



Minnesota State High School League
2100 Freeway Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League convened at the League Office in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. President Smokrovich called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. All current members of the Board of Directors were present except Julie Anderson. All members of the League's Executive Staff were present.

Others attending all or portions of the meeting included:

Roger Aronson, MSHSL Lobbyist/Special Projects Counsel
Jason Baune, President, *Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches Association*; Varsity Softball Head Coach, *Becker H.S.*
Kevin Beck, MSHSL Legal Counsel, *Kelly & Lemmons, P.A.*
Krista Fleming, Director, *MN Boys Volleyball Association*
Jenny Kilkelly, Director, *MN Boys Volleyball Association*
Amanda Johnson, Executive Assistant, *MSHSL*
Erik Klein, Vice President, *Track and Field Coaches Association*
Meghan Orgeman, President, *Track and Field Coaches Association*
Jim Paulsen, *StarTribune*
Bill Quan, Activities Director, *Osseo High School*; Boys Volleyball Season Task Force Chair
Jenny Taray, Photographer, *KARE 11*
Walt Weaver, *MN Boys High School Volleyball Association*

Reflection by Jake Timm

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Timm and second by Engebretson to approve the meeting agenda and consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved

Motion by McDonald and second by Corneille to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Individual Addressing the Board of Directors

- Jason Baune, president of Softball Coaches Association spoke in support of the spring activity advisory proposal that seeks to add a third day to the softball state tournament.
- Eric Klein, vice president of the Track and Field Coaches Association spoke in support of the spring activity advisory proposal to add a 400-meter event in the wheelchair division.
- Meghan Orgeman, president of Track and Field Coaches Association spoke in favor of the spring advisory proposal to adjust qualifying standards in track and field.

Board of Directors Members' Reports and Comments

- Member Timm expressed his appreciation for the work being done by SALT and the Together in Partnership regional meetings.
- Member McDonald expressed her appreciation for the amount of data and feedback collected for activity advisory proposals.
- Member Revenig thanked Assistant Director Jason Nickleby for his assistance and flexibility in working with officials during an evening of competitions impacted by challenging weather.

- Member Peschel and Member Corneille thanked League staff for their support and work on behalf of the Team State Tournament Subcommittee and the Boys Volleyball Season Placement Task Force.
- President Smokrovich recognized that October 9, 2023, is Indigenous Peoples' Day and shared how their district and school are celebrating the day.

Legislative Report Received

League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared updates from the State Legislature, including information on the extensive changes in legislation for K-12 education and a meeting with the chairs of the education committees.

Legal Counsel's Report Received

League Counsel Kevin Beck reported on the dismissal of one case and updated information on two pending cases.

Executive Director's Report Received

The Executive Director's Report was shared and received. The report included:

- Area Meetings were held over the course of three weeks in September. Items of discussion included, but were not limited to, co-op enrollments, classification, participation eligibility of transgender students, online education and eligibility, regional representation at state tournaments, and the factors involved in expanding the MSHSL to a 9 – 12 association.
- Met with the legislative leaders of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, who voiced their support and ongoing work of the League's "Together in Partnership" initiative.
- League staff shared feedback and reflection on the eight "Together in Partnership" meetings that were held across Minnesota. The Student Advisory Leadership Team (SALT) continues to provide leadership in this space, including involvement in planning the state conference on December 6 at the RiverCentre in St. Paul.
- League Staff shared information on the newly created health and safety website, an Anyone Can Save A Life video, and the upcoming release of a new Anyone Can Save A Life website.
- Shared an update from the recent MSHSL Foundation Board Meeting. Currently, assets are \$1.22 million. The Foundation Board earmarked \$20,000 for the "Together in Partnership" statewide event," as well as \$700,000 for Form A and \$400,000 for Form B. The deadline for all applications is Nov. 15.
- League Staff shared an update from the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee. The committee now has three working subcommittees in the areas of Education, Personnel and Policy to more effectively move projects forward.
- The Annual Fund Committee of the Twin Cities Dunkers will be meeting with ADs from the Minneapolis and St. Paul public high schools on Oct. 9.
- The League will present at the Minnesota Association of School Administrators conference on Oct. 10 in Duluth.

Executive Committee Report Received

The Executive Committee Report from the October 4, 2023, meeting was received and included updates on the following:

- Senior Associate Director Bob Madison reviewed the Team State Tournament Seeding Sub-Committee's recommendation. The recommendation provides three options for activity advisory committees to choose from, this is scheduled as an action item later in the meeting for the entire board.
- Director Madison also shared information on the Football State Tournament Semifinal Seeding proposal for the current year submitted by the Football Activity Advisory Committee, this will also be an action item by the entire board.
- Previewed the recommendation of the Boys Volleyball Placement Task Force to place the season of competition for Boys Volleyball in the spring, this will also be an action item by the entire board.
- Reviewed the timeline for the conference placement process for Lester Prairie and Central (Norwood-Young America) high schools. With the dissolution of the Minnesota River Conference, these member schools are

seeking assistance for conference placement. The Conference Placement Committee has been established and will meet over the coming weeks. Approval of a Conference Placement Recommendation is scheduled for November 30.

- Reviewed the Belief Statement on Regional Representation, which is a discussion item.
- Approved an additional game waiver for member schools that compete against Rochester STEM Academy in boys basketball.
- Upheld the suspension for an MSHSL official.
- The Executive Committee is recommending three items below for full board approval:

Strategic Directions 2023-2024

The Board of Directors approved the Executive Committee's recommendation to accept the Strategic Directions for the 2023-2024 school year. They are:

- I. The League will support the health, safety and wellness of our students, coaches, administrators and officials through leadership, instruction, support and resources.
- II. The League will strengthen strategies and actions that promote and support diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in all aspects of the League. Through these strategies and actions, our activities and athletics will be more inclusive, respectful and safe for all.
- III. The League will utilize highly effective communications systems and structures that will meet the needs of our students, schools and communities and promote the mission, beliefs and values of the League.

Motion by McDonald and second by Rocheleau to approve the 2023-2024 Strategic Directions as presented (Appendix A). The motion passed unanimously.

2027 NASO Sports Officiating Summit

The Board of Directors approved the Executive Committee's recommendation to support Minnesota as the host of the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) Sports Officiating Summit in 2027. As the host state partner, the League provides \$25,000 towards the cost of the event and receives 100 scholarships for attendees and six scholarships for League Staff. This supports the League's strategic direction to continue advocating for the recruitment and retention of officials.

Motion by Rocheleau and second by Revenig to approve the 2027 NASO Sports Officiating Summit (Appendix B). The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution for Hubbard Broadcasting

Motion by Tauer and second by Timm to approve a Resolution in Appreciation and Recognition of Hubbard Broadcasting, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary (Appendix C). Hubbard Broadcasting is a longtime broadcast partner of the League. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Corneille and second by Lilleberg to approve the Executive Committee Report. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

Dance Team Rules Book 2022-2024

Motion by Hennen and second by Indra to approve the restructured 2022-2024 Dance Team Rules Book. Motion passed unanimously.

Spring Activity Advisory Proposals

League Staff shared information about spring activity advisory proposals in the following activities.

- **Softball - Add a Third Day to the State Tournament**

The proposal adds a third day to the state tournament to create a better experience for student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans. Each team would play one game on day 1 and at least one game on day 2. The 3rd day would become a "championship day" in which the four championship games would be played.

Motion by Tauer and second by Peschel to approve adding a third day to the State Softball Tournament beginning in 2024 (Appendix D). The motion passed unanimously.

- **Speech - Citations on Visual Aids**

All materials quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from other sources (including visuals) must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or the works cited listing or both) and orally or visually during the presentation. The proposal specifically calls out that visual aid source material must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in works cited listing or both) but does not need to be cited orally or visually during the presentation.

- **Speech Stage Properties (Props)**

The current rule states that no stage properties (props) shall be used during a speaker's delivery, with the exception of two categories. There is a lack of clarity in the rules as to whether a body part or clothing is considered a prop. The proposal clarifies this confusion: "No part of an entry's body is to be considered a prop (such as hair, ear, etc.) Clothing, shoes, or jewelry are not considered part of an entry's body." This addition to the current rule is intended to remove the threat of penalty for inadvertently touching their hair, face, etc. It clarifies that a body part may be used in a speech (flipping of the hair), but clothing may not be used (pointing out something on a shirt or wearing a costume).

- **Speech Tie-Breaker**

The proposal would change the second step in tie-breaking. The first step – results from head-to-head match – will still be used, if applicable. For the second step, instead of using the actual rank of speakers faced – which may not be consistent or fair based on an inconsistent number of competitors in each round – the proposal is to use average rank. Speechwire site now makes the calculation very straightforward. The owner/programmer of Speechwire was consulted.

