



Basketball

2025-26 MANUAL

2025-26 DATES TO REMEMBER [\(TOC\)](#)

	Classes 1 - 3	Classes 4 - 6
Online Rules Review & Coaches Rules Test Window	Oct. 27 – Nov. 14	Oct. 27 – Nov. 14
First Allowable HS Practice	November 3	November 3
Deadline to withdraw from season/post-season for classification purposes	November 13	November 13
Class & District Assignment Release Date	November 21	November 21
Official's Recommendation Window (Coaches' recommend officials to work postseason games)	January 1 - 23	January 1 - 23
Official's Declaration Deadline (Confirm that all official declarations are up to date. You will continue this through the end of the season)	January 23	January 23
District Tournament Committee should determine tournament format and list of officials to be selected from the draft.	January 26 - 30	January 26 - 30
The Basketball Officials Draft will be conducted in each of the eight MSHSAA Board Districts.	February 10	February 10
Season Records (up to date) are to be completed on the MSHSAA website under "District Entries."	February 11	February 18
District Seed Meetings held. All schools should have submitted their District Basketball Entries and information via the MSHSAA website	February 12-18	February 19-25
District Eligibility Rosters are to be completed on the MSHSAA website under "District Entries."	February 18	February 25
Pass List due. A Pass Gate checklist for players, cheerleaders and school representatives are to be completed on the MSHSAA website.	February 18	February 25
District Tournament Window (GIRLS play first – 2025-26) District Mgrs – <i>update bracket immediately, each game</i>	February 23 – 28	March 2 – 7
District Winner Packets (one boys and one girls) - emailed the morning after the district final		
District Managers are to complete the Event Settlement (financial statement) on the MSHSAA website.	March 1 - 7	March 8 – 14
Basketball Advisory Committee Meeting	April 2	April 2

Dates throughout the remainder of the manual are based on the MSHSAA Standard Calendar. They will be stated with a day of the week and the Standard Calendar week. This Calendar can be found on the inside front cover of the Official Handbook or in a MSHSAA 3-Year Calendar

Future postseason schedules may also be found in the back of the Official Handbook, located at www.mshsaa.org

Dates, times and locations are subject to change under the authority of the Board of Directors.

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DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS & STATE INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND ON MSHSAA WEBSITE
(www.mshsaa.org)

Revisions to the manual are highlighted in **red print and underlined**.

BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS [\(TOC\)](#)

The advisory committee members are appointed by the Board of Director member from their respective board district. Each individual is appointed to a four (4) year term. If an appointee is unable to fulfill their term, a replacement will be appointed to complete the remainder of the term. The purpose of the committee is to represent the schools and coaches within their board district on matters concerning the administration of the sport. Their role is a key component in bringing sport-specific needs, concerns, and recommendations to the Board of Directors. Please make sure to use them as your voice to the MSHSAA Staff and Board of Directors.

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RULES INTERPRETERS ([TOC](#))

The interpreters have been selected for their knowledge of the rules and willingness to provide their advice to officials, adjudicators and coaches/directors with regards to the interpretation of rules. The executive in charge of each sport/activity is the chief rules interpreter for the state but relies heavily on the advice and counsel of these individuals. Please feel free to contact them if you have a question regarding the application of sport/activity-specific rules. These individuals do not interpret any MSHSAA By-Laws or Board Policies nor do they review video of calls.

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PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY (TOC)

- A. **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.
- B. **PURPOSE OF MANUAL:** This manual has been prepared to provide a better understanding of the administration of MSHSAA sponsored events. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide for greater consistency. All information will be included in this manual except such supplementary or incidental information as may be included in the MSHSAA Journal. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless the schools are notified in a Special Bulletin of any changes.
- C. **PHILOSOPHY OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES:** Interscholastic activities are intended to supplement the secondary curricular program. These activities can provide the student with educational experiences and learning outcomes that contribute toward the development of good citizenship. This can be accomplished only when the emphasis is placed upon teaching "through school activities." Interscholastic activities can be justified only when this is their primary philosophy and purpose.
- D. **PURPOSE OF DISTRICT AND STATE CONTESTS:** There are two primary purposes that justify and cause district and state events to be desirable. Those purposes are to provide opportunities to demonstrate before the public the best knowledge, skills, and emotional patterns taught through a particular sport; and to evaluate and compare the best of this teaching of knowledge, skills and emotional patterns among schools. Unless these purposes are primary, district and state athletic contests cannot be completely justified.

It is the desire of the MSHSAA Board of Directors that these events be both fun and educational. It is extremely important that competitors, coaches, and the school community make every effort to enhance, and keep in proper perspective, the educational values of these events. Competition merely for "competition's sake" cannot be justified. Only when competition contributes toward worthwhile educational goals can it be considered sufficiently important to be included in the school program.

- E. **SUPERVISION OF COMPETITORS AND FANS:** MSHSAA By-Laws hold a school responsible, both at home and away, for the conduct of its competitors, students, coaches, and fans. Coaches are required to supervise their competitors. A coaches' respect for others and school property is necessary in order to instill this respect in competitors. Students staying overnight in hotels or motels in conjunction with any interscholastic athletic contest should be well chaperoned. The good conduct of students will leave a good impression of the entire school.

A school also should inform its competitors, students, coaches and fans of the value contest officials play in education through athletics. When informing these people of this, the difference in the purpose of high school and professional sports should be emphasized. Lack of respect for officials should not be tolerated. Booing of officials leads to booing of coaches and competitors. This has no place in high school athletics. Athletic administrators are urged to develop a program through any and all communication techniques available to ensure that spectators understand that high school athletics are an educational endeavor as opposed to the games being an end in themselves.

KEY MANUAL AND BY-LAW/BOARD POLICY CHANGES [\(TOC\)](#)

A. BY-LAW/BOARD POLICY CHANGES:

1. Specific to Basketball – NONE
2. Specific to all Athletic Programs:
 - a. SANCTIONING Requirements and Penalties - Adds new By-Laws 1.1.5 and 1.1.6 and all related amendments as indicated in Sections 3 and 4 to adjust the types of interscholastic competitive and/or evaluative events that require a sanction for participation and add penalty language when member schools fail to comply with sanction requirements.
 - b. Freshmen-Only Team Age Restrictions - Amends By-Law 3.5.1 to eliminate the age restriction as it relates to freshmen-only teams.
 - c. Age Restriction for Junior High School - Amends By-Law 3.5.2 to explicitly restrict 4th and 5th grade students from competing against 6th grade and above students, except in cases where they meet the overage criteria.
 - d. Girls Soccer and Fall Non-School Competition Exception - Amends By-Law 3.13.2 to adjust the Fall Non-School Competition Exception and to add the Girls Soccer Non-School Competition Exception to allow for non-school competition through the day before the first allowable contest, with prior approval by a school administrator.
 - e. Review by MSHSAA Office for Specific Ejections - Amends By-Law 5.5.1 to allow for an appeal to the MSHSAA office in instances of an ejection for kicks, strikes, fights, or when a substitute leaves the bench area during an altercation event.

B. APPROVED ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Maintain the current allowance for the use of a 35-second shot clock in MSHSAA-approved regular season varsity tournaments or shootouts across all classifications. Consent from all participating schools is not required for its use. As in the past, event coordinators must obtain approval from the MSHSAA Office prior to the event date.
2. When a tie occurs in regards to District Site Selection, the tie shall be broken by looking at historical hosting data on who hosted least recently, regardless of classification, but gender specific. If a tie is retained, a coin flip shall be used with heads being assigned to the school that comes first alphabetically.
3. Change the Class 5 & 6 District Tournament dates to be aligned with the Class 4 District Tournament which is played Monday-Saturday of Week 35
4. The Show-Me Showdown Championship schedule will now have one gender playing on Wed/Thurs and the other gender playing Fri/Sat. All other aspects stay the same and genders would rotate each year.
5. Sectional & Quarterfinal games will be played at neutral sites determined by the MSHSAA Office at MSHSAA member school venues throughout the state whenever possible.
6. Set a District Seeding Point Differential when or if the MSHSAA Office moves in the direction of District Seeding using a Point System in all team sports. This was set at +/- 10

C. OTHER MANUAL CHANGES:

1. Media Information (**APPENDIX D**) – There have been some significant changes, please review.

D. MSHSAA POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

1. Bench Decorum and Communication
2. Faking Being Fouled
3. Contact on the Ball Handler
4. The following medical devices will no longer require a special accommodation when it is necessary for a student-athlete to wear the medical device during competition:
 - a. Insulin Pumps
 - b. Continuous Glucose Monitors
 - c. Cochlear Implants
 - d. Hearing Aids
 - i. Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitors: If worn on the arm; the device will need to be under a padded sleeve. If worn on the abdomen, the device must be covered in a manner which provides some padding and inability for the device to be displaced during competition. Further, the athlete may be in possession of their cell phone on the bench or scoring table for monitoring purposes only but should notify an event coordinator.
 - ii. Cochlear Implants and Hearing Aids: Firmly secured to the body. Cochlear implants and hearing aids may not be used as communication devices during competition.

