

## 2021 Position Statements

### From Region 9

1. **Proposal:** Football Playoff Format. We support the continuation of the Week 9 Football game to be assigned as a MHSAA Playoff Game. Football schools would have the opportunity to opt in or out of the tournament. This would include both 11 Player and 8 Player teams.

**Rationale:** First, the ability to be a part of the playoffs grew during the pandemic altered fall season. Schools that had not been participants in the playoffs previously, or regularly, had the choice to opt in to play. Anticipation and opportunity grew in many communities as a part of the state playoff. Secondly, the non conference schedule for week 9 paired opponents based on regions. Lastly, the MHSAA and hosting sites would share revenue for an additional playoff game.

### From Region 11

2. **Proposal:** Allow schools to use school transportation and or coordinate private transportation through school accounts and procedures during the summer.

**Rationale:** Safety, Honesty, & helping kids, parents, & families by easing logistics and potentially reducing costs.

3. **Proposal:** Eliminate current eligibility list process and move to a "verified roster" instead.

**Rationale:** We could "attest" to the rostered athletes as having all of the same prerequisites as the eligibility list like we attest to a bunch of other items (rules meetings, cpr certification, etc.). With all that we have going on that is extra with covid, I feel strongly that this would be a good time to at least test the waters with a verified roster. It would still get signed by a superintendent or principal if needed. The main difference is not having to fill out all the cells that are in the eligibility list. All we would need to do is submit a standard roster with full names and grades of the athletes that also has a phrase at the bottom that we attest to them being eligible by MHSAA standards and has the signature(s) to go with it. As far as the form is concerned ([link](#)), I

would keep all of the information above the columns, possibly add the information found in the column headings and then only have three columns: first name, last name, and grade. That would be it. The signature would attest to all of the criteria of the old column headings

### **From Region 13**

4. **Proposal:** Request MHSAA to create a way to enter master eligibility forms similar to how other information is provided to MHSAA.

**Rationale:** This would make it easier for Athletic Directors to submit their master eligibility information.

5. **Proposal:** Due to the impact of COVID some small schools are experiencing lower participation levels. The MHSAA should raise the enrollment limit for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate with the high school team from an enrollment of 100 to 150 this year only.

**Rationale:** This would help smaller schools field teams during COVID-19 by increasing their number of participants.

### **MHSAA**

6. In bowling, we support adopting the Phantom oil pattern for the 2021-22 bowling season. (Bowling Committee)

7. In girls competitive cheer, we support the following:

- A. Study, with the possibility of adoption in 2021-22, a new choreography chart that awards points based on team tumble, OLEs, vertical twists/360s and release skills. This chart would award a range of points and could benefit both small and large teams which have various skills levels.

- B. Technical Recommendation:

- a. Allow a connected tumbling skill to be considered a new variety point for Round 3.
- b. Award 4 difficulty points for a one-leg flair at the elevator level for middle school.

(Competitive Cheer Committee)

8. In softball, we support adding a suspended game policy to the MHSAA playing rule adoptions in the MHSAA Handbook. This policy provides that, by default, a game will be suspended any time the game is called before it reaches regulation, or if called any time with the score tied. (Softball Committee)

9. In tennis, we support the following:

A. Competition Limits: A player may participate in no more than 117 games in a given day. This may result from short sets, 8-game pro-sets, 2 out of 3 sets or any combination of these options. Matches could include a full 3rd set or a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.

B. Tournament Substitution and Redraw Rule: When a seeded player withdraws on the day of the tournament, the tournament manager will adjust the new seeds so that they are on the proper line for their seed. This would include the provisional seed. The substitute will be placed on the line vacated by the provisional seed.

C. MHSAA Opt-Up Rule: When a school wishes to opt up in tennis, the school must submit a letter to the MHSAA giving the reasons for doing so.

(Tennis Committee)

10. In wrestling, we support adding a girls wrestling as a division, as opposed to a new sport (D1, D2, D3, D4, Girls). This system would be based on a “sectionals” concept that would allow for a qualifying event before the Finals. Girls would still be allowed to wrestle on the boys teams during the team postseason series, and may choose to participate in either the boys individual postseason or the girls individual postseason. (Wrestling Committee)