



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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## RESULTS OF THE 2020 ANNUAL MSHSAA ELECTION

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**SIX OF SEVEN AMENDMENTS PASS**

**MAY, 2020**

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Following are the results of the balloting on the amendments to the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws in the 2020 Annual MSHSAA Election. Amendments to By-Laws require a simple majority of those voting for passage, while amendments to the Constitution require a 2/3 majority for passage. Proposals which passed will become effective July 1, 2020, with the exception of Proposal Number 2 which will become effective immediately.

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**PROPOSAL 1 - (MSHSAA Membership) - (FAILED) - 318 FOR, 169 AGAINST** (Needed 2/3 majority for passage)  
Amends Article III and By-Laws 2.4, 3.5, 3.10, 3.15, 3.19, 3.30, and 4.1-4.5 to allow for the inclusion of sixth grade into the MSHSAA junior high membership options and to define the ninth grade as High School-only, restricting ninth graders from playing down on junior high teams.

**PROPOSAL 2 - (MSHSAA Journal) - (PASSED) - 455 FOR, 32 AGAINST**  
Amends Article IV, Section 6-m of the MSHSAA Constitution to allow for more flexibility in the manner of distribution and number of issues of the MSHSAA Journal, the official publication of the Association.

**PROPOSAL 3 - (Coaches/Directors – Mental Health Training) - (PASSED) - 277 FOR, 210 AGAINST**  
Amends By-Laws 3.1 and 4.1 to require sport coaches and activity directors/coaches to receive training in the recognition of signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression and mental health issues.

**PROPOSAL 4 - (Baseball and Softball Multi-Game Regulations) - (PASSED) - 389 FOR, 52 AGAINST**  
Amends By-Law 3.18.3 by removing the limit on the number of teams in each pool for a pool-play tournament in baseball and softball, while preserving the total game limit of five for such tournaments.

**PROPOSAL 5 - (Junior High Girls Wrestling Competition) - (PASSED) - 77 FOR, 17 AGAINST**  
Amends By-Law 3.20 to allow junior high girls wrestlers to continue to compete against both boys and girls wrestlers during the regular season in order to insure sufficient competition opportunities for junior high girls wrestling.

**PROPOSAL 6 - (Junior High Scholar Bowl Contest Limitations) - (PASSED) - 138 FOR, 19 AGAINST**  
Amends By-Law 4.4.2.b to add a third contest limitation option for junior high scholar bowl of zero duals and eleven tournaments.

**PROPOSAL 7 - (Esports Under MSHSAA Jurisdiction) - (PASSED) - 280 FOR, 207 AGAINST**  
Amends By-Law 5.2.6, to move Esports from outside the MSHSAA jurisdiction as a “club activity” into the MSHSAA by-laws as an “emerging activity” with the possibility of it becoming a fully interscholastic activity when/if the activity meets the registration requirements to move into that category.

**“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.”**