



MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Boys Volleyball Timeline

Background and Board Action

In the summer of 2022, the MSHSL Board of Directors formed an Adoption of Programs Task Force charged with developing a process for the adoption of new MSHSL interscholastic programs. The Task Force brought forward their recommendation for an Adoption of Programs Process that included the establishment of an emerging status model. The Adoption of Programs Process is specifically for activities or sports that are requested by the requisite number of member schools and desire to be fully governed by the MSHSL and have interscholastic status.

On December 1, 2022, the MSHSL Board of Directors took three distinct actions that directly impacted the proposal to add Boys Volleyball to the MSHSL.

1. The Board approved the Adoption of Programs Task Force's recommendation for an Adoption of Programs Process to add MSHSL Interscholastic Programs.
2. The Board took action to approve Boys Volleyball to enter emerging status for the 2023-2024 school year, in alignment with the newly approved Program Adoption Process.
3. The Board took action to amend the previously submitted Representative Assembly Proposal to add "Boys" to Bylaw 520 Girls Volleyball. The amendment included the addition of a date of implementation in the 2024-2025 school year, a recommendation of support from our Board of Directors to approve, and the directive that the proposal move directly to the Representative Assembly as provided within the powers of the Board of Directors. The amending of the Boys Volleyball proposal by the Board of Directors is in alignment with the previous action of the Board of Directors in June 2022 that called for development of a clear pathway by which activities or sports may be added to the League's programming.

Boys Volleyball Status

Due to the proposals submitted and the action of the MSHSL Board of Directors, the following timeline is in place.

- **2022-2023:** Boys Volleyball will take place in the Spring of 2023 under the leadership and governance of the MN Boys Volleyball Association (MBVA).
- **2023-2024:** Boys Volleyball will take place in the Spring of 2024 in "emerging status" with the season-ending competition to be operated according to current rules under the control of the MBVA. Teams are encouraged to register with the MSHSL for catastrophic and concussion insurance, to qualify for postseason participation and to have students held to the eligibility rules the same as other MSHSL programs.
- **2024-2025:** If approved by the Representative Assembly on May 9, 2023, "Boys" would be added to Bylaw 520 Girls Volleyball and approved as an interscholastic sport beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Should an affirmative vote at the 2023 Representative Assembly occur, the MSHSL will immediately engage a Boys Volleyball Task Force to determine the appropriate season for Boys Volleyball beginning in 2024-2025.