ATHLETIC PROPOSAL

(Requires majority vote of those voting)

ATH 2 – SEASON OF SPORT - FOOTBALL **(CENTENNIAL)**

AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS to read: Page 116

Amend Rules by deleting bylaw 3300.1 and replacing to read:

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yes no

3300.	**SEASON OF SPORT**

~~3300.1 The football season sports season shall begin 9 days (exclusive of Sundays) prior to the competitive season. Competition shall be from the second Thursday prior to Labor Day until the final state championship.~~

3300.1 The football sports season shall begin in alignment with the NFHS calendar.

Rationale With an increase in games during the first weekend of allowed competition, it would allow for non-padded and non-contact practice before the first week of practice. It also aligns the state with other states in terms of the NFHS calendar.

Pros Increased practices for player safety. Allows for better pad fitting, adjustments, and better instruction. Players have more time to acclimate before playing games. Players who do not begin practice on time have a margin of error in being ready for the first game, in terms of the required number of practices. States are moving toward the NFHS calendar. This allows for better safety and an increased alignment with other states.

Cons Earlier start for administrators and athletic departments. Shorter summer for families. May impact the timing of summer camps going up to July 31.