

Basketball

1. Move first allowable girls' practices to begin one week earlier than current rule allows, Monday, Wk. 21 (Nov. 23, 2020) with first allowable contest on Friday, Wk. 22 (Dec. 4, 2020) See chart below.
Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor.

AD VOTE 108 YES, 31 NO

Rationale: Committee felt that due to the combine tournament being eliminated, the girls now are left with a season that is one week shorter than the boys and needed to be addressed. SDHSAA staff will also bring forward a Constitutional Amendment change, to lower the number of required practices before the first contest date to five (5) to equal what is currently allowed for fall tennis and golf. The above proposal would then allow girls teams to start practice knowing that your team must complete 5 team practices prior to that first allowable contest.

2. Move the first allowable contest date for Boys' basketball to Thursday of Wk. 23 (Dec. 10, 2020) See chart below.
Committee vote: 7-0 in favor

AD VOTE 121 YES, 18 NO

Rationale: With the possibility of the proposed Constitutional Change from 10 days of practice to 5, this would allow for an earlier competition date by one day.

	<u>Class B Girls</u>	<u>Class B Boys</u>	<u>Class A Girls</u>	<u>Class A Boys</u>	<u>Class AA Girls</u>	<u>Class AA Boys</u>
First Allowable Practice	Monday, Wk. 21 November 23	Monday, Wk. 22 November 30	Monday, Wk. 21 November 23	Monday, Wk. 22 November 30	Monday, Wk. 21 November 23	Monday, Wk. 22 November 30
First Allowable Contest	Thursday, Wk. 22 December 3	Thursday, Wk. 23 December 10	Thursday, Wk. 22 December 3	Thursday, Wk. 23 December 10	Thursday, Wk. 22 December 3	Thursday, Wk. 23 December 10
Seed Points calculated through	Friday, Wk. 33 February 19	Friday, Wk. 34 February 26	Friday, Wk. 33 February 19	Friday, Wk. 34 February 26	Monday, Wk. 35 March 1	Tuesday, Wk. 35 March 2
Region Dates	Wk. 34: M/Tues/Th * 2/22; 2/23; 2/25; SoDak 16: 3/4	Wk. 35: M/Tues/Fr *3/1; 3/2; 3/5; SoDak 16: 3/9	Wk. 34: Tues/Th *2/23, 2/25; SoDak 16: 3/4	Wk. 35: Tues/Fr *3/2; 3/5 SoDak 16: 3/9	<i>None needed</i>	<i>None needed</i>
SoDak 16					SoDak 16: 3/5	SoDak 16: 3/6
Region Completed	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 6	Wed., Wk. 36 March 10	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 6	Wed., Wk. 36 March 10*	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 6	Wed., Wk. 36 March 10
State Tournament	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 36 March 11-12-13	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 18-19-20	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 36 March 11-12-13	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 18-19-20	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 36 March 11-12-13	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 18-19-20
Season Ends	Saturday, Wk. 36 March 13	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 20	Saturday, Wk. 36 March 13	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 20	Saturday, Wk. 36 March 13	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 20

3. Eliminate restriction on pre-wrap as a hair control device. (Follow the NFHS rule with color restrictions applying)
Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor.

AD VOTE 103 YES, 36 NO

4. Continue with SoDak16 contest being played at a neutral site for Class A and Class B, however direct SDHSAA staff to select sites that are in closer proximity to the higher seed for each contest.
Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

AD VOTE 63 YES, 48 NO (31-14 yea in "A", 31-33 nay in "B")

Rationale: It is becoming more difficult to find sites at the midway point for each team to travel and committee felt that the higher seeds should have consideration given to a neutral site nearer the higher seed as they have earned that spot.

5. AA Discussion: Mercy rule interpretation for Class AA vs. Class A or Class B schools- By mutual agreement prior to the start of the contest, by both teams, the mercy rule may be used.

AD VOTE 121 YES, 18 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendations: Approve all five changes as proposed for basketball. Guidance on #4 is needed by SDHSAA Staff to continue to make site determinations that was never formalized in past.

Competitive Cheer/Competitive Dance/Sideline Cheer

Competitive Cheer and Dance

1. Minor changes to the Safety Scoresheet changes for both Cheer and Dance See Exhibit #1, to clarify deductions.
Committee Vote: 10-0 in favor

AD VOTE: 42 YES, 0 NO

Competitive Cheer Only:

1. If a team has two or less male competitors, the team will compete in the St/Tumbling Category. If a team is made up of three or more male competitors, they must compete in the Co-ed Division of St/Tumbling bringing cheer to two categories: St/Tumbling and Co-ed St/Tumbling. The category of Co-ed will be one class only.
For the category of Co-ed St/Tumbling to compete for the Overall Co-ed Grand Champion, there must be a minimum of four Co-ed teams entered. Awards for the Co-ed Division will be awarded based on the number of teams competing as listed in the SDHSAA handbook on pg. 9.
Note: St/Tumbling teams during the regular season (both St/Tumbling and Co-ed St/Tumbling) will compete in one category with the team placements in one category.
Committee Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Rationale: We have male competitors that may wish to compete and we need to provide them the opportunity.

