

# Missouri State High School Activities Association

## Officials Advisory Meeting

**March 21, 2018**

MSHSAA Office  
10:00 AM

### ***HISTORY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES***

The MSHSAA Board of Directors in the late 1950's was concerned with comments from coaches, music and speech directors indicating they had little voice in the administration and regulations of the respective activities they directed in their schools. To address this issue, the Board was to appoint advisory committees for music and speech to assist the executive director and Board of Directors in planning and administering the various activities.

The MSHSAA Constitution, after a vote of the member schools, included provisions for music and speech advisory committees. However, specific procedures for implementing the committee recommendations were not addressed. In 1959 the Music Advisory Committee was the first to become active and met with the executive director to review the regulations applied to music festivals and to make recommendations to the Board via the executive director for improvements in the program.

Shortly after the Music Advisory Committee became active the Speech Advisory Committee followed suit. The first significant recommendation was to include all speech activities, rather than debate only, under the jurisdiction of the MSHSAA.

The hard work and promising recommendations made by these two advisory committees prompted the Board of Directors to establish similar advisory committees in each activity under the MSHSAA jurisdiction. As new activities have been added or expanded, advisory committees have continued to be developed to meet this growth.

### ***PURPOSE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES***

The advisory committees serve to provide increased communication from the "grass roots" level between the MSHSAA member schools and the MSHSAA Board of Directors. The committees shall act in an advisory capacity with the MSHSAA Board of Directors reserving the right to accept, reject or amend committee recommendations.

**OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 21, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**AGENDA**

**I. Old Business**

Welcome – Introductions

New Members: Scott Gaylord (St. Louis); Andy William (Central); At Large Members Jason Reed (Southeast); Nicole Messick (Northwest)

- A. Financial and Contact Information
- C. Role of Advisory Committees
- D. Approval of minutes for March 29, 2017 Meeting
- E. Officials Manual – Seifert

**II. New Business:**

- 1. Allow coaches to attend the area rules meetings put on by the local interpreters and receive credit for attending rather than being required to take the meeting online.
- 2. Allow registered officials free admission for sport registered.

**A. Basketball:**

- 1. Change district basketball assigning procedure to allow an official to indicate two zones they would like to be eligible to officiate in. This will allow those who work in more than one zone during the year to put their name in any zone they work.
- 2. Feedback on Coaching Box extension is very good and this has proven positive. We now should follow this up by going back opposite after the foul call rotation. Going opposite the coach avoids just too many conversations and invites the coach into a commentary on every foul call. We are better off going opposite unless we feel like we need the opportunity to diffuse a problem. This has proven most effective at the Men's Collegiate level, where like the HS group, tried going table side for a year and proved to be just too much commentary with the competition. The Women's NCAA level likes it, but I would still comment that it actually invites the coach to have a comment or want to discuss just too many plays that need moved on from.
- 3. District assignments for officials – This year classes 4 & 5 selected officials for their Saturday (first round) games before the class 1, 2 & 3 selections were done. There was also concern about some district hiring the same officials for 3 to 5 nights in the same district.
- 4. All fouls (except an indirect technical foul charged to the head coach) count toward the team's foul count in the half.

**B. Softball and Baseball:**

- 1. Adoption of a 15 run after 3 innings "mercy" rule for baseball similar to softball
- 2. Requirement for new officials in softball and baseball to attend a mechanics clinic in their first 3 years similar to the requirements of football and basketball officials.
- 3. Allow different colored uniform tops for baseball and softball as long as crew is alike.

**C. Volleyball:**

- 1. Volleyball Officials Evaluations to distinguish the difference of R1 and R2.

**D. General:**

- 1. New Rating System

**E. Open Agenda**

**F. Closing**

**-Outgoing Members: Ernest Grayer, Jr. (South Central), Mark Mundell (Kansas City)**

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