Motion by Timm and second by O'Donnell to approve the proposal to adjust the requirement for citations with the use of visual aids, the definition of stage properties and the implementation of a tie-breaker (Appendix E). These changes are effective in 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Track and Field - 400m Wheelchair Division**

The proposal adds the 400m race (wheelchair division) to the list of allowable wheelchair events in the state of Minnesota and subsequently be added as an offered event for wheelchair athletes at MSHSL Section/State tournaments. Currently, the Minnesota State High School League has the following events in wheelchair track and field: 100m, 200m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, shot put, and discus in Section/State tournaments.

Motion by Rocheleau and second by Schimek to approve the addition of a 400-meter event in the wheelchair division at the section and state meet levels in track and field beginning in 2024 (Appendix F). The motion passed unanimously

- **Track and Field - Qualifying Standards**

The proposal seeks to lower the qualifying standards for advancement into the state meet by using an average of the 9th place performance marks at the state meet over the last 3 years. Currently, the standards are calculated by averaging the 5th place performance marks at the state meet over the past 5 years.

Motion by Peschel and second by Revenig to approve the adjustment of the method of calculating qualifying standards for the state meet beginning in 2024 (Appendix G). The new standard would be determined by taking the average of the performance of the 9th place finisher in the state preliminaries in the previous three years. The motion passed unanimously.

Boys Volleyball Season for 2024-2025

Boys Volleyball Season Placement Task Force Chair Bill Quan shared the work done by the task force. The task force established sustainability and growth potential as its two primary criteria for season selection. The task force recognized the substantial growth of the sport while participating in the current season choice of spring and believes a spring season selection honors students who are already participating in Boys Volleyball. The task force identified the uncertainty of moving seasons and creating unforeseen outcomes for students and programs. The task force also recognized that a great number of participating students indicated that they play sports in other seasons. The activity has been sanctioned as an interscholastic activity by the League beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Currently, Boys Volleyball, which is played in the spring, is in “emerging status” and administered by the Minnesota Boys High School Volleyball Association.

Motion by Peterson and second by McDonald to approve the task force’s recommendation to place the season of competition for Boys Volleyball in the spring (Appendix H). The motion passed unanimously.

State Tournament Seeding

In August 2023, the board was tasked to create a subcommittee to look at and develop seeding options for team state tournaments. The Team State Tournament Seeding Subcommittee’s recommendation permits each Team Sport Advisory Committee and/or the sport’s tournament director to propose to the Board of Directors a team sport seeding option to be selected from:

- **Option 1:** Team sport seeds 1-5 with a random draw for seeds 6, 7, and 8.
- **Option 2:** Team sport seeds all teams once per state tournament.
- **Option 3:** Team sport does not seed in the first round of the tournament. The team sport uses a regional/sectional or scheduled rotation. i.e., Section 1 vs. 3, 2 vs. 4, 5 vs. 7, 6 vs. 8.

Following the Activity Advisory Proposal process, the soonest that a sport could change its seeding for state tournaments would be for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Corneille and second by Lilleberg to approve the Team State Tournament Seeding Subcommittee’s recommendation as presented (Appendix I). The motion passed unanimously.

State Football Semifinal Seeding

Motion by Peschel and second by Schimek to approve the Football Advisory Committee recommendation to seed teams one through four in Class 9-Player through Class AAAAA beginning at the State Semifinals. This proposal would be for the 2023 tournament only as the Football Advisory has already submitted a proposal for seeding for next year. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 10-9.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Belief Statement – Regional Representation

The Board of Directors reviewed a draft of a Belief Statement on regional representation (Appendix J). The adoption of this Belief Statement will be an action item for a future Board of Directors meeting.

Boys Volleyball Planning for 2024-2025

With the season of competition determined earlier in the meeting, League Staff shared next steps in the implementation of Boys Volleyball. It includes establishing a Boys Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committee, developing a state tournament date that works within Bylaw 520, determining Competitive Section Placement in the Spring of 2024 and exploring options for a state tournament venue.

Online Education Providers

League Staff shared information on the growing number of Online Education Provider options available for students and how the increase affects the administration of transfer and eligibility bylaws and policies. More work will be done in studying this situation, including reaching out to staff at the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eligibility Committee

Motion by Schimek and second by Rocheleau to approve the Eligibility Committee Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit/Finance Committee

The Audit/Finance report included updates on the following items:

- Met with State Auditor Julie Mader and completed the year end July 31, 2023, audit entrance meeting.

Motion by Gitch and second by Lilleberg to approve the July 2023 and August 2023 Financial Statements as presented (Appendix K). The motion passed unanimously.

The Audit and Finance Committee is recommending one item below for full board approval:

Cross Country State Meet Ticket Prices

Motion by Peterson and second by Peschel to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to set the price of admission for the Cross Country State Meet at \$13 for adults and \$8 for students, which is identical to the Track and Field State Meet. This is the first time the Cross Country State Meet will be a ticketed event, per a directive of the Board of Directors requiring the League to gather revenue from each state tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Marketing and Communications Committee

The Marketing and Communications report included updates on the following items:

- Area Meetings provided opportunities for League Staff to share website enhancements, including an ADs ability to manage coaches at their member school and pulling officials' data from Arbiter.
- The League attended the Minnesota Broadcasters Association Annual Meeting in St. Paul this week. The League's Hall of Fame Class of 2024 is expected to be announced the week of Oct. 23.
- Marketing and Sponsorship staff described the fall through spring seasons and the many fulfillment activations meeting our corporate obligations.

Education and Leadership Committee

The Education and Leadership report included updates on the following items:

- The League continues moving forward with state tournament preparations. The selection of state tournament officials in Volleyball, Soccer, and Swimming and Diving is completed. Football and Adapted Soccer selections will happen in the coming week.
- Rules meetings for winter activities are in development.
- Documents and training modules for Shot Clock implementation are targeted for release in late October.
- An elective module for coaches and athletic administrators on Mental Health is now available; additional elective modules are planned.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Assignment of New Member Schools

1. Aasen Home School – 5A
2. Fuller's Academy – 5A
3. Johnson Home School – 4A

4. Larson Home School – 6A
5. Rooted and Grounded Home School – 6A
6. Terra Nova School – 5A

Dissolutions of Cooperative Sponsorships

1. Academy for Sciences & Agriculture/Hmong College Prep Academy - Soccer, Girls
2. Academy for Sciences & Agriculture/Hmong College Prep Academy - Softball, Girls
3. Academy for Sciences and Agriculture/Chesterton of the St. Croix Valley/Liberty Classical Academy/Sandalwood Home School - Soccer, Boys
4. Adrian/Luverne - Hockey, Boys
5. Adrian/Luverne - Hockey, Girls
6. Alderman Home School/Bartelt Home School/Bauer Home School/Baum Home School/Florek Home School/Friess Home School/Goetz Home School/Haselius Home School/Kjos Home School/Linscott Home School/Potter Home School/Reynolds Home School/Robertson Home School/Rounds Home School/Dickie Home School - Cross Country, Girls
7. Alderman Home School/Baum Home School/Dirks Home School/Eicher Home School/Franklin Home School/Fuller Home School/Goetz Home School/Hicks Home School/Kjos Home School/Klein Home School/Perry Home School/Roduner Home School/Van Camp Home School - Cross Country, Boys
8. Benson/Chokio-Alberta/Hancock/Herman-Norcross/Montevideo/Morris Area/Wheaton - Hockey, Boys
9. Brooklyn Center/Parnassus Prep - Basketball, Boys
10. Brooklyn Center/Parnassus Prep - Basketball, Girls
11. Cedar Mountain/Redwood Valley - Wrestling
12. Chatfield/Rochester Century - Hockey, Boys
13. Cleveland/Mankato Loyola - Cross Country, Boys
14. Cleveland/Mankato Loyola - Cross Country, Girls
15. Comfrey/Springfield - Wrestling
16. Cotter/La Crescent-Hokah/Winona - Hockey, Girls
17. Cotter/Riverway Learning Community/Winona - Gymnastics, Girls
18. Cotter/Winona - Hockey, Boys
19. Cotter/Winona - Swimming and Diving, Boys
20. Cotter/Winona - Wrestling
21. Dover-Eyota/Rochester Lourdes/Stewartville - Hockey, Boys
22. Elk River/Zimmerman - Tennis, Girls
23. Ely/Northeast Range - Swimming and Diving, Girls
24. Goodridge/Marshall County Central/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Boys
25. Goodridge/Marshall County Central/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Girls
26. Hayfield/Kenyon-Wanamingo/Triton - Soccer, Boys
27. Kaleidoscope Charter/PACT Charter - Baseball
28. Kasson-Mantorville/Triton - Cross Country, Boys
29. Kasson-Mantorville/Triton - Cross Country, Girls
30. Madelia/Mankato East/St. Clair - Gymnastics, Girls
31. Maranatha Christian Academy/Osseo - Swimming and Diving, Girls
32. Marshall County Central/Red Lake Falls/Thief River Falls/Warren-Alvarado-Oslo - Hockey, Girls
33. Marshall County Central/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Boys
34. Marshall County Central/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Girls
35. Northfield/Randolph - Hockey, Boys

36. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton/Tracy-Milroy-Balaton - Dance Team, Jazz
37. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton/Tracy-Milroy-Balaton - Dance Team, Kick
38. St. Paul Como Park/St. Paul Johnson - Hockey, Boys

