

TSSAA Approves Dead Period Changes for All Sport Seasons

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

TSSAA Legislative Council minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Under New Business:

Approved the proposed Change in Article IV, Section 8 (Sports Calendar) of the TSSAA Bylaws

- To reduce all sports' dead period from three separate dead periods to two dead periods during one calendar year (keep the two-week July 4 dead period intact).
- To reduce all sports' dead periods from eight weeks to five weeks (keep the two-week July 4 dead period intact).
- To eliminate the three-week dead period at the official start date of all sports-seasons preceding another sports season (see below for details).

Fall sports: (5 total weeks)

- * Proposal will eliminate the three-week dead period from mid-February to the beginning of March (Sunday, February 13, 2011 to Saturday, March 5, 2011)
- * Proposal will keep the three-week dead period immediately following the end of the season.
- * Proposal will keep the two-week dead period from the week before July 4 and the week of July 4. (Sunday, June 27, 2010 to Saturday, July 10, 2010 AND Sunday, June 26, 2011 to Saturday, July 9, 2011).

Winter sports: (5 total weeks)

- * Proposal will eliminate the three-week dead period from the end of July to middle of August. (Sunday, August 1, 2010 to Saturday, August 21, 2010)
- * Proposal will keep the three-week dead period immediately following the end of the season.
- * Proposal will keep the two-week dead period from the week before July 4 and the week of July 4. (Sunday, June 27, 2010 to Saturday, July 10, 2010 AND Sunday, June 26, 2011 to Saturday, July 9, 2011).

Spring sports: (5 total weeks)

- * Proposal will eliminate the three-week dead period from the end of October to mid-November. (Sunday, October 31, 2010 to Saturday, November 20, 2010).
- * Proposal will keep the three-week dead period from end of July to middle of August. (Sunday, August 1, 2010 to Saturday, August 21, 2010)
- * Proposal will keep the two-week dead period from the week before July 4 and the week of July 4. (Sunday, June 27, 2010 to Saturday, July 10, 2010 AND Sunday, June 26, 2011 to Saturday, July 9, 2011).

** All proposed eliminated dead periods would be times to continue established weight lifting and conditioning programs with concurrent TSSAA rules and restrictions.

The TSSAA also approved the proposed TSSAA Bylaw Concerning Home Schooled Students' Participation. The rule passed is as follows: A home schooled student wishing to participate in extracurricular athletics at a member school shall be eligible if certain qualifications are met.

You can find these qualifications and the complete Legislative Council minutes on the TSSAA website. www.tssaa.org