Eligibility Rulings

All official eligibility opinions shall be in writing and shall bear the signature of the executive director. Verbal rulings are not official. Principals are reminded that correspondence concerning eligibility rulings, annual eligibility lists, applications for waiver of the transfer rule, hardship transfers and sanction forms, must be signed by the principal for consideration by the MSHSAA.

Executive Rulings

Hardship transfers and sanction forms, must be signed by the principal for consideration by the MSHSAA.
The reason schools sponsor activities and sports for their students are because it enhances the education that they receive in their high schools in many aspects. Schools in the United States are often compared to schools throughout the world on the academic success, and because that conversation can be spun to any direction you wish to compare, I will stick with the great opportunities the students of Missouri receive by the programs offered at the MSHSAA member schools. Here are some of the reasons I believe of how it enhances education.

First, the opportunity to represent your school and community is something that comes from playing on the school team. A community takes pride in their kids and team as they compete. Anyone that has ever attended the school will keep up with what is happening during the season, and support the kids for their efforts.

Second, it allows for kids with different talents to find an area where they can succeed and demonstrate what they are capable of doing. Every student has different talents, and every person is looking for a way to express themselves and show those talents. Whether it is playing a solo during a band concert, singing in a quartet in choir, or spiking a volleyball, there are many opportunities for students to participate.

Next is simply belong to a team and learning hard work, dedication, commitment to others and responsibility for being there for your teammates is taught in sports and activities. Hopefully students learn to do their very best every time they compete. It does not mean the final score will always be the way they want it, but if they have given everything to compete, then no one can ask any more and they are a tremendous success.

The last reason I believe schools have interscholastic activities and sports is the most important one for the students themselves. Because they love to play and it is fun to compete. Ultimately they are playing games or performing in activities that they love to do. They will spend hours playing each day as kids and that joy is something that builds a love of the game. It is not for scholarships, when 97% of all kids that play sports in high school will not play after high school, but because they love the game and it is fun.

I am sure they are more reasons and everyone has their opinions on why we should have sports and activities within our schools, but these are a few that I believe make it important.

I wish everyone a great school year and terrific end to the fall season and beginning of the winter season.

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**2013-14 MSHSAA 5-Star Leadership Schools**

The following MSHSAA junior and senior high schools have qualified to be recognized as “5-Star Leadership Schools” for the 2013-14 school year for excellence in the promotion of citizenship, sportsmanship, leadership and scholarship through their interscholastic activities programs. This program is made possible due to the combined efforts of MSHSAA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and Musco Sports Lighting.

**2013-14 5-Star Leadership Schools**

- Bloomfield High School
- Blue Springs South High School
- Central High School (Springfield)
- DeSoto High School/Junior High
- Francis Howell Central High School
- Glendale High School
- Hillsboro High School
- Hillsboro Junior High School
- Holden High School
- Holden Middle School
- Hollister High School
- Kickapoo High School
- Nixa High School
- Parkview High School
- Platte County High School

Requirements to become a 5-Star Leadership School include:

1. Attendance of a school team at the MSHSAA Sportsmanship Summit
2. Completion of the NAIA Champions of Character Online Training by all sports and activity head coaches and directors
3. Viewing of the Champions of Character DVD video chapters by your coaches, parents and activity participants each season
4. Attendance of your Athletic/Activities Director at the MIAAA Spring Conference
5. Completion of requirements to become a MSHSAA Leadership School by collecting points and completing and submitting the application book by the April 15 deadline.
MSHSAA Member School Status Changes - New Member Schools

The MSHSAA welcomes the following schools as new members for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Barry Middle School (Kansas City)
- Frontier School of Excellence Charter High School (Kansas City)
- Smith-Hale Middle School (Kansas City)
- St. Gregory Barbarigo (Maryville)
- St. Paul Lutheran (Farmington) High School

The following schools are joining as Affiliate Registered Schools for the 2014-15 school year:

- St. Paul Lutheran (Farmington) High School
- St. Gregory Barbarigo (Maryville)
- Smith-Hale Middle School (Kansas City)
- Frontier School of Excellence Charter High School (Kansas City)
- Barry Middle School (Kansas City)

It should be noted that the following schools are no longer a member of MSHSAA as of the 2014-15 school year:

- Beaumont High School (St. Louis)
- Bridger Middle School (Independence)
- Hickman Mills Junior High School (Kansas City)
- Pemiscot Co. R-III Elementary School (Caruthersville)
- Saints Peter and Paul Junior High (Boonville)
- TS Hill Middle School (Dexter)

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The following school’s name has been changed for the 2014-15 school year:

- Fredericktown Middle School changed their name to Kelly A. Burlison Middle School
- Frontier School of Innovation Charter High School changed their name to Frontier STEM Charter High School
- Kirkville Junior High School changed their name to William Matthew Middle School
- Normandy High School changed to Normandy Collaborative High School
- St. Paul Lutheran High School changed to St. Paul Lutheran (Concordia) High School due to a 2nd St. Paul Lutheran school joining MSHSAA
- Sunny Vale Middle School changed to Paul Kinder Middle School
- The College Preparatory High School at Madison changed their name to The College Preparatory High School
- Yeokum Middle School changed their name to Belton Middle School

It should be noted that the following schools have changed their membership status with MSHSAA for the 2014-15 school year:

- Advance HS changed from a 9-12 full membership and a 7-8 affiliate membership to a 7-12 full membership
- Bingham MS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with William Chrisman HS
- Bismarck HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Bowling Green MS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with Bowling Green HS
- Bronaugh HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Campbell HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Clarkston HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Cooter HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Delta (Deering) HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- DeSoto Jr. HS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with DeSoto HS
- Gideon HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Greenwood HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Holcomb HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Kingston HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- lakeland HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Montrose HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Newburg HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Nixa HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Nowlin MS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with Van Horn (Independence) HS
- Osage Jr. HS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with Osage HS
- Pioneer Ridge MS dropped separate Jr. HS membership and became a 7-12 member with Truman HS
- Prairie Home HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Richland (Essex) HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Risco HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership
- Sunrise MS dropped their full membership to become an affiliate member junior HS
- West County HS changed from a 7-12 full membership to a 9-12 full membership and affiliate Jr. HS membership

Interschool Scrimmages Not Permitted Before First Possible Contest

By-Law 3.16.5 defines a game as any organized play between teams not of the same school. Whether or not officials are hired, admission charged, etc., are not factors in determining whether the play constitutes a game. So-called “scrimmage games” cannot be played before the date of the first allowable contest and such competition must be counted as a game on the school’s schedule. Also, they may be played only if the school has not scheduled the maximum number of games allowed. This By-Law applies to all sports and all sport seasons.

The only exception to this is a new allowance for one Pre-Season Interschool Scrimmage in team sports (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball) under certain defined conditions listed in By-Law 3.16.6 and Board Policy 25.

Appeals Committee Summary

Held August 20, 2014

The Appeals Committee heard eight cases and ruled as follows:

a. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer and granted restricted eligibility under Transfer Waiver, By-Law 3.10.4.i:
   1. McCluer North High School (1st student appeal)
   2. Liberty (Mountaintop) High School
b. Denied appeal to grant eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.i (Waiver), (no eligibility for 365 days as appeal deemed for athletic reasons):
   1. Lee’s Summit High School
c. Granted appeals for eligibility (full family move) as transfers deemed as not being made for athletic reasons:
   1. Willard High School
   2. Greenville High School
d. Granted appeal for unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer:
   1. Francis Howell North High School
e. Denied appeals to grant eligibility under provisions of Article IV, Section 6-p, Hardship Provision of the MSHSAA Constitution:
   1. McCluer North High School (2nd student appeal)
f. Granted appeal to grant eligibility under provisions of Article IV, Section 6-p, Hardship Provision of the MSHSAA Constitution:
   1. Center High School
The following are questions and answers pertaining to the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws and/or MSHSAA Board of Directors policy. These are provided as an aid in interpreting the rules and regulations which MSHSAA member schools have adopted. If you have a specific area and/or question which you would like explained, contact Dr. Kerwin Urhahn, MSHSAA executive director. Your attention is called to the fact questions and answers regarding interpretations of the MSHSAA Constitution and By-Laws appear following the Constitution Article or By-Law they relate to in the MSHSAA Official Handbook.

