



Valley Park Families,

The Athletic and Activities Directors in the St. Louis Suburban Athletic Conference, and across the metro St. Louis area, requested temporary relief from MSHSAA bylaw 3.13.2, which prohibits club sport athletes from participating on their high school teams during the fall alternative season.

Despite multiple requests and evidence to support temporary relief, MSHSSA denied our request to temporarily suspend bylaw 3.13.2 during the fall alternative season. [Please see the attached letter for MSHSAA's full Board of Directors response.](#)

As a result of this decision, students who chose to play a sport for Valley Park High School during the fall alternative season (**February 22 - April 10, 2021**) may not compete with their club team of the same sport until the fall alternative season ends. For example, a Valley Park student-athlete cannot play soccer for his club team while also playing soccer for Valley Park in the fall alternative season. The MSHSAA Board denied the relief of this bylaw citing "the damage that would be done if waived, even for a season, regardless of these conditions."

We are extremely disappointed that the decision of the MSHSAA Board of Directors "does not change during a global pandemic." However, we are looking forward to providing opportunities for your student-athlete to compete and represent Valley Park High School during the fall alternative and spring sport seasons.

Sincerely,
Adam Hamilton
Dean of Student Activities