Cooperative Sponsorships

1. Aasen Home School/Holy Spirit Academy/Maple Lake - Basketball, Boys
2. Aasen Home School/Holy Spirit Academy/Maple Lake - Football
3. Academy for Sciences and Agriculture/Chesterton of the St. Croix Valley/Heritage Grace Home School/Liberty Classical Academy/Sandalwood Home School - Soccer, Boys
4. Adrian/Worthington - Hockey, Boys
5. Adrian/Worthington - Hockey, Girls
6. Agenter Home School/Lakeview Christian Academy/Loban Home School/Stella Maris Academy - Volleyball, Girls
7. Alderman Home School/Bartelt Home School/Clark Home School (Rochester)/Dickie Home School/Eicher Oakland Academy/Florek Home School/KJOS Home School/Summit Christian Academy (Goetz) Home School - Rochester/Haselius Home School/Linscott Home School/McCollough Home School/Potter Home School/Robertson Home School/Satterblom Home School/Schmoll Home School - Cross Country, Girls
8. Alderman Home School/Brost Home School/Clark Home School (Kasson)/Clark Home School (Rochester)/Devlin Home School/Dirks Home School/Eicher Oakland Academy/ Franklin Home School/Fuller Home School/Fulton Home School/Hicks Home School/KJOS Home School/Klein Home School/Murray Home School/Perry Home School/ Roduner Home School/Tichy Home School/Van Camp Home School/Williams Home School/City View Academy (Young) Home School - Cross Country, Boys
9. Alexandria Community Christian School/Kleinschmidt Home School/Larson Home School/Rooted and Grounded Homeschool Academy - Cross Country, Girls
10. Benson/Chokio-Alberta/Hancock/Herman-Norcross/Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg/Lac qui Parle Valley/Montevideo/Morris Area/Wheaton - Hockey, Boys
11. Bethlehem Academy/Faribault/Shattuck-St. Mary's - Cross Country, Boys
12. Bethlehem Academy/Faribault/Shattuck-St. Mary's - Cross Country, Girls
13. Bethlehem Academy/Faribault/Shattuck-St. Mary's - Swimming and Diving, Girls
14. Bethlehem Academy/Faribault/Shattuck-St. Mary's - Tennis, Girls
15. Bethlehem Academy/Fouquette Home School - Volleyball, Girls
16. Butterfield-Odin United/Martin County West - Cross Country, Boys
17. Butterfield-Odin United/Martin County West - Cross Country, Girls
18. Carlton/Cloquet/Esko - Lacrosse, Boys
19. Cedar Mountain/Comfrey/Springfield - Wrestling
20. Cedar Mountain/Redwood Valley/Wabasso - Dance Team, Jazz
21. Cedar Mountain/Redwood Valley/Wabasso - Dance Team, Kick
22. Chesterton Academy of the Twin Cities/International School of MN - Volleyball, Boys
23. Cleveland/Mankato Loyola/St. Clair - Cross Country, Boys
24. Cleveland/Mankato Loyola/St. Clair - Cross Country, Girls
25. Cornerstone Christian/International Falls - Football
26. Cotter/Hope Lutheran/Lewiston-Altura/Winona - Hockey, Boys
27. Cotter/Hope Lutheran/Lewiston-Altura/Winona - Hockey, Girls
28. Cotter/Hope Lutheran/Riverway Learning Community/Winona - Gymnastics, Girls
29. Cotter/Hope Lutheran/Winona - Swimming and Diving, Boys
30. Cotter/Hope Lutheran/Winona - Wrestling
31. Dover-Eyota/Rochester Lourdes/Schaeffer Academy/Stewartville - Hockey, Boys

32. Ely/Krekelberg Home School/Northeast Range - Swimming and Diving, Girls
33. Faribault/Shattuck-St. Mary's - Football
34. Fuller's Academy/Holy Spirit Academy/Maple Lake - Volleyball, Girls
35. Goodridge/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Boys
36. Goodridge/Thief River Falls - Cross Country, Girls
37. Hayfield/Kasson-Mantorville/Triton - Soccer, Boys
38. Hill City/Northland - One Act Play
39. Hill City/Northland - Speech
40. Hillcrest Lutheran Academy/Maggert Home School/Peterson Home School/Wade Miller Home School - Volleyball, Girls
41. Home Life Academy/PACT Charter - Soccer, Girls
42. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted/Rockford - Soccer, Girls
43. Kittson Central/Marshall County Central/Red Lake Falls/Thief River Falls/Warren-Alvarado-Oslo - Hockey, Girls
44. La Crescent/Ridgetop Academy - Softball, Girls
45. La Crescent-Hokah/Ridgetop Academy - Volleyball, Girls
46. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial/Mankato Loyola/Nicollet/St. Clair - Soccer, Boys
47. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial/Mankato Loyola/Nicollet/St. Clair - Soccer, Girls
48. Lakeview Christian Academy/Stella Maris Academy - Volleyball, Girls
49. Madelia/St. James - Gymnastics, Girls
50. Mankato Christian Academy/Mankato Loyola - Volleyball, Girls
51. Maranatha Christian Academy/Osseo/RiverTree/West Lutheran - Swimming and Diving, Girls
52. Marshall County Central/Tri-County - Cross Country, Boys
53. Marshall County Central/Tri-County - Cross Country, Girls
54. Nicollet/St. Peter - Swimming and Diving, Girls
55. Rochester Century/Rochester John Marshall - Hockey, Boys
56. Silver Bay/Two Harbors - Golf, Boys
57. St. Croix Lutheran Academy/St. Paul Como Park/St. Paul Harding/St. Paul Johnson - Hockey, Boys
58. St. Paul Johnson/St. Paul Washington - Basketball, Girls
59. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove - Cross Country, Boys
60. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove - Cross Country, Girls

There being no further business, motion by Lilleberg and second by Timm to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Executive Director



MSHSL Strategic Directions 2023-2024

The Minnesota State High School League focuses on providing outstanding educational experiences, increasing its visibility, growing its opportunities for students, deepening its traditions, and enhancing its brand. The League will further its mission to enhance the opportunities for students in education-based activities and athletics through the following Strategic Directions. In addition, it will lead and support administrators, coaches and officials, so that outstanding programs may be provided for students.

- I. The League will support the health, safety and wellness of our students, coaches, administrators and officials through leadership, instruction, support and resources.**
 - a. Provide health and safety education within the continuing education requirements (CERs) for coaches and administrators.
 - b. Support schools and programs in preparing for emergency situations through an updated platform for Anyone Can Save a Life (ACSAL) with emergency action plans and effective training.
 - c. Provide resources for reducing risk for students through the Sports Medicine Advisory (SMAC).
 - d. Build and promulgate the newly created Health and Safety website, supported by the SMAC.
 - e. Provide educational opportunities for officials, coaches and administrators through the creation of learning modules and in leveraging the modules that exist in NFHS Learn.
- II. The League will strengthen strategies and actions that promote and support diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in all aspects of the MSHSL. Through these strategies and actions, our activities and athletics will be more inclusive, respectful and safe for all.**
 - a. Lead student engagement and provide greater opportunities for student voice through Student Advisory and Leadership Team (SALT) and the second year of *Together* student meetings.
 - b. Identify and target actions through the DEIB Committee and DEI Officiating Council to further expand diversity and educate officials and administrators in promoting inclusion and belonging.
 - c. Improve and increase education and training for staff members, coaches, administrators and officials in the areas of diversity and equity.
 - d. Partner with schools, venues and corporate sponsors to support efforts in inclusion and belonging.
- III. The League will utilize highly effective communication systems and structures that will meet the needs of our students, schools and communities and promote the mission, beliefs and values of the League.**
 - a. Communicate directly the Belief Statements and Founding Purposes of the League.
 - b. Engage in frequent direct communication to support education professionals serving our students through LEAD, LEAD Liaisons and additional methods.
 - c. Expand and employ practices to recruit and retain officials, administrators, and coaches.
 - d. Expand the instruction and training of officials through the use of RefReps and MBT software.
 - e. Develop improved methods of effective messaging to our students in activities and athletics.

NASO Sports Officiating Summit 2027

October 2023

Event Details

Date: Sunday, July 25 – July 27, 2027

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Officiate Minnesota Day – Saturday, July 24, 2027

Presenting Sponsor Obligation

1. \$25,000 Summit Sponsorship Fee to support the event.
2. Work collaboratively to plan NASO event and Officiate Minnesota Day
3. Share sponsor and vendor space with NASO

Presenting Sponsor Assets

1. MSHSL will receive 100 scholarships for attendees to the NASO event and 6 scholarships for MSHSL staff.
2. MSHSL will have use of the function and ballroom space for the Officiate Minnesota Day at no charge.
3. NASO will provide complementary programming support including services of one or more speakers and general admin support for OMD.

Officiate Minnesota Day

1. State Association responsible for food and beverage
2. State Association responsible for any reserving of room blocks
3. State Association responsible for any speakers, content, etc.
4. Attendees will be charged a participation fee to encourage attendance and participation.