AD VOTE **31 YES, 8 NO**

2. Rubric Changes and Clarifications see Exhibit #1.
Committee Vote: Unanimously in favor.

AD VOTE **40 YES, 0 NO**

Competitive Dance Only:

1. Competitive Dance will have one safety judge and recommends having 4 performance judges during the regular season. State will have 1 safety and 4 performance judges.
Committee Vote: Unanimously in favor.

AD VOTE **32 YES, 1 NO**

2. In Class A Dance at State, teams will competition two of the four dance styles to be eligible for Grand Champion. Those two scores will be averaged to determine the Grand Champion. During the regular season, teams may compete in three categories, is they so choose, with the three scores being averaged to determine your overall winner.
Note: At mixed competitions, host sites shall average the A and AA scores accordingly.

Committee Vote: Unanimously in favor.

AD VOTE: **17 YES, 2 NO**

Rationale: The group feels that keeping 4 categories of dance in important, but coaches would compete in two at the state level. This would help cut down on costs for choreography, uniforms, etc.

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Approval of all changes for Competitive Cheer and Dance as submitted.

EXHIBIT 1

SDHSAA Safety Score Sheet

School: _____

AA A

Category: _____ Small Large

Infractions	Points (per occurrence)	Location of Violation (stage left)	Explanation/ Rule Reference	Deductions
Tumbling/Dance Fall(s) – Individual Athlete Examples: fall/land to weight bearing position during tumbling, jumps or other skills	1 point	___L ___C ___R		
Jewelry or Improper Uniforms Illegal braces, supports, casts, undergarments	5 points			
Fingernails, hair, glitter	1 point			
Boundary Violation ONE ENTIRE weight-bearing hand, foot or body part is completely outside of the performance surface	1 point per athlete	__Left __Right __Front __Back		
Props Thrown (flick of wrist)/Stepping on - out of skill/stunt (1); Slipping & Falling out of skill/stunt (5)	1 or 5 point /occurrence	___L ___C ___R		
Collision	1 point	___L ___C ___R		
Unnecessary Delay Team not in the on-deck area when announced No chants/cheers in on-deck area or after announced	10 point			
Time Limits (Music & Overall) 1-3 seconds under/over time 4-8 seconds under/over time 9 or more seconds under/over time	Warning 5 points 10 points			
Minor Fall(s) – Stunting Drop from an individual stunt to load in, cradle, prone or flatback. The top becoming weight bearing on the spot, a base or spot landing on the ground, or if the top is brought to the performance surface in a controlled manner.	2 points	___L ___C ___R		
Major Fall(s) – Stunting Drop from an individual stunt to a compromising position. The top person falling to the ground in an uncontrolled manor, or multiple bases, or base or spot landing on the ground.	10 points	___L ___C ___R		
Safety Violation Incorrect/Illegal skill performed Inattentive spotting Illegal bracers/supports/posts	10 points	___L ___C ___R		
Unacceptable conduct Being disrespectful (profanity not direct towards someone, etc.)	40pts	___L ___C ___R		
Unsportsmanlike Conduct Vulgar or suggestive choreography, using profanity. Must be suitable for family viewing.	Team DQ day of competition			
TOTAL:				

