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TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- 1. You'll have fun!**
- 2. Better grades!** Research shows that teenagers who participate in high school sports and activities have a higher GPA than those who do not. And better grades open the door to all kinds of opportunities.
- 3. You'll be more fit, feel good, have more energy** and begin to establish healthy lifestyle habits. It sure beats watching TV and playing video games, doesn't it?
- 4. You'll be playing for somebody besides yourself.** Every time you put on your uniform, you'll not only be representing your high school, but your entire community. Nothing could be more rewarding!
- 5. You'll make lifelong friends.** Students who play on the same team or participate in the same activity, share the same passion and work together to overcome challenges. They also build bonds that not only last through high school, but for an entire lifetime.
- 6. You'll learn how to be an effective leader.** Before you know it, you'll be a role model for future young leaders like yourself. They'll be looking to you for encouragement and guidance, and you'll have the skill to provide it.
- 7. You'll learn how to be a good teammate.** There are few things more satisfying than working together toward a common goal. Every person's effort impacts the rest of the team, and every teammate is accountable to each other.
- 8. You will build character.** One of the greatest reasons to participate in high school sports and activities is it will make you a stronger person, emotionally as well as physically. You'll learn how to persevere and be more resilient.
- 9. You will learn how to manage your time.** Finding the minutes to do your homework, go to practice, enjoy your friends and get enough sleep can be challenging. But you learn how to balance and be a more organized, efficient person because of participating.
- 10. You'll be preparing yourself to take on future challenges.** Add it all up—making better grades, being more physically fit, strengthening your character, developing better time management and leadership skills, knowing how to be a good teammate—and the result is a person who is destined to be happy, productive and successful. Plus, you'll have fun!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

TSSAA is proud to honor Tony Walsh for his dedication to umpiring in the Memphis area and across the State of Tennessee. Tony began his umpiring career in 1974 and between 1974-1988, he worked numerous district, region, and state tournaments.

Tony has been on the ACC umpiring staff for 28 years and the SEC umpiring staff for the past 30 years. He has worked the SEC baseball tournament the past 30 years, the NCAA Division I regionals for 26 years, the Super Regionals the past 16 years, and has worked the College Baseball World Series six times.

Tony is also an outstanding softball umpire as he has worked five ASA National Tournaments and was a member of the ASA National Umpire's Staff from 1988-2001.

He presently serves as softball/baseball high school assigner in Memphis where he assigns high school, junior varsity, and

middle school umpires. He has also worked as a staff member for the high school baseball umpire's camp for the past several years.

TSSAA is honored to have a man of Tony's knowledge and experience teaching, training, and assigning umpires in the State of Tennessee. TSSAA proudly salutes Tony Walsh for his dedication to the umpires, coaches, and the athletes that are involved in participating in softball and baseball in TSSAA.



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2018 MR. AND MISS BASKETBALL WINNERS

The top girls and boys basketball players in five classifications of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association were honored by being named the winners of the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards. The awards presentation took place on the floor of Murphy Center on the campus of MTSU on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

A statewide committee of sportswriters selected the winners based on performance during the 2017-2018 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

This was the 34th year that the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school basketball players. American General was the sponsor of the event since the inception of the awards in 1985 until 2001. The Memphis Grizzlies were sponsors of the awards from 2002-2004. From 2005-2015 the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards were presented at the conclusion of each respective championship game as part of the post-game trophy ceremony.

Division II-A Miss Basketball

Ashton Hulme, Univ. School of Jackson

Division II-AA Miss Basketball

Sydni Harvey, Brentwood Academy

Class A Miss Basketball

Courtney Pritchett, Pickett County

Class AA Miss Basketball

Akira Levy, Upperman

Class AAA Miss Basketball

Rhyne Howard, Bradley Central

Division II-A Mr. Basketball

Keon Johnson, The Webb School

Division II-AA Mr. Basketball

Darius Garland, Brentwood Academy

Class A Mr. Basketball

Caden Mills, Van Buren County

Class AA Mr. Basketball

Kadrion Johnson, Marshall County

Class AAA Mr. Basketball

Tyler Harris, Cordova

NFHS Rules Revisions in Volleyball Approved for 2018-19 Season

A new penalty and signal related to unnecessary delay and a new procedure for warming up between sets that minimizes risk of injury are among the rules changes for the 2018-19 high school volleyball season.

These revisions were among the rules changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee at its January 7-9 meeting in Indianapolis and subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In Rule 10-2, after a team is charged with unnecessary delay, no further substitutions may be requested by that team until the next completed rally. This change eliminates further delay of the set by removing the option of requesting additional substitutions after a team is charged with an unnecessary delay.

The committee also approved a change in Signal No. 21 regarding unnecessary delay. The new mechanics call for the official to raise the hand on the side of the offending team, beside the head with palm facing the shoulder, and hold the appropriate card on the wrist of the raised hand.

"Previously, the mechanics were awkward and clumsy; this new procedure streamlines the delivery of mechanics," said Lindsey Atkinson, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committee. "The new signal is a better way for the teams as well as fans to understand the penalty."

In its ongoing effort to address risk minimization, the committee approved a new rule, 11-5-3, which states that between sets, teams may warm up in their playing area; however, volleyballs may not be hit over the net.

In Rule 2-4-1b, the committee clarified that no team member may assist a player during an attempt to play the ball. The wording was changed from "another player" to "team members" to

clarify that no one on the team bench can assist a player who is making an attempt to play the ball.

Two rules changes were approved to clarify revisions made in the rules last year. Regarding last year's change in the responsibilities and mechanics of the second referee during a time-out, the committee added a note to Rule 5-8-3a stating that "when multiple courts are in use, the second referee may end a time-out or interval between sets with a whistle."

