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SOCCKER ADVISORY AGENDA

Meeting: October 30, 2024 (Via – Zoom) 1:30pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84672215306>

Soccer Advisory Committee Members:

'AA' Coach Rep.	Ryan Beier, Harrisburg	2026 (2)
'A' Coach Rep.	Curt Nelson, Vermillion	2026 (2)
Athletic Director	Kevin Steckler, Garretson	2026 (1)
Superintendent	Dr. Steve Willard, Belle Fourche	2025 (2)
Official	Nicole Hovdestad, Sioux Falls	2026 (1)

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Select Recording Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities
5. Review Rule Changes for 2024-25
 - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes
 - i. **Class A playoff format:** The top eight teams with the highest seed point averages at the end of the regular season will advance to post-season play.
 - b. NFHS Rule Changes
 - i. **3-3-2b (2,3) (NEW):** Permits the referee to stop the clock to review game situations at any time without negatively impacting a player's ability to remain in the game.
Rationale: This rule change affords the ability for the referee to stop the clock and review situations without negatively affecting a player's ability to remain in the game. However, once the referee beckons medical professional or coach onto the field to further assess, the player must leave the field of play.
 - ii. **3-3-7:** Clarifies where a player should re-enter the game to avoid confusion.
Rationale: This rule change clarifies that a player should re-enter the game from the official area at midfield. This avoids potential confusion as to who is or is not in the game.
 - iii. **3-4-1e (NEW):** Clarifies players should exit the field on the bench side unless unable to do so due to injury.
Rationale: To assist the officials in the managing of substitutions, players should exit the field from the bench side when the substitute(s) are beckoned on by the referee unless the player(s) is unable to do so because of an injury. This avoids unnecessary interaction with opposing teams and fans and minimizes the potential for unsporting behavior.
 - iv. **4-2-12 (NEW):** Defines how wearable technology devices may be worn.
Rationale: Sets a national standard for wearable technology. This change clarifies that these devices may be worn as a part of the shoe and/or under the uniform but not worn on the arm. Coaches and players are still not permitted to utilize technology to communicate during the game.

- v. **Rule 4 Reorganization:** Adjusts the structure of the uniform rule to offer clarity.
Rationale: The reorganization of the uniform rule breaks up the rule into bite-size pieces that are easier for coaches and officials to apply.
- vi. **11-1-5 (NEW):** Defines deliberately playing the ball to clarify the existing rules.
Rationale: Defines the criteria for deliberately playing the ball when determining an offside infraction.
- vii. **12-1-1 thru 3 (NEW), 18-1-1:** Clarifies various foul categories and defines the seven direct free kick fouls to provide consistency.
Rationale: The new article in Rule 12 and added definitions to Rule 18 define the seven direct free kick fouls and provide consistency for officials interpreting misconduct.
- viii. **12-3-2, 3 (NEW):** Clarifies that neither accidental nor deliberate hand/arm contact can result in a goal.
Rationale: The new articles eliminate the necessity for the referee to determine if the hand/arm contact was accidental or deliberate. Now, neither accidental nor deliberate contact with the hand/arm result in a goal for greater consistency and ease of interpretation.
- ix. **12-8-5 (NEW):** Offers clarity regarding goalkeeper handling not permitted outside and inside the penalty area.
Rationale: Adding language and direction for officials regarding goalkeeper handling outside the penalty area and inside the penalty area when they are not permitted to handle the ball.
- x. **12-9-4(NEW), 12-8-1f(14, 15), 12-8-2d (3,4):** Defines considerations of denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO).
Rationale: This rule defines the considerations of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to provide additional consistency and clarity for referees.

6. 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
Curt Nelson
Ryan Beier
- b. Administrative Reps
Kevin Steckler
Dr. Steve Willard
- c. Official Reps
Nicole Hovdestad
- d. SDHSAA Representatives

7. Proposals

- a. 1 - Seed Points
- b. 2- Final Four
- c. 3 – 3rd & Fourth Place Games

8. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for Soccer

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

10. Adjourn

Proposal #1

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

Title of Proposal: AA Soccer Seed Points Adjustment

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

- ☐ Class B
☒ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

Class AA teams will receive the following seed points for contests played against Class A opponents.

- Class A Opponent (.50 - 1.0) win percentage: Win = 44 points, Tie = 38.5 points, Loss = 33 points.

- Class A Opponent (0.00 - .499) win percentage: Win = 41 points, Tie = 35.5 points, Loss = 30 points

Rationale for Rule Change:

There is a significant difference between the quality of A and AA soccer. This past season and in seasons past, certain AA schools have competed against A schools and earned 44, 47, or even 50 points multiple times by competing with A schools. If the point system is allowed to stay the same where there is only a 2 point deduction after the 5th contest with a A school, it is much in the favor of AA schools to schedule as many single A contests as possible. As these will provide better matchups for the AA schools and will reward them with at least equal or even potentially more seed points than playing AA schools. You can look at scores from this past season and see that AA contests against the top A schools are more favorable than contests with mid table AA schools, yet the AA contests against the top A schools reward more points.

Reece Weber & Adam Juba

Print Coach Name

Brookings

Member School

Coach Signature

Print Athletic Director Name

BROOKINGS

Member School

Athletic Director Signature

Seed Points Formula (Current)

* Seed points awarded based on opponent's win percentage (opponent's wins divided by opponent's number of games played):

Opponent Win Percentage	Points For Win	Points For Loss	Points For
0.75 - 1.00	50	39	44.5
0.50 - 0.749	47	36	41.5
0.25 - 0.499	44	33	38.5
0.00 - 0.249	41	30	35.5

- Class AA teams are deducted two points for each contest played against a Class A opponent starting with the fifth such game
- Class A teams will receive an additional two points for each contest played against a Class AA opponent
- Contests played against non-varsity opponents do not count towards seed points
- A team's seed points average is determined by dividing the total number of seed points earned by the total number of contests played against varsity opponents (regardless of the opponent's classification)

Proposal #2



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Title of Proposal: Final Four

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

- ☐ Class B
☐ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

I would like to propose a final four game. The teams would play in the quarterfinals on that Saturday. The teams that win in the quarterfinals would have the full week for recovery and preparation for the "final four". The top four teams would all play on Friday at the state venue and then all play on Saturday as well. Winners of Friday's game would be playing for the state championship on Saturday and the losers on Friday, would play for 3rd and 4th on the Saturday before the championship game. There would be 4 AA games on Friday and 4 AA games on Saturday.

Rationale for Rule Change:

This would act as more of a state tournament for the student athletes. I think being top 4 is a huge accomplishment and I think the 3rd and 4th place teams should get recognized as well. This is more exciting for the student athletes.

<u>Cori Bonce</u> Print Coach Name	<u>Roosevelt High School</u> Member School	<u>[Signature]</u> Coach Signature
<u>Steve Moore</u> Print Athletic Director Name	<u>Roosevelt High School</u> Member School	<u>AB.</u> Athletic Director Signature

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Title of Proposal: 3rd and 4th place games

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

- ☐ Class B
☐ Class A
☒ Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

I would like to change the end of the season play so the losing teams of the semifinal game get another game to play. They would be playing for 3rd and 4th place. The semifinal game will still happen on that Tuesday and the Championship game will still happen on the following Saturday. Could we propose to have the 3rd and 4th place game on Friday at the same venue as the state championship. If the schools allow, it would be a great time for the 3rd and 4th place teams to stay the night and watch the championship game. This would get more coaches to the final game as well. Games times could be the same as they are for the final championship games but on the Friday before.

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