

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 2020

1. Roll Call
2. Approved the Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Old Business
 - a. Voted to table the proposed changes to Article III, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 2 of the TSSAA Constitution and Proposed Changes to Article I, Section 9 of the TSSAA Bylaws:

The phrase “minimum of 100 school days” be removed for both the Board of Control and the Legislative Council in Section 2 of Articles III and IV of the TSSAA Constitution. It would read, “All members of the Board of Control/Legislative Council must be full-time employees who are principals...”

That the phrase “full-time” be removed from Article I, Section 9(1) of the TSSAA Bylaws (Coaches). It would read, “Certified teacher of a board of education with a Tennessee teaching license or the equivalent, working a minimum of 100 school days.”
 - b. The Legislative Council voted to delay the sanctioning process of lacrosse indefinitely. The Council previously had voted to sanction the sport of Lacrosse beginning with the 2021-22 school year.
4. New Business
 - a. Approved proposed change to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) of the TSSAA Bylaws submitted by Cumberland County High School.

Proposal increases the number of student-athletes coaches are allowed to give individual instructions to per day in baseball (5), softball (5), football (6), and soccer (6).
 - b. Denied proposal to remove Article II, Section 12 (d) from the TSSAA Bylaws submitted by Friendship Christian School.
 - c. Denied the proposed change to Article III, Section 9 (Coaches Ejected for Unsportsmanlike Conduct) of the TSSAA Bylaws submitted by Science Hill High School to change the penalty for coaches ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - d. Approved the proposed change to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA Sports Calendar) of the TSSAA Bylaws from White County High School to change when Dead Period begins and ends each year. The proposal moves the Dead Period back 24 hours to begin on Monday, June 23 at midnight and

end on Monday, July 6 at midnight in 2020 and remain that way in future years.

- e. Voted to table a proposed change to Article II, Section 8 (Grade Participation) of the TMSAA Bylaws to allow 5th graders who are enrolled and in regular attendance at a school to participate in non-contact sports. The Council asked that they wanted to gather additional information from the Middle School committee in regards to defining what sports should fall into the category of “contact sports.”

The current rule states, “No student in a grade below the 6th grade can practice or participate as a member of a team in the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association.”