E. NFHS RULE CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON:

1. **4-22-1 & 2:** This change removes the offensive team from goaltending violations, simplifying enforcement for officials and reducing ambiguity over whether a ball was a shot or a pass. It also encourages more scoring opportunities and minimizes confusion for players and coaches.
Rationale: The change eliminates the possibility of an offensive goaltending violation, which simplifies the rule for officials and players. It removes the need to judge whether a ball in flight is a try or a pass, resulting in clearer enforcement, greater consistency, and more opportunities for scoring plays near the basket.
2. **4-22-3 (NEW):** This rule change establishes that once the ball contacts the backboard, it is automatically considered to be on its downward flight. Therefore, if a player touches the ball after it hits the backboard, and the ball has a possibility of entering the basket, it is ruled as goaltending. This clarification helps protect legitimate shot attempts, reduces rough rebounding situations, and addresses a common rules misconception among coaches and players. It provides officials with a clearer standard for enforcing goaltending in backboard-related plays.
Rationale: This change enhances officiating clarity and protects legitimate shot attempts. It also addresses a common misconception among coaches and players by explicitly defining goaltending, leading to more consistent enforcement.
3. **4-34-1:** This rule change updates the definition of a player to clarify that a player is one of the five team members legally on the court at any given time, except during time-outs or intermissions. The change ensures consistency in rule enforcement by recognizing that it is difficult to distinguish between players, substitutes, and bench personnel during time-outs and intermissions. This clarification also supports the accountability of coaches for all team conduct during these periods and helps avoid misapplication of penalties such as technical fouls.
Rationale: This change ensures consistent enforcement of penalties for unsporting conduct by bench personnel. It allows officials to issue technical fouls to bench personnel during time-outs, aligning with the current rules for intermissions. It eliminates confusion and potential misapplication of rules and ensures fair and consistent enforcement of penalties for unsporting behavior, regardless of the individual's role.
4. **7-5-4:** This rule change updates the procedure for determining the designated throw-in spot following a stoppage of play (not due to the ball going out of bounds) in the frontcourt. Instead of relying on an imaginary line, officials now use existing court markings, specifically the three-point line, to determine the location. This change improves accuracy, consistency, and clarity for officials by using visible floor markings rather than imaginary lines, which were often misjudged.
Rationale: By using the visible three-point line as the line of demarcation, officials will have a clearer and more consistent method for determining throw-in locations. This improves accuracy and reduces confusion, resulting in more reliable throw-ins.
5. **9-2-12 & 9-3-4 (NEW):** This rule change addresses situations where a thrower purposely and/or deceitfully delays returning inbounds after legally stepping out of bounds and then becomes the first player to touch the ball upon re-entering the court. Previously penalized as a technical foul, this action is now treated as a violation, aligning it with similar out-of-bounds scenarios. The change reduces the severity of the penalty to encourage more consistent enforcement by officials and prevents players from gaining an unfair advantage through deceptive re-entry tactics.
Rationale: This change lessens the penalty for players who delay their return after being out of bounds, shifting the penalty from a technical foul to a less severe violation. This rule aligns with the penalty structure of similar violations, such as Rule 9-3-3 (where a player steps out of bounds on their own volition). The change is intended to make it easier for officials to recognize and penalize these actions consistently while reducing the severity of the penalty, encouraging more accurate enforcement.
6. **10-4-4b:** This rule prohibits players from illegally contacting the backboard or ring in ways that create an unfair advantage or interfere with a scoring attempt. This rule is designed to maintain fair play and protect the integrity of scoring opportunities by penalizing actions affecting the outcome of a shot, with a technical foul.
Rationale: The rule change aims to standardize and clarify the enforcement of basket interference, leading to fairer outcomes and more consistent officiating. The removal of subjective judgments around intent allows for clearer rulings and better alignment with current game dynamics.
7. **4-6-1a & b (NEW):** This rule change clarifies and expands the definition of basket interference to include additional actions that unfairly affect the ball while it is in a scoring position. Basket interference now occurs when a player slaps or strikes the backboard, causing the backboard or basket to vibrate, while the ball is on or within the basket, touching the backboard, or within the cylinder.
Rationale: This clarification helps officials consistently identify interference that affects scoring plays and ensures the integrity of the basket area during shot attempts.

SECTION 1: ESSENTIAL RESOURCES [\(TOC\)](#)

The information listed/linked in this section relates to MSHSAA By-Laws, Board Policies and information from the Sports Medicine Page as well as any state adoptions or modifications related to the applicable NFHS, USGA or USTA rules codes.

A. MSHSAA HANDBOOK REFERENCES ([MSHSAA Handbook](#))

1. ALCOHOL/TOBACCO USAGE AROUND INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES (Board Policy)
2. CHARITY/AWARENESS EVENTS (Board Policy)
3. CONDUCT – REMOVAL OF TEAMS & EJECTIONS (By-Law 5.5)
4. GUIDELINES FOR FAN SUPPORT ITEMS (Board Policy)
5. HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION (By-Law 1.7)
6. NON-SCHOOL COMPETITION (By-Laws 3.13.2 & 3.14.2)
7. ON-SITE PROTEST PROCEDURES (BOARD POLICY)
8. SANCTIONING (By-Laws 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 3.18.1, 3.18.2, 4.2.2, 4.3.4, 4.4.4, 4.5.10, & 4.6.4)

B. SPORTS MEDICINE REFERENCES ([Sports Medicine Page](#))

1. CONCUSSIONS EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL ([LINK](#))
2. HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS/LIGHTNING GUIDELINES ([LINK](#))
3. HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION ([LINK](#))
4. OXYGEN USE POSITION STATEMENT ([LINK](#))
5. WET BULB GLOBE THERMOMETER USE ([LINK](#))

C. STATE ADOPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

NFHS Possible State Association Adoption Chart – Missouri Adoptions		
NFHS Rule	Language of Rule	Missouri Adoption
1-13-2 NOTE, 10-6-1	Authorizing use and size of 28-foot (maximum) coaching box.	NFHS Rule as written
2-4-3 NOTE	Authorizing use of supplementary equipment to aid in game administration.	NFHS Rule as written
2-14	Authorizing the use of the shot clock. See Guidelines for Use of Shot Clock.	An allowance for a 35-second shot clock may be used in boys and girls basketball in regular season varsity tournaments and varsity shootout-style events involving any MSHSAA member school with prior approval from the MSHSAA Office.
3-4-2c	Authorizing use of one commemorative/memorial patch on the jersey.	An optional designed memorial patch shall be allowed on the official's shirt to honor a deceased official under the guidelines found in the MSHSAA Officials Manual.
3-5-1 NOTE	Authorizing rule exceptions to provide reasonable accommodations.	Written approval from the MSHSAA office is required prior to any competition.
3-5-3 EXCEPTION	Authorizing use of head coverings for medical or cosmetic reasons.	Written approval from the MSHSAA office is required prior to any competition.
4-10 EXCEPTION, 9-10-1a NOTE	Authorizing closely guarded rule exception for those states using the shot clock.	No Adoption
5-5 & 5-7	Length of quarters (periods) for JH & sub-varsity games & Overtime (extra) periods	Length of quarters for junior high school basketball games shall not exceed 6 minutes (MSHSAA By-Law 3.30.5). Length of quarters for sub-varsity shall not exceed 8 minutes (may be reduced with approval from both coaches). Overtime (extra) periods shall be two minutes in length for all games played with less than eight-minute quarters.