	Exhibit 2	CHEER RUBRIC				
	Jumps	Standing Tumbling	Running Tumbling	Stunting	Tosses	Pyramids
1 Point	Single Jump	Forward & Backwards Rolls	Cartwheel/ Roundoff	Prep Level Double Leg Stunts Basic Load-ins, Transitions & Dismounts (Straight Cradle)	Straight Toss Basket	Prep Level Double or Single Leg Structure with... -one structure
2 Points	2 connected jumps	Cartwheels, Round-Offs, Back Walkovers Front Walkover	Aerial & Roundoff Roundoff	Prep Level Sing Leg Stunts Extended Double Leg Stunts- Basic Load-ins, Transitions & Dismounts (½ up to prep, Full Downs)	One Skill, Non-Twisting Basket	Extended Double Leg Structure with... -a top person in an extended position - one structure
3 Points	3 connected jumps (with at least one repeating) (same jump) (3.5 if any connected to tumbling)	Back Handspring & Back Handspring Series (3.5 for Aerial)	BH Series/ Front-Hand Series Side Aerial	Extended Single Leg Stunt & Single Base Prep-Level Stunts with Some Variety in Load-ins, Transitions & Dismounts (Liberty, Full-up to Prep, Full Downs, Tumbling into Stunts w/o rebound in, etc).	Full Twist Basket	Extended Single Leg Structures with... - a top person in an extended position - one release transitions - one inversion - one structure
4 Points	3 different connected jumps (With one repeating) (4.5 if majority connected to back handspring)	Back Tuck Jump with Back Handspring	Roundoff BH Tuck Roundoff Front Tucks Tuck Series- any running series that includes a tuck. Front Aerial	Advanced Extended Single Leg Stunts & Single Base Extended Level Stunts with Advanced Transitions/Dismounts- (Stretch, Scale, Scorpion, Arabesque, Bow & Arrow) (1/2 up to extension, Full Downs, Tumbling with rebound in, etc)	Two Skills, Non-Twisting Basket	Extended Single Leg Structures with... - a top person in an extended position -two release transitions - two inversions -two structure changes
5 Points	3 different connected jumps connected to Back-hand Tucks or Standing Tucks (majority of squad)	Back-Hand Tuck Sequence Jump with Tuck	Roundoff BH Layout Roundoff BH Full Front Layout	Connected Advanced Extended Single Leg Stunts & Single Base Extended Level Single Leg Stunts with Elite Transitions/Dismounts (Full-ups, Switch-ups, Fold-Overs, Kick-Fulls, etc)	One Skill + Full Twist Basket	Extended Single Leg Structures with... - a variety of top people in extended positions - two release transitions - three or more inversions -three or more structure changes - quick transitions
NOTES:		*NOTE: Teams doing a majority of a skill, but with some advanced skills will receive an additional .5	*NOTE: Teams doing a majority of a skill, but with some advanced skills will receive an additional .5	Teams doing the above skills with a majority ratio of their team members will receive the given points. Teams with any additional higher skills added will receive an additional .5	Teams doing the above skills with a majority ratio of their team members will receive the given points. Teams with any additional higher skills added will receive an additional .5	Teams maximizing the number of team members doing a skill or structure without front spots will receive an additional .5 for the skill(s) performed.

Football

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1. (First allowable practice – AAA/AA/A) Change the “First Allowable Practice Date” for 11AAA, 11AA and 11A football to Monday of NFHS Week 6 (August 10, 2020 vs current August 13, 2020).

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: Coaches at all levels have shared concerns about having ample practice opportunities with their student athletes and their ability to safely prepare them for first contests. The three additional days are not mandatory, but do allow the entire battery of Heat Acclimatization requirements to be met within a calendar week.

AD VOTE: 36 YES, 13 NO

2. (First allowable practice – 11B & 9-Man) Change the “First Allowable Practice Date” for 11B and Nine-Man Football to Thursday of NFHS Week 5 (August 6, 2020 vs current August 10, 2020).

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: As in the previous proposal, coaches at all levels have shared concerns about having ample practice opportunities with their student athletes and their ability to safely prepare them for first contests. These three additional days (Thurs-Fri-Sat) are not mandatory, and would match the amount of preseason time that coaches would have with their athletes as they did in 2015, prior to the SDHSAA Calendar Committee’s changes being implemented.

AD VOTE: 79 YES, 32 NO

3. (Ten-Percent Rule Amendment) Change the language of the current “Ten-Percent Rule” for classifying teams playing as cooperatives to a “Twenty-Percent Rule.” The new factor of 20% would be used when calculating a co-operative’s total enrollment.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: The committee discussed several options of amending the 10% rule, including removing it altogether, changing the factor, or other options in determining the fairness and equity of the rule. This change potentially more accurately reflects the counting of the ‘satellite (smaller)’ school’s enrollment, especially in situations where a significant number of athletes participate for the co-op’s team.

AD VOTE: 84 YES, 33 NO

4. (Classification System) Adopt a Five-Class system as follows, to begin with the next reclassification cycle:
 - a. Class 11AA – To include the nine largest schools by Male-Only ADM and O’Gorman HS (due to O’Gorman’s continued indication of desire to be in the classification of largest schools), which would play a nine-game schedule and an eight team postseason
 - b. Class 11A – To include the next sixteen largest schools by Male-Only ADM, which would play a nine-game schedule and eight team postseason

- c. Class 11B – To include all remaining schools with a Male-Only ADM of 56.001 and greater, which would play an eight-game schedule and sixteen team postseason
 - d. Class 9A – To include the top half of all nine-man teams by Male-Only ADM, which would play an eight-game schedule and sixteen team postseason
 - e. Class 9B – To include all remaining nine-man teams, which would play an eight-game schedule and sixteen team postseason
- Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: Multiple proposals from multiple parties were submitted to the committee members and SDHSAA office prior to the meeting, including a thorough review and discussion at the SDFBCA meetings in Brookings held in conjunction with the championships. The committee held extensive discussion on the classification system, but noted that since expanding in 1999 to six classes (three 11-man, three 9-man), SDHSAA-sanctioned football has 33 fewer teams (159 in 1999, 126 last year) without any retraction of classifications.

