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## RESULTS OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MSHSAA ELECTION

### 10 OF 10 AMENDMENTS PASS

APRIL 2025

Following are the results of the balloting on the amendments to the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws in the 2025 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, 2025, unless otherwise noted. Proposal 8 and 9 will become effective immediately for registration purposes.

#### **PROPOSAL 1 - (Addition of Non-Public Schools Accreditation Body) - (PASSED) - 253 FOR, 114 AGAINST**

Amends Article III, Section 1.d to add Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) to the list of accreditation bodies for non-public schools.

#### **PROPOSAL 2 - (Sanctioning Requirements and Penalties) - (PASSED) - 332 FOR, 35 AGAINST**

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.

#### **PROPOSAL 3 - (Junior High Cooperative Sponsorships) - (PASSED) - 209 FOR, 6 AGAINST**

Amends By-Law 1.4.2.f so when a cooperative agreement is voided, each would be able to sponsor its own team/activity provided no combined practices of participating schools have occurred.

#### **PROPOSAL 4 - (Freshmen-Only Team Age Restrictions) - (PASSED) - 267 FOR, 74 AGAINST**

Amends By-Law 3.5.1 to eliminate the age restriction as it relates to freshmen-only teams.

#### **PROPOSAL 5 - (Age Restriction for Junior High School) - (PASSED) - 184 FOR, 31 AGAINST**

Amends By-Laws 3.5.2 to explicitly restrict 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from competing against 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above students, except in cases where they meet the overage criteria.

#### **PROPOSAL 6 - (Girls Soccer and Fall Non-School Competition Exception) - (PASSED) - 284 FOR, 55 AGAINST**

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.

#### **PROPOSAL 7 - (Individual Wrestler Limits – High School) - (PASSED) - 134 FOR, 22 AGAINST**

Amends By-Law 3.26.2 to increase the current seasonal match limit (45) for individual wrestlers to a current seasonal limit of 50 matches.

#### **PROPOSAL 8 - (Addition of Girls Flag Football as a MSHSAA Emerging Sport) - (PASSED) - 271 FOR, 96 AGAINST**

Amends By-Law 5.2.6 to move Girls Flag Football from outside the MSHSAA jurisdiction as a “club sport” into the MSHSAA by-laws as an “emerging sport” with the possibility of it becoming a fully interscholastic sport when/if it meets the registration requirements for the member schools to consider it.

#### **PROPOSAL 9 - (Addition of Unified Track & Field as a MSHSAA Emerging Sport) - (PASSED) - 301 FOR, 66 AGAINST**

Amends By-Law 5.2.6 to move Unified Track & Field from outside the MSHSAA jurisdiction as a “club sport” into the MSHSAA by-laws as an “emerging sport” with the possibility of it becoming a fully interscholastic sport when/if it meets the registration requirements for the member schools to consider it.

#### **PROPOSAL 10 - (Review by MSHSAA Office for Specific Ejections) - (PASSED) - 324 FOR, 43 AGAINST**

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.

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