed to accommodate six past, present and future groups. Plaques may be ordered for \$50 which includes six plates. Engraving, which includes the state seal, is \$7 per plate.

Order forms for awards are located on the MSHSAA web site by selecting the "music activities" link. The orders and full payment or purchase order must be sent to MSHSAA. After processing, the awards will be shipped directly from the supplier to the address on the order form.

All proceeds from the sale of the music awards are utilized to fund the graded music list projects and the adjudicators' training program. Your continued support of this program will continue to benefit the interscholastic music program.

## 2015 Boys Soccer Championship Officials

**Sectionals – (Class 2)** Jeff Hay (Cape Girardeau), William Scott (Poplar Bluff), Todd Panula (Barnhart), Doug Helfrich (St. Peters), Kent Voss (Florissant), Mark Milward (St. Louis), John Hawks (Columbia), Dan Page (Smithton), Robert Bordewick (Quincy), Brad Hamman (Springfield), Tim Brown (Springfield), Phill Lewis (Marshfield), James Burke (St. Louis), Dennis Pivin (St. Charles), Vernon Gano (O'Fallon), Steve Walters (O'Fallon), Mike May (Ballwin), Ken Clifton (Arnold), Luke Swartz (Belton), Naomi Omenski (Kansas City), Larry Renshaw (Belton), Dayton Wagner (Kansas City), Ben Gochnauer (Lee's Summit), Matt Meiron (Raymore); **(Class 3)** Jacob Heilich (Arnold), Thomas Smith (O'Fallon), Mike Cahill (St. Peters), Steve Valle (St. Louis), Marty Rocco (St. Peters), Ken Clifton (Arnold), Brian Martin (Lee's Summit), Cal Sweeten (Overland Park), Tanner Philip (Blue Springs), Naomi Omenski (Kansas City), Nicholas Cox (Independence), James Lamar (Belton), Dennis Sparrow (St. Louis), Phil Beerman (St. Louis), Mike May (Ballwin), Tim Hantak (St. Louis), Mark Rutherford (St. Charles), Kenneth Whalen (St. Charles), Andy Wilkinson (Springfield), Ben Moore (Waynesville), Bryce Collier (Springfield), Brad Hamman (Springfield), Chuck Lonardo (Joplin), Daniel Edwards (Springfield); **(Class 4)** Mark Rutherford (St. Charles), Dennis Pivin (St. Charles), Ken Whalen (St. Charles), Jeff Pulley (Jackson), Charles Cova (St. Louis), Jeff Hay (Cape Girardeau), Daniel Ortega (Springfield), Tim Brown (Springfield), Dan Edwards (Springfield), Brandon Wulff (Columbia), John

Hawks (Columbia), Sean Hollrah (Columbia), Eric Oberle (DeSoto), Clancy Moore (Festus), James Patton (Barnhart), Tom Smith (O'Fallon), Jake LeGrand (Lake St. Louis), Chris Coyle (Ballwin), Ken Bartkoski (Lee's Summit), Kurt Austin (Kansas City), Damon Cluts (Kearney), Aaron Rench (Platte City), Robert Bomar (Lake Lotawana), Rick Robards (Leawood).

**Quarterfinals – (Class 1)** Glenn Pauly (Barnhart), Donald Kaag (St. Louis), Paul Boyd (Sikeston), Mike McCrary (Columbia), John Hawks (Columbia), Ken Seyer (Jefferson City), Kelly Gatts (Moberly), Jonathan Pund (Jefferson City), Spencer Bexten (Freeburg), Joseph Macht (Independence), Shaun McCurry (Kingsville), Kelly Hays (Kansas City); **(Class 2)** Jerry Michel (St. Louis), Roumen Mihov (St. Peters), Joe Buffa (Florissant), Daniel Edwards (Springfield), Russell Peel (St. Robert), Austin Sanders (Battlefield), Tom Smith (O'Fallon), Phil Beermann (St. Louis), Ed Dwyer (Fenton), Rob Kyle (Harrisonville), Kevin McMahan (Kansas City), Russ Davis (Kansas City); **(Class 3)** Marty Rocco (St. Peters), Steve Walters (O'Fallon), Roumen Mihov (St. Peters), Brandon Wulff (Columbia), Sean Hollrah (Columbia), Kelly Gatts (Moberly), George Major (Herculaneum), Jacob Heilich (Arnold), Dennis Pivin (St. Charles), Anthony Gardner (Independence), Tanner Philip (Blue Springs), Rob Kyle (Harrisonville); **(Class 4)** Eric Oberle (DeSoto), Doug Helfrich (St. Peters), Andy McKee (St. Charles), Aaron Rench (Platte City), Tim Brown (Springfield), Austin Sanders (Battlefield), Tim Walsh (St. Louis), James

Burke (St. Louis), Robert Wallace (Washington), Denis Zijadic (Gladstone), Ken McCurry (Kingsville), Nicholas Cox (Independence).

