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To: Minnesota State High School League Representative Assembly

From: Member Schools, specifically Burnsville, Eden Prairie, Hmong College Prep Academy, St. Paul Harding, St. Paul Johnson and St. Paul Washington Technology Magnet

Re: Proposed amendment to Badminton Bylaws

We, the member schools are asking for your consideration in an amendment to Bylaw 503.03 and Bylaw 501.00 regarding the number of allowable play dates in the badminton season.

The current bylaw states:

Maximum number of Contests: 16 dates with the total number of matches within the 16 contest dates not to exceed 28 matches.

Note: Tournaments, in which winners advance to determine a champion, count as one contest toward the 16 contest dates, and one match toward the total number of matches allowed.

We are asking for the number of contest dates to be increased from 16 to 18. This proposal was presented to the Badminton Advisory Committee by participating schools at the 2019 State Badminton Tournament. All 23 member schools were in favor and supported the decision to ask the MSHSL for the increase.

An increase in the maximum number of contest dates allowed ensures all teams the ability to play an equal number of matches outside of their normal conference schedules. Many of the schools with larger facilities are able to host “triangular” meets wherein 2 teams are played on the same date, allowing a team to keep the maximum number of contest dates down. Not all teams have facilities to support this, therefore they do not have the equal ability to play a comparable number of matches. Increasing the maximum number of contests will allow for parity among schools.

Thank you for your consideration,

Member Schools