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BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Zoom Meeting – 10:30 a.m. (CT)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933902480?pwd=UC9pU01DcVB4TnBIUG1RaExsZjg1Zz09>

MEMBERS

AA Coach	Jamie Parish, SF Washington	2024 (1)
A Coach	Jerome Nesheim, Clark	2026 (1)
B Coach	Stewart Bohle, Ipswich	2024 (1)
Athletic Director	Kristina Sage, Freeman	2026 (1)
Administrator	Donavan DeBoer, Parker	2026 (2)
Official	Jeremy Mikkelsen, Pierre	2026 (2)
Native Am. Rep.	Christian McGhee, Red Cloud	2024 (1)

1. Welcome and Introductions- Welcome new members to the committee Kristina Sage and Jerome Nesheim.
2. Select Recording Secretary
3. Procedure for the meeting
4. Review Duties and Responsibilities of Committee- Renewing positions Jamie Parish, Stewart Bohle and Christian McGhee.
5. Review minutes from last meeting
6. Review SDSHAA proposals passed for 2023-34
 - a. Eliminate the two-point bonus points Class A receives for playing against a Class AA opponent.
 - b. Rosters must be finalized with accurate name and number for all classes no later than: Girls- Feb. 12 and Boys Feb. 19. Changes made after that date must be approved through the SDHSAA. A \$50 fine will be assessed /participant for non-approved changes.
 - c. Added Monday of Wk. 34 for Girls and Monday of Wk. 35 for Boys as a possible additional date to paly Region Contests/
7. Receive reports from advisory members, SDHSAA and membership proposals
 - B Coach rep.- Bohle
 - Seed Point system revamp- (Jolley Proposal #1)
 - Seed 1 and 2 host Regional Semi-Final Games (DeJong Proposal #3)
 - A Coach rep.-Nesheim *PreSeason Swinmager - Courtney - (Proposal #7)*
 - SoDak 32 Proposal (Jake Versteeg Proposal #2)
 - AA Coach rep.-Parish
 - Supt. rep.--DeBoer
 - AD rep.-Sage
 - Class AA Postseason Change (Mike Schultz- Proposal #6)
 - Official rep.- Mikkelsen
 - Intentional foul on break away layup (Kludt Proposal #5)

- Native American rep.-McGhee
- SDHSAA rep.-Auch/Soma
 - Seven-quarter rule discussion
 - Play SoDak contests at high seed like AA (VB proposal # 4)

8. Discuss any proposals that group would like to bring forward

9. Review Basketball Section in Handbook

10. Other concerns

11. Adjournment



ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE

Proposal #1

Schools wishing to make a rules proposal change for the advisory committee to consider shall complete this form and submit to the SDHSAA office preferably two weeks PRIOR to the meeting date so the proposal may be added to the agenda.

Please select the sport in which the rules proposal is being submitted.

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Basketball | <input type="radio"/> Cross Country/Track & Field | <input type="radio"/> Gymnastics | <input type="radio"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp. Cheer | <input type="radio"/> Football | <input type="radio"/> Soccer | <input type="radio"/> Wrestling |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp. Dance | <input type="radio"/> Golf | <input type="radio"/> Tennis | <input type="radio"/> In-/Out-of-Season |

Title of Proposal: Seed Point System Basketball

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Seed Points determined by wins of the opponent. Currently there are benchmark landing spots. Above or below .250, .500, .750 win% gets you 41, 44, 47, 50 for a victory and 30, 33, 36, 39 for a loss. A victory or loss over a 5 win team is the same as a victory or loss over a 9 win team. 44 for a win and 33 for a loss. The same holds true for a 10 win team vs a 14 win team, 47 for a win 36 for a loss. 0 win team vs 4 win team 41 vs 30 etc.

