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2024 Volleyball Advisory Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024 -- 10:30 a.m. CT

“AA” Coach:	Kevin Vanderwal, SF Roosevelt	2026 (2)
“A” Coach:	Darcy Deinert, MV/Plankinton	2025 (2)
“B” Coach:	Jordan Opp, Hitchcock-Tulare	2027 (1)
Athletic Director:	Mandie Menzel, Phillip	2025 (2)
Supt/Principal:	Julie Eppard, Chester	2027 (1)
Official:	Nick Huntimer, Madison	2027 (1)
Native Am. Rep:	Nellie Long, Pine Ridge	2027 (2)

1. Welcome – Sage welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Committee members all present except Nellie Long. SDHSAA staff attending were Randy Soma and Dan Swartos.
2. Approve the agenda – Motion by Opp, second by Eppard to approve the agenda. Voice-vote passed.
3. Procedure for the meeting – Sage explained the meeting procedures and that the committee would bring proposals forward for the membership to consider at the AD Conference in April and the next step is the BOD would have two readings on the proposals that the AD group brings forward.
4. Select a Recording Secretary - Deinert
5. Review Advisory Committee membership, terms, duties and responsibilities: No terms expiring this year. We welcome new members – Opp, Eppard and Huntimer.
6. Approve the minutes from last year’s meeting – motion by Menzel, seconded by Opp. Voice-vote passed.
7. Proposals that passed the SDHSAA Board: We had no proposals from last year that passed the AD Conf./BOD.
 - a. Play SoDak contests at high seed. Voted down.
8. State Volleyball Tournament report/review. Favorable comments concerning the tournament at the Premier Center...an overall good review. Facility issues solved and went much better. Discussed having concession stand open longer. Discussed starting Saturday’s schedule earlier – such as 10:00 am and 4:30 pm – this would give us a better chance of starting the Championship games on time. Discussed having officials awards on a different day or time as it got lengthy causing teams to stand around after warming up.
9. Advisory Committee Member reports:

- a. B Report – Jordan Opp – nothing to report outside of proposal.
 - i. Proposal #2
- b. A Report – Darcy Deinert – Expressed concerns with open enrollment and asked about the open enrollment policy and if it could be stricter like in North Dakota.
- c. AA Report- Kevin Vanderwal – nothing the report from the AA world.
 - i. Proposal #1
- d. AD – Mandie Menzel – Topics discussed: a) only top 8 teams playing in the Region Tournament vs. 9, 10 or 11 teams – they have had some teams drop out at the last minute; b) require officials to practice line-judging at some point in the season prior to the region tourney; c) court dimensions stated on page 17 of the handbook where region requirements are listed – could it state 23 feet required instead of preferred. (this language comes from the NFHS rule book); d) 7th and 8th place game of State Tourney play 2 out of 3 instead of best of 5 --- discussion of why shorten the match for volleyball if the others sports do not shorten the time/quarters – in the sport of wrestling they do shorten on the last day of tourney...but they wrestle more than one match per day.
 - i. Proposal #3
- e. Official – Nick Huntimer – Reported that we had over 300 volleyball officials this season. There has been some frustration with the fabric of the uniform shirt.
- f. Principal- Julie Eppard – Discussed the possibility of a Super Region vs. SoDak 16 – this would keep matches in closer proximity of home and reduce cost and travel.
 - i. Proposal #4
- g. SDHSAA- Kristina Sage – Rule change with alternating sides was good for line judges. NFHS handbook rule with fans standing on the playing area vs. fans sitting in front row. Clarification that you can sit in the first row...but can't stand on the playing surface. Would ask for host schools to continue to administer this at the local level. One of the SD modifications from NFHS rules is that we do not allow pre-wrap in hair – could we start to allow this in our state? The group approved the change as long as it follows the rule to be the predominant color of the uniform. Clarification will be made in the handbook that junior-high matches count towards the 7-set limitation rule.

10. Overview of Proposals:

- a. Proposal #1 – Kevin Vanderwal. Moving the weekend of the state volleyball tournament. Discussion on this included: would the season start earlier; Title IX issue with season being shorter; Could be good for SD to have different dates for state tournaments compared to NE, IA and MN for recruiting purposes; volleyball being played all year long is causing trouble with girls playing basketball; Concern with venue contracts that are made four or five years out and that the large venues are needed for All-State Chorus and Orchestra; this would affect 400 volleyball athletes vs. 1,100 chorus and orchestra participants; football groups to not want to have playoff games on Thursday due to school the next day and distance traveled. No motion to proceed.
- b. Proposal #2 – Jordan Opp. Round of 32 for Class B and Class A. Discussion on this included: there are regions that have more than two good teams that are deserving of advancing to the SoDak 16 round and or state tournament and they have to face each other in the region tourney; This would make the SoDak 16 and state tournament more exciting for fans; it was determined that teams would be reseeded after region and after Round of 32; Changing the SoDak 16 to 32 does not give the state proper representation – the state tournament this year had teams in all areas of the state and competitive games for fans; a SoDak 32 could encourage more open enrollment; the Sioux Falls area has more opportunities for lessons/camps for kids and can impact schools stacking teams and enrolling in other school districts to improve a team or increase individual playing time; the smaller A schools already fight to have enough players to compete against the larger Class A schools. Motion by Opp to move proposal forward; motion died due to lack of a second.
- c. Proposal #3 – Mandie Menzel. Round of 32 for Class A. Jake Versteeg, the author of the proposal expressed the goal is to give the best teams the best chance and to allow kids to experience the state tournament. Much of the same discussion from the previous and similar proposal. Possible dates for the Round of 32 matches would conflict with 11-man football playoffs. No motion to move proposal forward.

d. Proposal #4 – Julie Eppard. High seed host for SoDak 16. We use this format in soccer, football and softball – an opportunity for consistency. Discussion on making every match count to fight to be the higher seed and host that match; AA schools do this now; Financial reason to help get cost down. We have battled this in years past somewhat due to concern of host sites that don't meet the required accommodations. Motion by Eppard, second by Vanderwal. Voice-vote passed. This proposal will be moved forward to the AD Conference. (attached)

11. Other items for discussion: Starting games on time for the Championship Round of state tourney; Having awards at State Tournament shortened or moved to a different time; talking to the coaches' association and officials' association about other possible times for awards.

12. Motion by Eppard, second by Deinert to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Sage
Assistant Executive Director

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.

Basketball	Football	Soccer	<u>Volleyball</u>
Comp. Cheer	Golf	Softball	Wrestling
Comp Dance	Gymnastics	Tennis	In-/Out-of-Season
Cross Country/Track			

Title of Proposal: High Seed Hosts SoDak16 contests

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

Class B
 Class A
 Class AA

Proposed Rule Change:

High seed to host SoDak16 contests
Mileage will be paid at .67/mile (round trip)

Host site must meet the minimum accommodations of:

- a) Minimum ceiling height of 23 ft. without obstruction
- b) 700 seating capacity

If these gym requirements cannot be met by the host site, the host site will determine a site that is no further in travel distance than the host site for the contest.

The committee would like to try this for a year and review the data.

Rationale for Rule Change:

*Football, Soccer and Softball all travel to the high seed to play contests. It would make sense to keep it consistent in our team sports.

9-man football travels to host sites for three rounds of their football playoffs.

Many SoDak16 Contests continue to lose money – guaranteeing one side with great attendance to help with financials.

Makes every game count for the seed points in order to be in a position to host.

Print Coach Name

Member School

Coach Signature

Julie Espand
Print Athletic Director Name

Chester
Member School

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Athletic Director Signature