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RESULTS OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MSHSAA ELECTION

16 OF 17 AMENDMENTS PASS

APRIL 2024

Following are the results of the balloting on the amendments to the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws in the 2024 Annual MSHSAA Election. Amendments to By-Laws require a simple majority of those voting for passage, while amendments to the Constitution require a 2/3 majority for passage. Proposals which passed will become effective July 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Proposal 8 which will become effective immediately. Proposal 13 failed.

PROPOSAL 1 - (Ineligible Students and Forfeitures) - (PASSED) - 364 FOR, 23 AGAINST

Removes By-Law 5.5.4 and amends By-Law 1.2.3 to consolidate language and clarify the penalties for playing an ineligible player during the regular season and in the MSHSAA District/State Series.

PROPOSAL 2 - (Bona Fide Student Rule and Penalty) - (PASSED) - 368 FOR, 19 AGAINST

Amends Section 2 and By-Law 2.1 to add clarity to the definition of Bona fide student, what constitutes a change in Bona fide student status, and the associated penalty for violating By-Law 2.1.

PROPOSAL 3 - (Name, Image and Likeness) - (PASSED) - 257 FOR, 130 AGAINST

Amends By-Laws 2.6 and 3.6 to allow students to receive a benefit for their name, image or likeness if the promotions do not represent an affiliation to a member school or utilize names, marks, etc. they do not own, and also to prohibit "NIL Collectives."

PROPOSAL 4 - (Transfer Student Participation Eligibility) - (PASSED) - 349 FOR, 38 AGAINST

Eliminates By-Law 3.4.2 in the Certification of Eligibility subsection and amends By-Law 3.10.7 in the Residency and Transfer subsection to allow transfer students to possibly become eligible the first day classes are attended, instead of the fifth day, provided the proper transfer form has been submitted and processed.

PROPOSAL 5 - (Elimination 250-Mile Travel Restriction - Athletics) - (PASSED) - 294 FOR, 93 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 3.18.3.c to eliminate the one time per year 250-mile travel limitation for sports.

PROPOSAL 6 - (VB Match Formats for Double and Triple Duals) - (PASSED) - 263 FOR, 9 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 3.25.1 to allow double duals and triple duals to utilize the 2-out-of-3-set match format in addition to the 3-out-of-5-set match format.

PROPOSAL 7 - (First Allowable HS Contest Start Day for All Sports Seasons) - (PASSED) - 345 FOR, 18 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 3.29 to change the first allowable contest date for all sports seasons from Friday to Thursday.

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"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."

PROPOSAL 8 - (Separating the Activity of Theatre from that of Speech & Debate) - (PASSED) - 112 FOR, 16 AGAINST [Effective immediately for 2024-25 registration purposes.]

Amends current By-Law 4.3 to separate the activity of Theatre, from Speech & Debate, into a new section, as new By-Law 4.6, which will provide autonomy to each activity, to include separate registrations, governance, manuals, advisory committees, seasons, classification, and post-season events.

PROPOSAL 9 - (Minimum Competition Requirement for Speech and Debate) - (PASSED) - 112 FOR, 10 AGAINST

Adds new By-Law 4.3.5 and amends By-Law 5.1.2 to require Speech and Debate teams and individuals to participate in at least one contest during the regular season in order to be eligible for the District Tournament.

PROPOSAL 10 - (Expansion of Junior High Speech/Debate/Theatre Contests) - (PASSED) - 15 FOR, 0 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 4.3.3 to increase the number of allowable speech, debate, and/or theatre contests for junior high schools, not individuals, from five to ten.

PROPOSAL 11 – (Elimination of 250-Mile Travel Restriction – Speech/Debate/Theatre) - (PASSED) - 104 FOR, 24 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 4.3.4 to eliminate the one time per year 250-mile travel limitation for Speech, Debate, and Theatre.

PROPOSAL 12 – (Elimination of 250-Mile Travel Restriction – Scholar Bowl) - (PASSED) - 218 FOR, 72 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 4.4.4 to eliminate the one time per year 250-mile travel limitation for Scholar Bowl.

PROPOSAL 13 – (By-Laws to Transition Esports into an Interscholastic Activity) - (FAILED) - 29 FOR, 41 AGAINST

Had this proposal passed, it would have amended the MSHSAA By-Laws to transition and expand high school Esports from the provisionally interscholastic category within the Emerging Sports/Activities by-law (5.2) to a fully interscholastic activity, with all applicable allowances and restrictions as outlined in the background information. Proposal failed.

PROPOSAL 14 – (Revision to the By-Laws Governing EMERGING Sports) - (PASSED) - 35 FOR, 0 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 5.2 to require adherence to By-Law 3.20, which defines girls sports, boys sports and co-ed sports, and outlines the procedures to be followed in offering teams and competitions.

PROPOSAL 15 – (Increased Number of Annual Appeals Committee Meetings) - (PASSED) - 373 FOR, 14 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 5.4.5 to provide flexibility in the scheduling of regular Appeals Committee Meetings.

PROPOSAL 16 – (Penalty for Ejections) - (PASSED) - 344 FOR, 43 AGAINST

Amends By-Laws 5.5.1.c and 5.5.1.d to indicate that participation after an ejection at any level is prohibited until the one-contest suspension at the level at which the ejection occurred has been served.

PROPOSAL 17 – (Registration Deadlines for Officials) - (PASSED) - 378 FOR, 9 AGAINST

Amends By-Law 6.2.4 to have the MSHSAA office set the officials' renewal deadline appropriate for each season and publish those dates in the Official's Manual.