

MASA Presentation September 28, 2020



Education and Leadership for a Lifetime

Welcome to the MSHSL Update

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Presentation Topics

- MSHSL Background Information
- COVID Progression and Impact
- Board Decisions and Next Steps
- Financial Situation
- Question and Answer





MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE



**High School
Activities
Are Vital**





MSHSL Background Information

MSHSL Basics

- Statewide Voluntary Organization
 - Public, Private, Charter and Home Schools
- Not State Agency or Department
 - Considered a State Actor
- Governed and Directed by:
 - State Statute, MSHSL Constitution and Bylaws, Board Rules and Policies



MSHSL Basics

- 20 Member Board of Directors
 - Pres. and VP are Superintendents
- 48 Person Representative Assembly
- 43 Activities and Athletics
 - 4 Ad Sports, 5 Fine Arts, 2 Pres. Partners, 32 Sports
- 500+ Member Schools
- 10,000+ Teams
- 200,000+ Students



Question: How do superintendents obtain guaranteed positions on the Board of Directors?

Answer: Multiple options include:

- Member school vote to change constitution
- Select superintendents as Region representatives
- Work together to consider other options





COVID-19 Progression

Key Dates

- Mar 11, 12, and 13 - Tournaments
- Mar 15 – EO-2 School and Sports Shutdown
 - March 25 – Implement Distance Learning
- June 1 – Re-opening of Youth Sports
 - June 15 – Start of Coaching Waiver Period
- July 30 – EO 20-82 Education Plan
 - Aug 4 and Sept 21 – Board Meetings



Covid – 19 has required every organization to make changes in every aspect of their operation.

This includes:

- Safety Protocols and Practices
 - Programming
 - Employment Model
 - Communication
 - Finance
 - and many more





Board Decisions and Impacts

Requirements and Recommendations

- **Minnesota Department of Health**
 - Public Health Focus, Develop Criteria and Requirements
- **Minnesota Department of Education**
 - Recognize our Educational Connection
- **Member School Involvement**
 - ADs through LEAD Network, AD Advisory
- **Sport Specific Engagement**
 - Coaching Advisories, Clinicians, Tournament Managers.



- **Question: What led to the decisions made on August 4?**

Answer:

- Strong Recommendations by MDE, MDH and Governor's Office
- Risk Levels of each activity and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
- Desire to start effectively and keep students safe.
- Avoid student or community cases which require changes in educational model.



Progression of Decision Making and Communication

- ✓ Fall Approved Sports dates (8/7/20)
- ✓ Fall Training Season dates and definition (8/11/20)
- ✓ Fall Approved Sports guidance (8/13/20)
- ✓ Fall Training Season guidance-Football and Volleyball (8/20/20)
- ✓ Cheer Guidance and Education Information (8/20/20)
- ✓ Adapted Soccer information (8/26/20)
- ✓ Fall Training Season guidance-Spring Sports (9/1/20)
- ✓ COVID Interrupted Competition Guidelines (9/3/20)
- ✓ Category 2 Activities information (9/10/20)

- ✓ Post-Season for Fall Approved Activities information (9/21/20)
- ✓ Fall Approved Season Guidance for Football and Volleyball (9/25/20)
 - Tentative calendar for remaining activities for the year (Finalized at 10/1/20 Board Meeting)
 - Open Gym and Captains Practices
 - Guidance and Information:
 - Winter activities and athletics
 - Football and volleyball seasons
 - Spring activities and athletics
 - 2021 Summer waiver period information



Participation Connected to Learning Model

Learning Model	In-Person Participation
<u>MDE Required</u> Distance Learning	<u>No in-person</u> participation in practices or competition. (Virtual participation may occur)
<u>District Choice</u> Distance Learning	In-person participation is <u>allowed</u>
MDE Required or District Choice hybrid learning or in-person learning	In-person participation is <u>allowed</u>

*MDE Determination is based on model for secondary students.



General Guidelines

- COVID Facility Plans – Stadiums, fields, gyms
 - Entrance, egress, spectator management etc.
- Spectators are not allowed at indoor games
- 250 spectators or 25% capacity of outdoor facilities when separated from competitive community outdoors
- No concessions
- Pep bands who remain for the game – count towards 250
- Halftime performers who enter and leave the game – do not count towards 250
- Streaming is encouraged
- Tailgating or other gatherings should not occur at school facilities
- Reduce "intermingling"
- Restrooms
- Media guidelines in process





MSHSL Financial Information

Financial Background

The Minnesota State High School League Consists of the League Office and 16 Regions

- **Regions manage their own finances and cover costs primarily through the operation of sectional tournaments.**
- **The League has a long history of returning funds to schools participating in State Tournaments.**
 - Between 2002 and 2014, the MSHSL provided reimbursements between \$ 228,000 and \$865,000.
 - In 2002, 2004, and 2009, reimbursements exceeded school membership dues.
 - Between 2015 and 2020, the League was able to provide reimbursements in 2 of 6 years.



Financial Background

(2019 Audit)

MSHSL is funded by the following sources:

- Tournament tickets sales (68%)
- Broadcast revenues (8%)
- Sponsorship dollars (9%)
- Membership Dues (9%)
- Coaches education and officials fees (4%)

MSHSL incurs expenses including:

- Providing tournament experiences (45%)
- Programming (34%)
 - Staffing, Board, Recognition Programs,
- Insurance – Student Catastrophic and Concussion (6%)
- Operational Costs – building maintenance, utilities, tech (6%)
- Legal and Professional Services (3%)
- Coaches Education and Officials (4%)



Financial Impacts of Covid-19

- Cancellation of 2020 Winter Tournaments – Loss of \$600,000
- No Spring Activities or Tournaments – Avoided loss of \$100,000
- PPP Loan Approval and Application
 - Approved in April, met all requirements for 8 week time period
 - Avoided layoffs
- Met Budget for 2020 School Year
- June 1, 2020 Board Meeting
 - Despite opening of Youth Sports, called a Finance Task Force to provide recommendations for 2021 Budget
- 2020-2021 School Year
 - Schools, students and communities are requesting that all activities and athletics remain.
 - Despite lack of State Tournaments, all other services remain



Important Points

- No one anticipated the situation that we are currently facing and we are all working through it together.
- Our schools require more direct messaging regarding the challenges faced by the MSHSL.
- Some member schools are frustrated by the increase in membership dues in a very difficult time and question the equity of the distribution.
- In meeting the needs of schools and students, the MSHSL has reduced a \$9m budget to \$5m and faces a loss of 80% or more of previous revenues.





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for Our Students**



Questions via Chat or Voice

Thank You!

