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FOOTBALL ADVISORY AGENDA

Meeting: December 2, 2024

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88037616241>

10:30 AM CT

Football Advisory Committee Members:

9-man Coach Rep.	Pat Ruml, Howard	2027 (1)
11A & B Coach Rep.	Jake Terry, Elk Point Jefferson	2026 (1)
AAA/AA Coach Rep.	Jared Fredenburg, Sioux Falls Lincoln	2026 (1)
Athletic Director	Adam Nowowiejski, Belle Fourche	2025 (1)
Principal/Supt. Rep.	Derek Barrios, Watertown	2026 (2)
Official	Scott Jacobson	2026 (1)
Native Am. Rep.	Lance Witte, Lower Brule	2024 (*)

Call Meeting to Order

1. Select Recording Secretary
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Complete Expense Statements
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities
5. Review Rule Changes for 2024-25
 - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes
 - The Head Linesman and the Line Judge will switch sides at half. (This is a mandatory switch)
 - b. NFHS Rule Changes
 - 1-5-1b(3)— The jerseys of the home team shall all be the same dark color(s) that clearly contrasts with white. Clarified Home Team Uniform Requirement for Each Player

2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship and Altercation Prevention and Protocol
2. Player Equipment and Enforcement
3. Formations

6. Coaches Clinic Reports

7. Reports from Committee Members – *This section of the meeting will include creation, discussion, advancement and consideration of proposals for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration and will not be a conclusive list of potential topics. Representatives on the committee should contact their groups statewide for consideration of ideas and proposals with the understanding ideas are to be advanced for further consideration and not “automatically implemented.”*

a. Coaches Reps

Jared Fredenburg (Discussion Items)

- AAA coaches would like to propose a 7 man officiating crew for all Class AAA games starting in 2025

Jake Terry (Discussion Items)

- All Playoff Games on Friday
- Defense score on PAT or 2 Point attempt
- Criteria for ADM exemption
- Championship Game (Seating for home team on East side)
- Schedule release date/procedure
- Realign from 7 classes to 5 classes
- 12 teams make playoffs – top 4 get a 1st round bye

Pat Ruml (Discussion Items)

b. Administrative Reps

Derek Barrios (Discussion Items)

Adam Nowowiejski (Discussion Items)

Lance Witte (Discussion Items)

c. Official Reps

Scott Jacobson (Discussion Items)

- Increase pay from \$125 to \$150 per official per game. Has not been an increase in 6 years or so.
- Increase pay for Championship games to \$175 per official
- Pay alternate official for Championship games the same as all crew officials. The “alternate” official is very much involved in the game in every play, communicating with the review team and the officials on the field. The “Alternate” is no longer an official that just stands on the sideline waiting for another official to go down
- Make rider mileage mandatory for all schools to pay. Seems most do, but there must be a few that don’t. Maybe SDHSAA leadership can visit individually with schools that don’t .. rather than going “mandatory
- Provide officials from their respective sport a free pass to enter championship games. This is really a nice way to give something back to officials for their work during the season and wouldn’t cost anything
- Provide all football officials with access to HUDL for all games. Similar to what other states do (not sure which states do this, however)