**Question:**
May our high school basketball team scrimmage against an area junior college team or against a local city league team comprised of high school age players?

**Answer:**
No in both cases. A school team may compete only against teams representing an MSHSAA member high school or teams from schools that are members of a like state association. The only exception to this would be an alumni game when conducted in accord with provisions of By-Law 3.12. This restriction applies to so-called scrimmages as well as to games. (By-Law 1.1)

**Question:**
We have a person who lives in our community who has been involved in cheerleading for many years but has never attended a college/university. Can this person serve as our head cheerleading coach?

**Answer:**
Yes. The standards for athletic coaches do not apply to cheerleading and dance team coaches. Any individual, however, hired to be a school cheerleading coach who does not possess a valid professional teaching certificate must satisfactorily complete an MSHSAA approved coaches education program and sports first aid. This is a prerequisite for approval to serve as a school cheerleading coach at any level at any MSHSAA member school in a subsequent school year. (By-Law 3.1)

**Question:**
Our school just won the Class 2 State Softball Championship. Our Booster Club would like to donate money to our school to enable the school to purchase a state championship commemorative ring. Is this permissible under the Amateur and Awards Requirement?

**Answer:**
Yes. The Amateur and Awards Requirement does permit the school to purchase an item of commemorative jewelry for each team member to recognize a specific team accomplishment. It should be noted that only the school may purchase the item. Therefore, the Booster Club must donate the funds directly to the school for appropriate use as determined by the principal. (By-Law 3.6.1)

**Question:**
We have a student who is academically ineligible the first semester. Our first semester ends on January 19 and the second semester begins on January 22. We have a basketball game scheduled for Saturday, January 20. When may she begin competing in interscholastic basketball contests?

**Answer:**
In accord with MSHSAA By-Law 2.3.10, if this student meets the academic requirement at the close of the first semester, she becomes eligible the fifth day classes are attended the second semester. In this specific case, she would become eligible to participate in interscholastic contests as of Friday, January 26.

5. Conversely, a student who is eligible the first semester but who fails to pass courses offering 3.00 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credit whichever is greater that semester may compete until the fifth day of classes of the second semester. Using the semester dates above, a student in this situation would become ineligible as of Friday, January 26. (Grades posted later would not mitigate the use of an ineligible player after January 26.)

6. Exception: If an interscholastic contests is played before the formal opening of school and a student has become academically eligible for the fall semester and is eligible in all other respects he/she may be eligible to participate under this provision provided the student is properly enrolled in the member school. (By-Laws 2.3.10 and 2.3.11)

**Question:**
May a student participate in a non-school sponsored free throw contest during a season he or she is representing his or her school in the sport of basketball or in pass, punt and kick contests during a season he is representing his school in the sport of football?

**Answer:**
Yes. The MSHSAA Board of Directors interprets By-Law 3.13 as not restricting participation in non-school sponsored contests involving individual skills of a team sport such as free throw contests or pass, punt, and kick contests. This interpretation is based on the fact these activities involve only individual skills of a team sport and, as such, would not in themselves constitute a sport per se by normal definition. (By-Law 3.13)

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**Information About NCAA Initial-Eligibility Changes**

If you would like to read about NCAA Requirements, or to see the specific core-course breakdown, please visit one of the following web sites:

- www.ncaa.org
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Questions or comments about the new rules may be submitted to:

academics@ncaa.org.

Colleges will only accept ACT scores received from the national ACT office.
2015 MSHSAA Area Meetings

This year the MSHSAA staff shall be conducting Area Meetings across the state to gather input and discuss important issues facing the membership. These meetings have proved to be extremely helpful to your Board of Directors and the MSHSAA staff. The meetings will be held during January. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and end promptly at 11 a.m. Background information for the topics will be distributed at each site.

It is very important for superintendents, principals and athletic administrators to attend the meetings and take part in the developing role of your association and the events being sponsored for our students. Many issues have a fiscal impact on schools and the association as well as an impact on instructional time. The MSHSAA Board and staff look forward to seeing you at one of the eight sites.

MSHSAA Catastrophic Insurance and Successful Prevention Techniques

School administrators are reminded to be certain to file appropriate claims for potential catastrophic injuries. The current policy is presented by Mutual of Omaha. Coverage is an excess medical plan. For a more detailed description of the benefits of this policy, please refer to the summary sheet highlighting the benefits provided to all MSHSAA member schools in the August packet mailing. It should be noted that this plan does not include any liability coverage as it serves as medical only.

Along with securing the catastrophic medical coverage for their students, it is imperative that school staffs have in place a solid risk management program. Facilities and equipment should be kept in good condition. Annual review of good risk management, standard operating procedures for injuries and first aid should occur with all staff. A continuing review of school policy for security, conduct of players, coaches and fans should occur.

Insurance will address the results of a situation. However, good planning and proper risk management are the only successful prevention techniques.

Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Annual Clinic

The MTCCCA will hold its annual clinic Thursday through Saturday, December 11-13, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The clinic fee is $100.00 for advanced registration or $125.00 for registrations received after November 30, 2014. This fee includes clinic attendance, clinic notes, all meals and breaks, Hall of Fame Luncheon and your 2015 MTCCCA dues. Continental Breakfast on Friday and Saturday, Hall of Fame Dinner, as well as the socials on Thursday and Friday evening are included in the registration fee.

Additional information, clinic speakers, online registration and hotel reservations can be obtained by going to the MTCCCA Clinic website located at: https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1601621

2014 State Cross Country Officials

Ken Asbury (Moberly), Dave Carlson (Columbia), Emry Dilday (Springfield), Kevin Ellis (Poplar Bluff), C. Donald Harris (Cape Girardeau), Glenn Jensen (Mexico), Dennis Licklider (Holts Summit), Jason Pyrah (Willard), Mike Reece (Ash Grove), Donnie Thomas (Jefferson City), Charley Welker (Monroe City), and Ron Whittaker (Mexico).

Missouri Represented on National Federation Committees

The NFHS sponsors several national committees. The majority of these committees are committed to the formation and adoption of rules regulating specific interscholastic sports. The state of Missouri is well represented on the various committees. A hearty congratulation is extended to the following individuals for their involvement on these committees.

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Length of Middle Level/Junior High Seasons

MSHSAA By-Law 3.29 permits flexible scheduling of middle level/junior high school sports seasons at any time during the school year to enable member schools to best utilize school facilities and coaching staffs.

The By-Law specifies that the sports seasons shall be 12 consecutive calendar weeks in length, beginning with the first organized practice with any part of a sports squad and ending with the last interscholastic contest in the sport concerned. It further provides that the sports season may be extended to a maximum of 14 consecutive calendar weeks in length whenever the Christmas/winter holiday period falls within the sports season. The sports season for 7th and 8th grade teams shall begin no earlier than the Monday of Standardized Calendar week Number Seven, and end with the last day of school in the spring.

