

## 2026 Annual Questionnaire

### Ballot Information

Voting Dates: 2/16/2026 - 2/27/2026

### Description

The purpose of the Annual Questionnaire is to obtain a consensus from member schools which will aid the Board of Directors in determining changes desired in interscholastic regulations and in planning the type of program the majority desires. **THIS IS NOT A BALLOT**, but is an important instrument of communication between member schools and the Board of Directors. Included within this document, you will find background information pertaining to each questionnaire item. The background information will assist your understanding of the rationale for each questionnaire item. Only the actual questions will appear on the online Questionnaire located on the MSHSAA website. **The school's superintendent or principal may access the questionnaire which will be online from February 16 through 27.** No other school personnel's log-in is eligible for marking the school's choices.

Several topics from the area meeting had strong support and will be on the ballot. Those topics include: Special Transfer Exception of Refugee/Political Asylum, Special Transfer Exception of Active-Duty Military Personnel, Scholar Bowl Contest Limitations, Speech and Debate Additional Contest, Dance Contest Limits, Tennis Jamboree, and Coach/Director Requirements.

### LINK TO: QUESTIONNAIRE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You are strongly urged to inform members of your staff who are engaged in the activities program of the questions on this questionnaire and to get their input on those items that will affect their specific programs before you complete the Questionnaire online.?

**Online Process for School Principal or District Superintendent:**

- 1)Go to www.mshsaa.org
- 2)Log in with your username and password.
- 3)Go to your school home page if the log in doesn't take you there automatically.
- 4)Select "Ballots and Questionnaires"
- 5)Select "2025 Annual Questionnaire"
- 6)Review each question and complete your answers.
- 7)At the bottom of the questionnaire, click on the SUBMIT BALLOT button.
- 8)Then click on the CONFIRM SUBMIT button to finalize your answers.

If you have COMMENTS or questions regarding an item on the Questionnaire, please email them to: email@mshsaa.org.

### Voting Summary

School Level	Total Schools	Voting Schools	Non-Voting Schools	Voting Percentage
All Schools	724	382	342	53%
High Schools	269	152	117	57%
Combined Schools	326	212	114	65%
Junior High Schools	129	18	111	14%

### Ballot Questions

#### 1. Topic 1: Transfer Topic – One-Time Transfer Exception *All Member Schools.*

Are you in favor of amending By-Law 3.10.4 to add a One-Time Transfer Exception in addition to the Transfer at Promotion?

Count	Percentage	Answer
201	52.6%	Yes
181	47.4%	No

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## ~~2. Topic 1: Transfer Topic – One-Time Transfer Exception~~ *All Member Schools.*

Should this One-Time Transfer Exception be eligible only to students prior to the student's 5th semester?

Count	Percentage	Answer
158	41.4%	Yes
224	58.6%	No

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## ~~3. Topic 1: Transfer Topic – One-Time Transfer Exception~~ *All Member Schools.*

Should this One-Time Transfer Exception be eligible only to students prior to the student's 7th semester?

Count	Percentage	Answer
116	30.4%	Yes
266	69.6%	No

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## ~~4. Topic 2: Transfer Topic – Non-Resident Parent Employee Transfer Exception~~ *All Member Schools.*

Are you in favor of amending By-Law 3.10.4 to add a special transfer exception for students of Non-Resident Parent Employee transfers?

Count	Percentage	Answer
348	91.1%	Yes
34	8.9%	No

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## ~~5. Topic 2: Transfer Topic – Non-Resident Parent Employee Transfer Exception~~ *All Member Schools.*

Which level of non-resident employee should be included in this transfer exception?

Count	Percentage	Answer
183	47.9%	Certified and/or Contracted Professional Positions
199	52.1%	Regular Employees as Defined by Statute (Regular Employee Working At Least 20 Hours/Week)

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## 6. ~~Topic 3: Speech and Debate~~ All Member Schools.

Are you in favor of any change to the start time allowable for Speech and Debate competitions?

Count	Percentage	Answer
344	90.1%	Yes
38	9.9%	No

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## 7. ~~Topic 3: Speech and Debate~~ All Member Schools.

Which level of allowance do you support?

Count	Percentage	Answer
126	33.0%	Change Start Time on Fridays from 2:00 pm to 12:00 pm
256	67.0%	Eliminate the Start Time Limitation on School Days

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## 8. ~~Topic 4: Non-School Competition Exception~~ All Member Schools.

Should the Non-School Competition Exception be expanded to include all spring sports during the period between the first allowable practice date and the first allowable contest date?

Count	Percentage	Answer
328	85.9%	Yes
54	14.1%	No

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## 9. ~~Topic 4: Non-School Competition Exception~~ All Member Schools.

Should the Non-School Competition Exception be expanded to include all sports in all seasons during the period between the first allowable practice date and the first allowable contest date?

Count	Percentage	Answer
319	83.5%	Yes
63	16.5%	No

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~~10. Topic 5: Cooperative Sponsorship Allowance~~ *All Member Schools.*

Would you support adding language to By-Law 3.14.6, 3.14.7, 3.15.3, and 3.15.4 that include students of an approved cooperative sponsorship schools as allowable participants?

Count	Percentage	Answer
341	89.3%	Yes
41	10.7%	No

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~~11. Topic 6: Seeding Final Site (Possible Future Area Meeting Topic)~~ *All Member Schools.*

Would you support adding language to board policy and sport specific manuals to seed the final four teams in the state team tournament?

Count	Percentage	Answer
313	81.9%	Yes
69	18.1%	No

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~~12. Topic 6: Seeding Final Site (Possible Future Area Meeting Topic)~~ *All Member Schools.*

Would you support adding lanuage to board policy and sport specific manuals to seed the final championship site in the sport of wrestling?

Count	Percentage	Answer
311	81.4%	Yes
71	18.6%	No

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~~13. Topic 6: Seeding Final Site (Possible Future Area Meeting Topic)~~ *All Member Schools.*

Would you support adding lanuage to board policy and sport specific manuals to seed the final championship site in the sport of tennis?

Count	Percentage	Answer
318	83.2%	Yes
64	16.8%	No

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#### 14. ~~Topic 7: Championship Factor (Informational Item to Be Used for the Ad Hoc Committee on Competitive Equity)~~

*All Member Schools.*

While maintaining By-Law 5.1.7 (6-year look-back), would you support adjusting the board policy which includes Championship Factor so that more recent postseason successes have greater weight and older postseason successes are gradually depreciated in the point total used for modification of classification?

Count	Percentage	Answer
294	77.0%	Yes
88	23.0%	No

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#### 15. ~~Topic 7: Championship Factor (Informational Item to Be Used for the Ad Hoc Committee on Competitive Equity)~~

*All Member Schools.*

Would you support adjusting the board policy on Championship Factor so there is no limitation on the number of classes the championship points would move a school?

Count	Percentage	Answer
293	76.7%	Yes
89	23.3%	No

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#### 16. ~~Topic 7: Championship Factor (Informational Item to Be Used for the Ad Hoc Committee on Competitive Equity)~~

*All Member Schools.*

Would you support a change in By-Law 5.1.7 on Championship Factor for this by-law to apply to all member schools?

Count	Percentage	Answer
172	45.0%	Yes
210	55.0%	No

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