Scholar Bowl Advisory Committee – Held on May 20, 2026

Board Action - September 17, 2026

1. Recommend adding language to the Scholar Bowl Manual, Section 5, creating Item G:
   In the event of severe weather, a power outage, or other unforeseeable circumstances affecting the tournament site, the district manager or quarterfinal host should consult with MSHSAA to determine available options

2. Recommend amending language in SCB Rulebook Rule C.3.c:
   The answers to all calculation questions shall be given in simplest form. ~~The answer must include units unless the units are specified in the question.~~

3. Recommend adding additional language to SCB Rulebook Rule C1.b:
   A significant answer (which must be unique to the answer) must be started within three (3) seconds after a player is recognized by the spotter and completed within seven (7) additional seconds, for a total of ten (10) seconds. The timer will call time if a significant answer (which must be unique to the answer) is not begun within three (3) seconds of a player's recognition or if the answer is not completed within seven (7) additional seconds, for a total of ten (10) seconds (if needed). **An answer is considered complete when the recognized player stops speaking or stops providing significant information related to the answer, as determined by the moderator.**

4. Recommend adding language to SCB Rulebook Rule I:
   SCHOLAR BOWL OFFICIALS: District and State Series officials shall be neutral and impartial. Managers may not use parents of current players as any part of the judging panel in any room in which their child is competing. **High school students may not serve as moderators or judges**. At the Quarterfinal level, the opposing teams must agree upon the officials being used prior to arrival at the site. If the coaches cannot agree, each team is responsible for providing two officials.

5. Recommend changing language in Rule D.6 to read
   Change D.6 to "Emergencies: A game may continue in the event a player has to leave the game room due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances, such as illness or family emergency. A timeout should be taken to allow the situation to be discussed with the moderator, and for a substitution to be made if a substitute is available. If a substitute is not available, the game may still continue on an emergency basis. This allowance does not allow a game to start with less than four players per team. ~~If this player is unable to return to the team for the next contest, and no substitute is available, further games in the event shall be forfeited.~~"

6. Recommend to amend language to SCB rulebook rule G.1.a & b
   Toss-ups: All question/answer protests of a toss-up question must be made by the team captain or coach before the category of the bonus question ~~is begun~~ **is read if no bonus is earned. Final toss-up protests must occur prior to the announcement of the final score if no bonus is earned.**
   Bonus: If any part of the bonus is to be protested, it must be done after the completion of all bonus parts and before the category of the next toss-up ~~is begun~~ **is read. Final bonus protests must occur prior to the announcement of the final score.**

7. *** Recommend forming a subcommittee to evaluate concerns and potential improvements to the district tournament format.

***** **Denied**
****** **Tabled**
******* **Approved as Amended**
******** **No Action**
All Others Approved