5-5 NOTE	Authorizing use of a running clock when a specified point differential is reached.	<p>The game timing rule shall be used for all games at all levels (boys and girls). A running clock shall be used when after the end of the third quarter there is a point differential of 30 points or more. The clock will be stopped only under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a charged time-out; • an injury time-out; • to confer with scorers and timers, if necessary; • because of unusual delay in getting a dead ball alive; • to administer all technical, intentional, flagrant and disqualifying fifth personal fouls; and • for any emergency. <p>After these clock stoppages, the clock will then begin to run again with normal play resuming procedures. If during the fourth quarter the point differential drops below 30 points, normal timing will resume until the 30-point differential has been reached again or the game ends.</p>
5-11-1 NOTE	Determining the number of electronic media time-outs.	No Adoption
10-6-1	Determining the Bench Conduct Rule (Head Coaches Box)	<p>The head coach may be off the bench within the confines of the designated head coaches' box to give instructions to his/her players and/or substitutes under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the head coach may use the box. • The head coach may stand up to get the players' attention, tell them what he/she has to say and sit down. The head coach is not permitted to stand or kneel continuously to observe play. • All violations of Rules 10-4, 10-5, 10-6 shall be penalized. • The head coach must sit within the confines of the box in order to have these special privileges by rule. • Should the head coach receive either an indirect (10-5) or direct (10-6) technical foul he/she must remain seated throughout the remainder of the contest. Rules 10-6-1(b-e) then apply. <p>Coaches are to abide by the rule and officials are to enforce it when violations are observed within normal movements while officiating the game and reporting information to the scorer's table.</p>

SECTION 2: REGULAR SEASON (TOC)

- A. **ELIGIBILITY ROSTERS:** Your school administrator must submit a basketball eligibility roster through the MSHSAA website no later than one day prior to the school's first regular season contest.
- B. **GAME RULES:** The current NFHS Basketball Rules Book shall govern all competition except when modified by the MSHSAA Adoptions in Section 1.C of this manual.
- Pre-Game Conference:** Officials shall conduct a pre-game conference at the 5-minute mark before each contest at center court which the head coach of both teams (not a representative of the head coach) to discuss sportsmanship, game procedures, etc. (captains may attend but not required)
 - Timing between games:** For varsity games - it is recommended a warm-up period between 12-15 minutes
 - Uniforms:** The torso color shall be white for the home team and a contrasting dark color for the visiting team.
 - Game Ball:** All game balls used for competition shall possess the NFHS Authenticating mark and be inspected by game officials. Should the host school be unable to provide conforming balls, the official will put into play conforming balls provided by the visiting school. Contest officials are required to notify the MSHSAA Office, in writing, regarding the failure of any host school to provide a proper game ball. No contest shall be cancelled and no contest penalties shall be assessed for nonconforming balls. MSHSAA will provide game balls beginning with the district tournament. The official ball used is the Spalding Top-Flite TF1000 Legacy Basketball 74-7169 for boys and the Spalding Top-Flite TF1000 Legacy Basketball 74-7359 for girls.
- C. **BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON JAMBOREE (By-Law 3.16.7 and Board Policy Preseason Jamborees – Team Sports (p. 136):** Each school is allowed one scrimmage date consisting of play against no less than two other schools and no more than three other schools. **The pre-season jamboree may only be conducted after your team has completed nine conditioning practices and before your first regular season contest.** It is recommended to use different sites or different dates for boys and girls. These optional practice events allow: 1) officials training; 2) player evaluations in a game-type setting; and 3) game conditioning.

Each school may play a maximum of **48 minutes**. Team scoring and team fouls will be kept on the scoreboard, and will be cleared after each **8:00 session**. Personal fouls will not accumulate or be tallied. Individual player scoring will not be recorded. Two time-outs per team per session; this will allow teaching and instruction to take place.

3-Team Format

A vs. B	8:00	8:00	8:00
B vs. C	8:00	8:00	8:00
A vs. C	8:00	8:00	8:00

Each school will play 6 – 8:00 sessions;
Total of 48 minutes.

4-Team Format

A vs. B	8:00	8:00
C vs. D	8:00	8:00
A vs. C	8:00	8:00
B vs. D	8:00	8:00
A vs. D	8:00	8:00
B vs. C	8:00	8:00

Each school will play 6 – 8:00 sessions;
Total of 48 minutes.

Schools may not attend or participate in a 2-team format. There must be a minimum of 3 schools or a maximum of 4 schools participating. Teams may wear practice gear or game uniforms. Admission will be the host school's choice with the option for revenues to be donated to charitable organizations.

- D. **USE OF MEDICAL DEVICES DURING COMPETITION (NEW):** The following devices may be used during competition and do not require a medical accommodation as long as they do not pose any risk of injury or hazard to the student-athlete, teammates and/or opponents. The head coach, or team personnel designated by the head coach, shall notify the official of the presence of the medical device prior to each contest. The official has jurisdiction to disallow any medical device deemed unsafe for athletic competition.
- Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitors: Include your sport specific requirements here.
 - Cochlear Implants and Hearing Aids: Shall be firmly secured to the body. Include your sport specific requirements here.
 - Cochlear implants and hearing aids may not be used as communication devices during competition if prohibited by the NFHS sport-specific rules.
- Note: All other medical devices will require written approval from the MSHSAA office.
- E. **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION PROCESS:** The school of a competitor with a disability or special need may request specific special accommodations. **The following items are required before accommodation requests can be reviewed and considered:**
- A written request from the school, describing the competitor's special needs and the specific accommodations being requested. The letter should include the rule references of applicable NFHS Rules that would be violated without the accommodation.
 - A letter from the parent(s) or guardian confirming the need for an accommodation and approving the accommodation request.
 - A letter from the student's doctor or applicable caregiver describing the medical circumstance or special need, and confirming the need for an accommodation.
 - Photographs of 1) the special equipment, and 2) the student wearing the special equipment, if applicable.

Written approval from the MSHSAA office is required prior to any competition. During the regular season, the letter of approval from MSHSAA must be presented to meet officials before any accommodations may be used. **Please allow ONE WEEK for requests to be reviewed prior to the first competition.**

MSHSAA will consider requests if:

1. the sport is not fundamentally altered by the accommodation,
2. the accommodation does not create a risk to either the athlete or others, and
3. the accommodation does not place opponents at a disadvantage.

Subsequent Requests: For students with a prior approved accommodation and if no changes involving the accommodation have occurred; a written request from the school to have the accommodation to be renewed may suffice. Changes to NFHS Rules or MSHSAA Policies may require additional documentation for a full review

N. **BLOOD RULE:** Refer to NFHS Rules 2-12-6 & 3-3-7

O. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Refer to By-Law 5.5

P. **PROTEST PROCEDURE – Refer to Section 1.H**

Q. **REGULAR SEASON LIMITATIONS:**

- a. A HS shall schedule and participate in no more than **26** contests per season at each level of competition (varsity, junior varsity, etc.). A JH shall schedule and participate in no more than **13** contests per season at each level of competition (8th, 7th, 6th, A, B)
- b. In order for a school to be eligible to participate in the postseason, a varsity team must schedule/participate in at least **13** regular season contests.
- c. Each student must participate in at least **1** regular season competition date to be eligible to participate in the district tournament.

R. **PLAYER LIMITATIONS (By-Law 3.21.2.b – HS; By-Law 3.30.3.b - JH):** No player shall exceed **130** total quarters played (HS), **90** total quarters played (JH) in a season. No player may play in more than six quarters on a calendar date. See exception in MSHSAA Handbook for two games by a SINGLE team.

S. **TABLE PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURES:** Scorer's table personnel are very important. Select experienced adults – those who have been keeping score or timing for you during the regular season. Interested and dependable faculty members usually do the best work, although there are exceptions. Above all, select those individuals for these very important jobs that have plenty of poise, good judgment, sense of impartiality, and who you are sure will not get caught up in the emotion of the game or be distracted by their phone, but will concentrate instead on the job. Please help to ensure this by blocking off this area. Personnel to be assigned to the scorer's table: (1) official scorer, (2) official timer, (3) assistant scorer/timer, and (4) P.A. announcer.

1. In addition, if space permits, a scorekeeper from each team is allowed to sit at the end of the scorer's table nearest their team bench. If space is not available to accommodate the team scorekeepers at the scorer's table, they are to sit on the end of their respective benches next to the scorer's table.
2. If a scoring question should arise, the referee will confer with the official scorer and check the official book. The officials, will bring each team's scorekeeper, along with their scorebooks, to the front of the scorer's table in the event the referee decides they are needed for reference. All coaches and team members are to remain at their benches. Head coaches are to be called to the table together and notified of the official's decision.