**Championships –** Ken Bartkoski (Lee's Summit), Charles Cova (St. Louis), Tim Fleming (St. Louis), Keegan Garner (Fulton), Kelly Gatts (Moberly), Ben Gochnauer (Lee's Summit), Brad Hamman (Springfield), John Hawks (Columbia), Tomasz Kuczwarra (Affton), Tim Lammering (O'Fallon), Jake LeGrand (Lake St. Louis), George Major (Herculaneum), Brian Martin (Lee's Summit), Clancy Moore (Festus), Eric Nerverve (Kansas City), Daniel Ortega (Springfield), William Scott (Poplar Bluff), Tom Smith (O'Fallon), Gregory Spilman (Springfield), Luke Swartz (Belton), Kent Voss (Florissant), Dayton Wagner (Kansas City), Timothy Walsh (St. Louis), Denis Zijadic (Gladstone).

### November 2015 Boys State Swimming and Diving Officials

Andy Balczo (St. Louis), Chuck Bremer (St. Louis), Ann Merten (St. Louis), Bob Cummins (Carthage), Julie Elliott (Liberty), Jenifer Gibbs (Kansas City), Bruce Holder (Lee's Summit), Miki McKee-Koelsch (Webster Groves), John Mullen (Springfield), Errich Oberlander (Raymore), Adam Peper (Ellisville), Jack Steck (Springfield), Chris Stocker (St. Louis), Scott Tacke (Blue Springs), Jim Whytlaw (Springfield), Tom Yaeger (Manchester).

## Girls District Soccer Officials Selection

Soccer officials for the 2016 girls district soccer tournaments shall be selected by the host manager using the District Officials Recommendation Forms. The District Officials Recommendation Forms shall be submitted by each participating school via the website no later than April 20, 2016.

All district managers will meet to select district

soccer officials on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 pm at the following locations: Westminster Christian Academy, Blue Springs South High School, Jefferson City High School, or Glendale High School. The officials notification date for district assignments is no earlier than 6:30 a.m. on April 28, 2016.

District managers are reminded that officials registered with the MSHSAA under the reciprocal agreement are not permitted to work MSHSAA district (or state) playoff games.

All girls soccer schools are to complete the State Officials Recommendation Forms online no later than April 20.

**2015 Volleyball - Sectional Officials:** Teresa Arthur (Houston), Victor Benton (Sedalia), Jeff Blume (Broseley), Jeff Boyd (Troy), Stacey Breedon (Jonesboro, AR), Sherry Christ (Arnold), Ken Corum (Kansas City), Larry Cox (Ash Grove), Joe Flanigan (Maryland Heights), Lori Ferguson (Springfield), Paul Good (O'Fallon), Dave Hackmann (Washington), Lana Hager (Van Buren), Marlin Hammond (Lincoln), Sheila Handley (Blue Springs), Michael Hawkins (Sedalia), Vincent Hawkins (Columbia), Robert Hensley (El Dorado Springs), Bev Hollis (Overland), Robert Horton (Springfield), Bruce Huffman (Advance), Tim Karle (Jefferson City), Rachel Kirk (St. Charles), Chris Lahm (Carl Junction), Sammy Lawson (Jackson), Patricia Lindenbusch (O'Fallon), Amy Loewen (Branson), Paul Loges (Alma), Bev Lowry (Kirbyville), Kathleen Mahan (Plattsburg), Sarah Marshall (Springfield), Linda Maune (Strafford), Terri Merriott (Versailles), Nicole Messick (St. Joseph), Sonny Meyers (St. Charles), Ed Monje (Rolla), Karen Naeger (St. Louis), Dixie Ousley (Kansas City), Clark Parrott (Dexter), Braxton Payne (St. Louis), Mindy Petty (Liberty), R. Kent Pratt (Joplin), Trevor Pulley (Bloomfield), Matthew Raymond (Charleston), Rory Reynolds (St. Peters), Greg Riggs (Poplar Bluff), Angie Roberts (Clarkton), Jeff Russler (Jefferson City), Paul Scovill (St. Louis), Theresa Setzer (Republic), Shannon Shafer (Lake St. Louis), Kelly Shearer-Spradling (Poplar Bluff), Marla Schuler (Billings), Chris Silman (Benton), Greg Stephenson (Springfield), Carmela Stillman (St. Charles), David Thompson (Independence), Brian Verman (Independence), Gina Vemer (Columbia), Cathy Viets (Stover), Dixie Wescott (Blue Springs), Andrew Williams (Sedalia), Nancy Willig (Sedalia), Tom Young (St. Louis).

**2015 Volleyball - Championship Officials:** Cathy Viets (Stover) - Officials Coordinator, Stacey Breedon (Jonesboro, AR), Ken Corum (Kansas City), Beverly Hollis (Overland), Robert Horton (Springfield), Jeffrey Russler (Jefferson City), Stacie Sargent (Perryville), Richard Swenson (Fenton), David Thompson (Independence).

**2015 Volleyball - Championship Lines Judges:** Jeff Boyd (Troy), Lori Ferguson (Springfield), David Hackmann (Washington), Kathleen Mahan (Plattsburg), Edward Monje (Rolla), Angela Roberts (Clarkton), Gina Vemer (Columbia), Chandler Young (Pierce City).

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