In addition, the committee added an exception to a rule (9-8-2) approved last year stating that once a replay is signaled by the first referee, no requests may be recognized until after the replay. An exception will now be allowed for an injured or ill player. If the injured or ill player cannot continue, Rule 11-4-1b now permits the coach the option of requesting a substitution, completing a legal libero replacement or taking a time-out if the team has time-outs remaining.

The final change approved by the Volleyball Rules Committee was an additional responsibility of the second referee that previously was outlined in the Volleyball Case Book and Officials Manual but not included in the rules book. Item No. 10 was added to Rule 5-5-3b stating that the second referee shall "ensure that the head coach remains in the replacement zone no closer than 6 feet to the sideline, when standing during play."

The committee also approved several Points of Emphasis for the coming season, including Safety of Referee's Stands, Warm-up Safety, Treatment of Line Judges and Net Fault Mechanics.

A complete listing of the volleyball rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Activities & Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Volleyball."

High School Football Players with Improper Equipment Will Be Removed for One Down

Players in high school football who are detected with missing or improperly worn equipment during playing action will be removed from the game for at least one down, unless the improper equipment is directly attributable to a foul by the opponent.

This revision in Rule 1-5-5 and other related rules was one of five rules changes for the 2018 season recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its January 19-21 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 1-5-5 also states that if the player is wearing otherwise legal equipment in an illegal manner, the participant must also be replaced for one down. If proper and legal equipment has become improperly worn through use during the game, and prompt repair does not delay the ready-for-play signal for more than 25 seconds, the repair can be made without replacing the player for one down.

In a related change (1-5-4), the head coach is responsible for verifying that all players are legally equipped and will not use illegal equipment. The penalty provisions for any use of illegal equipment remain unchanged and result in an unsportsmanlike foul charged to the head coach.

"I commend the entire football rules committee for its thoroughness and focus on the state of the game of football," said Todd Tharp, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

The second rules change approved by the NFHS Football Rules Committee provides another option for teams in Rule 6-1-9 on fouls committed by the kicking team during free kicks and scrimmage kicks. Now, the receiving team can accept a 5-yard penalty from

the succeeding spot. The previous three options remain: accept a 5-yard penalty from the previous spot and have the kicking team re-kick, put the ball in play at the inbounds spot 25 yards beyond the previous spot, or decline the penalty and put the ball in play at the inbounds spot.

Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the NFHS Football Rules Committee, said this additional option was approved by the committee in an effort to reduce re-kicks, further minimize risks and ensure that appropriate penalties are in place for all fouls.

“The ability to ‘tack on’ penalty yardage on free kicks will potentially reduce the amount of repeated free kicks,” Tharp said. “In addition, this rule change is consistent with NFHS rules that no foul should go unpenalized.”

The third change approved by the committee was a revision related to the examples of a defenseless player. In Rule 2-32-16a, the committee clarified that defenseless player provisions do not apply to a passer until a legal forward pass is thrown. The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play.

The committee also changed the signal for free-kick infractions, other than encroachment of the neutral zone, from Signal 18 to Signal 19.

The final change approved by the NFHS Football Rules Committee concerned six-player football in Rule 3. The timing rule between periods and intermission for six-player football has been standardized to match the current NFHS rules for 8-player, 9-player and 11-player football.

A complete listing of the football rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page and select “Football.”

Home/Visiting Uniforms to Switch in High School Soccer

High school soccer teams will be reversing their home and visiting uniforms next season. Effective with the 2018-19 season, the home team will wear dark jerseys and socks, and the visiting team will wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. The language defines dark as “any color which contrasts with white.”

This uniform change was one of nine rules revisions recommended by the National Federation of State High School Association’s (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January 22-24 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The Soccer Rules Committee also approved a change that would permit a player to participate while wearing a head covering, if the player meets certain criteria and if the applicable state association approved the request.

If approved by the state high school association, players could participate with a head covering for medical/cosmetic reasons or for religious reasons. In the case of medical/cosmetic reasons, a physician’s statement is required before the state association can approve a head covering. In both cases, the head covering cannot be abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and attached in such a way that it is highly unlikely to come off during play.

Another example of unsporting conduct was approved by the committee involving denying obvious goal-scoring opportunities in a game. When a player commits an offense against an opponent within its team penalty area that denies the opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and the referee awards a penalty kick, a yellow card is given if the offense was an attempting to play the ball. Previously in this scenario, the player received a red card in addition to the team receiving a penalty kick.

One rule regarding the offside rule in high school soccer was revised. Rule 11-1-4 now states that “A player is offside and penalized if, at the time the ball touches or is played by a teammate, the player, **in an offside position, becomes** involved in active play . . .” The penalty remains an indirect free kick at the spot of the infraction, but it now will be subject to the provisions in Rule 13-1-3.

In another uniform change, undergarments can be a different solid color than the uniform, although the length and color of the undergarments must be the same for all members of the team.

As a result of the change made last year that allowed the kickoff to be taken in any direction, the committee revised Rule 8-1-2 to allow the player taking the kickoff to be in the opponent’s half of the field in order to take the kickoff.

The committee addressed proper sportsmanship with an addition to Rule 13-2-1. If a player, coach or bench personnel enters or leaves the field of play without permission of an official and interferes with play or an official, a direct free kick will be awarded at the point of the infraction.

In Rule 18, the committee approved a new definition of deliberate act, which is “one in which a player chooses to act, regardless of the outcome of that action. This deliberate act is neither reaction nor reflex. A deliberate action may result in the opponent benefiting from the action, e.g., a deliberate but mis-played ball that goes directly to an opponent. A reaction or reflex may result in that player benefiting from the action, e.g., a ball inadvertently contacting the arm and falling directly to the player’s feet.”

A complete listing of the soccer rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page and select “Soccer.”