Table Personnel

- i. **OFFICIAL SCORER:** Reference the information in the back of the current National Federation Basketball Officials Manual or the National Federation Instructions and Duties of Scorers provided by the MSHSAA Office. It is strongly recommended that scorers use pencils of distinctively different colors (e.g., red and black) for each half. **NOTE:** The official scorer shall record the jump balls for the alternating possession rule and be responsible for the possession arrow. In addition, the official scorer shall maintain an accurate record of 3-point goals as well as 2-point goals.
- ii. **OFFICIAL TIMER:** Reference the information in the back of the current NFHS Basketball Officials Manual or the NFHS Instructions and Duties of Timers provided by the MSHSAA Office. The official timer is responsible for notifying the participating teams that there are 3 minutes remaining in the half-time intermission.
- iii. **ASSISTANT SCORER/TIMER:** The assistant scorer/timer does not keep score. The assistant scorer: (1) spots fouls and free throw shooters for the official scorer; (2) identifies the person that fouls and the free throw shooter by color of jersey and number; (3) observes the recording of the information by the official scorer; (4) checks to see that the running score on the official book coincides with the scores on the scoreboard; (5) assists with the possession arrow and the distinguishing of 3-point goals from 2-point goals; and (6) assists the timer with end of quarter situations.
- iv. **P.A. ANNOUNCER:** In an impartial and neutral manner, the P.A. announcer makes only periodic announcements pertinent to the game, e.g., starting lineups, substitutes, player who scores a field goal or free throw, etc. If fouls on players are announced, this should be done only after the foul is reported by the floor official so as to avoid mistake. **[PA Scripts and PSA's can be found in your Media Packet.](#)**

T. **SHOT CLOCK ALLOWANCE:** In June 2024, the MSHSAA Board of Directors, approved an allowance for the 35-second shot clock to be used in boys and girls basketball in **regular season varsity tournaments and varsity shootout-style events involving MSHSAA member schools with prior MSHSAA Office approval.** The minimum requirements and approval process can be found on the website. Specific information about the use of the shot clock can be found in the **Shot Clock Guidelines for Use** document located on the website and will be provided to all "approved" tournaments and shootouts.

SECTION 3: POSTSEASON CRITERIA ([TOC](#))

A. SCHOOLS/INDIVIDUALS

1. Postseason is for member senior high schools only
2. Schools must register for the post season by the annual deadline
3. A school must have competed in the minimum number of contests for the sport/activity concerned as outlined in Diagram 3.29.6
4. **In order to host a postseason basketball game, the court minimum requirements are 84'x50', which is the ideal measurements recommended by the NFHS for a high school court.**
5. An individual must have represented their school in interscholastic competition in that sport during the current season.

B. OFFICIALS

1. Only MSHSAA registered officials (not on probation) shall be contracted for postseason contests.
2. Only those MSHSAA registered officials who have completed and verified a postseason application shall be eligible to work postseason contests.
3. Officials for District tournaments will be selected via a regional draft.
4. **Officials for Sectionals, Quarterfinals, and final site contests shall be selected by the MSHSAA staff.**

SECTION 4: POSTSEASON ENTRY PROCEDURE ([TOC](#))

- A. **Participation in District Tournament:** Any team in the district tournament that withdraws after the officials' draft is subject to a forfeit and shall be responsible for paying the scheduled officials' fees.
- B. **DISTRICT ENTRY PROCEDURE: Entries Open → Monday of Week #27**
1. Accessing Entry pages: Log in to your school page as the Athletic Director/Coach; under "Sports and Activities" select the link "District Entries"
 2. **Official Recommendations → Deadline Friday of Week #29**
All coaches are **required** to submit a **minimum of 10 (ten) Postseason Basketball Officials Recommendations** on the MSHSAA website under the "District Entries" link. These recommendations will also be used when determining Sectional, Quarterfinal and State assignments. For every 5 (five) official recommendations, coaches may "non-recommend" 1 (one) official. **Failure to meet the minimum recommendations will result in a school fine.**
- Purpose of Official Recommendations: MSHSAA takes the officials recommendation/non-recommendation process very seriously. This process for post-season officials is designed to enhance the quality of officiating through input from each school on those officials that should be considered for post season contests. MSHSAA has the right to dismiss any recommendations/non-recommendations, submitted by head coaches, if it is determined that the coach has abused and/or manipulated the process for intentions not aligned with MSHSAA's purpose and philosophy in selecting post season officials.
3. **District Eligibility Roster → Deadline: (C 1-3 – Weds. Week #33; C 4-6 – Weds. Week #34)**
 - a. Failure to submit a roster will result in the school forfeiting its opening contest.
 - b. The maximum number of players appearing on the team roster is 15.
 - c. All eligible players shall be listed on the roster at the time of the beginning of each tournament.
 - d. No additions may be made to the team roster after the team has played their first game. The school may substitute from its eligibility list any athlete to replace one listed on the tournament roster in case of illness or injury verified by a physician. Any player who is thus replaced may not return to competition in the district tournament but may return for the state tournament. However, the player must be included on the team roster prior to the first game of the state tournament – sectional game in all classes – even though the availability of the player is doubtful due to the injury.
 - e. Rosters may be updated between the close of the district tournament and sectional game (C 1-4) quarterfinal game (C 5-6).
 4. **Season Record Updated → Deadline: (C 1-3 – Weds. Week #32; C 4-6 – Weds. Week #33) (Continue to update as season progresses)**
 5. **Pass Lists (must be completed by AD) → Deadline: (C 1-3 – Weds. Week #33; C 4-6 – Weds. Week #34)**

Schools shall fill out a pass list to be used for the district tournament. A separate pass list will be used for the Sectional/Quarterfinal games. There is NO pass list at the final site. The pass lists are to be used at the site – not sent to the MSHSAA Office. Names shall be placed on the form and submitted via the MSHSAA website to the tournament manager prior to the first game.

 - a. In addition to its players, each participating team shall be provided up to ten complimentary admissions for coaches, administrators, manager, bus driver, and to spouses if the school so desires. These are to be honored for all games throughout the tournament. Exception: In facilities where seating is limited, the tournament manager/committee may restrict passes to just the schools participating in a particular session and to coaches and administrators of other schools in the tournament.
 - b. Varsity cheerleaders shall be admitted free to the days their team plays provided they are in their official school cheerleader uniforms and are accompanied by their cheerleading coach. They must enter as a group with their coach to gain free admission. The number of varsity cheerleaders is to be verified by the school principal or superintendent. Only 12 cheerleaders will be allowed on the floor at the final site of the state tournament. If room permits at the district, sectional and quarterfinal games, more than 12 cheerleaders may be allowed on the floor at any one time. The tournament manager will decide how many cheerleaders may be permitted on the floor. The activities and performances of cheerleaders/dance teams are governed by MSHSAA By-Law 4.5 and are to be followed in district and state tournament games as well as throughout the regular season.
 - c. Teachers, who are specifically assigned by their administrator to supervise student conduct at district tournaments, may be admitted free, however **these persons must be on the pass list** and wear identifying badges so the tournament manager will be able to communicate with them. These supervisors shall be instructed by their principal to actively supervise the conduct of their students and shall work closely with the tournament manager. They shall assist in keeping students off the playing floor following games and when conduct problems arise.
 - d. MSHSAA Board of Directors passes issued to present and past Board members are to be honored for any MSHSAA event. MSHSAA Basketball Observer passes are to be honored for district, sectional and quarterfinal games.
 - e. Host schools shall limit complimentary passes to tournament workers and members of the administration. Because of the abuse and impossibility of controlling the matter, the Board of Directors has ruled that professional educational organizations, e.g., MSTA or MNEA, membership cards, or other similar types of passes, shall not be honored as passes to the district or state basketball tournament series games.
 - f. Media with proper credentials registered through the MSHSAA website, are to be admitted free.

SECTION 5: CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES ([TOC](#))