Resolution In Appreciation and Recognition for Service to the Minnesota State High School League

WHEREAS, Hubbard Broadcasting, a pioneering media company, is celebrating its centennial anniversary in 2023, marking a century of excellence and commitment to providing high-quality broadcasting and media services, and

WHEREAS, Hubbard Broadcasting and its extensive network of broadcast entities collaborates with the Minnesota State High School League to promote the mission, values and beliefs of the League by broadcasting state tournaments and local competitions which highlight our Minnesota students and provide the opportunity for them to participate, compete, learn, and grow, and

WHEREAS, this long-term relationship has not only enriched the lives of students but has also fostered a sense of community pride and unity by allowing families, friends, and fans to support and celebrate the achievements of their local high schools, and

WHEREAS, as Hubbard Broadcasting commemorates its 100th anniversary and continues its partnership with the Minnesota State High School League, we recognize the significant impact it has had on our state, its dedication to broadcasting excellence, and its commitment to education and youth, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota State High School along with its member schools, do hereby extend our heartfelt congratulations to Hubbard Broadcasting on their remarkable 100-year milestone, and express our deep appreciation for their commitment to serving our organization, the larger community and the experience of our students through broadcasting excellence.

Jim Smokrovich, Board President

Erich Martens, Executive Director

Date

Date

Girls Softball – State Tournament Format

Submitted on Mon, 04/10/2023 - 8:18 AM

Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation

State Tournament recommendations regarding Date(s) and Site(s)

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Ricky Michel, Stillwater Activities Director

Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Softball, Girls

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

The current state tournament format is a 2-day tournament in which all teams play 2 games on Day 1. Teams that qualify for Consolation Championship games, 3rd Place games, and Championship games play 1 game on Day 2.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Our proposal is to move to a 3-day state tournament that would create a better experience for student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans. Each team would play 1 game on day 1 and at least 1 game on day 2. The 3rd day would become a "championship day" in which the 4 championship games would be played.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None that we are aware of.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

The current state tournament format is a 2-day tournament in which all teams play 2 games on Day 1. Teams that qualify for Consolation Championship games, 3rd Place games, and Championship games play 1 game on Day 2.

Negatives of the Current Format

1. Student-athletes play 2 games on the first day of the state tournament. This does not allow

student-athletes or coaches to be best rested or prepared for competition. In a comparison of “similar” team sports, softball is the only sport that requires teams to play twice on the first day of the state tournament.

2. 25% of teams are eliminated from state tournament play on Day 1 of competition. This does not provide for the best state tournament experience for student-athletes, coaches, families, or fans.

3. Playing 32 games on Day 1 often causes delays in game start times. This is not ideal for team preparation or fan arrival. It sometimes causes teams to be playing at 11:00 pm or later on Day 1. Some of these teams are then asked to play again at 9:00 am on Day 2.

4. On a regular basis, one or more teams have graduation ceremonies on the date of the state tournament. This requires games to be “moved up” in the day and sometimes causes teams to play virtually back-to-back, with no time to rest or prepare for their second game. It affects not only the team with graduation, but other teams that don't know when their second game will be played until after their first game ends.

5. Playing 32 games on Day 1 requires the heavy use of fields #5-6 at Caswell Park. While these fields are similar to fields #1-4, this is generally considered a negative because they are away from the main pinwheel. This also eliminates any field availability for warm-up at Caswell Park. Teams are on their own to find fields and/or open grassy areas throughout the cities of Mankato and North Mankato to warm-up prior to their state tournament games.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

Our proposal is to move to a 3-day state tournament that would create a better experience for student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans. We believe it may also be a benefit to our host, Caswell Park in North Mankato.

Positives of the Proposed Format

1. Student-athletes would not be required to play 2 games on the first day and would play on at least 2 days. This would provide better preparation, rest, and make the state tournament a better experience for student-athletes. We do not feel that teams playing 2 “championship bracket” games in one day creates the best competitive environment for determining a champion.

2. This format would provide an experience that is much closer to that of other “similar” team sports, such as baseball.

3. Using fewer fields throughout most of the tournament would provide space for warm-up, decrease the chances of playing games very late into the evening, and provide better options for schools with graduations.

4. This would provide a “Championship Day” experience similar to other team sports in which teams are rested and the championship games are not played simultaneously with other championship games.

5. With all teams playing on two days, 8 teams playing on a 3rd date, and a more consistent game schedule, we believe attendance would increase significantly at Caswell Park. The cities of North Mankato and Mankato would also likely see a significant financial benefit to a three day tournament.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

We don't believe any other policies are affected by this proposal.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

We provided a survey to head coaches throughout the state and had 76% of head coaches respond to the survey. Of the 273 respondents, 92% are in favor of a 3-day state tournament. This includes over 89% in each of the 4 classes. Also, 91% of coaches in sections 7 & 8 (generally farthest from North Mankato) are in favor.

We have shared our proposal with activities directors in different classes and areas of the state. There have been questions about cost to schools and MSHSL, but a majority have responded favorably towards a 3-day tournament that is very similar to baseball's current format. Some activities directors have agreed to sign on as authors of the proposal as seen above.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

Positives of the Proposed Format

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2. This format would provide an experience that is much closer to that of other "similar" team sports, such as baseball.
3. Using fewer fields throughout most of the tournament would provide space for warm-up, decrease the chances of playing games very late into the evening, and provide better options for schools with graduations.
4. This would provide a "Championship Day" experience similar to other team sports in which teams are rested and the championship games are not played simultaneously with other championship games.
5. Families and fans of state tournament teams would have a more consistent schedule which would allow for increased attendance and less hassle with game movement and delays.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal would provide a better state tournament experience for student-athletes. It would also better fit the mission of Title IX to provide the same experience for male and female student-athletes as our proposal closely resembles the current state tournament format for baseball.

There would be increased administrative costs including field rental and lodging for tournament administration and game officials. We believe many of these costs would be offset by increased ticket revenue.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

This proposal would not impact competition time for the section tournament.

It would increase the state tournament from 2 days to 3 days with each team having the opportunity to play on 2 days. The 8 teams advancing to state championship games would be the only teams playing on the 3rd day of the state tournament, similar to the current state tournament schedule for baseball.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

This proposal would not impact the number of participants or teams at the state tournament.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

This proposal would not impact the percentage of teams qualifying for the state tournament.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

The proposal would require Caswell Park to be rented an extra day for the state tournament.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

This proposal would not impact the number of awards.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

The Minnesota Twins have become a great partner of ours and we have had some discussions about ways they can impact the sport of softball. There is potential that they may be willing to work with the MSHSL to make a 3-day tournament or "championship day" more feasible. Specifics have not been discussed at this time.

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Speech – Citations on Visual Aids

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Speech

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

All materials quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from other sources (including visuals) must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) and orally and/or visually during the presentation.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

All materials quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from other sources must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) and orally. Visual aid source material must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) but does not need to be cited orally and/or visually during the presentation.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Speech Advisory met at MSHSL on May 10 to review rule change proposals from coaches. This proposal, submitted by Zach Prax of Eastview High School, was discussed at length and is supported unanimously by the committee.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

1: Rules should foster competitive equity, but this rule doesn't. There is no competitive advantage to a speaker not having a citation on their visual aid.

2: This particular rule is responsible for a large number of disqualifications in the event. Especially given that it doesn't give any type of advantage, having a student receive a penalty for it should be

questioned. In many regards, this rule feels like a "gotcha."

3: This rule doesn't mirror current professional practice in the real world (and speech should reflect best practices in the real world.) Teachers and other professionals do not have written citations on every visual aid used. Having the citation in a works cited still supports the same research skills as having it appear on the visual.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

None.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

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Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This revision to the rule provides clarity and simplicity for competitors, coaches, and rules committees.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This revision to the rule provides clarity and simplicity for competitors, coaches, and rules committees. It is likely to reduce protests and disqualifications at subsection, section, and state tournaments.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

No impact.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

No impact.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

No impact.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

No impact.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

No impact.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

None.

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Speech – Stage Properties (Props)

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Speech

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

Speech General Rules, Definitions, page 2.

E. Stage Properties

No stage properties shall be used during a speaker's delivery, with the exception of Discussion, in which contestants may sit in chairs, and Informative, in which visual aids are allowed and may be 3-D. Books, notecards, and scripts are not considered properties, provided the script is used only as a script. If a student uses a script, she/he must hold the script and refer to it.

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Add this language:

No part of an entry's body is to be considered a prop (such as hair, ear, etc.) Clothing, shoes, or jewelry are not considered part of an entry's body.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Proposal submitted to Speech Advisory by Rachel Schieffelbein of Chatfield High School.

Speech Advisory discussed this proposal at length and drafted the language we propose adding to the current rule.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

This addition to the current rule is intended to remove the threat of penalty for inadvertently touching their hair, face, etc.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

None.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

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Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This proposal provides clarity for speakers, coaches, and judges.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal will reduce protests for rules committees to review, making tournaments run more smoothly.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

No impact.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

No impact.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

No impact.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

No impact.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

No impact.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

None.

