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In- and Out-of-Season/AD Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 - 10:30 AM

via -Zoom

Committee Members:

AA Representatives: Craig Boyens, Jordan Bauer, Jeff Dvorak

A Representatives: Andrea Johnson, Francis Big Crow, Matt Dykstra

B Representatives: Josh Anderson, Doug Edberg, Nora Groft

Matt Dykstra was not in attendance

Motion by Bauer, 2nd by Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion Carries

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am with all members present; Kristina Sage, Dan Swartos and Randy Soma were present for the SDHSAA Executive Staff. Randy Soma reviewed the operations of the committee and a review of the minutes from 2024 and committee members responsibilities and terms. Josh Anderson will be replaced as he has served for 2 terms on this committee. We thank him for his service. Nora Groft will continue with this committee as she replaced a member who did not finish their term. This would be her first term and would end in 2028. Matt Dykstra was unable to attend.

Review of Changes for 2024-25 School Year to Out-of-Season and other pertinent items –Additions and subtractions are attached to the end of this document.

Discussion Items from Committee

- **No Concerns from Class B Representatives**
- **Class AA Representatives discussion**
 - **Practice during the season with non-high school athletes**
 - Can a college student return during winter break help in the practice room
 - Schools cannot practice with non-team members. Liability issue with schools
 - Two runners attending Howard Wood Relay run together are considered team practice and can they do that.
 - Pole Vault – If a couple communities do not have a qualified person to coach pole vault can they use one coach between all the schools without calling it a coop.
 - Dan will be doing some more research on this item to see if this is something we can look at allowing.
 - **Volunteer Coaches**
 - Is anyone having issues with keeping coaches or making them volunteer because they want to help their child in a AAU program or get paid more to do that. What is the appetite to allow

coaches to coach our sport in season then allow them to coach with the AAU when the season is over.

- **No Concerns from Class A Representatives**
- **SDHSAA Staff**
 - Wrestling OPC – Do we consider the OPC date as the first date of practice and athletes reporting to practice.
 - This is considered similar to getting your physical in the spring or summer. Considered a Medical requirements. This does not count as the start of practice.
 - Penalty for in season competition – participating in more events than allowed (Fine and probation 1st offense, 2nd offense?)
 - Fine, Probation, forfeiture (standard penalty)
 - Right now, it is a violation of Article 9 Section 4 of the constitution.
 - **SECTION 4. UNAPPROVED CONTESTS, MEETS, OR TOURNAMENTS.** A member school shall not sponsor nor enter a team or contestants in any contest, meet, or tournament that has not been sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Any member school that violates this regulation shall be liable to discipline, including reprimand, monetary fine, or temporary suspension, by the Board of Directors.
 - Leave it up to the Board because each situation can be different.
 - Athletes going to club practices during the regular season.
 - Club Team Definition – We need to make sure we have this further defined on what is and is not allowed.
- **Review of Proposals for change for recommendation to SDIAAA & SDHSAA Board of Directors**
 1. Expansion of allowable contacts – **This proposal has been tabled.**
 - Expand “Four Contact Rule” to Ten allowable contacts from Sports Season End to Sport Season Start in a respective sport

Discussion

- Allowing coaches to have ten contacts instead of four starting once the season has ended. Being able to coach year-round. This would then allow more control over a JO or club sport and turning them over to non-school sponsored entities.
- Is this more for individual than team?
- Concerns of coaches just coaching one sport so they can do this year-round instead of coaching for the school in other sports and athletes not going out for more sports.
- The purpose of our association is to offer fine arts and sports that supplement a student’s high school education. Educational based athletics and Fines Arts are first and foremost and club and associations are for their sport and their sport only. Our intention for out of season rules is protecting each season for those sports or activities. Our hope is that with this protection we are allowing athletes to participate in more than one sport or activity.
- This may affect smaller schools more than the larger schools. Parents are expecting parents to use all 4 contacts already and feel this is a big expectation.
- Small schools do not have open gyms during the out-of-season and during the school year.
- What do other states do. What about the Open Gyms and looking at a change in this. Dan will bring back information on both.
- We need to look at private lessons and see if that can be opened up or changed.
- We will do a study on the private lessons and open gyms.

- We will put a committee (small school and large school) together to look at open gyms.
 - Committee Members
 - Jordan Bauer
 - Scott DeBoer
 - Nora Groft

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: Edberg and 2nd to Boyens