Schools are reminded that a calendar week is interpreted as beginning with a Monday and ending with the following Sunday. Any part of a calendar week shall count as a full week. For example, if the junior high school basketball season culminates with a tournament which ends on a Tuesday, this entire calendar week would count as one of the 12-14 allowable weeks. In other words, a school could not have 12-14 weeks in addition to the tournament just because a season ended in the middle of a calendar week, in this case on Tuesday.

This provision for the scheduling of middle level/junior high school sports seasons has generally worked very well for member schools. However, from time to time, there has been some confusion in the application of this By-Law to the sport of basketball, particularly where a ninth grade student begins the season playing on a junior high school team and, at the end of the junior high season, moves up and plays as a member of a senior high school junior varsity or varsity team.

If a 9th grade basketball sports season is scheduled either concurrently with the senior high school season or so that it overlaps the beginning of the senior high school basketball season, individual ninth grade students may move up at the end of the junior high school season to play as a member of the senior high school junior varsity or varsity team. In such situations, the individual student may not participate in more than the total number of games (quarters) and tournaments equal to that played by the high school team on which the student plays and may not participate in a total number of weeks that exceeds that of the senior high school season. A ninth grade student in the situation described above could participate in a maximum of 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks, based upon the classification of the high school, from the first practice date of the first team on which the ninth grade student plays to last contest (or practice) for the last team on which the ninth grade student plays. In either case (quarters and tournaments or length of season), once the maximum is reached, the student must discontinue participation in both practices and game competition.

Any ninth grade student that plays with seventh and eighth grade students on a junior high/middle school basketball team must begin his/her 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks length of season as of the first practice day of the seventh and eighth graders whether these ninth graders are competing in another sport at that time or decide for whatever reason to come out late for the junior high/middle school team. The ninth grade students may move up and play with the senior high team when the junior high/middle school season concludes, but these ninth graders are limited by 20 or 19 consecutive calendar weeks and the games (quarters) and tournament limits of their high school team. Once one of these limits is reached, the affected ninth grade student may no longer practice or compete with any school team. Ninth grade students may begin practice with the high school team on the first allowable high school practice date, but may not have practiced or competed with or against seventh and eighth graders earlier.

It is important all principals, athletic directors, and coaches who are responsible for middle level/junior high school and freshmen athletic programs be aware of these provisions so they may take advantage of and benefit from the flexible scheduling allowed in these school programs. At the same time administrators will be able to protect and maintain the eligibility of students who will be involved in these programs.

School Administration Responsible for Fans at Home and Away Contests

By-Law 5.5.1 makes no distinction of whether a school is the visiting or home school as far as unsportsmanlike conduct is concerned. The school’s administration is responsible for the conduct of its team, coaches, students and fans at any interscholastic event in which the school is participating.

The failure to uphold proper standards of conduct causes much of the criticism and adverse publicity of interscholastic athletic events. Furthermore, improper conduct hinders the achievement of the educational values derived from athletics. Only with the conscientious effort of all administrators, coaches, fans, and players can we achieve the most worthwhile objectives of interscholastic athletics.

Leadership Training Institute (LTI) Offered

The NIAAA certification process and the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) offer athletic administrators a national process to develop leadership and professionalism. All three levels of certification require that one have at least a Bachelor’s degree and send an application form and fee to the NIAAA in Indianapolis. The three levels of certification are:

The RAA (Registered Athletic Administrator) which is for those with little or no experience in athletic administration. The RAA level requires that one take LTI 501 and 502, obtain the verifying signature of a sponsor (athletic administrator, principal, superintendent, state athletic/activities association staff), approval of a PDF (Personal Data Form) listing their experience, education, and contributions, and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

The CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator) is for those with two or more years of experience. It requires that one take LTI 501, 502 and 504, approval of the PDF, pass a CAA examination of multiple choice questions with at least 75 correct answers out of 100 questions, employed by (or retired from) a school, school district or state high school athletic/activities association in such capacity that the administration of interscholastic athletics is (was) among job responsibilities, and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

The CMAA (Certified Master Athletic Administrator) is for those with CAA certification.

This level of certification requires that one take LTI 501, 502, 504, and 506. Additionally, the candidate must complete a minimum of six (6) LTI electives, three (3) each from Leadership and Management Categories. The candidate must be employed so that administration of interscholastic athletics is/ was one’s primary responsibility. In addition to approval of the PDF, submit supporting documentation of all requirements and points earned since CAA designation, the candidate must complete a practical written exercise, optional program implementation and read the NIAAA Code of Ethics.

For certification forms or further information, please contact the NIAAA in Indianapolis at (317) 587-1450.
Annual Questionnaire to be Online in February

Each year, a questionnaire is prepared by the MSHSAA executive staff and distributed to member schools in early February. Items are placed on the annual questionnaire by the Board of Directors for the purpose of obtaining a consensus from member schools which will aid the Board in determining changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and in the regulations governing the administration of district and state events which are desired by the membership.

The annual questionnaire will be online. School administrators are urged to discuss items included on the questionnaire with staff members whose programs would be affected to get their input before completing and returning the questionnaire.

The Board of Directors relies quite extensively on the responses received to the questionnaire items when making important decisions that affect your interscholastic program. All administrators are urged to participate in this decision making process of your association by completing and returning the questionnaire.

Appeals Committee Summary

Held September 10-11, 2014

Five cases were reviewed and decided on the basis of documentation presented by the Associate Executive Director to the Appeals Committee:

a. Denied appeals to grant unrestricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Application Transfer and granted restricted eligibility under Transfer Waiver, By-Law 3.10.4.i:
   1. Galena HS
   2. Eureka HS
   3. Windsor (Imperial) HS
   4. Lift for Life Academy HS

b. Denied appeal to grant eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.i (Waiver), (no eligibility for 365 days as appeal deemed for athletic reasons):
   1. Van Horn (Independence) HS
   2. Winona HS
   3. Windsor (Imperial) HS
   4. Summit Christian Academy HS
   5. Lutheran (Kansas City) HS
   6. Rock Bridge HS
   7. Whitfield HS (1st student appeal)
   8. DeSoto HS
   9. Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) HS

Applications and granted restricted eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.h, Hardship Transfer Applications Transfers:

1. Whitfield HS (1st student appeal)
2. DeSoto HS
3. Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) HS
4. Summit Christian Academy HS
5. Lutheran (Kansas City) HS
6. Rock Bridge HS
7. Whitfield HS (2nd student appeal)
8. DeSoto HS
9. Notre Dame (Cape Girardeau) HS

c. Denied appeal to grant eligibility under provisions contained in MSHSAA By-Law 3.10.4.i (Waiver), (no eligibility for 365 days as appeal deemed for athletic reasons):
   1. Bishop LeBlond HS
   2. Whitfield HS (2nd student appeal)

Multiple-Game Events Conducted in Missouri

The following provisions must be met in multiple-game events conducted in Missouri in the sports of basketball, soccer and football organized by a college or university, a member school(s), or a non-school entity co-sponsored by an MSHSAA member school in order for MSHSAA member schools to participate:

- In all games involving MSHSAA member schools (one or both opponents), the designated host school shall be an MSHSAA member school, or the event organizer can designate an MSHSAA member school as the host of the overall event. If an MSHSAA member school is designated as the overall host of the event (i.e. initiating contracts between schools for all games, contracting all game officials and other administrative responsibilities), this overall event host school shall file a detailed financial summary of the event with the participating schools and the MSHSAA Office.

- Game officials shall be approved by the participating schools, contracted directly by the host school administration, and registered with the MSHSAA in accord with By-Law 6.1.2.

- All schools participating against MSHSAA member schools shall meet the provisions of 3.18.1. It is the responsibility of the MSHSAA member host school to confirm this status of the opposing school(s).