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Speech - Tiebreaker

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Speech

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

"Determining Finalists" #3

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Pages 17-18, "Determining Finalists" #3

Results from head to head matchups will be used to break ties. If a tie still occurs, or head to head cannot be used, the tabulators will use the average opponent rank of the speakers met in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 by each speaker in the tie. The speaker in the tie whose opponents have the lowest average ranks will advance. If a tie still occurs, reciprocal fractions of actual ranks will be used.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

None.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Speech Advisory met at MSHSL on May 10 to review rule change proposals from coaches. This proposal, from Zach Prax of Eastview High School, was discussed at length and is supported unanimously by the committee.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

This makes tabulating results more accurate and fair.

From Zach Prax who tabulates results at the state tournament:

"The old rule works in a world where there are exactly 24 entries in each event. That used to be possible...if a student were ill and couldn't compete, an alternate could take their place. And, sections would always be competitive...in the past few years, there have been sections in both A and AA unable to field at least three entries in an event. Drops and fewer than three qualifying entries now mean that we often have fewer than 24 competing in an event at the state tournament. The precise wording of the rule doesn't even reflect the reality of an event with fewer than 24 speakers as "the actual ranks of the fifteen speakers met" can't be added when there aren't fifteen speakers that were competed against.

Average opponent rank is terrible to calculate by hand, but using Speechwire now means that tournament management can do it easily.. It doesn't matter if an entry is in a section of five or six...average opponent rank corrects for those imbalances. Using the average corrects.

Without this rule in place, my concern is that tournament management will in future years create a phantom competitor to address a drop, and give that competitors a 6, just to follow ""actual ranks."" They have done that in the past, even when Speechwire allowed for the average. I believe that both the average opponent rank is less harmful than creating a phantom entry that 6s are then given to. If an entry is going against a guaranteed last place finisher in each round, their actual rank suffers more than an entry who gets to use average opponent rank without creating a phantom entry."

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

None

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

This is a small, common-sense change that is supported by Speech Advisory and Ben Stewart of Speechwire.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This change will make the tabulation of ranks more accurate and fairer to all competitors.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This change will make the tabulation of ranks more accurate and fairer to all competitors.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

No impact.

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

No impact.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

No impact.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

No impact.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

No impact.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

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Track and Field, Boys and Girls – 400m Dash Wheelchair Division

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Track and Field, Boys, Track and Field Girls

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

MSHSL Wheelchair Track and Field Events

Each student will have the opportunity to compete in the following events: 100M, 200M, 800M, 1600M, 3200M, shot put and discus.

A competitor may be entered and compete in a total of four events (track and field), but not in excess of three track or field events in arriving at the combination of four. (Modifies Rule 4-2-1, 4-2-2).

If a competitor competes in three track events, only two events may be 800 meters or longer. The penalty for violation is according to the National Federation Track and Field Rules, (Modifies Rule 4-2-2). All individual and team points earned by that competitor shall be forfeited

Wheelchair shot put and discus will be divided into two (2) categories for both boys and girls based on the type of disability.

Category 1 will be for athletes with any disability of the lower extremities (such as spinal cord injury, amputation, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, orthopedic injuries).

Category 2 will be for athletes with disabilities that affect lower and upper extremities (such as cervical spinal, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain injury).

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Currently, the Minnesota State High School League permits the following events in wheelchair track and field: 100m, 200m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, shot put, and disc. These are the events offered in Section/State tournaments. The 400m dash (wheelchair division) is not an allowed event in the state of Minnesota, and is therefore not an offering to wheelchair athletes at the Section/State tournaments.

We are proposing to have the 400m dash (wheelchair division) added to the list of allowable wheelchair events in the state of Minnesota, and subsequently be added as an offered event for wheelchair athletes at MSHSL Section/State tournaments.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

No other rules/policies within the MSHSL Track & Field Handbook will be impacted by this proposal.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

The League first offered wheelchair track and field athletics in Minnesota in 2011; initially, the only events offered in the wheelchair division were the 800m and the 1600m.

In 2012, the 100m and the 3200m (wheelchair division) were added. The rationale behind this addition, as stated at the time, was the increase the options available to wheelchair athletes. In time, those options have grown to include the 200, shot, and disc.

There is no language identifying why the 400m has not been added as one of the events, nor any rationale stated why it should not be added.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

MSHSL has founded its principles on promoting extra-curricular participation while establishing consistent and fair eligibility guidelines for interscholastic contests. Like all athletes, wheelchair athletes each have their own particular strengths and weaknesses. Just as a sprinter would have a harder time in a distance event, and vice versa, wheelchair athletes can display the same natural proficiency in one category versus the other.

Presently, a sprint wheelchair athlete only has two real options: the 100 and the 200. If they want to maximize their event potential (competing in up to three track events) they must go up to, at minimum, the 800m. Not only is this event outside of the strength range of most sprint wheelchair athletes, but it also occurs immediately before the 200m dash, making it difficult for the athlete to perform at their best in both.

This proposal to add the 400m to wheelchair division offerings will bring equity to the League's event offerings and ensure that every wheelchair athlete has equal and ample opportunities to compete and excel within their particular strengths.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

Generally, wheelchair division events mirror all other non-hurdle open track events, with the exception of the 400m. Currently, all non-hurdle open track events offered by the League in Minnesota are the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, and 3200. All of those are also wheelchair events, with

the exception of the 400m.

It's worth noting, too, that the 400m dash (wheelchair division) is a standard event offered by both U.S. Paralympics and World and National wheelchair athletics, and is offered by many states, including Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, California, Washington, Illinois, and Florida.

For full national regulations regarding wheelchair athletics by Adaptive Track & Field USA, visit here: http://www.atfusa.org/RULES/2023/2023%20ATFUSA%20Rulebook_Final%20V1.pdf

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

In April 2023, the Minnesota State Track and Field Coaches Association conducted a survey to gauge interest in the adding of the 400m dash. This survey was sent to coaches of all schools who have had a wheelchair athlete in the past five years (22 coaches in all). Nine coaches responded; of those nine, 67% of respondents (6/9) were in favor of adding the 400.

It's worth noting, too, that of the three who voted against the addition of the 400m, two of those stated in the optional explanation of their vote that their "no" was simply because it would not be an event of interest for their particular athlete (for example, one coach said, "That event is too far for my athletes"), and not that they were opposed to offering the event for athletes in general.

Full survey data can be viewed here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yt_xn__g-leohP7eiCFIjlgMS7ryuOk_H9WdigmDrZw/edit?usp=sharing

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This proposal to add the 400m to wheelchair division offerings will bring equity to the League's event offerings and ensure that every wheelchair athlete has equal and ample opportunities to compete and excel within their particular strengths. In particular, it will ensure that wheelchairs athletes with a particular strength in sprints—or, perhaps, a particular weakness in endurance events—will have the event offerings necessary for them to fully compete within their skill set.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal will minimally impact the structure of Section and State tournaments. The addition of the 400m dash (wheelchair division) will simply involve the addition of one more racing heat. The impact on Section/State meet time schedule would be less than five minutes. Given the rarity of wheelchair athletes in Minnesota, it is likely that most Sections would be entirely unaffected (as they may not have a 400m entry).

Regarding Section/State meet administration: the Association contacted Josh Gerber of Wayzata Results to get an estimated impact of this proposal. He felt the impact would be negligible and would "not be a problem on [his] end."

The addition of the 400m dash would also have a minimal financial impact. There would need to be additional purchasing of awards for the event, but otherwise financial requirements would remain unchanged.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

This proposal will minimally impact the needed competition time for Section and State tournaments. The addition of the 400m dash (wheelchair division) on Section/State meet time schedule would be less than five minutes, as it would be the equivalent of adding one extra heat. Many Sections would be entirely unaffected (as they may not have a 400m entry, or wheelchair athletes at all).

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

This proposal would have no impact on the number of participants or teams. Given the rarity of wheelchair athletes in Minnesota, most wheelchair athletes do not face competition until the Section meet, and are at no risk of failing to qualify. It is a near certainty that any athlete participating at State in the 400m dash (wheelchair division) is participating in other events as well.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

This proposal will have no impact on the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify, for the same rationale presented in the previous question.

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

This proposal will not impact the facilities needed to accommodate our recommendation at both the section and state meet.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

Awards for the 400m dash (wheelchair division) will need to be purchased at the State and Section level.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)

Track and Field, Boys, Track and Field Girls

Current Rule/Policy

State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.

ENTRIES AND ADVANCEMENT

C. Class A, Class AA & Class AAA State: Each Section may advance two contestants in each individual event and two teams in each relay event to the state meet. In case of a tie, the individual contestant or relay team entitled to advance must be determined. In addition, a contestant or relay team will qualify by standard to the State Meet when their performance in the section finals surpasses or equals the established standard. If a malfunction occurs with the fully automatic timing system, hand-held times will be converted for entries advancing by place or by standard.