- A. POSTSEASON BROADCASTS:** MSHSAA holds exclusive ALL-PLATFORM DISTRIBUTION rights for AUDIO, DATA and VIDEO for all postseason contests or festivals (beginning with district level through state) in all activities. Any transmission or production of any portion of these events, without the consent of MSHSAA is prohibited. Events are defined as the competition or performance. This includes, but not limited to, using programs such as Facebook Live or YouTube.
- B. CLASSIFICATIONS (FRIDAY OF WEEK #20)**
- Schools will be divided into classes as determined by classification procedures outlined in Board Policy.
 - Tournament Format
 - Sixteen district tournaments will be held to determine the teams to be included on the sixteen-team state tournament bracket in Classes 1-4. The winners of the district tournaments will advance to the sectional round. Those winners will advance to the quarterfinal round.
 - Eight district tournaments will be held to determine the teams to be included on the eight-team state tournament bracket in Classes 5-6. The winners of the district tournaments will advance to the quarterfinal round.
- C. DIGITAL TICKETS:** Hometown Ticketing is the official partner for digital ticketing.
- Districts: Use of digital ticketing will be a **host school option**
 - State Series: Use of digital ticketing is REQUIRED. No paper ticketing will be available.
 - Contact: digitaltickets@mshsaa.org for questions or to set up your event
- D. ADMISSION CHARGES:** Required for all spectators ages six (6) and up:
- District Tournaments: \$6.00/day
Sectional & Quarterfinal Games: \$10.00/day
State Championships: \$12.00/day
- E. Uniformed Players:** No more than 15 players may be in uniform for district and state series basketball games.
- F. Official Game Ball:** The official game ball for all Postseason games is the Spalding Top-Flite TF1000 Legacy Basketball 74-7169 for boys and the Spalding Top-Flite TF1000 Legacy Basketball 74-7359 for girls. One ball will be provided to the district managers hosting each gender.
- G. Spectator Guidelines:** See the **MSHSAA Handbook (Board Policy on Spectators at Events; p. 140)**. It shall be the responsibility of schools to eliminate such athletic pranks or activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials. Any such acts shall be considered gross acts of unsporting conduct to be considered under the MSHSAA Athletic By-Laws.
- H. Continuous Standing:** The following criteria shall be used when allowing continuous standing:
- At least one empty row must serve as a buffer between the floor and the student sections.
 - The student sections shall be specifically marked and separated (such as by rope, pennants or other barrier) from the general spectator seating areas.
 - The student sections shall be cleared out at the conclusion of each game for use by the schools playing the next contest. If a school is playing back-to-back games with its boys' and girls' teams, that school may remain in its section for both contests, as long as remaining in that section does not conflict with criteria d) below.
 - In the interest of sportsmanship and positive behavior, the student sections for competing teams shall not be adjacent to each other, directly behind either goal or directly behind the bench of the opposing team.
 - The student sections shall be placed in locations that minimize the obstruction of other patrons when the students stand in unison.
 - Sportsmanlike behavior is expected at all times from the student section.
 - An administrator with the responsibility of supervising students should be present at all contests involving that particular school and be present throughout the contest in the vicinity of the student section or in an area designated by the host site administrator.
 - An administrator from each participating school, the host site administrator and a representative of the game officials shall meet prior to game time to reiterate the site's guidelines for student cheer and spirit groups, discuss the sportsmanship goals of the contest, and confirm the physical location of the school administrators during the contest.
- *Spectators shall not storm the court in celebration at the conclusion of any district or state tournament series contest.
- I. Performing Groups:** At the discretion of the district manager, pep bands, dance teams, etc. from participating schools may be invited to perform for district basketball tournaments. Please refer to Board Policy on Basketball Performing Groups in the MSHSAA Handbook for guidance on allowing groups to perform during the post season.
- J. Nets following the contest:** The following Board of Directors policy shall be applied: (1) Nets are not to be cut or removed as part of a ceremony; (2) If the nets are desired as a trophy, the administrator of the host school should be asked and should be paid the price of a new set of nets; and (3) If nets are secured by the winning school in this manner, they shall be removed following the tournament and not during the time the act will be witnessed by student and adult spectators.

- K. **Bench:** Assignment of each team's bench and pre-game warm-up basket is to be predetermined by the tournament manager/committee and all teams notified in advance. The recommended procedure is to allow the "home" team for each game, sit on the bench which the host school utilizes during the regular season and conduct their pre-game warm-up at the basket at the opposite end of the floor. If the "host" school is the lower seeded team, therefore the away team, it is allowed for the host to become the HOME team for the game, as to prevent mistakes with the scoreboard or scorebook. Teams are to conduct pre-game and half-time warm-up on their half of the floor only and at no time are they to pass underneath their opponent's basket or circle the entire floor. If jogging or running is part of their warm-up drills, then it is to be confined to their half of the court. Officials are to enforce this once their jurisdiction begins by rule by assessing the head coach a technical foul. Tournament managers are to notify schools of this in advance and enforce it.
- L. **Warm-up:** Participating teams are not permitted to warm-up at half-time of any games except the ones they are playing.
- M. **Practice Sessions:** No practice sessions are allowed at the district host site or any of the state series sites before or during the tournament /games for all non-host schools assigned to the district.
- N. **Cell Phone Policy:** During all district, sectional, quarterfinal games in all sports the local tournament manager shall be responsible to post signs outside and inside of each locker room indicating "Cell Phone Use is Prohibited in the Locker Room at all MSHSAA Events."
- P. **District Tournaments**
1. **Site Selection: District Tournament – see Appendix C**
 2. **In order to host a postseason basketball game, the court minimum requirements are 84'x50', which is the ideal measurements recommended by the NFHS for a high school court.**
 3. **Site Managers:** Each tournament site will be under the control and direction of the site manager, usually the Athletic Director, who will select two to four other Tournament Committee members from participating schools other than the host school. Representatives shall be from both boys' and girls' teams (schools) and should cover the entire district landscape.
 4. **Uniforms:** The torso color shall be white for the home team and a contrasting dark color for the visiting team. In district play higher seeded team (lower number) shall be considered the home team and shall wear white jerseys. If the host school is the lower seeded team, the host may wear home uniforms to avoid confusion for the scorer's table and officials.
 5. **Tour Format:** Tournaments are single elimination. There will be no third-place game in the district tournaments.
 6. **Officials & Draft:** All officials must be registered for Postseason (if you don't see them listed, they didn't register). Officials will be paid per MSHSAA contracted rate for district, sectional, and quarterfinal games. The MSHSAA Office will pay all game officials directly.
 - a. **Official Recommendations by Coaches:** Tournament managers are to contact participating schools reminding them to submit their officials' recommendations, via the website, no later than **January 24, 2025**. Each gender is REQUIRED to select a minimum of 10 officials for recommendation. Schools may select "Championship", "State Series", "District" or "Not Recommended". Schools must Recommend 5 officials to Not Recommend 1 official (10 for 2 and so on). If an official receives a "NOT Recommended", he/she should not be assigned to games involving those schools, however may still be drafted and used in that district tournament.
 - b. Officials are selected by the District Tournament manager and tournament committee through a draft. Each district is assigned a draft region, but may draft from other regions. **Officials may ONLY sign up to be drafted in ONE REGION. Coaches should confirm the region officials have registered for Postseason and not assume they have registered in their draft region.** Officials Recommendations by coaches are required by participating teams prior to the draft. From those Official Recommendations, district managers will create their draft board, to be used to select officials.
 - c. **Officials Draft – The Officials Draft will be an ONLINE DRAFT, hosted by the MSHSAA Office.**
 - All regional drafts will take place on **Tuesday** of Week #32 during the school day in various windows.
 - Each District Mgr or representative MUST attend the scheduled time and need access to a computer.
 - Prior to the draft, managers will be required to enter their district contest dates and the number of officials needed for each date.
 - The Official Draft Order Ranking link will be used by District Managers to rank officials they want to draft and provide district managers with all the information they need
 7. **District Eligibility Roster:** The district eligibility rosters are to be submitted by the following:
 1. **Classes 1-3: Wednesday Week #33; Classes 4-6: Wednesday Week #34**
The maximum number of players appearing on the team roster is 15.
 2. Eligibility Rosters shall be submitted on the MSHSAA website by the deadline or will be subject to a late entry fine of \$50. A school should include any of their eligible athletes for basketball that could dress for the varsity at some point (even though they might have played sub-varsity, they should be included to reach the maximum of 15, if there is a chance to dress).
 3. No additions shall be made to the team roster after it is submitted and a game is played in the district tournament, even if the number of names listed is less than the maximum allowed. The school may SUBSTITUTE prior to the first game of the district from its eligibility list any athlete to replace one listed on the tournament roster. Substitutions after the first game of the district may be made only in case of illness or injury verified by a physician. Any player who is thus replaced may not return to competition in the district tournament but may return thereafter.
 4. A school may substitute or add to the team roster, which was submitted for district play, prior to the start of the first game of the state tournament (Sectionals for Classes 1-4, Quarterfinals for Classes 5-6). Any additions or substitutions must be submitted on the MSHSAA website. No additions or substitutions can be made after the first game of the state tournament.