AD VOTE: Total Vote - 58 YES, 77 NO (includes multiple votes from co-ops)

By Class, with “split” and “multiple” votes from a co-op thrown out:

11Man – AAA: 7-3 in favor, AA: 6-2 in favor, A: 7-7 split, B: 8-12 opposed

9Man – AA: 6-12 opposed, A: 6-10 opposed, B: 6-14 opposed

Accurate Totals: 46-60 Opposed overall;

11-Man 28-24 in favor; 9-Man 18-36 opposed

- 5. (Mercy Rule – AAA/AA) Classes AAA & AA would implement the running-clock rule for contests among AAA/AA opponents, such that any game where the lead is 35 points or greater after halftime, a running clock would be used for the remainder of the game, including postseason.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: Coaches and administrators have reviewed this rule in the past, but feel that the large-school group is ready for this change at this time.

AD VOTE: 41 YES, 1 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass all five proposals as submitted for football. While not favored by a majority of the Athletic Directors, the proposal on classification is needed to address issues throughout SDHSAA football. Some action will be necessary to ensure schedules can be built and full playoff brackets exist for the 2021-22 season given population shift and other changing dynamics; after reviewing multiple options to address these issues since the 2019 Football Advisory meeting, the proposal as submitted won the favor of the most coaches at the Coaches’ Association meetings in Brookings as well as at the Advisory Level, and therefore, has SDHSAA Staff Support for implementation to address these multi-faceted issues.

Golf

1. (AA Coaching) Allow Class AA Teams two coaches on-course coaching abilities, provided those individuals have met SDHSAA Coaching Requirements under current guidelines.
Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: AA programs feel they now most, if not all, have two coaches on staff present at State Tournaments anyway and could provide volunteers for other duties that may arise during State Championship play. Coaches would still only be able to coach tee-to-green and not provide help lining up putts, etc., on the green.

AD VOTE: 24 YES, 0 NO

2. (AA Pairings – State Championships) Class AA Day Two Championship Pairings would implement a “combination” system, where the next eight best individual scores from athletes not on the top four teams after day one would be immediately before Team Leaders on Day Two in pairings. (See attached example)
Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: AA Coaches have enjoyed the wave system that is used and conducive to coaching, however, have wanted to see a change such as this implemented to allow those in the hunt for the individual championship an opportunity to play in a more closely-aligned pairing. Teams may have athletes somewhat more spread out across the course with this change, but would perhaps be more equitable in terms of timing of pairings of the individual leaders.

AD VOTE: 23 YES, 0 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass both proposals as submitted for Golf.

COMBINATION TEE TIME PROPOSAL

At Day Two of the State AA Golf Tournament, team waves will be kept as stated in the SDHSAA Handbook, with the following changes to current policy:

- The ‘reverse horseshoe’ method for team waves will remain, however,
- The top eight scores from golfers whose team is not in the top four after Day One will play in pairings inserted into the final team wave based on those individual scores
 - Maximum of Two per Team will be “bumped up” into these pairings
 - The groups of low individuals would be placed within the team wave as they fit with the scores from Teams 1-4
- This change would allow the likely Individual Championship contenders to play in successive order on Day Two, but also allows the team wave concept to remain in place
- SDHSAA Staff would work to consolidate other pairings to ensure expedient play

Sample Illustration:

Day Two Pairings:			
Hole One		Hole Ten	
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Teams 5-8, Golfers 6-1	9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Teams 9-12, Golfers 6-1
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	Teams 1-4, Golfers 6-2	10:00 AM – Finish	Teams 13-18, Golfers 6-1
10:50 AM (or best fit)	Next Four best Individuals, Teams 5-18		
11:00 AM (or best fit)	Four best Individuals, Teams 5-18		
11:10 AM	Teams 1-4, Golfer #1		

