



TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
FROM: Jerome Singleton
DATE: April 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Approved by the Executive Committee

Greetings:

I hope that this finds each of you doing well and trust that your spring sports seasons are going smoothly. This memo will serve as correspondence on several items as they pertain to the 2021-22 school year. Please share the information throughout this document with the necessary coaches and/or staff at your school to ensure that all are aware of any changes that will take place.

The following items were passed by the Executive Committee on April 21, 2021. These items will be reflected in the rules and regulations for the 2021-22 school year. All changes will take place July 1, 2021, unless otherwise noted below:

Personnel & Finance

- Competitive cheer booking fee has been increased from \$25 to \$50 per schedule.
- Selected state finals will be held in separate sessions. An admission ticket will be required for each session.

Activities

- **All Varsity Sports will be allowed 2 scrimmages and 1 jamboree beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Sub Varsity teams will be allowed 1 scrimmage and 1 jamboree.**
 - *Schools may not substitute a jamboree for a scrimmage or a scrimmage for a jamboree.
- **The following changes will be made to the Competitive Cheer routine and scoresheet beginning with the 2021-22 school year:**
 - Remove basket tosses from the scoring component of the routine.
 - Remove the required minimum 20-second section of cheer without music.
 - Reduce the time of the routine from 2 minutes and 30 seconds to 2 minutes and 15 seconds.
- **The SCHSL has adopted the following change for Volleyball beginning with the 2021-22 season:**

Teams shall occupy the bench located on the side of the net adjacent to their playing area throughout the match. Unless a clear and distinct advantage is gained by staying on the same side and the official will determine this prior to match starting.

- **The SCHSL has adopted the following change for the qualifying methods for Cross Country during the state series:**
 - Each classification will have a one-site qualifier and the top 8 teams from each race will qualify for a total of 16 teams advancing to the state championship. (Note: every school can attend the qualifier)
- **The SCHSL has adopted the following change to qualifying methods for Track and Field during the state series:**
 - Each classification will have the ability to determine how they want to do the qualifier(s).
 - The number of athletes who qualify for the state meet has been extended from 8 per event to 16 per event. (The number could be less than 16 per event if the event has a minimum requirement to participate.)
- **The SCHSL has adopted a 2021-22 Sports Season Calendar. The normal rolling calendar was adopted with the following adjustments:**
 - Start baseball and softball playoffs during week 44 of the calendar. This is 1 week later than normal.
 - Track and field state finals moved to week 46 of the calendar. This is 1 week later than normal.
- **The SCHSL has expanded the dates for the state championships in the following sports:**

Volleyball:

<u>Thursday 11/4</u>	<u>Saturday 11/6</u>
5:00 pm	12:00 pm
8:00 pm	3:00 pm
	6:00 pm

Football:

<u>Thursday 12/2</u>	<u>Friday 12/3</u>	<u>Saturday 12/4</u>
7:00 pm-4A	2:00pm-3A	12:00pm-1A
	7:00pm- 2A	5:00 pm-5A

Basketball:

Semi Finals: Played at Two Sites

<u>Saturday 2/26</u>	<u>Monday 2/28</u>	<u>Tuesday 3/1</u>
12:00 pm	12:00 pm	5:30 pm
2:00 pm	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
5:30 pm	5:30 pm	
7:30 pm	7:30 pm	

NOTE: Games would be in sessions by classifications. We would clear out the facility between the 2:00 pm and 5:30 gym on Friday and Saturday.

State Finals: Played at one site

<u>Thursday 3/3</u>	<u>Friday 3/4</u>	<u>Saturday 3/5</u>
5:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:00pm
7:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
	7:30 pm	7:30pm

NOTE: Games would be in sessions by classifications. We would clear out the facility between the 2:00 pm and 5:30 gym on Friday and Saturday. Times may be adjusted to based on the facility availability.

Soccer:

State Finals:

Thursday 5/12

5:00pm

7:30pm

Friday 5/13

2:00pm

5:00pm

7:30pm

Saturday 5/14

11:30am

2:00pm

5:00pm

7:30 pm

In addition to the above changes approved by the executive committee, it is important that each member school is aware of the following as it pertains to the remainder of this year and for the 2021-22 school year:

1. The dates for the open/closed seasons for the 2021-22 school year will operate on the rolling calendar that we have used in the past and will be as follows:

Closed Season – July 26 – July 29, 2021

Fall Sports Open Season: May 1- May 31, 2022

Winter Sports Open Season: September 13th – October 27, 2021.

Spring Sports Open Season: December 6th – January 26, 2022.

2. There was no change to the number of teams that qualify for the playoffs in bracketed sports ***(32 team brackets will be used)***.
3. June 1, 2021, is the first date for open season in the summer where teams may practice and have 10 competition dates.
4. Football and Volleyball schedules are due in Arbiter by May 15th, 2021. (please note the extension of the date)

Should you have any questions on any items covered in this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the League office.