

## ALL DISTRICT/ALL REGION SUGGESTED AGENDA

The following is a possible agenda for the All District and All Region selection process. The All District and All Region Chair should follow it unless there are specific areas within each district or region that mandates a change:

1. Contact all teams within the district pairings to inform the head coach of each team of the date and time of the meeting; to remind the coach he/she must be a member of the MHSSCA; and, have in their possession a current membership card. (All Region Chairs should select an All District Chair prior to October 1 for the boys' season and May 1 for the girls' season). The meeting can be before or after district competition, but no later than the Sunday following the district final. The All Region meeting should be held no later than the Sunday after the All Region final.
2. Download from the web site a copy of the All District or All Region nomination form. Make one copy for each team represented in your district. You must provide a complete nomination form to each team, the All Region Chair, the All State Chair and the V.P. of the MHSSCA.
3. At the start of the All District meeting make sure each coach in attendance has a membership card for the current year (A coach should have a current membership card and be on the coaching staff of the team he/she is representing.) Note: A team may have more than one or more coaches attend the meeting, but only association members may attend the meeting and the team only has one vote. Each district should decide how much input an assistant and/or co-coaches can offer in the process. **Any coach attending an All District/All Region meeting that does not have a current membership card will not be allowed to nominate any of his/her players for post-season honors and should be asked to leave the meeting. If they lost their card the All District Chair can go to the web site prior to the meeting and check their membership status. If they show up for the meeting without a card because it was lost, forgotten or not brought out of ignorance of the requirement, their players can be represented if the District Chair knows they were on the list posted on the web page. However, they must provide their membership number prior to the All Region meeting or their players will be dropped off the list without replacement players. Please do not change this policy at the meeting because you think something should be different.**
4. Each district should decide on specific rules to follow during the meeting. You should answer the following questions prior to the meeting:
  - a. How will we vote (ballot or by hand vote or both)?
  - b. How will we handle players who have had red or yellow cards?
  - c. How will we handle players who were injured in the year?

- d. How will we handle additional coaches (albeit members) who attend the meeting?
  - e. How will we break any possible ties (re-votes; coin toss; etc.)?
  - f. How will we decide the rankings? Will we gather the poll of the required number of players and then rank, or will we rank one at a time?
5. Each district should decide what criteria they will use to decide the All District Team. A *suggested* criteria and the *suggested* order of importance are as follows:
- a. Each player's play throughout the season (you must consider strength of schedule)
  - b. Each player's play in the tournament
  - c. Each player's past MHSSCA honors
  - d. Each player's past Conference honors
  - e. Each player's high school soccer honors
  - f. Each player's high school citizenship and academic honors
  - g. Each player's off season soccer career (only to be used when there is a tie in the votes)

Note: Each district may have different criteria, but at the following levels the above criteria and order of importance should be followed.

6. Nomination stage: Every district or region has a different approach to accepting nominations. Some meetings start by nominating one player at a time until the allotted number of players has been nominated. Other districts find out how many players each coach would like to nominate, list the names on a marking board or paper and then decide what order they will use to rank them. Some meetings allot a specific number of players for each team within the district. Whichever method you use, the following guidelines should be understood:
- a. There is no rule that says the winner of the district/region gets the number one slot, or more slots for the All District Team.
  - b. It is important that the "best" players are at the top of the rankings (weaker players at the top will only bottle neck your own district/region at the upper level selection meetings).
  - c. You must rank all players (not just the first five or six).
  - d. The rank order can never be changed at the next level.
  - e. Traditional methods used for selection in your district/region over the years can be followed and should be observed to keep balance and consistency. However, tradition should only be followed when it does not conflict with current policy and procedures.
  - f. You may select the goalies before or after the field players, but both must be selected according to the number of players for the team. Both must be ranked.
  - g. Next to each nomination, include the player's coach (his/her name and ID number).

7. Send a copy of the All District team to the All Region Chair prior to the first All Region game. The All Region Team selections should be sent to the All State Chairs for each division. Also send a copy of each team to the V.P. of the MHSSCA.
8. At the end of the meeting provide the number of All District and All Region certificates to each coach or representatives to be distributed to players.
9. Follow-up to make sure each coach receives and distributes the certificates to each player.
10. Agree, as attending coaches, when the information will be released by the coaches from each school to the players and parents.

If you have any questions or concerns about the process, contact the All State Chair or one of the members of the leadership council.