

MSHSL Update/News

Biggest news is the hiring of a new Exec. /Director for the MSHSL (see attached press release).

Drones – NOT allowed at state tournament venues and MSHSL encourages member schools to develop their own policies re: drones. We currently do NOT allow drones during play. We have allowed them during halftime of football games to record the danceteam.

Media Broadcast Contract – Contract with KSTC-TV/Channel 45 has been extended to 2021. Many state tournaments are available live and free of charge on channel 45 (football, hockey, basketball) and additional tournaments are available thru webcasting.

Student Transfer/Ad Hoc Committee – Recommendation of an additional exception to Bylaw 111 (the transfer rule): “School Administration Review” – AD and Principal from “sending school” and the AD and Principal from “receiving school” agree that varsity eligibility should be considered for student in question.



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Selection Committee Recommends Erich Martens as MSHSL Executive Director

After an extensive selection process, a selection committee has strongly recommended that Erich Martens be hired as the next MSHSL Executive Director. Longtime executive director Dave Stead has announced that he will transition to a senior staff role on Feb. 1. Martens, a former high school coach and MSHSL Board of Directors president, is the principal at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. The selection committee said in a statement: "Erich Martens' credentials are impressive as his interviews. We strongly believe he is an excellent choice to lead the MSHSL. He has been offered the position of Executive Director subject to full Board of Directors approval, and he enthusiastically accepted the position."

Martens was named Minnesota High School Principal of the Year in 2013 by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals and was named Central Minnesota's Principal of the Year in 2012. Martens attended St. John's University and St. Cloud State University. He worked as a math teacher before becoming an administrator. He's been the principal at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School for more than a decade.

The Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting at the MSHSL office in Brooklyn Center at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017 to act on the recommendation of the Selection Committee to hire the next Executive Director of the MSHSL.