

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2020**  
**Video Conference**

1. Roll Call
2. Approved Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Election of Officers  
Dan Black was elected to continue to serve as President of Legislative Council.  
Keith Turner was elected to serve as Vice President of the Legislative Council.

4. 2020 Regional Meetings

Regional Meetings in East, Middle, and West TN were held virtually on November 4th. There were 3 proposals for changes in the TSSAA Bylaws on the agenda for consideration.

- a. Approved proposed addition to Article IV, Section 7 (Rules of the Game) of the TSSAA Bylaws (effective immediately):

Religious headwear is permitted, provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to the participant and any other player, and must be attached in such a way it is highly unlikely to come off during play. Religious headwear does not need to comply with any of the color restrictions defined in applicable sport uniform codes.

Religious headwear in wrestling must comply with the safety standards of the sport and be approved by the head coach and contest referee.

Hijabs, turbans, and yarmulkes are acceptable types of religious headwear.

- b. Denied proposed Change to Article II, Section 8 (Eighth Grade Participation) of the TSSAA Bylaws:

An eighth grade student is eligible to participate for a member school if he/she is enrolled at the school. A seventh grade student is eligible to participate for a member school in individual sports if he/she is enrolled at the school. Any student repeating the seventh or eighth grade shall not be eligible for high school participation during the year that the student is repeating the seventh or eighth grade. Participation as a seventh or eighth grader shall not reduce the number of semesters a student is allowed to participate after enrolling in the ninth grade.

- c. Denied proposed changes to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar Definitions) of the TSSAA Bylaws:

**Off-Season**

Begins with the school's elimination from the post season tournament play in a particular sport and concludes with the end of the school year. Coaches

may deliver instruction in an individual or team setting to no more than the stated number of players allotted for each particular sport (Basketball-3, Baseball-5, Softball-5, Football-7, and Soccer-6).

**Pre-Season Practice Rule**

Begins the first day of school until the first official day of practice in that particular sport. Coaches may deliver instruction in an individual or team setting to no more than the stated number of players allotted for each particular sport (Basketball-3, Baseball-5, Softball-5, Football-7, and Soccer-6).

*Submitted by Pope John Paul II High School*

5. New Business

- a. Denied proposed addition to Article I, Section 6 (Cooperative Programs) of the TSSAA Bylaws

Schools participating in a cooperative program shall combine their enrollments to find their classification for that sport.

*Submitted by Tellico Plains High School*