- The event organizer shall file a financial report with the MSHSAA office within 90 days following the event. This is the responsibility of the event organizer. When a high school contest is held "in conjunction" with an intercollegiate contest(s), a financial report is not necessary.

- Games that involve schools from other states may have state association requirements that are beyond these listed above. It is the responsibility of the MSHSAA member host school(s) and the event organizer to insure that these rules and all those previously mentioned are met.

- The event organizer shall insure that the multiple-game event conducted in Missouri is approved at least 90 days in advance by MSHSAA (and the NFHS, if necessary).

- A tournament or meet sponsored by a college or university involving only Missouri schools, must adhere to the above standards and shall have the approval of the Board of Directors (via Non-School Sponsored Event Sanctioning Procedure) the a minimum of 30 days prior to the first date of the event.

Editor’s Note: A contest is “in conjunction” with an intercollegiate contest if the college and the high school events are conducted in the same sessions, tickets are sold as a single event, and the playing facility is not cleared between the contests. Items d and e reflect NCAA requirements.”
Coming in January, the MSHSAA office will be sending information on a new contest for high school students at member schools.

The contest will be for designing a new logo for the Sportsmanship shirts which are worn at MSHSAA Championship events. Be on the look out for info and thinking of design ideas!

**Inter-State Studio is Official MSHSAA Photography**

MSHSAA has partnered with Inter-State Studio of Sedalia to be the official photography vendor of MSHSAA Championships.

Inter-state has set up a website to view the pictures taken at this year’s championships.

When Inter-State Studio and Publishing Co. was founded, the concept was simple; take great photos of students for their school and parents. Inter-State has focused on providing quality photographs and services, as well as outstanding customer service.

Continuing to be an innovative leader in the industry since Guy Snyder founded the company in 1933, today, Inter-state is North America’s largest family-owned school photography and yearbook publishing company.

With offices located in 30 states, Inter-State is headquartered in Sedalia and has been proud to call it their home for over 80 years.

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Youth Sports in the United Kingdom
by Sophie Bucknall

My name is Sophie Bucknall and this year I am interning at the MSHSAA office. I'm from England and currently a junior at the University of Lincoln back in the United Kingdom (UK). Since starting here, I've been able to expand my knowledge of high school sports in America and have started to compare this system and structure to how we operate back in the UK.

The UK works on a club model for sports rather than the United States’ interscholastic sports model. Instead of students playing for their school, clubs allow players and athletes to freely move between teams. Recruitment, unfortunately, is a part of the system. Interscholastic sports do exist, however they are few and far between and the organization is nowhere near to the standard and scrutiny of what it is here. In a lot of schools, the local PE teachers organize games between schools and the team is picked based on who puts their name on a sign-up sheet. There are school leagues, but it is difficult for them to grow and develop because of the already well-established club structure. There are no eligibility rules for these competitions like those in place in the U.S. As it is our national sport and what I've been involved in since I was four, soccer will be the main focus of this article but the youth experience is similar for other sports such as rugby and cricket.

Within the UK, there are over 40,000 soccer clubs. Every village, town or city will have at least one club with kids starting to play for their local team from the around age of four with games beginning at the age of seven. A lot of players will continue to play for their local club until they reach eighteen and either move onto the senior side or stop playing competitively. A lot of the teams that start together at seven will stay together until the team stops at eighteen, with only a few players leaving and joining along the way. It is rare that a club will hold tryouts at a junior level, with the motto in the UK being “sport for all.” A team could have the worst player in the league on their team; he or she will still get playing time. Clubs do exist that recruit and ask players to leave; the majority just wants to see as many kids as possible playing.

A big difference I’ve noticed is the amount of time student athletes are required to practice their sport in U.S. high schools. At least two hours a day seems to be the average for a student athlete in high school here. This is compared to the usual one hour a week that junior club players are scheduled and some don’t even turn up to practice. The intensity of the practices seems to be a lot higher than in the UK. Pre-season conditioning also appears to be extremely tough here; players in the UK usually do a couple of practices for conditioning then go back to the regular practices containing short fitness periods then skill drills for the remainder of that season. However, seasons in the UK tend to be a lot longer, with the soccer and rugby season spreading from September to April/May and cricket filling the remaining months.

As is the case here, there is a path for the elite athlete in the UK. In order to become professional, athletes and players move through professional club academies for sports such as soccer, rugby and cricket, and national development programs for sports such as track and field and cycling. Most professional clubs have an academy system, where players are recruited to play and train under the club umbrella from the age of seven up. Children are dropped and picked up continually throughout their childhood depending on their performances, development rate and if someone better comes along. However, this type of system takes away the emphasis on gaining a complete education. From around the age of sixteen players sign contracts to academies to become scholars and essentially become full time employees of the club (in the UK students finish school at sixteen with staying on until eighteen being optional.) Scholars tend to move into halls close to the clubs training facilities and practice full time; they’re also expected to do some jobs around the club such as helping the equipment coordinator. However, players can make their full first team professional debut (e.g. playing for Manchester United) before this age; the record is fifteen years and 45 days. Legally, the players must finish school, with those playing for the first team sometimes not travelling to away midweek matches because of school the next day. Once they’re signed as scholars, players can continue education up until they’re eighteen, however very few will get a college education.

Hopefully this article has explained a little better how youth sports in UK operate. It is difficult to draw in other British sports, as the scale soccer operates on is so vast. It’s the equivalent of there being 1,580,000 clubs for football over here with basketball and baseball being half as popular combined. In other articles I aim to talk more about Olympic sports and draw on other things I learn along the way throughout my time at MSHSAA.
September 2014 Board of Directors Summary

Held September 17, 2014

Board members present for the meeting were: Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt, and White. MSHSAA staff members present were: Uhrahm, Richards, Schroeder, Garner, Long, Stahl, Thompson, and West. Mal Mayse (general counsel) was also in attendance.

The agenda was amended to add an additional eligibility hearing.

Approved the minutes of the MSHSAA Board of Directors of June 13, 2013 and the MSHSAA Appeals Committee meetings of Motion Beem, second Maurer to enter into closed session to discuss matters involving confidential or privileged communications between the MSHSAA and its attorney. Section 810.021(1) R.S.Mo. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Churchwell, second Keel, to exit closed session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

No action was reported out of closed session.

Approved the June 18, 2014 Minutes of the MSHSAA Board of Directors and the August 20 and September 10-11, 2014 Minutes of the MSHSAA Appeals Committee.

Approved general consent items as presented.

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of all court conditions and being withheld for one contest after his eligibility is reestablished, no forfeitures required by the school: North Shelby - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.6.2 by a track athlete competing in a non-school competition during the summer and accepting prize money, student's eligibility may be reinstated after sitting out one school track contest and returning the prize money received; Washington M.S. - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.6.2 by a middle school athlete who accepted a gift card for participation in a free throw shooting event during the summer. student is returning the gift card to the sponsor of the event, school putting procedures in place to avoid a similar violation, no forfeitures required, students' eligibility not affected; West M.S. - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.1.2 by giving the middle school volleyball team to be left in the supervision of a volunteer coach during a practice, coaches have been counseled, school to put procedures in place to avoid a violation of this nature in the future, no forfeitures required, athletes to have their eligibility reinstated; Whitfield - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.10.4 by allowing a tennis athlete to participate in a contest without the transfer information filed for her, student's transfer information is being completed, student to be withheld from one contest after her eligibility is confirmed, school to forfeit match in which ineligible athlete participated, school putting procedures in place to avoid a violation of this nature in the future.

