

Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 502.00 – Daily/Season Player Participation Limitations

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Submitted by: Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors

502.00 – Football Daily Limit

Daily Limit - ~~None~~

An individual player may not participate in more than 6.5 quarters of play during any consecutive 3-day period. This limitation applies to participation in games at all levels of play: Jr. High, B-Squad, JV and Varsity. Quarters of play are as defined under Season Limitations. Any participation in a quarter counts as one quarter of a game, with the exception of special teams. Participation on special teams only, counts as one-half of one quarter.

Rationale:

There limits on player participation for the entire season, but no daily limits, which are likely more important than the season limitation. While most coaches use care in protecting the safety of their players, it is important that we have defined limitations, especially with the current safety issues in football. This policy will allow coaches to use players on special teams and in one-sided games, and still allow them to participate in at least part of a lower level game. This will allow athletes to have playing experience while protecting their safety. Most states have either weekly or daily limitations. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the MSHSL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.