



ATH 3 – KEEP SPRING SEASON OF SPORT CONSISTENT

Requires majority vote for approval

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amend Bylaw 3900.2

Yes No

2890. CALENDAR EXCEPTIONS

In order to maintain consistency in scheduling championship dates, during specific calendar years (2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2030-2031, etc), the spring sports practice, scrimmage, and competition start dates consistent with other years.

During these years, boys volleyball and boys swimming and diving will start on Week 33, and the remaining spring sports will start on Week 34.

Rationale: During these years, the NFHS calendar shifts drastically backward, which affects the championship dates for all seasons, but is specifically problematic in the spring. The big shift causes massive scheduling conflicts, as state events run into other events typically scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend.

This shift was first scheduled to happen in the spring of 2020, but we never experienced it due to COVID canceling those seasons. (Previously, CHSAA bylaws dictated dates according to where Memorial Day fell.)

Current conflicts if the season dates are not shifted:

- Girls golf cannot secure a state venue over Memorial Day weekend. Thus, if this doesn't pass, girls golf will be a week shorter than boys golf. This would cause Title IX implications, and could potentially mean we would have to shorten boys golf by a week.
- If this doesn't pass, girls soccer will be a week shorter than boys soccer in the fall. This would cause Title IX implications, and could potentially mean we would have to shorten boys soccer by a week.
 - Additionally, Dick's Sporting Goods Park traditionally holds consistent dates on the calendar for CHSAA's championships, going as far as building the MLS schedule around those dates to ensure there are no conflicts.
- State Track: the parking lots will be occupied by the schools that take place during that time. Traditionally, Jefferson County Schools give surrounding schools Professional Development Days during state track so that parking lots are available for State Track. If the championships stay on Memorial Day weekend, there will be no parking.
 - Portable bathrooms: during the busy holiday weekend, portable bathrooms are unavailable in perpetuity because of events such as: Boulder Boulder, Red Rocks concerts, etc., already occupying them.

- Tents: same issue as the portable bathrooms, they are unavailable because of the Holiday weekend.
- Jefferson County Staff: less staff will be available on the Holiday weekend.
- Thus, to avoid this conflict we would have to shorten track and field by a week. The major cons to that would be, there is one less week to schedule meets; schools would have altered traditional scheduling as meets would get condensed, which in turn could be major financial implications for schools who traditionally count on the income from hosting a track meet.
- Lacrosse: DU is traditionally unavailable on Memorial Day weekend.
 - Memorial Day Weekend is the busiest weekend on the calendar for the lacrosse community. The NCAA Championships are over Memorial Day Weekend and many lacrosse events are planned around that event. Attempting to play over this weekend will take away from the pageantry around our event and greatly reduce our anticipated spectators.
 - By not keeping the start dates consistent, lacrosse would lose a week of the season as the end date will not be adjusted.
- By shifting the spring season up one week, all the above scenarios can be and will be avoided. This is only for one cycle and going forward, CHSAA will have adjusted calendar(s) to ensure this conflict will not happen again.

For 2025, boys swimming & diving and boys volleyball would begin on 2/17; all other sports would begin on 2/24.

For 2026, boys swimming & diving and boys volleyball would begin on 2/16; all other sports would begin on 2/23.

Pros: Allows for consistency in scheduling spring championship dates.

Cons: During specific years only, there will be one more week of crossover between winter and spring sports.

Financial Impact: Positive financial impact for ticket sales and revenue.