Recommend action by school be accepted and administration acknowledged for self-reporting with no further action - Bowling Green - Self-reported a violation of Board Policy #26 - softball coach criticized softball officials to new media, school counseled coach and put procedures in place to avoid a violation of this nature in the future; Liberty North - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 2.2.5 by a football athlete who was arrested and did not report the incident to the school, athlete participated in three football contests before the incident was detected by the school, athlete is suspended from the team and will be withheld for three contests following the fulfillment of all court requirements and the regaining of his eligibility; Marquette - Self-reported a violation of By-Law 3.13.2.a.4 by a softball athlete competing in a school softball practice and a club try-out on the same date without prior school approval, student and parents counseled, student to be withheld from the next school practice, school to put procedures in place to avoid a violation of this nature in the future; McAuley Catholic - Self-reported violations of By-Laws 2.2.2 and 2.2.4 by a football athlete who was arrested and did not report the violation to the school, played in one football contest before the incident was discovered, school imposing a in school and an out of school suspension, community service and counseling for the student, athlete's eligibility may be reinstated following completion

Accepted the investigative report of violations by Ozark High School and take no further action.

Uhrahn discussed with the Board the possibility of redistricting the MSHSAA Board Districts. After discussing the possibility at various meetings the staff got the feeling that redistricting is not needed. No action taken by the Board.

Accepted the Finance Committee's report, to verify FY2014 Audit Report and approve financial statements presented to the Board. Approved the FY2015 Budget.

West presented four recommendations to the Board from the Media Advisory Committee: 1) Recommend to add the following language to all post season site manager media materials and the credential book: "Media representatives should at least have one hour of postgame work time in the facility." Staff amended the recommendation to - Add the following language to all post-season host manager materials: "Please work with attending media to allow an appropriate amount of time following the contest(s) to allow working media an appropriate amount of time to augment coverage of their contest(s). This may require some communication between the manager and the media covering the event in order to better define "an appropriate amount of time." This communication may take place during these suggested times: 1. When a media outlet contact the manager 48 hours prior to the event to obtain credentials; 2. During any other communications the manager has with the outlet leading up to the event; 3) recommend not issue year round hard media credentials form the MSHSAA office; 3) recommend to change the language in the 2014-15 Media Credential Book: To receive credentials for MSHSAA District, Sectional, and Quarterfinal contests (Semifinal in football) you are encouraged to please contact the site manager no less than 48 hours before the state tournament contest. If the 48 hour deadline is not met you may not have broadcast accommodations available to you outlet. This is dependent on the type of athletic contest; 4) recommend to include actual score on the results for post season golf.

Resolved to take the following action on the Media Advisory Committee recommendations: Approve recommendation 1 as amended, approve recommendations 2 and 3 as presented, and approve recommendation 4 with a separate posting of actual scores.

Accepted Chilhowee High School's report on violation of MSHSAA By-Law 3.15 and take no further action.

Accepted Mexico High School's report regarding violation of the Fall Dead Period and take no further action.

Determined to table the decision for soccer

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venue until after the advisory committee meeting; table the decision for spring softball venue until after district assignments are made; table the decision for golf venues until after the golf advisory meeting; approve the TR Hughes Ball Park proposal for baseball venue; and to approve Springfield proposal for fall softball venue.

Accepted Interstate Photo’s proposal to become the official photographers for a three-year contract.

Long reported to the Board on the request for proposal status for all championship venues and vendor contracts. No action was taken by the Board.

Approved Greenfield High School’s placement in the 8-Man Football Playoffs for this two-year enrollment cycle and be automatic last district seed for 2014.

Urhahn discussed with the Board two scenarios that have arisen which called attention to possible by-law violations in multiple nonpublic schools regarding tuition payments by “sponsors.” Urhahn stated that the topic will be discussed further in the Public/Nonpublic Advisory Committee meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

Motion Maurer, second Hill, to enter into closed session for matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student’s educational record may be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. Motion passed 9-1 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Beem and Eaton voting no.

Motion Fisher, second Hill, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Liberty (Mountain View) High School. Motion passed 8-2 on a roll-call vote with Fisher, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Beem and Eaton voting no.

Motion Schmidt, second Johnson, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of McCluer North High School. Motion passed 7-3 on a roll-call vote with Fisher, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Beem, Churchwell, and Eaton voting no.

Motion White, second Churchwell, to enter into closed session for matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student’s educational record may be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Schmidt, second White, to uphold the Appeals Committee decision and to deny unrestricted eligibility due to lack of evidence of a hardship to the student of Whitfield High School. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Hill, to enter into closed session for matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student’s educational record may be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Keel, second Hill, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Lee’s Summit High School due to lack of evidence that the transfer was being made for athletic reasons. Motion passed 6-4 on a roll-call vote with Keel, Hill, Johnson, Beem, Fisher, Eaton voting yes and Schmidt, White, Churchwell, and Maurer voting no.

Motion Beem, second Schmidt, to enter into executive session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Beem, second Fisher, to exit closed session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Fisher, second Hill, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Liberty (Mountain View) High School. Motion passed 8-2 on a roll-call vote with Fisher, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Beem and Eaton voting no.

Motion Schmidt, second Johnson, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of McCluer North High School. Motion passed 7-3 on a roll-call vote with Fisher, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Beem, Churchwell, and Eaton voting no.

Motion White, second Churchwell, to enter into closed session for matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student’s educational record may be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6 and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Schmidt, second White, to uphold the Appeals Committee decision and to deny unrestricted eligibility due to lack of evidence of a hardship to the student of Whitfield High School. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Fisher, to exit out of closed session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

The following action was reported out of closed session.

Motion Beem, second White, to take no further disciplinary action against the soccer coach of Northeast (Kansas City) High School above what the school has already taken, place the high school soccer program on one year probation through the 2015 season and require the head coach and at least two students to attend the 2015 Sportmanship Summit. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Beem, to enter into executive session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Schmidt, to uphold Appeals Committee decision to deny eligibility to the student of Francis Howell High School due to lack evidence of a hardship. Motion passed 9-1 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes and Keel voting no.

Motion Keel, second Hill, to exit executive session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion White, second Hill, to enter into executive session. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Schmidt, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Lift for Life Academy due to special transfer exception. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.

Motion Maurer, second Churchwell, to grant unrestricted eligibility to the student of Lift for Life Academy due to special transfer exception. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll-call vote with Eaton, Fisher, Beem, Churchwell, Johnson, Hill, Keel, Maurer, Schmidt and White voting yes.
Future Board of Directors & Appeals Meeting Dates

The following dates have been set for meetings of the MSHSAA Board of Directors and Appeals Committee for the 2013-2014 school year: School administrators and coaches are reminded of how important it is to have your transfer forms and supporting documentation supplied to the MSHSAA office a minimum of two weeks before the Appeals Committee meeting.

Anyone attending a meeting in the MSHSAA office who requires auxiliary aids or services should request such services by contacting the executive director of the MSHSAA, telephone (573) 875-4880, no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Hearings of student eligibility shall be closed as matters involving the eligibility status of students where personally identifiable private information from a student’s educational record will be reviewed or discussed. Section 610.021(6) and/or 14) R.S.Mo.; 20 U.S.C. 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. 99.1 et seq. All other portions of all meetings are open.

For more details on the sites and times of the meetings, contact the MSHSAA office or MSHSAA web site at www.mshsaa.org.

Appellate Committee
March 17-18, 2015 - MSHSAA office, Columbia (Tue.-Wed. of Week 37)

Note: All meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

Weight-Control Requirements in Wrestling

If a coach enters a wrestler into competition against another school prior to that wrestler’s name appearing on the school’s Alpha List the coach has used an ineligible wrestler. PENALTY: 1) That match is forfeited; 2) The coach is ineligible to coach at the next contest at the same level – just as if he had been ejected; and 3) The wrestler is ineligible to wrestle at the next contest at the same level, after having his weight assessed, - just as if he had been ejected.