8. **Seed Meeting:** Participating schools should be notified at least 7 days in advance of the meeting so that all can plan accordingly. A face-to-face meeting is encouraged, **however, a Zoom call or Google Meet meeting would also be allowed to protect instructional time.** In using either method, it is required for voting information (results, who voted for who, etc.) to be made visible to all schools. Schools must have all scores entered so that their Season Record is up to date.
1. The mandatory seeding procedure shall be followed by each District Manager (All teams shall be seeded by the committee. In districts of eight or less teams, the teams shall be placed on the bracket according to seeding as illustrated in an 8-Team Bracket; any byes are to be given to the first-seeded team, then the second-seeded team, etc...)
- a. Each district is to seed each spot individually starting with the #1 seed, followed by the #2 seed, continuing to the last seed. Schools may not vote for themselves in the seeding process. **NOTE - If "School A" votes "School B" as the #1 seed and "School B" does not receive enough other votes for the #1 seed, "School A" MUST vote "School B" as the #2 seed in the next round of voting. After the District Manager receives each school's vote each round, the manager must make the vote total known to all participating coaches.**
- b. The schools participating in the meeting shall consider:
- each team's win-loss record (varsity vs. varsity games only)
 - head-to-head competition
 - common opponents they have played over the season
 - classification of competition (if applicable)
- c. If a tie should occur, schools involved in the tie shall be allowed to speak about their teams once again and a second vote would be used to determine the seed but only the district schools who are not involved with the tie would participate in the second vote. If a tie remains, it shall be broken based on head-to-head competition of the tied teams. Should a tie still exist, a coin flip shall determine the seeds of the tied teams.

District Seed windows:

CLASSES 1, 2, & 3 –Thursday of Week #32 - Wednesday of Week #33

CLASSES 4, 5 & 6 – Thursday of Week #33 - Wednesday of Week #34

9. **District Eligibility Roster:** The district eligibility rosters are to be submitted by the following:
Classes 1-3: Wednesday Week #33; Classes 4-6: Wednesday Week #34
- The maximum number of players appearing on the team roster is 15.
 - Eligibility Rosters shall be submitted on the MSHSAA website by the deadline or will be subject to a late entry fine of \$50. A school should include any of their eligible athletes for basketball that could dress for the varsity at some point (even though they might have played sub-varsity, they should be included to reach the maximum of 15, if there is a chance to dress).
 - No additions shall be made to the team roster after it is submitted and a game is played in the district tournament, even if the number of names listed is less than the maximum allowed. The school may SUBSTITUTE prior to the first game of the district from its eligibility list any athlete to replace one listed on the tournament roster. Substitutions after the first game of the district may be made only in case of illness or injury verified by a physician. Any player who is thus replaced may not return to competition in the district tournament but may return thereafter.
 - A school may substitute or add to the team roster, which was submitted for district play, prior to the start of the first game of the state tournament (Sectionals for Classes 1-4, Quarterfinals for Classes 5-6). Any additions or substitutions must be submitted on the MSHSAA website. No additions or substitutions can be made after the first game of the state tournament.
10. **District Tour Schedule** - Boys' and girls' teams from the same school may be assigned to different district tournaments due to the classification process. These changes were made so that in the event that the same school has both their boys' and girls' teams playing in different districts (locations) administrators, spectators and players may attend both contests. Each day is scheduled by gender; Girls first in even numbered years, Boys first in odd numbered years, beginning:
- Classes 1-3 - Monday of Week 34 (M, W, F or T, Th, S)**
 - Classes 4-6 - Monday of Week 35 (M, W, F or T, Th, S)**
- If afternoon games are scheduled, it is suggested that these sessions be scheduled after the school day closes, unless on a non-school day for all participating schools. Suggested tournament game times are to be scheduled 1hr 45 minutes apart with a maximum of 15 minutes between games when behind schedule.

Q. **Sectional/Quarterfinal Games**

1. **Postseason Statistics** - All district champions will be required to submit accurate varsity season statistics for all players placed on their state series roster. Please reference **Appendix A** for the sport-specific statistics required.
2. **Court requirements** - In order to host a postseason basketball game, the court minimum requirements are 84'x50', which is the ideal measurements recommended by the NFHS for a high school court.
3. **Site Selection: Sectional/Quarterfinal games** –Hosts will be determined by the MSHSAA Office, as was the process prior to the 23-24 season, played at neutral sites at MSHSAA member school venues throughout the state whenever possible. Sites will be determined after class and district assignments are released.
 - a. **Minimum Requirements** - two locker rooms, adequate parking, secure officials' area to dress and adequate seating requirements (schools have been asked to enter accurate seating capacity for their facility on the website. Some sights may hold multiple games if needed).
 - b. **Game Times** – For games Monday-Friday (7pm); for a Saturday game (1 pm). By mutual agreement of both participating schools and the host site, the game time may be changed.
4. **Site Manager:** The host site manager, usually the AD, will be in charge of each Sectional & Quarterfinal game. Each manager will be emailed the Sectional/Quarterfinal Manual, by the MSHSAA Office. Winners of the Quarterfinal game will be emailed the State Championship Manual and video to watch, regarding all Championship Information.
5. **Schedule:**
 - a. **Classes 1-3 Sectional & Quarterfinal Rounds:** Sectional rounds will be played on Monday & Tuesday (Week 35) at various sites. Girls games will be played on one day, while the boys' games will be played on the other. (Boys first in odd numbered years, Girls first in even numbered years). The Sectional winners will advance to the Quarterfinal round on Friday & Saturday (Week 35) at various sites (same format as Sectional Games). The four Quarterfinal winners will advance to the final site at Mizzou Arena on the University of Missouri – Columbia campus.
 - b. **Class 4 Sectional & Quarterfinal Rounds:** The Sectional round will be played on Monday & Tuesday (Week 36) at various sites. Girls games will be played on one day, while the boys' games will be played on the other. (Boys first in odd numbered years, Girls first in even numbered years). The Sectional winners will advance to the Quarterfinal round on Friday & Saturday (Week 36) at various sites (same format as Sectional Games). The four Quarterfinal winners will advance to the final site at Mizzou Arena on the University of Missouri – Columbia campus.
 - c. **Class 5 & 6 Quarterfinal Round;** The district winners will advance to the Quarterfinal round on Friday & Saturday (Week 36) at various sites (same format as Classes 1-4 Sectional Games) The four Quarterfinal winners will advance to the final site at Mizzou Arena on the University of Missouri – Columbia campus.
6. **Uniforms:** The torso color shall be white for the home team and a contrasting dark color for the visiting team. For State Series (Sectionals, Quarterfinals, Final Site) In odd-numbered years, the top team on the bracket will be considered the home team; In even-numbered years the bottom team on the bracket will be considered the home team.
7. **Officials:** Game officials for the Sectional & Quarterfinal games will be contracted by the MSHSAA Office. Officials' names and game assignments will be provided for site managers through the website.

R. **Show-Me Showdown (Final Site):**

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| 1. <u>SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I SCHEDULE</u> | <u>SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II SCHEDULE</u> |
| Classes 1, 2, and 3 | Classes 4, 5 and 6 |
| University of Missouri - Columbia | University of Missouri - Columbia |
| Weds, Thurs, Fri and Sat of Week #36 | Weds, Thurs, Fri and Sat of Week #37 |

*All Games will be played at Mizzou Arena. Classes will rotate within the week each year.
See next page for actual schedule

Officials: Game officials for the Final site will be contracted by the MSHSAA Office.

2026 SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN SCHEDULE

SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I SCHEDULE

Classes 1, 2, and 3 – March 11-14, 2026
University of Missouri - Columbia
Mizzou Arena

Wednesday, March 11, Girls' Semi's

10:00 a.m. – C1 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
12:00 p.m. – C1 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
2:00 p.m. – C3 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
4:00 p.m. – C3 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
6:00 p.m. – C2 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
8:00 p.m. – C2 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)

Thursday, March 12, Girls' Trophies

10:00 a.m. – C1 Girls Third Place
12:00 p.m. – C3 Girls Third Place
2:00 p.m. – C2 Girls Third Place
4:00 p.m. – C1 Girls Championship
6:00 p.m. – C3 Girls Championship
8:00 p.m. – C2 Girls Championship

Friday, March 13, Boys' Semi's

10:00 a.m. – C1 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
12:00 p.m. – C1 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
2:00 p.m. – C3 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
4:00 p.m. – C3 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
6:00 p.m. – C2 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
8:00 p.m. – C2 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)

Saturday, March 14, Boys' Trophies

10:00 a.m. – C1 Boys Third Place
12:00 p.m. – C3 Boys Third Place
2:00 p.m. – C2 Boys Third Place
4:00 p.m. – C1 Boys Championship
6:00 p.m. – C3 Boys Championship
8:00 p.m. – C2 Boys Championship

SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II SCHEDULE

Classes 4, 5 and 6 – March 18-21, 2026
University of Missouri - Columbia
Mizzou Arena

Wednesday, March 18, Girls' Semi's

10:00 a.m. – C4 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
12:00 p.m. – C4 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
2:00 p.m. – C6 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
4:00 p.m. – C6 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
6:00 p.m. – C5 Girls Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
8:00 p.m. – C5 Girls Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)