2019 AA Boys Example (those in Pink time highlight were groups of individuals ‘bumped up’):

DAY 2 Paired by Team Score - Top 8 scorers from Teams 5-18 play in with Teams 1-4 wave - 18 Teams									
8:00		Tobin (97)	Engstrom (96)	Shawd (100)		8:00	Larson (104)	Anderson (91)	Strawn (109)
8:10	Velek (93)	Grau (94)	Mahowald (88)	Lucas (90)		8:10	Hazledine (112)	Kelling (91)	Knuth (106)
8:20	Frick (86)	Dohrer (85)	Norberg (87)	Scott (86)		8:20	Childs (96)	Rasmussen (95)	Meyer (87)
8:30	Hacecky (82)	Dorsett (80)	Olson (84)	Hatch (83)		8:30	Tupper (88)	Durgduff (91)	Gusso (86)
8:40	Moe (78)	Vikander-AC (80)	Paulsen (83)	Allen (81)		8:40	Clark (82)	Hight (89)	Hansen (85)
8:50	Helseth (97)	Humke (94)	Westra (81)	Sanford (88)		8:50	Bates (81)	Sundsted (87)	Swenson (85)
9:00	Everson (83)	Lessleyoung (89)	Wittstruck (80)	Enderson (83)		9:00	Divis (132)	Mason (112)	Kurtenbach (104)
9:10	Siverling (82)	Swartz (86)	Honner (80)	Curd (79)		9:10	Dotson (110)	Boetel (115)	Mack (103)
9:20	Lunningham-Y (77)	Duran-RCC (78)	Kogel-Ha (79)	Dailey-M (80)		9:20	Hodgkins (126)	Gauer (98)	Brecher (98)
9:30	Eggebraaten (75)	Swartz (78)	Hilgenberg (80)	Mauney (78)		9:30	Brose (111)	Gibson (104)	Kortan (96)
9:40	Lundin (73)	Salter (73)	Geraets (76)	Holmes (78)		9:40	Stock (81)	Smith (97)	Roberts (96)
9:50	Hibbert-W (74)	Jones-A (75)	Grout-Sp (75)	Hsiehorst-Y (76)		9:50	Brown (89)	Roberts (91)	Even (94)
10:00	Kern (72)	Daane (71)	Stenberg (73)	Stewart (77)		10:00			
10:10						10:10			
10:20						10:20			
Best 8 scores regardless of team from 5-18 play with Teams 1-4 wave									
The groups of low individual scores should be placed where they would fit with the scores from teams 1-4									

Gymnastics

- Top nine (9) teams from each (Class AA and A) will qualify to the State Meet. The Champion from each Region/State Qualifying Meet will advance to the State Competition with the next seven (7) highest scores from each class advancing as wildcards, regardless of region, creating the nine team qualifiers in each class.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

AD VOTE: 27 YES, 3 NO

- Remove All-Around in-season qualifying standards. The All-Around division at the state meet will simply be those participants that qualified for state in each of the four events.

Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Rationale: To best fill each of the four events with the true top 40 individuals from each class in the state, state qualifiers will be determined by in-season qualifying and the region/state

qualifying meet. All-around will be a division awarded to those that make it in all four events. All-around places will still be awarded at the region/state qualifying meet but does not imply those participants qualify for state. Event in-season qualifying will remain the same. Individual State Qualifying- A maximum of 40 participants will qualify for each event. The top 5 individuals from each region/state qualifying meet shall qualify for the state meet, to give 10 competitors. The remaining number of participants will be filled from event in-season qualifiers and then wild cards from region/state qualifying meets to fill out the 40 participants.

AD VOTE: 22 YES, 8 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass both proposals as submitted for Gymnastics.

Soccer

1. (Season Change – Fall/Spring) The Soccer Advisory Committee recommended sending forward a proposal to change Soccer from a Fall to a Spring season sport to the SDIAAA membership for consideration. Suggested implementation date would be no sooner than 2021-22, with final dates/weeks to be determined by committee work if this change would pass.
Committee Vote: 4-1 In Favor

Rationale: Steve Willard brought forward a formalized proposal for an item that had been of discussion among the committee for a few years. The initial implementation of soccer in the fall by the SDHSAA was done so that overlap games between club and sanctioned programs could take place. The committee noted challenges that would exist with this potential change, but also noted that other schools/communities have stated they would not consider the addition of soccer as a fall sport, as they feel their athletes are spread too thin already across the multiple fall offerings as compared to spring. Additionally, with the addition of Sioux Falls Jefferson as early as Fall 2021, and the potential growth of Tea Area, there is a chance that Class AA could have 20 teams, Class A eight or fewer.

AD VOTE: 7 YES, 25 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Vote against Soccer proposal. Note that consideration for soccer classifications will need to be made prior to 2021-22 school year.

Tennis

1. During regular season, the host school would have the option to play short sets as a match format.
Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor.
Rationale: Adding another method of play.

AD VOTE: 22 YES, 1 NO

2. Allow “between point coaching” with the understanding that the coach must be outside the fence on the same side of the court as their players when coaching. Coaching must not disrupt the opponent or the flow of the match. Players may not go to the fence for coaching during this time.

Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor.

AD VOTE: 22 YES, 1 NO

- 3. Rotate when Class A and AA will play their state tournament on a two-year rotation. Each class will complete a two-year cycle and then the Class A and Class AA will rotate dates for the next two-year cycle.

Example:

	Girls Class A	Girls Class AA	Boys Class A	Boys Class AA
2020-21	Oct. 5-6, RC	Oct. 8-9, RC	May 17-18, SF	May 20-21, SF
2021-22	Oct. 7-8, SF	Oct. 4-5, SF	May 19-20, RC	May 16-17, RC
2022-23	Oct. 6-7 RC	Oct. 3-4 RC	May 18-19, SF	May 15-16, SF

Rationale: So that one class does not always play the early date of the tournament.

AD VOTE: 15 YES, 8 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass all three tennis proposals as submitted.