Each wrestler is required to make scratch weight, on or after January 14, 2014. A 2lb. growth allowance will begin on January 15 will be considered his/her minimum wrestling weight. All wrestlers qualifying for the exception are required to meet the first weigh-in requirement on or before the tournament as determined by their weight management plan. The deadline for a wrestler to weigh-in at scratch weight is January 14, 2014. Exception: A wrestler who has not been medically released due to injury or an ineligible wrestler gaining eligibility must first complete the weight management assessment by a MSHSAA approved Assessor. The weight class in which the wrestler officially weighs in for the first time, making scratch weight, on or after January 15 will be considered his/her minimum wrestling weight. All wrestlers qualifying for the exception are required to meet the first weigh-in requirement on or before the tournament.

Tournament Definition: “Any event in which awards are given and/or a champion is determined by any means or any format that involves five (5) or more teams, at one site, on any given date. All other contests at one site on any given date will count as non-tournament events.” By Law 381.1b.

Senior High School Wrestling Teams may compete in 15 events (no more than 6 of which may be tournaments).

There is no limit on the number of teams participating in a tournament provided no team will compete on more than one school day.

No wrestler shall compete in more than 50 matches, excluding forfeits, prior to the district tournament.

2015 MSHSAA Wrestling Championships

- The MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships will be held at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, February 19-21, using a double-elimination format with complete wrestlebacks to sixth place with a total of 16 qualifiers in each weight class.
- Tickets: $8 per session (good for one entry to the facility)
- Time Schedule:
  - Session 1: Class 1 & 2 Thursday, 10 a.m.
    1st-round & 1st-round wrestlebacks
  - Session 2: Class 3 & 4 Thursday, 5 p.m.
    1st-round & 1st-round wrestlebacks
  - Session 3: All Classes Friday, 9:30 a.m.
    Quarterfinals, 2nd-3rd wrestlebacks, Semifinals & 3rd-4th wrestlebacks
  - Session 4: All Classes Saturday, 10 a.m.
    4th-5th wrestlebacks, 3rd-4th place & 5th-6th place matches
  - Session 5: All Classes Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
    Finals
- The district tournament will be held February 14-15, 2014, and will be two-day tournaments comprised of approximately 14 schools. The top four finishers in each weight class will advance directly to the state tournament. If at the district seeding meeting it is determined that there are no more than nine wrestlers in each weight class, the district tournament shall be held on Saturday only.
Holiday Basketball Tournament Regulations Reminders

All member schools should review MSHSAA By-Law 3.18 (Tournament, Meet, and Multiple-game Event Sanctioning Regulations) to insure that all provisions of the regulation are being met as they apply to all sports. Particular attention should be directed to the specific regulations regarding the conducting of a Christmas or Thanksgiving holiday tournament. It is important that all member schools are familiar with these provisions if they plan to host a holiday tournament or before they accept an invitation to participate in one. Listed below are two important specific reminders:

1. A tournament held during the Christmas or Thanksgiving holidays can include no more than 16 schools on a bracket that is scheduled so no school will compete on more than one school night preceding a school day, and that causes no loss of school time.
2. A tournament held during the Christmas holidays that begins no earlier than the day following Christmas Day and ends before any school entered resumes classes following the holidays may consist of two divisions with no more than 16 teams in each division competing for divisional honors only or three divisions with no more than 8 teams in each division competing for divisional honors only.

If you have any questions about MSHSAA By-Law 3.18, call the MSHSAA for further clarification.

Bands at Basketball Contests

Part of the excitement at many of our interscholastic basketball contests involves the spirited music supplied by a pep or jazz band. The performances of the musical groups are enjoyed by all attending the game. To ensure full appreciation of the group’s performances certain guidelines, indicating when to play, should be followed. Band directors are reminded that as a courtesy to the teams and cheerleaders of both schools, the performances by the band should be limited to a certain schedule. The guidelines listed below indicate an appropriate playing schedule for the band.

Guidelines for bands performing at basketball contests:

• The band should play before the game begins. The director should coordinate the schedule so that team members may be announced if desired by the host school.
• The band should play at halftime of the contest.
• The band should play in-between contests, again coordinating this schedule so that team members may be announced.
• The band may play at the end of the contest if desired.
• The band should not play during time-outs or the break between quarters in order to allow the sideline cheerleaders the opportunity to lead cheers. Players and coaches need to be able to communicate with each other during time-outs.
• Musical instruments may not be used as noise makers during the contests.

The band director and his/her performing group will display courtesy and respect to the players and sideline cheerleaders by playing at specific times. With good planning and cooperation the school pep band will be an integral part of the excitement and spirit of the contests.

Official Scorer for Basketball Apparel Requirement

The NFHS basketball rules committee implemented Rule 2-11-2 which now requires the official scorer to wear a black-and-white vertically striped garment. This is a 9-12 rule and is not a requirement but an option at the JH level. The NFHS rules committee felt that players, coaches and officials need to be able to quickly and easily identify the official scorer. Requiring the scorer to wear a striped garment will assist in this regard. In addition, wearing a striped garment will make the scorer look more professional.

2014-15 Basketball Game Timing Rule

The Basketball Game Timing Rule shall be used for all interscholastic games both boys and girls, including high school varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, and all junior high contests. A running clock shall be used when after the end of the third quarter there is a point differential of 30 points or more. The clock will be stopped only under the following conditions:
1. Charged time-out
2. Injury time-out
3. To confer with scorers or timers, if necessary
4. Because of unusual delay in getting a dead ball alive
5. To administer all technical, intentional, flagrant and disqualifying fifth personal fouls
6. For any emergency

After these clock stoppages, the clock will begin to run again with normal play resuming procedures. If during the fourth quarter the point differential drops below 30 points, normal timing will resume until the 30 point differential has been reached again or the game ends.

Mandatory 14-Foot Coaches Boxes on Basketball Courts

It has come to the attention of the MSHSAA that there are numerous MSHSAA member schools that have gymnasiums with basketball courts that do not have the mandatory coaches boxes marked in paint on their court. There is a mandatory basketball game rule that involves these coaches boxes that must appear on the court.

Therefore, on all basketball courts that do not have these mandatory coaches boxes painted on the court, it is the responsibility of the host game management to place temporary strips of tape on the court before an interscholastic contest may begin. Officials are instructed not to begin any interscholastic contest until there are visible coaches boxes on the basketball court. These coaches boxes are to be located between 14 feet and 28 feet from each baseline unless an alternative location is approved in writing by the MSHSAA. Cooperation between MSHSAA member school host game management and game officials is appreciated and expected to insure the required fourteen-foot coaches boxes are present on all interscholastic basketball courts.
WINTER ATHLETICS

Stomping on Bleachers

Large numbers of fans standing on and stomping bleachers in rhythm can create a physical hazard. Stomping adds additional physical strain which can conceivably cause the bleachers to collapse. This is particularly true of temporary bleachers erected for outdoor events and rollout bleachers used in gymnasiums. It is strongly recommended to all school administrators that steps be taken to eliminate the stomping of bleachers. Schools should be aware of the possible damage to the school property and the potential physical dangers to spectators in establishing any policies in this regard.

Special Election -- Basketball Players Restricted to Playing in Six Quarters in One Day

Coaches are reminded that MSHSAA By-Law 3.21.1 restricts basketball players from participating in more than six quarters on one calendar date. If a participant plays in a previous game on the same day or evening (either the junior varsity preliminary or some other game that day) then the total number of quarters in both games may not be greater than six. For example, a player who was in three quarters of the junior varsity contest may participate in three quarters of the varsity game.