Thursday, March 19, Girls' Trophies

10:00 a.m. – C4 Girls Third Place
12:00 p.m. – C6 Girls Third Place
2:00 p.m. – C5 Girls Third Place
4:00 p.m. – C4 Girls Championship
6:00 p.m. – C6 Girls Championship
8:00 p.m. – C5 Girls Championship

Friday, March 20, Boys' Semi's

10:00 a.m. – C4 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
12:00 p.m. – C4 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
2:00 p.m. – C6 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
4:00 p.m. – C6 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)
6:00 p.m. – C5 Boys Semifinal (Dist.1-4 v 13-16)
8:00 p.m. – C5 Boys Semifinal (Dist.5-8 v 9-12)

Saturday, March 21, Boys' Trophies

10:00 a.m. – C4 Boys Third Place
12:00 p.m. – C6 Boys Third Place
2:00 p.m. – C5 Boys Third Place
4:00 p.m. – C4 Boys Championship
6:00 p.m. – C6 Boys Championship
8:00 p.m. – C5 Boys Championship

State Final Rotations

	C 1-3		C 4-6
2026	1	G	4
	3	B	6
	2		5
2027	2	G	5
	1	B	4
	3		6
2028	3	B	6
	2	G	5
	1		4

	2026	2027	2028
C 1-4	Dist. 1-4 v 13-16	Dist. 1-4 v 9-12	Dist. 1-4 v 5-8
	Dist. 5-8 v 9-12	Dist. 5-8 v 13-16	Dist. 9-12 v 13-16
C 5-6	Dist. 1-2 v 7-8	Dist. 1-2 v 5-6	Dist. 1-2 v 3-4
	Dist. 3-4 v 5-6	Dist. 3-4 v 7-8	Dist. 5-6 v 7-8

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PROGRAM INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

The MSHSAA staff strives to publish the most accurate materials for all Championship events. Since a majority of the information contained in Championship publications is submitted by qualifying schools, it is imperative that the MSHSAA office receive correctly-spelled names, accurate classifications (year in school), season results, statistics of participants and coaching information. The MSHSAA Board of Directors has approved a fine process for all late, incomplete or illegible submissions for MSHSAA Championship publications. Schools that do not submit their information to MSHSAA in a timely, legible, complete and accurate manner will be fined \$25 per offense (Board Policy). Electronic reports must be submitted by the appropriate deadline in the format and style included with the report instructions. It is the responsibility of the school to verify that MSHSAA has received its program information, team photo and any other required information by the appropriate deadline.

In addition to the appropriate roster and schedule information, the following statistical information will be requested for Basketball teams advancing past the district tournament:

GP	Games Played by the Individual
FG	Total Field Goals Made (includes both two-point baskets and three-point baskets)
FGA	Total Field Goals Attempted (includes both two-point baskets and three-point baskets)
FG%	Field Goal Percentage (field goals made divided by field goals attempted)
3pt	Three-Point Shots Made
3pt A	Three-Point Shots Attempted
3pt %	Three-Point Percentage (three-point shots made divided by three-point shots attempted)
FT	Free Throws Made
FTA	Free Throws Attempted
FT%	Free Throw Percentage (free throws made divided by free throws attempted)
Ast	Assists
Reb	Total Rebounds (including both offensive and defensive)
RPG	Rebounds Per Game Average (total rebounds divided by games played)
Pts	Total Points Scored
PPG	Points Scored Per Game (total points divided by games played)

Note:

- (1) These numbers should represent all games played through the district tournament and will be required for teams advancing past the district tournament. Any statistical information to be found incomplete may result in a fine per Board Policy on Delinquent Submission on Required Data as listed above.
- (2) Stats only need to be entered once prior to the Sectional (Class 1-4) or Quarterfinal (Class 5-6) game. The stats will not need to be updated after each playoff contest.
- (3) If you have any statistical questions, do not hesitate in contacting Andrew Kauffman in the MSHSAA office by e-mailing andrew@mshsaa.org or calling (573) 875-1077.

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COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE

MSHSAA Position Statement Regarding U.S. Copyright Compliance

Educators, coaches, and administrators who wish to use copyrighted material need to understand the privileges and rights of the copyright owner and must abide by defined limitations as expressed in U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the school administration to ensure their school community is in compliance with U.S. Copyright Laws at all times when playing music at your events, reproducing consumable materials, and all other events taking place at school facilities where copyright laws are to be followed. When hosting a MSHSAA postseason event, the host site is responsible for confirming any music being played over a public sound system, used in video clips, etc., has the gained written permission and/or secured the necessary license(s) to play the music, video clips, etc. from the appropriate Performing Rights Organization (i.e. ASCAP, BMI, SESAC, other).

The NFHS (National Federation of State High Schools) has established an agreement with ASCAP to allow schools and non-school sites hosting a MSHSAA postseason event, to perform/play music in which they own the rights (at least 50%) of the work at no charge. It is your responsibility to ensure the music performed onsite is owned by ASCAP. To determine if the music is owned by ASCAP to go www.ASCAP.com and select the link 'Repertory' to search their catalog. If the work is not owned by ASCAP (at least 50%), you will need to work directly with the organization that does own the rights (BMI, SESAC, etc.) to secure the necessary license or not use that work. This agreement only extends to the playing of music recordings downloaded to personal electronic devices, CD's, etc. but does not extend to mash-up recordings or music altered from its original recording without the site obtaining a license to do so.

SITE SELECTION PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

A. General Criteria: The following district site selection process shall be used for Basketball.

1. Assignments of schools to specific districts shall be established by MSHSAA staff annually. These assignments will remain constant unless it becomes necessary to modify assignments as determined by the MSHSAA staff.
2. The MSHSAA staff shall select one Athletic Administrator or Principal (per district) to serve as the chairperson who shall coordinate the site selection process for each activity.
3. The chairpersons will be contacted and confirmed via email by the MSHSAA staff.
4. Each chairperson shall review the list of schools assigned to his/her district on the MSHSAA website under the district assignments link.
5. Each chairperson will contact all athletic administrators of schools assigned to the specific district and arrange for a meeting (face-to-face is preferred but email or Zoom is acceptable) to select the host site(s). MSHSAA shall incur no expense in conjunction with this meeting.
6. Specific criteria shall be established and published in each MSHSAA activity manual. The chairperson and school representatives shall follow the specific criteria to determine the appropriate course of action to be followed when selecting the district host site(s).
7. The district chairperson shall notify the MSHSAA office, via email, by the established deadline and indicate the selected host site(s) and manager's information (unless otherwise indicated in the specific activity criteria).
8. The MSHSAA staff shall review the submitted host sites for any necessary adjustments and final approval. The MSHSAA staff and/or Board of Directors shall select the host site when a district committee is unable to reach agreement or the Board determines a suggested site is unacceptable due to site constraints. *A neutral site may only be used, provided there is prior approval from MSHSAA, due to confirmation of inadequate facilities at the assigned district schools or unusual circumstances. The neutral site shall be at no additional expense to MSHSAA.*
9. Prior to final approval, a Medical Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for all state series sites and venues must be confirmed/uploaded to the MSHSAA website prior to hosting. The Medical EAP shall specifically require an onsite AED and use of MSHSAA's AED Guidelines as posted on the Sports Medicine page at www.mshsaa.org.
10. Following final approval, host sites shall be added to the district assignments link and the district manager's manual shall be emailed to each district manager within an appropriate time frame to allow for proper administering of the event.

B. Specific Criteria for District Sites

1. The Board of Directors has taken the position on the locations for District and State Tournaments that competition sites for all district and state series events shall be conducted in Missouri unless a school owned facility, contiguous to the school campus is beyond the state border.
2. The site facility(s) must be in compliance with the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodation.
3. A Medical Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the venue being used for hosting a postseason contest must be uploaded and accounted for at www.mshsaa.org. The Medical EAP shall specifically require an onsite AED and use of MSHSAA's AED Guidelines as posted on the Sports Medicine page at www.mshsaa.org
4. Secure location for contest officials to be sequestered from teams and spectators.
5. Ability to take admission for all contests.
6. Seating capacity shall be adequate to accommodate anticipated attendance. This is varied in each Classification.
7. Adequate off-street parking available for the seating capacity of the facility – required.
8. Adequate concessions available for spectators – required.

Specific Criteria for Basketball Districts

1. In order to host a postseason basketball game, the court minimum requirements are 84'x50', which is the ideal measurements recommended by the NFHS for a high school court.
2. Four team locker rooms and private dressing facilities for game officials is required. It is preferred that the locker rooms are not classrooms and have a restroom in close proximity.
3. The host manager shall select two or four (depending on size of district) school representatives. (Principal or Athletic Director) from participating schools, other than the host school, to serve with you on the tournament committee. They should represent all areas of your district.
4. When a tie occurs in regards to District Site Selection, the tie shall be broken by looking at historical hosting data on who hosted least recently, regardless of classification, but gender specific. If a tie is retained, a coin flip shall be used with heads being assigned to the school that comes first alphabetically.