d. SDHSAA Representatives

8. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Football

9. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion

10. Adjourn

Membership

1. Each term shall be three years in length.
2. A person may serve no more than two consecutive terms.
3. Any person appointed to a partial term shall be eligible for two additional terms.
4. Only head coaches are eligible to serve on an advisory committee. Current committee members who assume an assistant coach position may complete their current term but would not be allowed to serve an additional term.
5. The Board of Directors shall appoint individuals to the various positions based upon nominations submitted by each professional group that is to be represented on said committee. Names placed in nomination must have the approval of the local school superintendent. Any sport that has an official's association, a representative of that association will be included on the advisory committee and be allowed to vote on those items pertaining to the officiating of the sport.
6. Whenever a vacancy occurs on any sports committee, every effort should be made to fill said vacancy with a qualified person from the gender that is under-represented.
7. An alternating system shall be established in the sports of basketball, golf, tennis and track/cross country whereby the coaches in each class in said committees will alternate between coaches of boy's teams with coaches of girl's teams. An alternating system will be used for principals and superintendents whenever a vacancy occurs.
8. Duties and Responsibilities.
 - A. The individual sports committees will meet once a year, and draft their recommendations for changes and/or revisions. The SDHSAA will pay mileage and per diem costs for this meeting.
 - B. Each sports committee will seek input from all schools, especially the coaches, via whatever means is feasible and workable. Examples might be, but not limited to, such things as meeting with coaches at a state event, conducting a survey of coaches in each class respectively, poll administrators at area administrators' meetings, etc.**
 - C. Each committee will annually review the section of the Handbook that pertains to their sport.
 - D. Upon request, all Advisory Committee recommendations will be made available to the various secondary administrative organizations for their review and recommendations.
 - E. The proposals with all recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors at their April Meeting.
 - F. All regulations approved by the Board of Directors will be implemented for the next school year unless the Board of Directors determines otherwise.
 - G. The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations in connection with any and all high school activities that are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws, as the Board may deem necessary. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules or regulations at any regular or special meeting that might be scheduled.

ADVISORY RULE PROPOSAL CHANGE



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 type="radio"/> Basketball | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Football | <input type="radio"/> Soccer | <input type="radio"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="radio"/> Comp. Cheer | <input type="radio"/> Golf | <input type="radio"/> Softball | <input type="radio"/> Wrestling |
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| <input type="radio"/> Cross Country/Track | | | |

Title of Proposal: Friday Post-Season

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

- ☒ Class B
- ☒ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

SDHSAA Playoff Games are currently scheduled for Thursday evenings in October. Revise calendar to create Friday night playoff games.

Rationale for Rule Change:

Due to common injuries and long return trips, Thursday night playoff games create obstacles for students that can be eliminated by moving games to Friday evening.

-Learning
-Attendance

Other prominent obstacles specific to each school district do exist as well.

Conflicting SDHSAA Activities, such as State Choir, do not carry the same risk of injury that exists in football.

Dan Hughes
Print Coach Name

Sioux Valley
Member School

[Signature]
Coach Signature

Moe Ruesink
Print Athletic Director Name

Sioux Valley
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[Signature]
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Title of Proposal: Increase pay from \$125 to \$150 per official per game.

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

- ☒ Class B
- ☒ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Increase pay for football officials from \$125 to \$150 per game.

Rationale for Rule Change:

This request is for all classes of football (the form does not specify 9 man vs. 11 man or AAA).

Football officials have received the same pay for 6+ years and numerous officials have requested a moderate increase to \$150 per game (regular season and post season, excluding championship games).

Increasing pay show an investment in officials. Many officials must leave work early to travel to games and take vacation or leave without pay to officiate.

An increase in pay would also an effective measure to help recruit new officials, as well as retain

Scott JACOBSON
Print Coach Name

SDHSAA
Member School

[Signature]
Coach Signature

Print Athletic Director Name

Member School

Athletic Director Signature

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Title of Proposal: Make rider mileage mandatory.

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

- ☒ Class B
- ☒ Class A
- ☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Make rider mileage mandatory.

Rationale for Rule Change:

This proposal is for all classes of football (the form does not specify 9 man vs 11 man or AAA).

Football officials greatly appreciate the effort put forth by SDHSAA and member schools for paying officials "rider mileage". While most schools participate, some do not. Like other sports officials, football officials often travel long distances to contests. Officials must arrive at the game site an hour before game time. Traveling a distance requires them to depart from home even earlier. This causes them to leave work early and take time off, or time off without pay. Compensating officials for riding to contests allows them to be paid for their time. Requiring all schools to participate would ensure all officials are compensated for their time.

SCOTT JA COBSON

Print Coach Name

SDHSAA

Member School

[Signature]

Coach Signature

Print Athletic Director Name

Member School

Athletic Director Signature