Seed points change: Just like now, 15 win opponents max out your seed points at 50 for win and 39 for loss. 0 win team you get 41 seed points for win. 41 is the lowest seed points you can get for a win. The proposed change is to make every victory of your opponent count for seed points. Example: victory Vs 0 win team 41. Vs 1 win team 41.6 Vs 2 win team 42.2 Vs 3 win team 42.8 Vs 4 win team 43.4 and Vs 5 win team 44 seed points which is currently what 5 win team gets. Losing side example: loss to a 1 win team is 30.6 Vs 2 win team 31.2 Vs 3 win team is 31.8 Vs 4 win team 32.4 and Vs 5 win team 33 which is the same as now. Playing a 15 win team gets you maximum seed points at 50 for win and 39 for loss. This is the same as it is now. Every opponents win is worth .6 seed points. No major change to current system needed just let the computer calculate it.

Rationale for Rule Change:

The current seeding formula is pretty good, but it gives no value at all to teams unless they get to .250 .500 or .750 win% vs opponent. This proposal just fills in the gaps for the current system. 14 win opponent should be worth more than a 10 win. 9 win opponent should be worth more than a 5 win opponent. No major change to the formula needed, and you can still add 2 bonus points for playing up a class just like now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Douglas Seubert
Print Coach Name

Canistota
Member School

Douglas Seubert
Coach Signature

Patricia Jolley
Print Athletic Director Name

Canistota
Member School

Patricia Jolley
Athletic Director Signature

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Proposal # 2



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Title of Proposal: Round of 32 in Volleyball and Basketball

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
☒ Class A
☐ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

This change would make a round of 32 for Class A and B with 3 different possibilities to get to that round. Each possibility is written on the back of this form.

Rationale for Rule Change:

There are too many occurrences that result in some of the top teams in the state having to battle it out just to make the SoDak 16. We should want the best teams at the State Tournament.

Phil. Bluff
Print Coach Name

Centon
Member School

Andrew Steffensen
Coach Signature

Jake Versteeg
Print Athletic Director Name

Centon
Member School

[Signature]
Athletic Director Signature

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Cont.

On Tuesday of NFHS Week 18, the top 32 teams by powerpoints would play against their opponents, seeded by power points. 1 plays 32, 2 plays 31, etc. The higher seed would host.

The So Dak 16 & State process remains the same

#2 Cont.

On Tuesday of NEHS Week 18, each team plays one game in their region. On Thursday of Week 18, we reseed 1-32 with the 1 playing the 32, and so on. The higher seed would host.

The SoDak 16 + State process remains the same

2 Cont.

The following proposal would be a different way to seed teams after one round of region play. This way would give home court advantage to all higher remaining seeds in the region.

Instead of reseeding in the traditional method where the 1 seed plays the 32nd seed, we use Region seedings to make the bracket reflect the regular season success of each team.

The top remaining seed in each region is guaranteed to play a team at the bottom of another region reseeded by power points. Put simply, if there are no upsets in any region, the 1 seed with the highest power points plays the 4 seed with the lowest power points. The next highest 1 seed plays the next lowest 4 seed. In the same way, the 2 seed with the highest power points plays the 3 seed with the lowest powerpoints. The higher seed hosts in this format.

We then reseed by powerpoints completely for the SoDak 16 (staying with neutral sites, just like we have been) and again reseed for the State Tournament.

Proposal #3

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Title of Proposal: State wide rule to have top 1 seed or both 1 and 2 seed host Regional Semi-Final Game

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Class B
☒ Class A
☐ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Propose to make a statewide rule to have top 1 seed or both 1 and 2 seeds host Regional Semi-Final Game. Right now it is up to each Region.

Rationale for Rule Change:

The majority, if not all regions reward the top seed or top 2 seeds to host the Regional Semi-Final Game. Region 3 is one of the only Regions that does not do this. Reward the top teams and make it equal for each team throughout the state.

Print Coach Name

Dan DeJong Sioux Falls Christian

Member School

Coach Signature

Print Athletic Director Name

Jim Groen Sioux Falls Christian

Member School

Athletic Director Signature

Proposal #4

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Title of Proposal: High Seed Hosts SoDak 16 contests

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
☒ Class A
☐ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

High seed to host SoDak 16 contests.
Mileage will be paid at .60/mile (round trip).