Track & Field/Cross Country

- 1. (Athletic.net) The Track & Field/Cross Country Committee proposes that all SDHSAA schools would be required to utilize Athletic.net for all result uploading, rosters, meet entries, result tracking and meet information beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in Favor

Rationale: Athletic.net is a cost-free solution that offers meet entries and result tracking throughout a scholastic cross country or track-and-field season. Additionally, this system would be used to maintain a database of qualifiers-to-date based upon verified meet results, which would be required to be uploaded to the site. Schools do not have to upgrade their current technology to do so, it can be done through an Excel sheet as well as Hy-Tek file, etc. The transparency of seeding and result reporting in Track and Field would increase exponentially with this change. North Dakota, along with other states, have begun to utilize the site in this manner.

AD VOTE: 128 YES, 11 NO

- 2. (100/110 Hurdles – Regions) Allow for a “finals only” event in Class A and Class B regions in the 100/110 Hurdles if fewer than 16 individuals are entered.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Rationale: In meets where this number drops below 16, the opportunity to run a single race and not face disqualification for hurdle infractions (or tripping over a hurdle in a second race) is seen as a good move by the committee, and an easy fix within the regional schedule.

AD VOTE: 116 YES, 8 NO

3. (“Top 24”) The Track & Field/Cross Country Advisory committee proposes that Class A and Class B utilize a “Top 24” performance standard for qualification to the State Track & Field Meet. Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: In the past few years, several events have seen fields of less than 24 entered participants in the Class A and Class B levels. Additionally, by forcing Region Meet qualification, teams are choosing to less often compete for a Region Championship and instead focus on setting their team up for the State Meet. The region meet would become a “last chance” meet of sorts; following the region meet, all coaches would have the opportunity to submit three athletes for each event (limit of four events per athlete), and the Top 24 verified performances from the year would be those selected to the State Meet. While some concern for regional representation has been expressed, previous season results show that participation in the State Meet would actually increase from nearly every region, including individual events and relays, while also re-emphasizing Region Meets and full fields of competitors at the State Meet.

AD VOTE: 58 YES, 53 NO (Class A 28-19 yea, Class B 29-34 nay)

4. (Javelin) The advisory committee proposes that the Javelin become a SDHSAA standard event, with Spring 2021 as “regular season only,” followed by a scored event for Class AA in Spring of 2022 at the State Track Meet. Other classifications would monitor and evaluate for addition. Additionally, only rubber-tipped (non-metallic) javelins would be legal for SDHSAA competition. Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: Class AA schools, as well as many who border North Dakota (who sponsors the event) have increasingly seen a demand for participation in the Javelin at regular season meets. The SDCCTFCA has secured a grant to assist with the initial implementation of the event, and Class AA schools felt best equipped with their facilities to be able to implement for next year. Other classifications requested more time to evaluate the addition before adding as a fully-scored event at the State Meet.

AD VOTE: 68 YES, 40 NO

5. (200M Dash) The advisory committee recommends allowing the 200M Dash to be “reversed” in direction if agreed upon by the Meet Manager & Meet Referee, if the facility permits (has correct markings) and the wind direction would be in favor of the switch. State Meet, however, would remain at the ‘common’ finish. Committee Vote: 4-1 in favor, Charron dissenting.

Rationale: Other levels of Track & Field (NCAA, IAAF) have the ability to reverse the 200M Dash so that it is “wind-aided” in the straightaway, provided the facility is marked for the event. Challenges may present themselves in terms of moving personnel or equipment to accommodate the change, but the committee felt in majority that the ability of the athletes to post the best times as possible in a sprint event for qualifying to the State Meet should be attained, and not a luck-of-the-draw based upon which community or location is hosting the meet on a given day (a South wind might

“hurt” the 200M Dash competitors at Pierre’s north-to-south straightaway, while it would “help” the same competitors if the meet was at Stanley County on a south-to-north straightaway).

AD VOTE: 63 YES, 64 NO

6. (Event order, Regions & State) Change the order of races at Regions and State based upon the rotation of the 4x800M relay on an annual basis. On years where the girls’ 4x8 is held first, all track events would be run with the girls’ event first; On years where the boys’ 4x8 is held first, all track events would be run with the boys’ event first.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: With the present setup for Region Meets, Girls competitors could typically run their portion of the 4x8 at the end of the first session of the meet, and then return shortly after with the 1600M run, where the girls’ run first, regardless of annual rotation. By making this change, the girls would have the break between sessions, as well as the Boys’ 1600M run prior to their distance event, more equitably balancing the rest/recovery time. Comparably, at the State Meet, in odd years, the Girls’ 4x8 is held at 11:30 AM, the Girls 4x2 at 12:15 PM, Girls’ 400M dash at 1:50 PM, Girls’ 800M at 3:15 PM. This change would allow that in years where the girls’ 4x8 is held at 11:30 AM, the 4x2 would be at 12:30 PM, 400M at 2:00 PM, 800M at 3:25 PM, allowing additional rest/recovery time.

