

**Minnesota State High School League
Adapted Athletics Proposal Information**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

FAQs for Representative Assembly Members

1. What does the Adapted Athletics Proposal entail?

The proposed amendment change will remove the adapted program(s) out of the bylaws for non-adapted programs and create a specific bylaw for our adapted programs. These new bylaws will include definitions for the length of season, number of contests and other language which is specific to our adapted programs and is different than those for non-adapted sports. The proposed bylaws are believed to best meet the needs of the sports and student-athletes by the authors and the MAAA and because the number of participants are limited, reducing the overlap of seasons better allows students to be able to participate in more of the adapted sports. Throughout the process, the authors of the proposed bylaw amendments have worked closely with, and are supported by, the Minnesota Adapted Athletics Association, MAAA.

2. Does the MSHSL Executive Committee and its Board of Directors support the proposal?

Members of the MSHSL Board of Directors, its Executive Committee and Region Committees have voiced support for the proposal as well as in conversations held in the discussion portions of Board Meetings and Board Workshops. There has been not formal approval by the Board of Directors, yet the region committees across the state were all in favor of these new bylaws.

3. With the adjusted season length, how does the proposed amendment affect the dates of the state tournaments?

The schedule for the state tournaments will be established by the MSHSL Board of Directors with involvement of League staff and other leaders in our adapted programs. Maintaining corresponding dates may be required as finding venues to host our competitions may be difficult on other dates.