

Baseball Advisory Committee Recommendations

June 12, 2025

1. Recommend to the NFHS the request for experimental use of one-way communication devices from the dugout to the pitcher and catcher. (7-0)

Rationale: One-way communication between the coach and both players will allow for a faster pace of play.

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2. Recommend language to be added to Section 3.C (Postseason) in the Baseball manual that reads: ~~All host sites must provide a minimum of~~ It is recommended that host sites provide two bullpens that are equal in quality and accessibility for both teams. Each bullpen should feature a mound with proper game-like slope and configuration to ensure consistency with in-game conditions. If two such bullpens are not available, both teams must have equal access to the superior or single bullpen mound. (7-0)

Rationale: To ensure an equal and competitive environment for a state playoff series game.

3. Recommend to move the district tournament window for Classes 1-4 to begin on ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday of week 45 the MSHSAA standardized calendar. (7-0)

Rationale: Provides greater flexibility to address scheduling conflicts while ensuring the tournament is completed in a timely manner, allowing teams to prepare for the sectional round with consideration for pitching limitations and availability

4. Recommend to move the district tournament window for Classes 5-6 to begin on ~~Wednesday~~ Monday of week 46 the MSHSAA standardized calendar and to end on ~~Monday~~ Saturday of week 46 of the MSHSAA standardized calendar. Mandatory scheduled start on Tuesday of week 46. (7-0)

Rationale: Provides greater flexibility to address scheduling conflicts while ensuring the tournament is completed in a timely manner, allowing teams to prepare for the quarterfinal round with consideration for pitching limitations and availability.

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5. Recommend forming a sub-committee to explore the implementation of a double-elimination format at either the district or state series level. Suggested members include Nathan Gegg, Joe Kinder, Chris Ackman, Zach Dyer, and Michael Calhoun. (7-0)

Rationale: Explore and evaluate the most effective options for implementing a double-elimination format during the postseason.

* Denied

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*** Approved as Amended

**** No Action

All Others Approved