Host site must meet the minimum accommodations of:

- a) Minimum ceiling height of 23 ft. without obstruction
- b) 700 seating capacity

If these gym requirements cannot be met by the host site, the host site will determine a site that is no further in travel distance than the host site for the contest.

The committee would like to try this for a year and review the data.

Rationale for Rule Change:

*Football, Soccer, and Softball all travel to high seed to play contests. Would make sense to keep it consistent in our team sports.

*9-man football travels to host sites for three rounds of their football contests and no one bats an eye when it comes to travel expenses and traveling across the state on a Thursday, Thursday and Friday of the weeks traveling. Majority of Regions/SoDak Contests continue to lose money and largely because of travel.

*We all say, we need to do what is best for the kids. 50% of the kids are going to be happy, they don't have to travel. In our scenario, not many people are happy when it comes to traveling the distances they need to if we have schools competing on the east vs. west side of the state. When only making one team travel we are guaranteed of at least having one side with great attendance to help with financials.

Makes every game count. It was noted that teams work harder to compete EVERY CONTEST because seed point matter. At the AA level they fight for every contest so we can potentially be in the top 8 and put ourselves in a position to host rather than to travel.

Print Coach Name

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Member School

Committee

Coach Signature

submitted by SDHSAA Ex. Staff

Print Athletic Director Name

Member School

Athletic Director Signature

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Title of Proposal: Change foul on break away layup to intentional.

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
- ☒ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

*Needs to be
Submitted to
NFHS 1st*

Proposed Rule Change:

When an airborne break away shooter is fouled from behind in the upper shoulder, head, or neck area the foul is administered as an intentional foul.

Rationale for Rule Change:

In the past year I know of 2 instances where this foul ended up with the shooter being injured. One ended up in concussion protocol for a period of time missing games. I think there is alot of similarity in the play being like a defensiveless receiver in football. The basketball player has no head protection for the fall hitting a hard floor. Very few legal blocks are made on this play that has alot of potential for injury

Randy Kludt -- Official

Print Coach Name

Member School

Coach Signature

Print Athletic Director Name

Member School

Athletic Director Signature

Proposal #6

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Title of Proposal: Postseason Basketball Proposed Change

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Class B
- ☐ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

See Attached.

Rationale for Rule Change:

See Attached.

Daniel Skinner
Print Coach Name

Sturgis Brown High School
Member School

Dan Skinner
Coach Signature

Mike Schultz
Print Athletic Director Name

Sturgis Brown High School
Member School

MS
Athletic Director Signature

Title – Postseason Proposal
Sports – Boys and Girls Basketball
Class AA ONLY

#6

Proposal

South Dakota 2025-26 Class AA for basketball would be divided into 3 regions: Metro, East, & West.

- The Metro region would include the schools of Brandon Valley, Harrisburg, O'Gorman, SF Jefferson, SF Lincoln, SF Roosevelt, and SF Washington.
- The East region would include the schools of Aberdeen, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Tea Area, Watertown, and Yankton.
- The West region would include the schools of Douglas, Pierre, RC Central, RC Stevens, Spearfish, and Sturgis.

Teams would be expected to play every team within their region at least once during the regular season.

Post season would start with a regional tournament. Each regional tournament champion would receive automatic qualification into the state tournament (3).

The top 10 seeds that have not qualified for the state tournament play 5 state qualifying games following the Region Tournament. The top 5 seeded teams according to the SDHSAA seeding formula would be the home teams.

Each region would be responsible for setting up the tournament format, host site(s), and regional game schedules.

The SDHSAA would set the guidelines for starting weeks for the regional tournament and the date of the state qualifying games for both the boys and the girls. The state would also determine the state tournament seeding format for the state qualifying teams.