STANDARDS FOR TRACK AND FIELD

- Qualifying standards are TBD at this time.
- A contestant or relay team may qualify by standard to the State Meet when their performance in the section finals equals or surpasses the established standards. The standards will be posted on the League's Web site, in the Track & Field Section at www.mshsl.org. Wind-aided times do not meet the requirements for qualifying by standard (wind-aided means a wind reading greater than +4.0 m/s - see rule modifications, letter D).

Previous language prior to moving to three classes:

STANDARDS FOR TRACK AND FIELD:

Qualifying standards are determined by averaging the 5th place performance of the finals at the State Meet over 5 years. A contestant or relay team may qualify by standard to the State Meet when their performance in the section finals equals or surpasses the established standards. The standards will be posted on the League's Web site, in the Track & Field Section at www.mshsl.org. Wind-aided times do not meet the requirements for qualifying by standard (wind-aided means a wind reading greater than +4.0 m/s - see rule modifications, letter G).

[2023 STATE MEET QUALIFYING STANDARDS:](#)

Proposed Recommendation

Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.

Currently, Minnesota Track and Field State Qualifying standards are determined by taking the five-year average of the 5th place finisher in both individual and relay events during the finals at the MSHSL State

Championship Meet.

We are proposing to have Minnesota Track and Field Standards established by taking the previous three-year average of the 9th place finisher from prelims (in events that have prelims and finals on the track) and from finals in all other events at the MSHSL State Meet. The standard may not deviate more than 1% up or down in any given year.

Ninth place is being proposed because that is what is necessary to place and earn points for a team at the State Championship meet. This follows the precedent set by Swimming and Diving, which uses the place through which team points are awarded (16th place) in prelims.

A three-year average is being proposed because it represents a cohort of comparable athletes and follows the same precedent used for creating State Meet Standards in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving.

For reference, the Swimming and Diving standard language is stated: "The qualifying standards for each swimming event is established by taking the three (3) year average of the 16th fastest time of the state meet preliminaries at the U of M Aquatic Center. The standard may not deviate more than 1% up or down in any given year. This is indicated with an asterisk (**)."

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.

No other rules/policies within the MSHSL Track & Field Handbook will be impacted by this proposal.

Rationale

What is the history of the proposal?

Up until 1973, the league recognized the top five individual or relay event placers, by allowing them to medal and earn points for their team. We believe that Minnesota State Qualifying Standards were established under the premise that if athletes earned performance marks at a section final meet that were good enough to place and earn points for their team at the State Championship meet, they were good enough to qualify for and participate in the State Championship Meet that season. At the time, these standards were created on what placed and earned points for a team, which was fifth place.

Between 1974 and 1992, the State Championship meet moved to recognize the top six individuals and relays, and then in 1993, the league arrived at recognizing the top nine finishers, which is what it remains today.

As Minnesota track and field evolved to recognize the top nine individual and relay finishers, our standards did not evolve with these changes. Standards remain based on an average of fifth place, which is a state recognition that hasn't existed since 1973.

To our knowledge, there has not been a formal proposal submitted to revise how state qualifying standards have been determined.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?

MSHSL has founded its principles on promoting extra-curricular participation while establishing consistent and fair eligibility guidelines for interscholastic contests. This proposal will bring consistency and equity to how two sports with similar state meet formats, track and field and swimming and diving, establish state qualifying standards. It will also ensure education-based opportunities at state championship contests for Minnesota's strongest track and field athletes.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?

Track and Field is proposing to follow the precedent set by Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving, a sport most closely resembling the structure of track and field.

The language used by the league to determine Swimming and Diving Qualifying standards are:

“The qualifying standards for each swimming event is established by taking the three (3) year average of the 16th fastest time of the state meet preliminaries at the U of M Aquatic Center. The standard may not deviate more than 1% up or down in any given year. This is indicated with an asterisk (**).”

In Swimming and Diving, the league recognizes the top sixteen athletes and relays by allowing them to earn points for the team. Qualifying standards are established accordingly by taking the three-year average of the sixteenth-fastest time from the State Meet Preliminaries.

In Track and Field, the ability to earn points for the team is given to the top nine athletes, yet qualifying standards are established by taking the average of the fifth fastest times from the State Meet. This proposal advocates for track and field to follow the precedent set by swimming and average the ninth-best performance mark over three years.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups

In October of 2022, the Minnesota State Track and Field Coaches Association was surveyed on their views surrounding our current state qualifying standards. Overall, 34.4% were unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with the current state qualifying standards. Association members felt that the standards were too rigorous and that many of our state’s top athletes were not given the opportunity to compete at the State Championship Meet because of an overly competitive section alignment. This was especially true for Class AA.

Coaches and Activities Directors provided examples of athletes placing third or fourth in their section, unable to hit the current rigorous state qualifying standards, who would have medaled and earned points at the state meet given the opportunity to compete.

Impact

How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools

This proposal will afford opportunities for our top athletes to participate in the state meet regardless of the competitiveness of their section. We define “top athletes” as having the ability to finish in the top nine in the state and earn points for their team. Currently, to qualify for the state meet, the top two finishers in individual events and relays advance from each section. Athletes can also advance to state if they meet or exceed the standard at the section final meet. The intent of this is to ensure our top athletes participate in the state meet even if they do not qualify by section placement; however, the reality is that our current method for creating standards (using the five-year average of 5th place) is not affording our top athletes the ability to compete for the chance to earn points for their team and earn a medal.

This proposal will also bring consistency to how standards are created across sports in Minnesota. We are looking to follow the precedent set by Swimming and Diving to create our standards.

Administration

How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?

This proposal will not impact the structure, finances, or administration of section tournaments; however, it will impact the excitement and intensity of section meets as athletes reach for rigorous, but reasonable, qualifying standards.

It also will not impact the structure, finances, or administration of the State Meet. This policy change will only affect a very small number of our state's top athletes who will likely already be participating in the state meet in another event.

This proposal will support the mission of MSHSL by promoting extra-curricular participation while establishing consistent and fair eligibility guidelines for interscholastic contests. This proposal will bring consistency and equity to how two sports with similar state meet formats, track and field and swimming and diving, establish state qualifying standards. It will also provide education-based opportunities at state championship contests for Minnesota's top track and field athletes.

Length of Tournament

How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?

This proposal will not impact the needed competition time for the section meet. Regarding the state meet, given the spacing of the current State Meet schedule, with extra time embedded between events, this will impact the needed competition time for the state meet.

To be certain of our projections, we used results from the old Class A Boys and Girls Section and State Meets. We chose this class because the teams represented in the old Class A are most representative of the new Class A and would produce the most valid projections. Proposed 2022 standards for Class A were created by using our proposed methodology for creating standards (averaging the 9th place finish from prelims from the 2018, 2019, and 2021 State Championship Meets).

With the proposed 2022 standards, we went into the 2022 Section results and recorded how many total athletes/relays would have qualified based on the proposed standard. Finally, we recorded how many additional heats/flights the total number of added athletes/relays would add to the State Championship Meet. After comparing this data to the number of athletes who qualified in 2022 based on the actual 2022 standards, we found that the proposed standards would only add one additional heat (in the boys 4x200m) to the state meet. Given that one heat of a boy's 4x200m race is less than two minutes, the impact on the overall time schedule is not significant.

For detailed data, see Appendix B: <https://shorturl.at/oUX23>

Participants

How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?

2022 standards were created by using the previous five years of state meet finals performance marks in the following ways:

Class A: average from the old Class A 7th place marks.

Class AA: average from the old Class AA 9th place marks.

Class AAA: average from the old Class AA 7th place marks.

In 2022, the rigorous standards resulted in very few athletes qualifying based on standard, especially for Class AA (Boys AA only had one athlete qualify on standard and Girls AA only had six total athletes qualify on standard in two events).

See Appendix A for a record of the 2022 standards and the total number of athletes who qualified for the State Meet by hitting a qualifying standard (the number is listed in parentheses next to the standard for each event).

Appendix A: <https://shorturl.at/fwBJ4>

To anticipate how using the protocols established by swimming and diving would affect track and field, we re-created the 2022 standards using the average of 9th place over 3 years (2018, 2020, 2021) for Class A. We then used the re-created 2022 standards to determine the expected impact on participation.

From our research, the proposed 2022 standards did not increase the number of teams participating in the meet. It also did not lead to a significant increase in the total number of participants. Looking at Appendix B, you will see that the proposed standards did lead to a small increase in the total number of athletes included in some events (Boys and Girls Class A increased the number of athletes in six events), but it did not increase the total number of athletes in the meet (there was a total of five new male and six new female participants in the meet). The overall number of events that added qualifiers where there were no qualifiers from the actual 2022 standards was minimal (two events for boys Class A and five events for girls Class A).

Appendix B: <https://shorturl.at/oUX23>

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?

