

Minnesota State High School League

FOOTBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 22, 2020 @ 9:30 am via ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Lambert Brown, Jeremy Christensen, Bryan Dahl, Jim Dotseth, Steve Hamilton, Joe Kemp, Tom Lenarz, Beau LaBore, , Bill Magnuson, Dave Nelson, Josh Omang, Ribsy Petermeme, Chuck Ross, Ron Stolski, Bob Madison, Amanda Johnson

Minutes:

- MSHSL approved football and volleyball starting their fall season on September 28. Executive Committee, Vice President, Chair of the Eligibility & Finance committees are working on guidelines.
- Current recommendations are 6 games, plus three playoff games. All classes, except 6A, would advance to 8 teams remaining in each class. Four teams would remain in 6A.
- Motion by Coach Petermeier, 2nd by Jeremy Christensen, to set the following dates for games: October 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov 6 and 11 or 12 (11/12 date to be determined by the applicable district). The three tournament dates would be November 17, 21, and 27 or 28. Several teams in Class 9M-5A would receive a bye on November 17th. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bob Madison urged everyone to embrace the decisions made by the health professionals and the MSHSL. Decisions are being made based upon existing data.

Discussions:

- Masks/gaiters are to be worn by all sideline people.
 1. Question: Is it a penalty to tackle someone by grabbing the gaiter?
- Locker rooms are a problem for the spread.
- Teams are to remain outside during halftime.
- Practice and game guidelines will be forthcoming.
- Some schools have been practicing and have already moved passed initial acclimatization guidelines. Recommendation to have schools adjust acclimatization schedule accordingly.
- The coaches' box will be expanded to accommodate social distancing.