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FOOTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES  
Meeting: November 29, 10:30am  
SDHSAA Office & Zoom

The Football Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM CT with the following representatives present via zoom or in person:

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| 9-man Coach Rep.     | Byron Pudwill, Bon Homme           |
| 11A & B Coach Rep.   | Matthew Luze, Lennox               |
| AAA/AA Coach Rep.    | Kim Nelson, SF Roosevelt           |
| Athletic Director    | Brent DeBoer, Tea Area             |
| Principal/Supt. Rep. | Derek Barrios, Elk Point-Jefferson |
| Official             | Andy Deinert, Mitchell             |
| Native Am. Rep.      | Lance Witte, Lower Brule           |

SDHSAA Staff members present included Randy Soma and Dr. Dan Swartos. Agenda was motioned for approval by Barrios, second by Pudwill; approved unanimously 7-0. Meeting terms and committee terms were reviewed. Soma was selected as the recording secretary.

**Committee action began with review of 2021-22 changes.**

Review Rule Changes for 202-21  
South Dakota Changes

1. Classification changes take effect in 2021 as prescribe.
2. Nine-Man playoffs will be bracketed 1-16 with no relevance to region or re-seeding at any point.

NFHS Changes

1. **2-17-2, 4: Blocking below the waist** in all situations must be immediately following the snap.

Coaches Clinic Report

The Coaches Clinic was held in Rapid City this past year. They had 3-4 different college staffs presenting. Not well attended. Looking for way to increase attendance. Talked about tying in official’s clinic with this clinic to get better attendance and allow officials and coaches to discuss issues and talk about rules.

## Committee Members Report

### Byron Pudwill – 9-man Coaches Rep

- Talked about the start of the season is getting earlier and earlier. Feels August 3<sup>rd</sup> is to early and wants to look at starting the season later
- Talked about the Coaches Box proposal of moving it to the 15-yard line like we did during Covid times.

### Matt Lutz – 11A & B Coach Rep.

- No big items to bring up
- Discussion from coaches on power points and seeding
- His group did not think it was a big deal to move the sideline but liked the idea.

### Kim Nelson – AAA/AA Coach Rep

- Discussion on playing more games (Week 0) Other sports are allowed to play out of state. Wants to get the conversation and discussion going to look at this in the future. Does not need to be used for seeding. Issues could be finding enough teams that could play. This would also include starting their season earlier. The scheduling could become a problem.
- The Tie-breaker procedure sent to all schools
- Rules Meetings with Coaches and officials. Feel football coaches would like this.

### Brent Deboer – Athletic Director

- Classification – Take the top 10 schools make them AAA and then the next 10 and make them AA. Why are we not using this for classification? Discussion – Currently it is approved by the Board on how we classify for Football. It would need to be a change in classification.

### Derek Barrios – Principal/Supt. Rep.

- Concerned about why we move to a 9-game schedule and how that came about. Approved by Board on the number of games played. This went through advisory.
- Traveling Teams in the playoffs – Why do they get paid mileage. We are not currently doing that in all sports.

### Andy Deinert – Official

- Coaches Reviews and Evaluations. Some coaches do a great job and others do not make comments just rate. Would like coaches to do it after a couple of days. Would also like to find a way for officials to be able to review plays and video of all their games. Randy will be checking with Hudl to find out if there is a better way for officials to make request for game film.
- Continue to keep your eyes open for those student athletes that could make good officials and encourage them to get involved with officiating. Many times, coaches have the best opportunity to encourage these athletes/students to get involved.

### Lance Witte - Native Am. Rep.

- Felt their season went well.
- Appreciated the help from the SDHSAA to find officials and appreciated the flexibility of officials to help with all the changes in game times and dates.
- Had a great Championship Weekend down in Vermillion. The SDHSAA and the All Nations Football Conference will need to look at schedules for next year and when they can play their championship games.

### SDHSAA Staff

- Talked about best practices on retaining officials
- Talked about officials evaluating the schools and how that might look

- Discussed riding time for officials and the plan to start implementing that in the near future. A plan will be brought to the AD convention this Spring. Schools should start budgeting for it.
- Discussion on the championship game in regards to the Home side change and the chains and what side they will be on. We will also look at a first down stick across from the chains to assist coaches, officials and fans with first down location.
- Dan Talked about Classification and the 30% free and reduced multiplier that will be brought up at the AD Convention this Spring for a proposal
- Dan talked about the North Dakota Success Factor and had a handout to talk about Classification and Success Factor. Discussion only
  - Success Factor (North Dakota)
    1. Teams shall earn the following point values for the final level of playoffs they achieve as follows:
      - a. Eliminated in Quarterfinals – One (1) point
      - b. Eliminated in Semifinals – Two (2) points
      - c. State Runner-up – Three (3) points
      - d. State Championship – Four (4) Points
    2. Division 11A and 9 B teams achieving twelve (12) points or greater due to playoff success during a four-year period shall move up to the next largest division for the next two seasons
    3. Teams that have achieved eight (8) points or greater due to playoff success during four consecutive years as an opt down team shall move up to the next largest division for the next two seasons.
    4. After participation in a larger division for two years, a team achieving a two-year total playoff success point value of two points or below shall be eligible to move down.
    5. After participation in a larger division for two years, a team achieving a playoff success point value of three or more points shall remain in the same division for the next tow seasons.

## Rule Proposals

1. Extend the Coach's Box from 15 to 15-yard line
  - Last year during COVID-19, Coach's Boxes were extended from the normal 25 to 25-yard lines to the 15 to 15-yard lines. This was done to allow for more distancing on the sidelines. We would like to make it permanent to go from the 15 to 15-yard lines. Motion by: Luze, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pudwill – with the exception that if this rule would affect our voting rights on the NFHS that we would not move this forward. **Motion Carries to Approve with exception. Dr. Swartos called the NFHS and this would affect our voting right at the National level. This proposal will not be moved forward .**
2. Re-instatement of Full Conference Football Scheduling (9-man football)
 

This proposal is to eliminate the wording to require conferences to split into divisions if they have more than 7 members. We would like to allow conferences to go back to full conference play, where-as-in the case of the DVC, we have (9) schools, so we are able to play a full 8 game schedule with in our conference. After discussion this proposal dies for a lack of a motion.
3. 11 AA Seed Points
  - 3 seed point reduction for 11AA schools playing 11A schools or lower
  - 3 seed point bonus points for a 11AA school playing 11AAA schools.
  - Seed point system does not accurately seed the 11AA football due to disparity in strength of schedule amongst schools.

After discussion this proposal dies for a lack of a motion.

Motion to Adjourn (DeBoer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson) Motion carries 7-0