Given how few athletes qualify based on standard alone, this proposal would not have a statistically significant impact on the number of teams or participants in the state tournament. As far as the number of total qualifiers based on standards, using the 2022 results, the proposed 2022 standards would increase the number of Class A boy qualifiers by 52.2% (from 22 qualifiers to 46 qualifiers) and Class A girl qualifiers by 47.6% (from 10 qualifiers to 21 qualifiers), but there would not be a statistically significant increase in the total number of participants in the state meet (all but five boy and six girl qualifiers were already in a relay or additional individual event).

Facilities

How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?

This proposal will not impact the facilities needed to accommodate our recommendation at both the section and state meets.

Awards

How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?

This will not have an impact on the number of awards at both the section and state meets.

Other

Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal

It is important to note that the 5th-place performances were not used to create 2022 standards. Empirical evidence shows that there was not any statistically significant increase in individual participation at any class level from the format used to create standards in 2022.

Furthermore, 2023 standards were created by a method that is even more rigorous. For 2022, standards were created by weighing the 2022 standards with the 5th place finals finishes from the 2022 State Meet. When you look at the 2023 standards they are even more rigorous than the 2022 standard in most events. When we look at how few athletes qualified on standard in 2022, we are anticipating even fewer qualifying in 2023.

Our proposal to use the 9th-place average from prelims (which is a more rigorous mark than the 9th-place finish from finals) is not much different than what was already used in 2022. Creating standards based on

what it would require to place and earn points at the State Championship Meet would not have a significant impact on the league and it would follow the precedent of Swimming and Diving. It would, however, have a significant impact on our top high school track and field athletes in Minnesota and on the excitement experienced at each section meet.

For the 2024 Standards, we are proposing that we take the 2023 standards and average those marks with the 9th place finishes from the 2022 and 2023 preliminaries. Starting in 2025 we will have three years of data to follow the precedent set by Swimming and Diving.

Proposed Standards progression:

2024 = [(2023 standard+2022 9th place prelims+2023 9th place prelims)/3].

2025 = [(2022 9th place prelims+2023 9th place prelims+2024 9th place prelims)/3]

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Boys Volleyball Season Placement Task Force Recommendation

Background

In December 2022, the Minnesota State High School League's Board of Directors took action to approve Boys Volleyball to enter emerging status for the 2023-2024 school year. In May 2023, the League's Representative Assembly approved Boys Volleyball as a sanctioned League sport for the 2024-2025 school year. At the June 6, 2023, Board of Directors meeting, The Board called for a task force to consider and recommend the season in which Boys Volleyball will be played.

Task Force Recommendation

The Boys Volleyball Season Placement Task Force has reached consensus and recommends that Boys Volleyball be played in the spring when it becomes a League sanctioned sport in 2024-2025.

Rationale

The task force established sustainability and growth potential as its two primary criteria for season selection. The task force recognized the substantial growth of the sport while participating in the current season choice of spring and believes a spring season selection honors students who are already participating in Boys Volleyball. The task force identified the uncertainty of moving seasons and creating unforeseen outcomes for students and programs. The task force also recognized that a great number of participating students indicated that they play sports in other seasons.

Additional Factors

The task force pointed to the greater availability of high school coaches and officials as factors that would point toward a spring season. The task force also acknowledged certain factors that could support a fall placement including the greater number of boys sports in spring versus fall and the likelihood of more available gym space in the fall. While not as influential in the task force's recommendation, the national norm for Boys Volleyball is a spring season, and many non-school volleyball opportunities for students would occur outside a spring season.



Team State Tournament Seeding Subcommittee: Board Policy Recommendation

Background

At the August 1, 2023, Minnesota State High School League's Board of Directors meeting, the Board called for a subcommittee of the Board to consider and recommend options for Team State Tournament Seeding that will be the foundation for a Team State Tournament Seeding Policy.

Recommendation

The subcommittee recommends that each Team Sport Advisory Committee and/or the sport's tournament director may propose to the League's Board of Directors a team sport seeding option(s) to be selected from three options. These proposals must be in alignment with the language provided below.

Sample Policy

Team sports in a state tournament shall be seeded according to one of the three following options:

Option 1: Team sport seeds 1-5 with a random draw for seeds 6, 7, and 8.

Option 2: Team sport seeds all teams once per state tournament.

Option 3: Team sport does not seed in the first round of the tournament. The team sport uses a regional/sectional or scheduled rotation. i.e., Section 1 vs 3, 2 vs 4, 5 vs 7, 6 vs 8.

The Sport Advisory Committee must follow these requirements when preparing and proposing a recommendation:

- The Sport Advisory Committee must meet the definition of an Advisory Committee within Board Policy.
- The League's Board of Directors will make final approval on how seeding will occur in each team sport based on the recommendation of the Sport Advisory Committee and the sport's tournament director.
- Seeding will occur once per state tournament.
- Team sports with multiple classes must use the same seeding option in all classes.
- Team sports that have both boys and girls programs must use the same seeding option.
- The selected team sport seeding option must be in place for a minimum of four years.

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Belief Statement Addition

Draft Belief Statement:

- Consistent with the organizational structure of the League, state-level postseason participation shall recognize and support opportunities for participants and teams from all geographic regions of the state.

Constitution 211.02.09

Board of Directors: Powers and Duties

It shall divide the state into regions (sections), assign member schools to regions (sections) for the purpose of carrying on League activities at those levels to determine who shall participate in state tournament or contests.

MSHSL BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe that...

- Participation in school activity programs is a privilege and not a right.
- Sportsmanship needs to have a constant presence in all school-based activity programs.
- Students should have an equal opportunity to participate in all activities offered by their school.
- Ethical behavior, dignity and respect are non-negotiable.
- Student participants who choose to be chemically free must be supported.
- Collaborative relationships with parents enhance a school's opportunity to positively impact student success.
- Academic priorities must come before participation in athletic or fine arts activities.
- Positive role models and an active involvement in a student's life by parents and others are critical to student success.
- High school activity programs are designed for student participants, and adults must serve in a supportive role.
- The success of the team is more important than individual honors.
- Compliance with school, community and League rules is essential for all activity participants.
- Participation in school-sponsored activities must be inclusive, not exclusive.
- Ethical behavior, fairness, and embracing diversity best serve students and school communities.

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EXHIBIT 1

BALANCE SHEET

	July 2023
<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 861,697
Investments	8,716,665
Accounts receivable	558,384
Accrued interest receivable	63,805
Prepaid expenses	19,508
Total current assets	\$ 10,220,059
Other Assets	
Property and equipment	\$ 2,150,397
Accumulated depreciation	(1,569,494)
Net property and equipment	\$ 580,903
Deferred compensation	135,662
Investments held for retirement benefits	303,004
Total other assets	\$ 1,019,569
Total Assets	\$ 11,239,628
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 60,740
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Salaries payable	\$ 75,293
Accounts payable	305,938
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement payable	1,425,000
Accrued employee benefits payable	186,396
Unearned income	37,853
Total current liabilities	\$ 2,030,480
Long-Term Liabilities	
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement payable	925,000
Deferred Compensation	135,662
Other post-employment benefits payable	575,950
Accrued employee benefits payable	153,798
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 1,790,410
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,820,890
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 143,928
Fund Balance	
Reserved for future building expenses	100,000
Reserved for future expenses	248,090
Reserved for retirement benefits	149,206
Unreserved net equity in fixed assets	580,903
Unreserved	6,257,351
Total Fund Balance	\$ 7,335,550
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 11,300,368

