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To: Supervisors of Athletics
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Subject: Football Bulletin Policy and Procedures

The MPSSAA Executive Council at their meeting on September 2, 2021, discussed the MPSSAA Football Bulletin and implications of quarantined teams due to COVID-19.

The purpose of this memo is to remind local school systems of the policy and procedures inside the MPSSAA Football Bulletin for school participation and the football point system. As collectively agreed upon by local school systems, the MPSSAA Football Bulletin states:

Page 28: Policy Concerning Unplayed Games:

- Disbandment or failure to start the season on time will result in a non-game and shall automatically reduce the opponent's divisor by one game.
- Disbandment after any part of the season has been played will be recorded as a win for the disbanded team's opponent.

Page 29: The bulletin states eight is the minimum divisor when calculating the football point standings.

Please note the following important applications:

- Local school systems may reschedule games of schools that did not start the season on time within the regulations for postponed contests while being in compliance with weekly and seasonal limitations.
- Any school that uses [State Board of Education waivers](#) to add a contest in place of a quarantined school game shall not receive a forfeit win, or any points from the quarantined team.
- If two teams are quarantined, the game is considered a no-game. Teams have the option to reschedule, utilize waivers to reschedule, or drop their divisor (divisor minimum is eight).

- Consistent with MPSSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee guidance related to rescheduled contests, any school shall have at least three days of practice from the return of a quarantine team prior to their next game.
- Consistent with MPSSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee guidance related to rescheduled contests, any school shall have at least three days of practice between any two games throughout the course of the season.
- Any declaration of disbandment, quarantine, forfeit, or schedule change must be approved by the local supervisor of athletics who will communicate such changes with the MPSSAA office.
- When conflicts occur, the supervisors of athletics for the local school systems will make decisions.
- Unresolved matters shall be forwarded to the MPSSAA Executive Director for final decision.