



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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## MSHSAA To Announce Classifications on Sept. 21st

**Columbia, Mo.-** The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) will now announce classification, as well as district assignments, for some fall sports on Monday, Sept. 21st. The sports of Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Fall Softball and Boys Swimming & Diving will have their classifications released on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The classifications for Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys Soccer and Football will be released no later than Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“As more information and data is made available on daily basis, a portion of our member schools asked for additional time to see trends for declaring for the traditional or alternate season,” said MSHSAA Executive Director Dr. Kerwin Urhahn.

Schools may use the alternate Fall sport seasons for any sport if the sport meets certain thresholds including, but not limited to, length of traditional season participation and access to traditional postseason. Schools choosing to use the alternate Fall season for any sport will automatically be included in the alternate Spring season.

In the plan, the Winter season would remain intact with the first possible practice being Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Winter season concludes on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Schools would be allowed to join the Winter season when their local guidelines allow.

In the alternate Fall season, the first allowable practices could begin on Feb. 22. Competitions would be able to begin on March 12<sup>th</sup> and concluding by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Schools that declare participation in the alternate Fall season will not be allowed to compete in that sport in interscholastic competition after September 17<sup>th</sup>.

For the alternate Spring season, competitions would be able to begin on May 14<sup>th</sup> and conclude by July 10<sup>th</sup>. A school’s team competing in an alternate season for any sport may not exceed the allowable number of weeks allowed in the traditional season as well as not exceed any contest limitations of the traditional season.

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**“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.”**