AD VOTE: 133 YES, 6 NO

7. (Single-Site State Track Meet) The committee recommends that beginning in Spring 2022, all three classes of the State Track Meet be held at a single site/venue over three days. If passed, a subcommittee would be formed during the 2020-21 school year to finalize schedule and logistic details, using the attached, proposed schedule as a starting point.

Committee Vote: 4-0 in favor, Charron abstained (based on no direct effect to officials’)

Rationale: Multiple proposals were sent to the committee to take a look at a three-day, single-site State Track Meet, with rationale for such a switch being based on allowing all athletes to compete at the “finals” venue on each day of competition. Consideration is being given to a late start of the meet on Thursday as to not add any additional cost for travel/hotel to participating teams, as well as helping athletes with more rest/recovery time on an elongated schedule as compared to “cramming” the meet into two days across multiple sites. This proposal would also help with staffing concerns expressed by all meet hosts, as volunteers to work the state meet have decreased significantly in recent years, as well as challenges that satellite sites have had recently in terms of seating, restrooms, concessions and the like given the popularity of the event being too great for our smaller venues. When surveyed on the idea, Class AA and A coaches were in favor in majority, where Class B remained split to opposed. Overall, the committee felt that this proposal was the best thing for the athletes competing in the meet, as numerous instances were cited where the condensed, two-day schedule was too demanding for athletes to compete at the best of their ability throughout the Championships.

AD VOTE: 77 YES, 62 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass all seven Track/XC proposals as submitted. In regard to the Top 24 proposal, the change would increase participation at the State Meet and return significance of competing for a Region Championship as the two are not connected (no longer need to enter an event at Regions to compete in it at the State Meet). Reversing the 200M Dash is common at all other levels; some concerns were about why not doing it at the State Meet – that was specific to the rationale of the proposal – allowing the best qualifying chance for athletes during the year, and not involving the State Meet, where competitors are competing side-by-side.

Volleyball

No Formal Proposals at this time from Volleyball.

Wrestling

1. (Duals – Minimum) Increase the minimum number of duals to be wrestled to be eligible for the State Dual Championships from 8 to 10.
Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor.

Rationale: The committee heard much feedback on the State Duals, and wanted to ensure that more competition was taking place to accurately determine the State Qualifiers.

AD VOTE: 91 YES, 11 NO

2. (Duals – Qualification) The committee recommended changing the selection of the teams for the State Duals as follows:
 - a. Continue to use the PowerPoint system in place as written
 - b. At the end of the season, the Top Ten teams in each class by Power Points would be then evaluated for the eight positions at the state duals, much as ten individuals would be evaluated for seeds into a bracket at regions or state, using the following criteria to compare:
 - c. Head-to-Head
 - d. Common Opponents
 - e. Power Point Average
 - f. Last Year's Place at State Duals
 - g. Last Year's Place at State Individual
 - h. Coin Flip

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: While this proposal surely seems somewhat confusing, the committee feels this would be the best way to truly seed these qualifying teams, given the range of number of duals actually competed in during the year (between 9 and 36), and would be relatively simply done by SDHSAA staff. A team's schedule would be evaluated based on criteria, just as an individual wrestler's schedule is evaluated on criteria, and the top eight teams would qualify based on criteria, and not seed points alone.

AD VOTE: 83 YES, 18 NO

3. (State Tournament Schedule) – Amend the State Tournament Schedule over the three days as follows:

Thursday – First Session:

10:00 AM	First Round	Individual
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Thursday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Quarterfinals	Team Dual
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'to follow'	Semifinals	Team Dual
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Friday – First Session:

10:00 AM	Quarterfinals/1 st Rd Consolation	Individual
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'to follow'	2 nd Round Consolation	Individual
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Friday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Semifinals	Individual
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'to follow'	Championships	Team Dual
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Saturday – First Session:

10:00 AM	3 rd Round Consolation	Individual
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'to follow'	4 th Round Consolation	Individual
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Saturday – Second Session:

3:30 PM	Place Matches	Individual
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'to follow'	Championships	Individual
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Committee Vote: 6-0 In Favor.

Rationale: This schedule change would provide a more balanced number of matches for athletes who are both in the duals and those not in the duals, standardize the time for weigh-ins across the three days, encourage attendance at the Team Dual Championships, and provide for a better tournament throughout the three days.

AD VOTE: 89 YES, 14 NO

4. (Seeding – Regions) Change the language in the SDHSAA Handbook to require that a minimum of five wrestlers be seeded in each weight class at regions.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor.

Rationale: Current language reads a 'minimum of two, maximum of eight,' leaving all eight different regions to handle each situation differently. This change would provide more uniformity to the seeding process across regions, including more equity in determining state qualifiers.