NOTE: The district tournament committee may allow the option for first round tournament games to be played multiple locations. This could be at the higher seeded schools or the top two seeds. However, the committee must consider the number of postseason registered officials in their area may not lend this option. The event settlement will ONLY go through the tournament manager which means they must collect any ticket revenue and pay all workers at other schools. Semi-finals and Finals shall be played at the host (one) school site.

MEDIA INFORMATION

- A. Eligible Media-** All media representatives must be approved by the MSHSAA communications team via our online credentialing system (See Credentialing in Section C). Please ensure media covering our events are working in a professional capacity and adhering to professional standards of conduct, as well as all MSHSAA media regulations (mshsaa.org/media) and event policies.
- B. Eligible School Media-** All school media representatives must be approved by the MSHSAA communications team via our online credentialing system (See Credentialing in Section C). School media is identified as a reporter/photographer/broadcaster who is verified to represent a full-member school. Each school qualifying for a MSHSAA-sponsored postseason event will be allowed school media credentials to gain access to the media areas for the purpose of taking still photography, videography, writing news/feature stories, or broadcasting. It is up to the school administration to decide which students or personnel will be issued these credentials (See Credentialing in Section C). See your Media Regulation and Credential Book on mshsaa.org/media for more information.
- C. Credentialing-** Athletic Directors can apply for **school media credentials** by logging into their MSHSAA administrative account, navigating to the Sports/Activities tab, and selecting “MSHSAA Media Credentials” under the postseason section. From there, athletic directors can add reporters and submit credential requests for postseason events. Schools may receive up to three approved media credentials per event, to be distributed at the school’s discretion. Please note: Schools who wish to broadcast can apply for an additional number of media credentials (More Information in Broadcast Section Below). All media personnel—including, but not limited to, reporters, photographers, writers, broadcasters, and camera operators—must be credentialed to gain entry to the event grounds. Only individuals listed on the official pre-approved media list with a green checkmark are authorized to access your event. There are no exceptions. This list will include each media member’s name, outlet, and email address, and can be found in the **Postseason Manager** portal by navigating to: **(The Event) > Tournament Items > Media Credentials**. Any outlet or individual not marked with a green checkmark, or not appearing on the list, must be treated as a spectator and must purchase a ticket for admission. If there is any uncertainty regarding a person’s media status, please contact Andrew Kauffman or Scott Lunte for verification. See your Media Regulation and Credential Book on mshsaa.org/media for more information.
- D. Conduct-** All members of the media, school media included, should be held to the same standard. MSHSAA expects all media to behave in a professional manner. Any media representative who displays unprofessional behavior may be asked to leave. If a member of the media is found to have a direct association with a team or individual competing in a MSHSAA sanctioned event (such as a coach, team manager or reserve player), the individual’s media credential privileges should be revoked, and an effort should be made to appropriately credential the violating individual should the situation warrant. Designated media areas should be for media use only. No one under 18 years of age (except student media representatives), spouses, friends, coaches or fans will be admitted to media areas. See your Media Regulation and Credential Book on mshsaa.org/media for more information.
- E. Restricted Areas and Procedures-** The player and officials locker rooms, practice areas and dressing areas are closed to all media representatives, including school media, at all times during any MSHSAA-sponsored activity. This policy is in place to protect the privacy of your student-athletes. It is the philosophy of MSHSAA and its member schools that minors in dressing areas do not mix with cameras and reporters, period. There are no exceptions to this rule at any time. Likewise, game officials are restricted from issuing comments to the media before, during or after a contest. Any attempt to pursue an official in the playing area, in the dressing areas or on the grounds of the event itself will be considered a violation of the conditions placed on the representative’s/outlet’s credentials. Rules interpretations may be sought through the site manager, media host or host athletic administrator only. See your Media Regulation and Credential Book on mshsaa.org/media for more information.
- F. Accommodations-** Site managers are responsible for accommodating media representatives and ensuring appropriate working space is provided. Basic accommodations should include, but are not limited to, access to team rosters and brackets, official scoring or results, a writing surface (e.g., a designated press table), weather protection, and access to the competition area after the event concludes. If there are any known limitations that may hinder the ability to properly accommodate media, the MSHSAA communications team must be notified in advance. Known limitations could include lack of broadcast areas, working table space, photography areas, exposure to inclement weather, and other areas that are believed to be at an unsafe distance from the playing surface. Additionally, banners, when permitted at the site manager’s discretion, should be displayed at the station’s originating location, and this banner may only be displayed while the outlet is originating. The banner may not display logos or names of advertisers sponsoring the outlet’s origination.
- G. Photography-** Photographers who need “floor” access must be on the official pre-approved media list. Individuals with a camera who are not on the pre-approved media list with a green checkmark must be treated as a spectator and must purchase a ticket for admission. All photographers must follow NFHS and MSHSAA guidelines. Complete photographer regulations by sport can be found in the Media Regulation and Credential Book on mshsaa.org/media. Individuals who fail to follow NFHS and MSHSAA guidelines may be asked to leave the facility.

NOTE: Please contact Andrew Kauffman, Communications Director, by phone at (573) 875-1077 or by e-mail at Andrew@mshsaa.org, if you have ANY questions concerning the guidelines listed in this section or have any media questions/concerns. You can find our Media Regulations & Credentials Book on mshsaa.org/media.

BASKETBALL TEAM VIDEO POLICY

1. **Filming (Video) by Spectators**

- a. Filming (video) shall be limited to personal use and shall not be used for scouting, coaching or commercial purpose
- b. Spectators videoing shall not interfere with the view of the contest by other spectators.
- c. The contest and/or tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid (when seating is needed).
- d. The contest and/or tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or any injury as a result of the privately-owned equipment.
- e. Spectators may use equipment only in the spectator seating area.
- f. Spectators shall supply their own sources of power. The site management will not be expected to provide sources of power.
- g. Violation of these standards may result in the removal of the offender(s) from the premises.

2. **Filming (Video) by School Representatives**

- a. A school or a school representative may videotape/film a regular season contest in which the school team is participating. Such videotape/film may not be used for coaching purposes until after the contest is completed and in accordance with specific National Federation Rule Book restrictions for each sport.
- b. A school or school representative may videotape/film a regular season tournament or contest between other school teams, provided prior arrangements have been made with the event manager or provided it is done at the expense of the school. The official school representative should check in with the event manager upon arrival to the site to arrange the setup location for the video equipment and to review any site-specific requirements.
- c. Filming (video) of an MSHSAA sponsored contest and/or tournament by personnel from one of more of the actual participating schools is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the event manager, and it is done at the expense of the school involved. A maximum of one individual per school is permitted to videotape/film unless the contest manager determines space is available for additional cameras. The official school representative should check in with the event manager upon arrival to the site to arrange the setup location for the video equipment and to review any site-specific requirements.
- d. An official school representative may videotape a district or state playoff series event involving other school teams, provided prior arrangements have been made with the event manager and provided it is done at the expense of the school. A maximum of one individual is permitted to videotape and should expect to use a battery pack as his/her sole power source. The official school representative should check in with the event manager upon arrival to the site to arrange the setup location for the video equipment and to review any site-specific requirements. The host facility is not required to provide a power source or other accommodations for video streaming.

3. **Videotape/film shall not be used for the purpose of protesting a contest.**

****NOTE – The above is describing strictly filming (video), NOT STREAMING on YouTube, Facebook or any other platform.**

BOARD POLICY ON BROADCASTING FOR REGULAR SEASON

For regular season competitions, the content of the contest belongs to both schools involved. In all regular season high school competitions involving MSHSAA member schools the visiting team shall have the same broadcast rights to provide a radio broadcast, a video broadcast and/or provide telegraphic play-by-play accounts as the home team as long as the visiting team has either 1) a valid agreement between a media organization and the visiting school's board of education to provide an audio or video broadcast and/or provide telegraphic play-by-play accounts of the contest or 2) the visiting team has a curricular program for students that typically provides streaming for the team's games. The host school may establish a per game video rights fee for any home or visiting outlet wishing to provide a video broadcast of a contest the school is hosting. If charged, the fee should be the same amount for all entities. (Approved 2022)

All POSTSEASON video must be streamed through MSHSAA.TV. Please contact Andrew Kauffman (andrew@mshsaa.org) as soon possible to set up your stream(s).

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