This is an eligibility standard. Thus, the game officials have no authority to become involved in matters relating to the six quarter rule. Coaches and bench personnel (scorers) should discuss in advance of the varsity contest the number of quarters each boy and girl may play.

The minimum penalty for using a player for more than six quarters on a calendar date is forfeiture of the game in which the violation occurs. Over the course of a season, a player may play no more quarters than five times the number of games scheduled for the highest team on which he/she plays plus the allowable tournaments. This could be 100 quarters, if the team schedules 20 games and one tournament; 90 quarters, if the team schedules 18 games and two tournaments; or 80 quarters if the team schedules 16 games and three tournaments. The total number of quarters for a season did not change with the Special Election, only the number of games scheduled for the highest team on which he/she plays plus the allowable tournaments.

2014-15 Basketball Schedule

All high schools participating in boys and/or girls basketball please note. Listed below are the pertinent dates associated with the 2014-15 Basketball Season:

First Possible Practice All Classes November 3
Pre-Season Scrimmages After 9th Practice Prior to First Game
First Possible Contest All Classes November 21
District Tournaments Class 1, 2, and 3 February 21-28
District Tournaments Class 4 and 5 February 28-March 7
Class 1 Sectional Games March 3
Class 2 and 3 Sectional Games March 4
Class 1, 2, and 3 Quarterfinal Games March 7
Class 4 Sectional Games March 10
Class 5 Sectional Games March 11
Class 4 and 5 Quarterfinal Games March 14
Show-Me Showdown I March 12-14
Show-Me Showdown II March 19-21

If there are any questions, please contact Kevin Garner at the MSHSAA Office (573) 875-4880.

2015 SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN I

Session 1:
Thursday, March 12 • HEARNES CENTER
12 Noon – Class 1 Girls Semifinal
1:40 p.m. – Class 1 Girls Semifinal
3:20 p.m. – Class 3 Boys Semifinal
5:00 p.m. – Class 3 Boys Semifinal
6:40 p.m. – Class 3 Girls Semifinal
8:20 p.m. – Class 3 Girls Semifinal

Session 2: Third-Place Games
Friday, March 13 • MIZZOU ARENA
11:00 a.m. – Class 2 Boys Third-Place
12:45 p.m. – Class 2 Girls Third-Place
2:30 p.m. – Class 1 Boys Third-Place
4:15 p.m. – Class 1 Girls Third-Place
6:00 p.m. – Class 3 Boys Third-Place
7:45 p.m. – Class 3 Girls Third-Place

Session 3: Championship Games
Saturday, March 14 • MIZZOU ARENA
11:00 a.m. – Class 2 Boys Championship
12:45 p.m. – Class 2 Girls Championship
2:30 p.m. – Class 1 Boys Championship
4:15 p.m. – Class 1 Girls Championship
6:00 p.m. – Class 3 Boys Championship
8:20 p.m. – Class 3 Girls Championship

2015 SHOW-ME SHOWDOWN II

Session 1:
Thursday, March 19 • MIZZOU ARENA
3:30 p.m. – Class 4 Boys Semifinal
5:10 p.m. – Class 4 Girls Semifinal
6:50 p.m. – Class 4 Girls Semifinal
8:30 p.m. – Class 4 Girls Semifinal

Session 2:
Friday, March 20 • MIZZOU ARENA
11:00 a.m. – Class 2 Boys Third-Place
12:45 p.m. – Class 2 Girls Third-Place
2:30 p.m. – Class 5 Boys Semifinal
4:15 p.m. – Class 5 Boys Semifinal
6:00 p.m. – Class 5 Girls Semifinal
7:45 p.m. – Class 5 Girls Semifinal

Session 3:
Saturday, March 21 • MIZZOU ARENA
11:00 a.m. – Class 5 Boys Third-Place
12:45 p.m. – Class 5 Girls Third-Place
3:00 p.m. – Class 4 Boys Championship
4:45 p.m. – Class 4 Girls Championship
6:40 p.m. – Class 5 Boys Championship
8:30 p.m. – Class 5 Girls Championship
Track and Field Advisory Committee Summary  
*Held June 10, 2014*

1. Recommended changing the 75m to 100m for junior high school girls.

2. Recommended that the 800m be run with 16 athletes on the track for a one year trial period.

3. Recommend that during the regular season schools can add the 100m, 400m, and shot put for students with accommodations following Para-Olympic instructions.

4. Recommend setting up a Performance List with the assistance of TRXC at the cost of $500 per Class. Host schools for regular season meets would be required to submit the results within 72 hours to TRXC.

5. Recommend to allow a 6-lane track at districts if all schools agree.

All others approved

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**Placement of Sideline Cheer Squads During Basketball Contests**

Sideline cheer coaches should coordinate the placement of the sideline cheer squads at basketball contests with the school athletic administrator or building principal. When possible, it is suggested that the squads should cheer along the sidelines close to the intersection of the sideline and baseline. If space does not permit, the squad should be located along the baseline but not beneath the basket or within the area of the free throw lane lines extended. In all locations the squad should be back at least three or four feet from the boundary lines.

Sideline cheerleaders should always be aware of the actions occurring in the contest and be prepared to move as play advances toward them. The squad should also be attentive to the movement of the contest officials to be certain they do not interfere with their officiating responsibilities.

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**Spectator Seating**

Cheerleaders—Preferable

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**Show-Me Scholar Bowl Question Provider**

The question provider for the 2014-15 MSHSAA Scholar Bowl districts and state series will be National Academic Quiz Tournaments. Should schools wish to purchase practice questions, simply contact National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC via their website: NAQT.com.

**2013-14 Show-Me Scholar Bowl Questions Available for Purchase**

The questions which were used at the 2013-14 MSHSAA Scholar Bowl District and State tournaments, written by National Academic Quiz Tournaments, are available for purchase from the MSHSAA. The price for a set of these questions is $50.00 plus shipping and handling for 8 games (5 District + 3 Sectional games) or $100.00 for 18 games (5 District + 3 Sectional + 10 State Games). Schools that are interested in purchasing these questions must contact MSHSAA by phone or mail (the questions are included on the MSHSAA order form located on the website).

The question provider for the 2014-15 Scholar Bowl district and state tournament series is National Academic Quiz Tournamnets, LLC, and these questions will be available for purchase following this year’s State Championships.

**Debate Judges Needed for State Speech Tournament**

There may be a shortage of qualified debate judges for this year’s tournament. Any school able to supply an extra judge or judges should contact Greg Stahl at the MSHSAA, (573) 875-4880 ext. 3007. Please note that schools qualifying four or more students in debate (Cross-Examination, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum) for the state tournament are required to provide a second debate judge. Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**AS A REMINDER, THE 2015 MSHSAA STATE SPEECH/DEBATE/THEATRE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.**
Avoiding Problems and Penalties in Music

Each year, there are numerous problems that develop regarding music festival entries. In order to avoid possible problems directors must be knowledgeable of MSHSAA policies, procedures, and rules. While these policies, procedures, and rules are provided to the school each year in the MSHSAA Music Manual, directors are not always as diligent as they should be to become informed. The result is often an unfortunate and unpleasant situation that could have been avoided with better preparation on the part of the directors. The following is an appropriate procedure for directors to follow which should help to prevent problems.

Early in the school year, the school administrator shall complete the required eligibility roster for all music students that will be participating in competitive/evaluative music events during the academic year. The eligibility roster must be completed online through the MSHSAA website www.mshsaa.org. This must be done prior to the first competitive/evaluative music event of the school year. List only those students that meet the student eligibility requirements of MSHSAA as well as those of the school. Any student who does not meet the requirements is not eligible and cannot be listed. This procedure will be repeated at the beginning of second semester and any changes to the eligibility roster notated. This will address student eligibility for all competitive/evaluative music events for the school year including the district and state music festival. This is a separate roster from the Festival Manager Program. The Festival Manager Program roster is used only for the MSHSAA District and State Music Festivals.