AD VOTE: 96 YES, 7 NO

5. (Wrestling Schedule) Impose a December 1st annual deadline for schedules to be posted on the SDHSAA website specific to Dual Competitions. After that point, no further dual events could be scheduled, and only SDHSAA-Office approved changes or deletions could be made without a win/loss/forfeit.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor (Postma excused).

Rationale: This past year, programs regularly amended their schedules well into February, potentially having large effects on seed points. This change would make wrestling more like other team sports in terms of fairness, equity and transparency within the seeding process, and not allow changes to schedules to be made for the sake of seed points alone.

AD VOTE: 87 YES, 16 NO

6. (Random Draw) Require SDHSAA Dual events to utilize the Random Draw as mandated by NFHS Rule, where the starting weight for a dual would be determined at random.
Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor.

Rationale: Since this change was implemented in the early 2010s, the SDHSAA has deviated from NFHS rule. At this year's State Dual Championships, some team's duals were decided with four or more weight classes to go, meaning wrestlers at the 182 and above weights never competed in a meaningful match at the Championships. This rule change would bring the SDHSAA in line with every other state in the country, and ensure that each wrestler has an equal chance at contributing to a team's victory. NOTE: It was discussed that the reason for the deviation was to not have younger athletes deciding the outcomes of duals at the lower weights, but ultimately the committee felt that decision is dated and the change appropriate.

AD VOTE: 91 YES, 10 NO

7. (Girls Championships) The Wrestling Advisory committee recommends holding a Girls' Division at the State Individual Wrestling Championships beginning in 2020-21. This division would include four weight classes to be determined by certified weight by SDHSAA staff based upon enrolled participants' weight certification. Each weight class would include the top eight seeded participants from across the state, regardless of classification or region; TrackWrestling criteria would be used to assist the development of divisions and seeds in the first year of competition.
Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor.

Rationale: The NFHS and National Wrestling Coaches' Association have taken an active role in promoting girls' wrestling on a national level. Several other states in our region have taken this step in recent years, and last year without a girls' separate division, SD had nearly 40 female participants in SDHSAA competitions, with another 100 or so participating at the club-only level. Several regular season events were held with a separate "girls division," with significant participation numbers across the state. This proposal would follow a similar path to what Missouri added a few years ago, and allow for evaluation of further expansion as the sport develops. The committee sees minimal additional costs to schools outside of those analogous to increased participation within a sport, as the design calls for integration into current scheduling and travel, including schools determining what events to participate in during the regular season for female competitors (boys' events, girls' only events, mixed events, etc)

AD VOTE: 91 YES, 10 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass all seven wrestling proposals as submitted.

In/Out of Season & AD Advisory Committee

1. (Classification Cycle) The committee suggests utilizing a one-year classification cycle for the 2021-22 school year to better align with neighboring states for classification, alignment and scheduling purposes.

Committee Vote: 9-0 in favor.

Rationale: At the present time, each state that borders South Dakota classifies/realigns in the year opposite to South Dakota. The committee considered either a one- or three-year cycle to align SD with our neighboring states, and ultimately settled on a one-year cycle. Implementing this one-time change would allow out-of-state scheduling to be more practical in all sports, as timelines from state-to-state would be analogous to one another. Current two-year scheduling agreements exist with North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming & Minnesota, and would be more conducive to exist as solutions in the future with this one-year change. The following cycle would return to a two-year classification period (2022-23 and 23-24 would be a single cycle).

AD VOTE: 127 YES, 12 NO

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass as submitted, noting that we will re-classify in 2021-22 and again in 2022-23.

Sports Officials' Advisory Committee

The Sports Officials Council is recommending two changes to the Officials' Handbook & Regulations:

1. Cross Country Officials will be required to complete an online rules meeting and exam during the Fall Sports testing/exam period (August 1-31) on an annual basis. Fine structures would be implemented comparable to other sports.
2. Change to the Officials' Code of Ethics – Item #25 would read (strikethroughs for deletions, new text underlined):
An official may not participate in a State Tournament in the classification that ~~may~~ involves his/her own children, ~~and/or~~ stepchildren, siblings or step-siblings as players, ~~statisticians, student managers, or cheerleaders~~. The official may, however, participate in another classification at the State Tournament level. ~~Exceptions A) tennis will allow a parent to officiate where his or her own children and/or stepchildren are statisticians or student managers. B) Wrestling officials may not officiate in a combined state wrestling tournament in which his or her own children and/or stepchildren are players, statisticians, student managers or cheerleaders due to the nature of the tournament.~~

Rationale: This is an attempt by the committee to clean up language to better reflect the committee's intent of when officials should or should not be considered able to work a State Championship event. This eliminates exceptions to the rule, re-defines other areas

where conflicts may arise, and focuses on the intent of the rule the committee would like to see adopted.

SDHSAA Staff Recommendation: Pass both Sports Officials' Council proposals as submitted.

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

No proposals for 2019-20.