

BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

November 12, 2020

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

1. Roll Call
2. Approved Minutes of Last Meeting
3. The Board voted to give the state office staff permission to conduct the draw for the State Wrestling Tournament.
4. Heard Review of the 2020 Regional Meetings
5. Heard review of 2020 Fall Sports state tournament events in golf, volleyball, girls' soccer, cross country, and cheer/dance championships. An update regarding the upcoming 2020 BlueCross Bowl was given as well.
6. The staff updated the Board on Regional Basketball Sites for 2020-2021

The Board approved a proposal from Sullivan South High School that the Region Basketball Tournaments be played at the higher seed's home court for the entire tournament during the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19. The Board also voted that schools will play district tournament games at the higher seed's home court.

7. Approved TSSAA Membership Contracts for 2020-2021
8. Voted to not allow schools to participate in postseason competition until any outstanding fines or membership dues are paid.
9. Heard update from TSSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
10. Heard update regarding the TMSAA Cross Country Championships
11. Heard update regarding the InsideOut Initiative
12. Voted to make the following changes to Cross Country Regulations:
Top 3 teams and the next 5 individuals not on a team advance from the Region to the State.
13. Voted that if a football officiating crew has to be borrowed from another association for a regular season game, the school needing to borrow the crew would be required to pay the mileage for the officials. Determination would be based on when a school enters their schedule in the portal.
14. Heard an update regarding bid packets for future championship events. We are in the last year of our contract with our current championship sites in football, golf, girls' soccer, and Spring Fling. Bid packet information was sent from our office in September to all Convention and Visitors' Bureau Directors that

expressed interest in hosting a championship event in the past. Golf and girls' soccer bids are due on November 30th with a decision being made by the Board in January. Football bids are due on February 26th, and the Board will make a decision during the March meeting. Spring Fling bid packets will go out later in the spring.

15. Approved West Ridge High School's request for TSSAA membership. This is a new school scheduled to open in August 2021 in Blountville. They are consolidating Sullivan Central, Sullivan North, and Sullivan South. Their projected enrollment is 1448 students for the 2021-22 school year. West Ridge was included in the next two-year classification cycle and initially placed in Class 5A in football. After reviewing the projected enrollment, the Board viewed the projection as too low and to not include a % of annual decline projection, which places them in 6A in football. They will be in the largest class in all other sports.
16. Approved the request of United Christian Academy for TSSAA membership. It is a small Category 2 independent school with approximately 25-30 students in grades 9-12. They plan to compete in DII in bowling, cross country, golf, tennis, and track and field. The Board also approved their request to form a cooperative agreement with Bradley Central High School since the closest independent school to them is in the Chattanooga area.
17. The Board was updated on how ticketing, passes, and contracts are being handled during our championships due to COVID-19.
18. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Board approved a proposal from Cookeville regarding the financial agreement for the 2020 BlueCross Bowl. In lieu of the usual guarantee fee paid to the TSSAA, Cookeville will retain all parking money, and will provide volunteers for parking, gates, temperature checks. TSSAA will receive all gate receipts. TSSAA will ear-mark \$36,000 of gate receipts to be returned back to participating schools. In addition, schools will receive \$1 for every ticket sold online through GoFan in tickets sold by Wednesday prior to the BlueCross Bowl games.
19. The state office has been informed that the 2021 TSSAA State Wrestling Championships cannot be held at the Williamson County Ag-Expo Center, as it is currently serving as the primary COVID-19 testing center for Williamson County. The Board heard numerous options the staff is exploring regarding locations and format of the upcoming State Wrestling Tournament.

The Board voted to allow the state office to have the flexibility to make appropriate adjustments in all sports in regards to sites, format, etc. . .in the efforts made to continue to hold state championship events due to COVID-19.
20. The Board voted to deny the proposal from University School of Jackson to require all TSSAA sanctioned post-season play to be held at a venue located within the boundaries of the State of Tennessee.
21. The Board heard classification appeals and approved classification for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years.

- Denied John Overton High School's request to move from District 11 to District 13 in Class AAAA in baseball, basketball, and softball
- Denied Shelbyville Central's request to move from 6A football to 5A based on updated enrollment report
- Denied St. Benedict at Auburndale's request to move down in Division II football (AAA to AA)
- Approved Murfreesboro Central's request to move from District 8 to District 10 in basketball, baseball, and softball
- Denied Lawrence County's request to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in Class 4A football
- Denied Macon County's request to move from District 7 to District 9 in Class AAA in basketball, baseball, and softball
- Denied Jackson County's request to move from Region 5 to Region 4 in Class 3A football
- Denied Houston County's request to move from Region 7 to Region 6 in Class 2A football
- Denied Lenoir City's request to move from District 4 to District 3 in Class AAA soccer
Denied Lenoir City's request to move from Section 1 to Section 2 in Track & Field
- Denied McGavock's request regarding their placement in Class AAAA basketball, baseball, and softball
- Approved Roane County's request to move from Region 2 to Region 3 in football
- Approved Jellico's request to move from Region 2 to Region 1 in Class 1A football.
Approved Jellico's request to move from Region 2, District 3 to Region 1, District 2 in basketball, baseball, and softball
Approved Jellico's request to move from Region 2 to Region 1 in cross country
- Denied Tellico Plains' request to move from Region 3 to Region 2 in Class 2A football
- Denied Union County's request to move from Region 2 to Region 1 in Class 3A football
- Denied Kirby High School's request to to move up a class in football from 4A to 5A
- Denied Ridgeway High School's request to move from Class 4A to Class 5A in football

- Denied Bolton's request to move from Region 7 to Region 8 in Class 3A football
- Approved William Blount's request to move from Region 2 to Region 6 in Class 6A football
- Denied Munford's request to move from District 15 to District 16 in volleyball and soccer and the request to move from Region 7 to Region 8 in cross country.
- Denied Brighton's request to move from District 15 to District 16 in volleyball and soccer.
- Approved Middleton's request to move from District 16 to District 14 in Class A basketball, baseball, and softball.
- Denied Red Bank's request to realign districts in the Chattanooga and Knoxville areas in basketball, baseball, and softball.
- Denied Montgomery Central's request to move from Class 4A, Region 5 to Class 5A, Region 7 in football
- Denied Grundy Co. / Marion Co. / Sequatchie County's request to realign Basketball Class AA Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Denied Meigs County's request to move from Region 3 to Region 2 in football
- Denied Southwind's request to move from District 15 to District 16 in Class AAAA basketball, baseball, and softball
- Denied Wilson County Schools' request to move all Wilson County schools from Class AAA Section 3 to Class AAA Section 2 in Track and Field.
- Denied Millington Central's request to move from District 15 to District 14 in Class AAA in basketball, baseball, and softball.
- Approved Hollow-Rock Bruceton's request to move from District 11 to District 12 in Class A in basketball, baseball, and softball
- Denied Smith County's request to move from Region 5 to Region 4 in Class 3A football
- Denied Knoxville Central's request to move to Region 1, District 2 in soccer
- Denied Collierville's request to have regions/districts built within each Section in girls' wrestling
Denied Collierville's request to move both Houston and Collierville to District 16 in golf
- Approved West Carroll's request to move from District 14-A to District 13-A in golf
- Denied Greenfield's request to move from Region 7 to Region 6 in football

- Approved Ezell-Harding and University School of Nashville's request to swap districts in Division II, Class A, Middle Region