



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING**

September 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association held a special meeting on September 23, 2014, via teleconference with members present as follows:

Rick Weber	Todd Trask	Jason Uttermark	Linda Whitney
Sandy Klatt	Dan Whalen	Steve Morford	Dr. Roger Bordeaux

Staff members present included Wayne Carney, Jo Auch, James Weaver, and John Krogstrand.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Weber at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved by Steve Morford, seconded by Sandy Klatt, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed 8-0.

Assistant Executive Director Krogstrand led a discussion specific to the following SDHSAA policy relative to cross country and road races:

Information on Road Races During Cross Country Season

1. Athletes who have joined their high school cross country team may not participate in road races once the high school cross country season started as “unattached individuals;” this would be considered to be a violation of the “In-season Participation Rule”.

It is permissible for a cross country team or members of said team to run in road races during the cross country season provided the following conditions are met:

- All athletes represent their school, which includes running in their team gear
 - The event sponsors set up a division for high school cross country teams
 - Teams have had two full weeks of practice
 - The event organizers complete “Event Sanctioning” paperwork through the SDHSAA office
2. After the high school cross country season has ended it is permissible for athletes to participate in road races, running unattached, without jeopardizing his/her future cross country eligibility. The “In-season Participation Rule” does not apply after the cross country season is over and sanction is not required.
 3. The SDHSAA will not sanction any competitions, road races or otherwise, for high school cross country teams that are scheduled to be held on Sunday.
 4. Participation in triathlons is not considered a violation of the in-season participation rule.

Assistant Executive Director Krogstrand then led a discussion specific to the recommended language change to SDHSAA policy relative to cross country and road races:

Information on Road Races During Cross Country Season

Athletes who have joined their high school cross country team may participate in road races once the high school cross country season started provided the following conditions are met to avoid violation of the “NON-SCHOOL TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION” section of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws:

1. *For events that are interpreted as “competitive” in nature, such as those where times are formally kept and compared, awards issued, or events that are otherwise seen as competitive, each of the following conditions must be met:*
 - a. *All student-athletes who participate in Cross Country must represent their school, which includes running in their team gear*
 - b. *The event sponsors set up a division for high school cross country teams*
 - c. *Teams have had two full weeks of practice*
 - d. *Event organizers complete ‘Sanctioning’ paperwork through the SDHSAA Office*
2. *For events which are interpreted as “non-competitive” in nature, such as those where no places are awarded, times are not formally kept and compared, or events that may be seen as completely charitable and non competitive, all student-athletes are allowed to compete without restriction on their athletic eligibility.*

NOTES:

The “In-season Participation Rule” does not apply after the cross country season is over and sanction is not required. The SDHSAA will not sanction any competitions, road races or otherwise, for high school cross country teams that are scheduled to be held on Sunday.

Participation in triathlons is not considered a violation of the in-season participation rule.

Chairman Weber requested each member of the Board of Directors to express their thoughts on the proposed revision to the current language found in the SDHSAA Cross Country section of the Athletic Handbook.

Members of the Board specifically requested the following:

- 1) All advisory committees thoroughly review and recommend changes to their respective activity. Review should include clarification of competitive vs. non-competitive definitions pertaining to the in-season participation rule.
- 2) Review the appeals process relative to timelines.
- 3) Review penalties for violations in each section of the athletic and fine arts handbooks.

Following all discussion, it was moved by Roger Bordeaux, seconded by Linda Whitney, to adopt the revised language as presented by SDHSAA staff. In addition, the eligibility of any student-athlete who has had their eligibility removed through participation in such a charitable event in cross country during the 2014-15 school year shall have their eligibility reinstated effective immediately.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.

Chairman Weber asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

Hearing none, it was moved by Sandy Klatt, seconded by Steve Morford, to adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Carney
Executive Director