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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	07/31/2023 Actual	07/31/2022 Actual	Variance	Percentage Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year End 2023 Budget	Year to Date Variance	Percentage Variance
Revenues								
Tournaments	\$ 111,149	\$ 399,162	\$ (288,013)	(72.2)	6,321,842	5,250,000	1,071,842	20.4
Membership services	0	0	0	0.0	2,256,256	2,247,250	9,006	0.4
Contest officials registration	60,410	76,455	(16,045)	(21.0)	378,246	320,000	58,246	18.2
Sales of handbooks, rule books, and supplies	30,428	(30)	30,458	(101.526.7)	89,791	85,000	4,791	5.6
Corporate partnership	12,074	49,880	(37,806)	(75.8)	1,121,924	940,000	181,924	19.4
Television & Streaming Fee	448,529	425,921	22,608	5.3	1,160,000	1,082,254	77,746	7.2
Interest/Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	90,363	6,026	84,337	1,399.6	290,999	5,000	285,999	5,720.0
Educational Services	690	3,460	(2,770)	(80.1)	134,615	100,000	34,615	34.6
Grant Revenue "Together Initiative"	0	0	0	0.0	102,500	80,000	22,500	28.1
Other	8,584	19,127	(10,543)	(55.1)	99,671	40,000	59,671	149.2
Total Revenues	\$ 762,227	\$ 980,001	\$ (217,774)	(22.2)	11,955,844	10,149,504	1,806,340	17.8
Expenses								
Tournaments	\$ 189,407	\$ 209,310	\$ (19,903)	(9.5)	3,578,290	3,624,000	(45,710)	(1.3)
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement	2,350,000	0	2,350,000	0.0	2,350,000	0	2,350,000	0.0
Membership services								
Insurance	14,189	(14,189)	28,378	(200.0)	954,215	1,070,000	(115,785)	(10.8)
Handbooks, rule books, and supplies	29,902	26,473	3,429	13.0	68,433	90,000	(21,567)	(24.0)
Other	73,344	6,234	67,110	1,076.5	142,400	139,000	3,400	2.4
Grant Expense "Together Initiative"	0	0	0	0.0	146,268	80,000	66,268	82.8
Fine arts programs	0	3,805	(3,805)	(100.0)	13,315	15,900	(2,585)	(16.3)
Officials association	68,322	19,334	48,988	253.4	247,281	265,000	(17,719)	(6.7)
Committees	234	1,407	(1,173)	(83.4)	8,029	20,000	(11,971)	(59.9)
Board of directors	6,795	12,397	(5,602)	(45.2)	52,927	90,000	(37,073)	(41.2)
Salaries	214,976	214,505	471	0.2	2,249,188	2,255,000	(5,812)	(0.3)
Employee benefits	70,176	126,421	(56,245)	(44.5)	1,136,635	1,265,000	(128,365)	(10.1)
Insurance	(2,252)	(31)	2,221	7,164.5	21,506	24,000	(2,494)	(10.4)
Legal	25,617	9,211	16,406	178.1	92,516	120,000	(27,484)	(22.9)
Other professional services	26,099	22,434	3,665	16.3	100,957	114,000	(13,043)	(11.4)
Maintenance	32,492	13,272	19,220	144.8	64,744	75,000	(10,256)	(13.7)
Utilities	3,365	3,992	(627)	(15.7)	46,987	52,000	(5,013)	(9.6)
Postage	6,013	644	5,369	833.7	30,627	40,000	(9,373)	(23.4)
Supplies	5,437	2,452	2,985	121.7	23,999	20,000	3,999	20.0
Data processing and office equipment	18,518	15,136	3,382	22.3	155,169	116,500	38,669	33.2
Website Design and Build	53,700	70,026	(16,326)	(23.3)	241,853	240,000	1,853	0.8
Public relations	2,000	6,000	(4,000)	(66.7)	38,661	71,000	(32,339)	(45.5)
Television Consulting Fee	1,239	1,239	0	0.0	14,867	14,900	(33)	(0.2)
Depreciation	45,924	48,127	(2,203)	(4.6)	45,924	48,204	(2,280)	(4.7)
Educational Services	1,300	1,878	(578)	(30.8)	24,286	100,000	(75,714)	(75.7)
Other	29,115	35,532	(6,417)	(18.1)	170,428	200,000	(29,572)	(14.8)
Total Expenses	\$ 3,265,912	\$ 835,609	\$ 2,430,303	290.8	12,019,505	10,149,504	1,870,001	18.4
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)						0	(63,661)	0.0
Expenditures								
Fund Balance - August 1								
Fund Balance - July 31 - Unrestricted	\$ (2,503,685)	\$ 144,392	\$ (2,648,077)	(1,833.9)	(63,661)			
Fund Balance - July 31 - Capital Assets					7,399,211			
					6,708,723			
					626,827			
					7,335,550			

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EXHIBIT 1

BALANCE SHEET

<u>Assets</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 840,825
Investments	8,223,735
Accounts receivable	1,167,532
Accrued interest receivable	63,805
Prepaid expenses	19,508
Total current assets	\$ 10,315,405
Other Assets	
Property and equipment	\$ 2,150,397
Accumulated depreciation	(1,569,494)
Net property and equipment	\$ 580,903
Deferred compensation	135,662
Investments held for retirement benefits	304,192
Total other assets	\$ 1,020,757
Total Assets	\$ 11,336,162
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 60,740
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Salaries payable	\$ 75,293
Accounts payable	129,130
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement payable	937,454
Accrued employee benefits payable	186,396
Unearned income	37,853
Total current liabilities	\$ 1,366,126
Long-Term Liabilities	
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement payable	0
Deferred Compensation	135,662
Other post-employment benefits payable	575,950
Accrued employee benefits payable	153,798
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 865,410
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,231,536
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 143,928
Fund Balance	
Reserved for future building expenses	100,000
Reserved for future expenses	248,090
Reserved for retirement benefits	150,394
Unreserved net equity in fixed assets	580,903
Unreserved	7,942,051
Total Fund Balance	\$ 9,021,438
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 11,396,902

These financial statements do not include the 16 MSHSL Regions.

EXHIBIT 2

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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	08/31/2023 Actual	08/31/2022 Actual	Variance	Percentage Variance	Year to Date Actual	Year End 2024 Budget	Year to Date Variance	Percentage Variance
Revenues								
Tournaments	\$ 2,262,632	\$ 2,252,061	10,571	0.0	0	5,500,000	(5,500,000)	(100.0)
Membership services	39,780	40,286	(506)	0.5	2,262,632	2,250,000	12,632	0.6
Contest officials registration	12,122	11,626	496	(1.3)	39,780	365,000	(325,220)	(89.1)
Sales of handbooks, rule books, and supplies	0	195,000	(195,000)	4.3	12,122	95,000	(82,878)	(87.2)
Corporate partnership	23,137	23,137	0	(100.0)	0	947,500	(947,500)	(100.0)
Television & Streaming Fee	38,331	9,647	28,684	0.0	23,137	1,175,000	(1,151,863)	(98.0)
Interest/Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	50,985	32,690	18,295	297.3	38,331	225,000	(186,669)	(83.0)
Educational Services	5,000	0	5,000	56.0	50,985	100,000	(49,015)	(49.0)
Grant Revenue "Together Initiative"	321,648	0	321,648	0.0	5,000	500,000	(55,000)	(91.7)
ERTC	8,545	9,655	(1,110)	0.0	321,648	500,000	(178,352)	(35.7)
Other				(11.5)	8,545	70,000	(61,455)	(87.8)
Total Revenues	\$ 2,762,180	\$ 2,574,102	188,078	7.3	2,762,180	11,287,500	(8,525,320)	(75.5)
Expenses								
Tournaments	\$ 11,402	16,581	(5,179)	(31.2)	11,402	3,841,000	(3,829,598)	(99.7)
Membership fee credit/school reimbursement	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Membership services	689,572	636,193	53,379	8.4	689,572	1,015,000	(325,428)	(32.1)
Insurance	9,837	9,431	406	4.3	9,837	99,000	(89,163)	(90.1)
Handbooks, rule books, and supplies	4,416	505	3,911	774.5	4,416	165,000	(160,584)	(97.3)
Other	0	10,000	(10,000)	(100.0)	0	60,000	(60,000)	(100.0)
Grant Expense "Together Initiative"	548	1,004	(456)	(45.4)	548	20,000	(19,452)	(97.3)
Fine arts programs	1,205	2,577	(1,372)	(53.2)	1,205	280,000	(278,795)	(99.6)
Officials association	342	0	342	0.0	342	21,000	(20,658)	(98.4)
Committees	14,715	8,243	6,472	78.5	14,715	96,000	(81,285)	(84.7)
Board of directors	177,895	163,940	13,955	8.5	177,895	2,410,000	(2,232,105)	(92.6)
Salaries	95,456	91,826	3,630	4.0	95,456	1,381,000	(1,285,544)	(93.1)
Employee benefits	0	48	(48)	(100.0)	0	26,000	(26,000)	(100.0)
Insurance	0	0	0	0.0	0	127,000	(127,000)	(100.0)
Legal	18,452	17,915	537	3.0	18,452	121,000	(102,548)	(84.8)
Other professional services	2,753	2,014	739	36.7	2,753	125,000	(122,247)	(97.8)
Maintenance	3,713	3,835	(122)	(3.2)	3,713	55,000	(51,287)	(93.2)
Utilities	8,163	5,738	2,425	42.3	8,163	43,000	(34,837)	(81.0)
Postage	1,131	1,127	4	0.4	1,131	23,000	(21,869)	(95.1)
Supplies	14,290	28,516	(14,226)	(49.9)	14,290	123,500	(109,210)	(88.4)
Data processing and office equipment	0	0	0	0.0	0	260,000	(260,000)	(100.0)
Website Design and Build	3,000	1,000	2,000	200.0	3,000	80,500	(77,500)	(96.3)
Public relations	1,239	1,239	0	0.0	1,239	14,900	(13,661)	(91.7)
Television Consulting Fee	0	0	0	0.0	0	46,000	(46,000)	(100.0)
Depreciation	6,661	11,107	(4,446)	(40.0)	6,661	100,000	(93,339)	(93.3)
Educational Services	11,502	9,785	1,717	17.5	11,502	225,000	(213,498)	(94.9)
Other								
Total Expenses	\$ 1,076,292	\$ 1,022,624	53,668	5.2	1,076,292	10,757,900	(9,681,608)	(90.0)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	\$ 1,685,888	\$ 1,551,478	134,410	8.7	1,685,888	529,600	1,156,288	218.3
Fund Balance - August 1					7,335,550			
Fund Balance - August 31 - Unrestricted					8,440,535			
Fund Balance - August 31 - Capital Assets					580,903			
					9,021,438			