



NOVEMBER BOARD OF CONTROL AGENDA

November 20, 2025

**3333 Lebanon Pike
Hermitage, TN 37076**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting.

IV. Reports & Updates

A. TSSAA Building Update

B. 2025 Regional Meetings Recap

Report of the 2025 Regional Meetings

C. Review of 2025 Fall Sports

Review of the state tournament events in golf, girls' volleyball, girls' soccer, cross country, and cheerleading/dance.

D. Middle School Fall Sports Championships Update

E. Sports Medicine Update

F. TSSAA WISE (Women In Sports & Education)

TSSAA has formed a new Women's Leadership Networking group in partnership with TIAAA. We hosted lunches for female Athletic Directors and Assistant Athletic Directors following each of the three Regional Meetings. Emily Crowell and Lauren Jones will provide a recap of these events and future plans for the TSSAA WISE program.

G. DI Football Playoff Brackets

This is the first year of a new format for the DI football playoff brackets. The staff would like to hear feedback from the Board of Control on how this has been perceived in their respective areas. Should the Board of Control wish to continue with this format, the brackets for years 2, 3, and 4 of the 2025-2029 classification cycle will need to be approved at a subsequent meeting.

H. DII Football Classification



Article I, Section 4 of the TSSAA Bylaws now states the following:

For each sport, the method for determining classification shall be the same for all schools within a Division.

The staff will need direction on how to determine the classification process for Division II Football in the next contract cycle. The current system does not meet the aforementioned bylaw requirement, as a success formula was only applied to assist in determining which schools would belong to Class AAA. Once the AAA schools were determined, the success formula was not applied to Class AA and Class A.

V. Business Items

A. Approval of TSSAA Membership Contracts for 2025-26

The Board of Control must approve or reject all membership contracts annually.

B. Outstanding Fines and Membership Dues

Report of schools that have not paid their 2025-26 membership dues and schools with outstanding fines from the 2024-25 school year

C. Approval of Financial Aid for the 2025-26 School Year

Report for all tuition-receiving schools concerning financial assistance and need-based financial aid for the 2025-26 school year.

D. Crosstown High School Requests Cooperative Program Exception

Request from Crosstown High School to form a baseball and softball co-op with Memphis Central High School

E. Request for Lacrosse Co-op Exception

South Greene High School, Greeneville High School, and Chuckey-Doak High School request to form a three-team cooperative program in Lacrosse.

F. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Requests Co-op Exception for Softball

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School requests to form a cooperative program in girls softball with Grundy County High School. St. Andrew's is a DII school, and Grundy County is a DI school.

G. Covington - Munford Football Contract

Covington High School appeals decision to uphold terms of contract for cancellation of football game with Munford High School

H. DII A and AA Quarterfinal Game Times for Baseball, Softball, and Tennis



During the August meeting, the Board of Control approved that the DII A and AA East/West quarterfinal games in basketball, soccer, and volleyball must be played between 12:00 and 4:00 local time. The Board also determined that schools could mutually agree to play the first round and/or quarterfinal games from 3:00pm-7:00pm local time. The Board needs to determine if these provisions should also apply to baseball, softball, and tennis.

I. Webb School of Knoxville Proposes an Exception to the Sports Calendar for Boys Basketball During the NCAA Live Recruiting Periods

This proposal advocates for allowing Tennessee boys high school basketball teams to participate in both NCAA live recruiting periods.

J. Addition to Media Regulations

The proposed addition is in bold below.

F. Requirements for other internet website:

1. The site has demonstrated a history and reputation for covering sporting events involving TSSAA member schools on a timely basis.
2. Content on the site is original, objective, news-gathering in nature and has editorial oversight. Content must be updated on a regular basis in the form of stories, game stories and updates, comprehensive scores, standings, statistics or streaming.
3. **Social media accounts, videos**, photos, recruitment content, rankings and forums do not, in and of themselves, meet criteria for approving credentials.

K. Region 4 AAAA Basketball Tournament Format

James Lawson High School is requesting a change in format for their Region 4 AAAA basketball tournament. The region has unanimously agreed that they would like to play the quarterfinal round at a central site.

L. Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Requests to be an Approved Host for the Region Basketball Tournament

M. TSSAA Membership Requests

Review of new member applications for the following schools:

1. Tri-Cities Christian Academy

Tri-Cities Christian Academy requests to become a TSSAA member school for the 2026-27 school year.



2. Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy

Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy requests to become a TSSAA member school for the 2025-26 school year.

N. Officials Appeals

1. Richard Bridges

Richard Bridges will be present to appeal the suspension of his registration as a TSSAA official.

2. Brian Busler

Brian Busler will be present to appeal the suspension of his registration as a TSSAA official.

O. Hardship Requests

Review and discussion of the following hardship applications:

1. Hancock County High School, Sneedville, TN
2. Loretto High School, Loretto, TN
3. Goodpasture Christian School, Madison, TN
4. Greenfield High School, Greenfield, TN
5. Pearl Cohn High School, Nashville, TN
6. McMinn Central High School, Englewood, TN
7. Meigs County High School, Decatur, TN
8. West Greene High School, Mosheim, TN
9. Warren County High School, McMinnville, TN
10. Memphis Middle School of Excellence - Cordova, Cordova, TN

VI. **Litigation Report**

VII. **Adjournment**