Rationale

In Class AA basketball, sub state district and region games have been replaced by the SoDak 16 format. In the SoDak 16 format, three teams do not qualify to participate in the postseason. With the addition of Tea Area in 2024-25, that number will go to four teams not qualifying for the postseason. Because the bottom 4 seeded teams are eliminated from postseason play based on the seeding formula, there is a great deal of frustration over the seeding formula. The biggest argument with the formula is how many points should be deducted when playing a smaller class school. Because of this issue, there is pressure within Class AA to play only teams within Class AA which places the financial burden of travel on a few remote schools.

Some key points:

- 1) For Basketball, no other class in South Dakota eliminates teams from the post season based on regular season competition. In fact, it is very rare in the United States that high school basketball teams of any level or division are eliminated from postseason play based on the regular season.

- 2) Many times the schools that will be eliminated can figure out they will be eliminated long before the season ends. This creates a difficult situation for coaches trying to get their teams to improve when the players know that there is nothing to play for after the regular season is over. For the 4 teams not qualifying for the postseason, the power of stating, "everyone starts over in the postseason" is lost.
- 3) A seeding formula is an appropriate measure for determining seed position for a state tournament once teams have qualified for it. It is far less effective when used to eliminate teams from the postseason, especially when remote schools play regionally due to travel costs which creates an imbalance in strength of schedule.
- 4) The solution of playing a statewide basketball schedule or playing only teams within the Class AA creates disparity in travel. The 5 Class AA teams west of the river would need to travel East 4 times each year in a statewide Class AA schedule. The 15 east river teams would need to travel west 1 time a year and 2 times every other year to fill out such a schedule. Over a two-year home and home schedule, the 15 East River teams would travel 3 times west while the West River teams would travel 8 times east. This is a huge financial difference in travel costs alone and doesn't take into account the travel costs incurred by parents wanting to watch their sons and daughters play.
- 5) Presently, SoDak 16 games when compared to the district/region format prior to SoDak 16, are poorly attended, have less competitive games, and puts those teams traveling at a severe disadvantage. Regional games would most likely show better attendance, have more competitive games, and not create the huge disadvantage of traveling 300 plus miles for a high stakes one day play-in game.
- 6) If you were to compare the 2022-23 Boys and Girls Class AA SoDak 16 total miles traveled and the proposed postseason format, the proposed format would require 1124 more miles of travel. However, most of those miles (1117 miles) would be traveled by the additional 8 schools the proposed format would include in the postseason.
- 7) The postseason proposal is a positive for everyone in Class AA. Under the proposal, eight additional schools would be provided a traditional postseason experience for basketball. The plan gives the best teams in the state regardless of region the best opportunities to qualify for the state tournament. Regional games tend to be more competitive, have better attendance, and because there is a better chance for rivalry games, regional games tend to have a more traditional high stakes atmosphere than what the SoDak 16 format provides in AA. Finally, the frustration over seeding is greatly reduced because no team is being eliminated from the postseason based on a seeding formula.

Proposal #7

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Title of Proposal: Pre-season Scrimmage

Proposal will affect the following classes (please check all that apply):

- ☒ Class B
- ☒ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Allow all SDHSAA basketball programs to have the opportunity to have 1 scrimmage in the pre-season before their first game is played. The "pre-season" would be considered the time between your first official practice and your first game.

Rationale for Rule Change:

The majority of other states allow teams to have pre-season or Christmas break scrimmages. In South Dakota scrimmaging is not allowed. Currently the only scrimmage or jamboree a team may participate in is in one of the sanctioned "officials' training" jamborees. Those are all well and good but it is very limited and I find that the same programs are often invited each year to those - it is not very equitable.

I see no reason that this can't be equitable - each basketball program has the opportunity to line up a pre-season scrimmage. If the coach does not want to, that is their prerogative.

Kyle Courtney
Print Coach Name

Rapid City Christian School
Member School

Kyle Courtney
Coach Signature

Kyle Courtney
Print Athletic Director Name

Rapid City Christian School
Member School

Kyle Courtney
Athletic Director Signature