In August, a packet should have been received by the school athletic administrator of MSHSAA member schools registered to participate in music activities, with instructions to forward to the music directors. This packet contained information regarding registration with the MSHSAA Festival Manager Program as well as general information about the festival manager program. The music manual is available on the MSHSAA website under the ‘Music Activities’ link. This will allow each music director to print and have their own copy for review at any time. Please take the time to read it completely. If you have read the manual thoroughly previously, you should be able to go to the “Points of Emphasis” section and read it. This will include the major revisions in the manual for the current year. New wording has been underlined, areas of emphasis appear in bold text and all penalties appear in gray boxes. It is the director’s responsibility to know, understand and follow the stated rules for the festival and to communicate this information to students and parents.

In order to avoid some of the most common problems, pay particular attention to the following areas:

- **Entry deadline dates and late entry procedures**: One problem that occurs each year is late entries. The Music Advisory Committee has spent a great amount of time discussing this procedure. The policy appears in the MSHSAA Music Manual under Section 2-I. Refer to article Procedure for Late Submission of Music Entries located elsewhere in this Journal.
- **Limitations on entries**: An individual student may enter no more than two small vocal ensembles, no more than two wind/percussion small ensembles and no more than two string small ensembles. No student shall enter two identical ensembles (i.e. ensembles with the same instrumentation or voicing). A student can also perform one vocal solo and multiple instrumental solos.
- **Performance time limits**: Another area of which directors must be knowledgeable is the minimum performance time limit. Solo and small ensemble performances shall be a minimum of 3 minutes. If a performance is less than 3 minutes in length, an additional work should be chosen from the MSHSAA Prescribed Graded List to bring performance to at least 3 minutes. A penalty of “one rating lower” shall be imposed for any solo/small ensembles that perform less than 3 minutes.
- **Scores**: For small ensemble entries, the adjudicator must be supplied an original publication of the score of the work with each measure numbered. If a score is not published, contact the publisher and request permission to create one. Separate parts or an incomplete score will not be allowed and will result in the rating being lowered one rank. Exception: For string duets only, if no score of the work is available and the music publisher will not grant permission to create a score, then individual parts may be provided to the adjudicator.
- **Accompaniment**: Accompaniment is required if one is written for the work selected but cannot be used if the work is to be unaccompanied. Also, an individual serving as an accompanist may only accompany up to 20 performances per day at the festival.
- **Supervision**: As the entries at the festival are school entries, it is required that students be accompanied and supervised at the festivals by a member of the faculty or administration of the school or school district. If no faculty member is present, the school’s entries will be considered disqualifications.

While these areas are not all-inclusive of possible pitfalls, they should be of help to directors to prevent many possible problems. It is imperative that directors be knowledgeable of the rules of the festival. We owe it to our students to prevent problems and teach them that rules exist for good reasons and must be followed.
Procedure for Late Submission of Music Entries

The following procedure has been approved by the MSHSAA Board of Directors regarding late fees for the MSHSAA District and State Music Festivals. This information is also available in Section 2-I of the MSHSAA Music Manual. The music manual is available for viewing and/or printing via the MSHSAA website under the Music Activities link.

Each music district has established a Tuesday district entry deadline date. Deadline information is available through the MSHSAA Festival Manager Program and the MSHSAA website. Any director that fails to submit entry(s) or has left off entry(s) after the established Tuesday district deadline may submit these entry(s) by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday immediately following the Tuesday district deadline. Any school submitting entry(s) after the Tuesday district deadline shall be assessed a late fee of $100 plus a doubling of the entry fee(s). The MSHSAA Office shall be notified before any late entry(s) are accepted. (Section 2-I-1)

Once the second penalty deadline has passed and the school music director has failed to enter one or more events for the district solo/small ensemble and/or large group festival the director may enter the event(s) under the following conditions. (Section 2-I-2)

1. Only entries that were omitted after the penalty deadline are eligible to enter. No scratches and/or cancellations will be allowed to enter. Only events that did not appear on any previously submitted entry form are eligible. The school music director must call the MSHSAA office for approval prior to submitting a late entry form.

2. A late entry fee of $300 PER EVENT will be assessed to the school.

3. The district festival manager will be notified by the MSHSAA office advising them of the late entry or entries. This will allow the festival manager to schedule the event(s) to the festival schedule and print the necessary ballot(s).

4. Each late entry will be scheduled at the end of the day. It is at the discretion of the festival manager to place the late entry in an earlier time slot if one is available. If there are no cancellations the event shall be scheduled at the end of the day.

5. Schools will only be allowed to submit late entries to the district in which their school has been assigned. No school will be allowed to participate in a different district festival.

School directors and administrators should note that changes in entries submitted are only possible as specified below.

Entry changes and additions to previously submitted entries: Entry changes and additions to previously submitted entries can be made prior to the stated district entry deadline. Once the district entry deadline has passed, entries will only be accepted as outlined above.

After the district entry deadline date has passed, changes to previously submitted entries shall be permitted as follows:

- Selection changes for entries: Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Cancellations: Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Substitution of participants in small ensembles. Manager must be notified in writing by mail, e-mail, or fax.

MSHSAA Music Adjudicator Training Session

The MSHSAA will sponsor one music adjudicator training session this school year. It will be held at the MMEA Conference on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. If you would like to register for this session, simply complete the registration form located on the MSHSAA website under the ‘Music Activities’ link and return it to MSHSAA. This program was developed by the MSHSAA Adjudicator Training Committee. The committee, which included music educators and experienced music adjudicators, was appointed by the MSHSAA Board of Directors as a result of a recommendation by the MSHSAA Music Advisory Committee. The main reason for embarking on the program was to bring about improved consistency among adjudicators statewide.

The specific objectives of the program as identified by the committee are:

- To make the adjudication process a constructive and educational experience for all participants in the MSHSAA Evaluative Music Festivals.
- To establish a consistent evaluation process by adjudicators at all MSHSAA Music Festivals.
- To establish an ongoing system of certification for music adjudicators.
- To establish an ongoing system of evaluation for music adjudicator.

This session is open to any music educator at no charge. In order to be certified to judge at the MSHSAA festivals, it is a requirement that the attendees have 7 years of teaching experience. Music educators with less than seven years teaching experience are welcome to attend and would likely find the session beneficial. Again, to register, simply complete and return the registration form available on the MSHSAA website under the link ‘music activities’ or the MMEA website. Registration deadline is January 9, 2015.
Routing Report

This routing report is provided to assist principals and athletic directors in ensuring that the MSHSAA Journal is seen by all necessary school personnel. Each individual should check the appropriate box after having read the Journal and pass it on to the next individual on the list or return it to the athletic administrator.

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- Baseball Coach
- Girls Basketball Coach
- Boys Basketball Coach
- Girls Cross Country Coach
- Boys Cross Country Coach
- Football Coach
- Boys Golf Coach
- Girls Golf Coach
- Girls Soccer Coach
- Boys Soccer Coach
- Softball Coach
- Girls Swimming Coach
- Boys Swimming Coach
- Girls Tennis Coach
- Boys Tennis Coach
- Girls Track & Field Coach
- Boys Track & Field Coach
- Girls Volleyball Coach
- Boys Volleyball Coach
- Wrestling Coach
- Cheerleading Sponsor
- Band/Music Director
- Speech and Debate Sponsor
- Academic Competition Sponsor
- Other: ____________________
- Other: ____________________