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2025 Gymnastic Advisory Meeting Minutes Via Zoom - Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Committee Members

AA Coach	Callie Aylward, Harrisburg	2026 (1)
A Coach	Dana Nachtigall, Hot Springs	2027 (1)
Ath. Director	Brian Moser, Pierre	2027 (2)
Principal	Mike Duffek, Wagner	2027 (2)
Official	Kelli Hanson, Groton	2025 (1)

1. Sage called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. Callie, Brian and Mike present members. Dana joined the meeting at 10:45 am.
2. Callie Aylward was selected as the recording secretary.
3. Sage gave an overview of the Advisory terms; Kelli Hanson is completing her first term.
4. Review Proposals that passed last year’s SDHSAA Board
 - a) Class AA Qualifying Meet – two sessions. A random draw will be used to determine what teams will participate in each session – draw held at advisory meeting. This will be a rotating meet. The ADs will determine rotation based on interest and availability. Moser spoke on the disadvantage to draw at this time for the next year. Ultimately, we decided to give this format more time.
 - b) Drawing held for the 2025-26 AA Qualifier Meet
 - a. 9:00 am Session: Aberdeen, Harrisburg, Mitchell, Pierre, SF Lincoln, SF Washington
 - b. 2:00 pm Session: Brookings, Huron, O’Gorman, SF Jefferson, SF Roosevelt, Watertown, Yankton
5. State meet review
 - a. A great event – Craig Boyens and Watertown High School staff did a fantastic job. Sage was impressed with how the coaches and athletes interacted – it is unique to gymnastics. We were not able to secure a contract to lease equipment for the meet this year. AD Boyens was able to coordinate moving in equipment, so we had everything we needed. Thanks for the extra effort! Thanks to the judges for their hard work and professionalism. We ask for future state meets that coaches check with the host site before bringing additional matting.
 - d. Next year the State Meet will be held at the new Mitchell High School.
6. AA Coach Aylward Report
 - What was the reason we needed to do modified capital cup at qualifiers? Was it related to Covid?
 - We would need a formal proposal if we want it changed.

- Can we get some type of written clarification for alternates on individual day?
 - Would need a proposal to change.
- When does something need to be a formal proposal v. discussion?
 - If it is a safety concern, we don't necessarily need a formal proposal to make a change.
 - All other items that are asking for a change need to come through a formal proposal.
 - Question on bar matting requirements
 - length is not specified, this is a safety concern
 - This would have to be a proposal to the NFHS.
- Academic All-State Award
 - This is a Coach's Association award so it is not part of the SDHSAA Handbook.
- How are Pods chosen for Invites?
 - Seemed to be competing against same teams and would like to switch it up.
 - ADs typically place teams based on travel time.

7. A Coach Nachtigall Report

- Question on the Region Host Rotation
 - Next year is supposed to be in Vermillion.
 - The rotation should be printed somewhere so everyone knows.
 - Mike Duffek suggested the ADs in those regions need to come up with a rotation.
 - Sage will contact each region and the ADs to help get that figured out.
- In-season qualifying scores
 - Class A feels like the in-season scores should stay the same.
 - Would like to see more awards for individual day. This is not an advisory issue, it has to go through the SDHSAA staff and Board of Directors.
 - At state 8 teams qualify, 6 teams on podium but teams in 7th and 8th don't even get recognized.
 - We will get this added to the announcer's script for team day.

8. AD Brian Moser Report

- State tournament went very well - a lot of positive feedback.
- Point of emphasis: teams should not be bringing their own sound systems (speakers) into any meets.
 - The host school plays the music - this ensures the music is appropriate and legal
 - speakers in the locker room is fine, but not in the competition area or "camp" area
- What do we do if there is bad weather for the qualifiers?
 - Do you use conference meet info?
 - Pre-qualify with three scores - do you go back and look to see who has 2 scores?
 - If you are hosting qualifiers, leave the Monday after open just in case?
- At triangulars and duals -- warm-up time turned into "mini practice sessions"

9. Principal Mike Duffek Report

- He was in favor of using score flippers (formal proposal).
- Agrees that there needs to be a plan in place for inclement weather at qualifiers.

10. SDHAA Staff – Sage

- a. Sage shared with the group the points of discussion from the judges group.
 - Make sure the handbook states the updated rule on jewelry.
 - Incorrect information in the handbook about matting - needs to be updated.
 - Are there specific spots gymnasts need to stand while watching their teammates?
 - only at state because of the camera
 - Otherwise, there aren't any other rules dictating where gymnasts can or cannot stand
 - Judges requested to add a template to include a bye between beam and floor

- We need more information as to why this was requested. Sage will get more details
- b. SDHSAA Report – Sage
 - State meet schedule next year: Class A will be first followed by Class AA.
 - Draw for team rotations at State Meet: 6, 5, 2, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8

11. Proposal brought from Callie Aylward, Harrisburg. All Member schools that sponsor gymnastics will use INSIGHT for scoring at events and/or score submission after events.

Discussion on proposal:

- If this passes, what would we need to put onto Bound?
 - INSIGHT might not have the capability to pull in-season qualifiers or individual day qualifiers - that conversation just hasn't been had with INSIGHT yet
 - If we use INSIGHT, do we need to put scores in Bound for everyone or just the athletes that qualify for in-season
 - We feel like you would only need to enter athletes into Bound who earn qualifying scores
- Motion by Moser, second by Duffek to move proposal forward. Voice-vote passed.

12. Review Handbook: The group feels like this will be time consuming and would like to form a sub-committee to work on this at a later time. Aylward, Nachtigall, and Moser all agreed to be part of the group. We will also review the State Meet host protocols at that time as well. The handbook review will be on Monday, March 17th at 10:30 am CT via Zoom.

13. Advisory Meeting date next year - Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

14. Motion by Moser, second by Nachtigall to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm.