

## Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 403.00 – Cooperative Sponsorships

Submitted by: Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors

### Bylaw 403.4 (B)

(~~deleted language~~; proposed language)

- B. The governing boards of participating member schools must jointly make the application to the League Board of Directors.
- 1) The request must include a resolution adopted by each board of education stating the purpose for sponsoring a joint team or activity.
  - 2) Each application for a cooperative sponsorship shall include a review and comments from the conference(s) of which the schools are members.
  - 3) Deadline for Application: Requests for cooperative sponsorships must be ~~submitted to the League not later than~~ fully completed and submitted to the League office in person, by mail, or by email a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the first day of practice for that sport season to be considered for that sport season. Decisions for applications for Ccooperative sponsorship activities applications will be determined affirmed by the League Board of Directors at the next Board of Directors regularly scheduled meeting.

### Rationale:

1. Numerous applications that are being submitted do not follow the current bylaw relative to the conference review and comment and completed forms.
2. Once a co-op application is submitted, the League staff must fully review it and make the necessary placement for tournament section assignments.
3. All of the necessary documents must be filed and forms submitted by the member schools must be appropriately signed.
4. The appropriate Region Committees and tournament managers must be contacted.
5. MSHSL member schools need to anticipate potential co-op agreements well enough in advance of a sport season in order to plan locally and with their conference schools for game schedules and other requirements necessary to effectively and efficiently administer each cooperatively sponsored program.