

SOUTH DAKOTA

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



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BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

10:30 AM

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

MEMBERS

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| AA Coach | Brent Deckert, Brandon Valley | 2021 (1) |
| A Coach | Larry Aaker, Winner | 2020 (1) |
| B Coach | Paul Raasch, Langford Area | 2021 (1) |
| Athletic Director | Eric Denning, Mt. Vernon | 2020 (2) |
| Administrator | Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg | 2020 (1) |
| Official | Larry Osborne, Rapid City | 2020 (2) |
| Native Am. Rep. | Leonard "Yamni" Jack, Lakota Tech | 2021 (2) |

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Asst. Director Auch. Present via teleconference were Aaker, Raasch, Denning, Osborne. Present in the office representing the SDHSAA staff were Auch, Krogstrand and Swartos. Krogstrand was selected as recording secretary. Deckert, Rollinger and Jack would join later in the meeting due to travel issues/connection issues. Term lengths were reviewed, noting that Denning and Osborne's terms were concluding and they were thanked for their years of service to the committee.

Minutes from 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Denning, second by Osborne to approve as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposals from 2019-20 were reviewed by the committee, including approvals of the removal of pre-game handshakes, 15-minute mandated warm-up period, instant replay and roster finalization. Officials noted concern with the 15-minute warm-up and official book not being ready at the 10-minute mark. Auch stated that she would put something in the rules meeting as to how this procedure should be handled in upcoming years.

Advisory Representative reports :

Class B Coach Representative: Paul Raasch, Langford

1. Switching to halves from quarters. Proposal submitted from David Rohrbach from Aberdeen Christian on The committee noted pro's and con's to the suggested proposal. The limit to three halves would be problematic for smaller schools who struggle to have numbers. We need to make sure we are doing this for a specific reason and not just because another state may do this. The committee's suggestion was to continue the discussion with coaches and see if this is something we really want to do because it will benefit the game. Colleges have gone away from halves and now play quarters, so not sure we would be heading in the right direction.

2. Restricted arc proposal submitted by another individual that had some support in favor of addition. The committee felt that we should pay attention to where the NFHS rule proposals go on this and wait to see if they take the lead on this and pass it through the NFHS Rule Proposals. If they don't pass it, the committee feels that we should poll the officials and coaches and see if these groups are in favor of this. One concern from the SDHSAA office that we need to find a way to teach this to officials, as we would not have NFHS rule supported language to do so. Krogstrand stated that Minnesota does this and has a page and a half of things that need to be considered in this process. The concern is to train officials on what to look for.
3. Concerns with Winter Moratorium: teams may be violating the winter moratorium and expressed concerns of getting all individuals to abide by the rules as written; also discussed concerns of athletes and teams returning to play following that four-day layoff without ample practice to prepare before first contests.

Class A Representative Larry Aaker, Winner

1. Nowotny Proposal on the first allowable contest date being moved to Thursday, of Week 23. Only moving the date one day not moving the start date.
2. Restricted area arc proposals already discussed.

Class AA Representative- Brent Deckert, Brandon Valley

1. Restricted arc proposal as submitted. Krogstrand noted that he believes the college arc is 4 ft, so if we were going to do this to make that 4 feet instead of 3 so we don't have two different marks on potential floors we may play high school contests. Different representatives noted positives and negatives for that proposal, which were already discussed. Discussion of adoption at all levels, if were to move forward, as opposed to the proposal calling for AA-only adoption.
2. Proposal of halves - expressed potential interest for the additional playing time that it would create for athletes and additional strategy that would come with the need to cover the additional minutes;

Principal/Supt Representative - Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg

1. Playing contests in halves rather than quarters: concern from administrators against this proposal without some concern about the seven-quarter rule being similarly addressed.
2. Received a concern from an administrator submitted informally in regard to the penalty for an intentional delay of game in the closing seconds of a contest due to the fact that the penalty gets them exactly what they want, which is a stoppage of the clock. Discussion on the item but no action taken.

Athletic Director Representative -Eric Denning, Mount Vernon

1. Only proposal sent his way was consideration of only taking eight teams to the first round of region play. The committee was generally not in favor of the reduction of teams.
2. Discussion of single stats program database to help promote the game, players and ease of sharing with the media; Discussion of promotion of All-Region teams being created to assist recognition of athletes with these statistics and work.

Officials' Representative - Larry Osborne, Rapid City

1. Discussion of proposals surrounding mercy rule: One submitted proposal led to discussion that the shot clock would be turned off in a mercy rule situation. Committee felt we have a shot clock, we really don't want to sway from that implementation and play the game differently when mercy rule is effect. The second submitted proposal states when a game is being played under the existing 30-point mercy rule, the clock shall be stopped for all free throw attempts only during the last minute of each quarter. The third submitted proposal is to allow the mercy rule to be in effect during games when the AA teams are playing competition from Class A or B, regardless of site, by mutual agreement with both

schools. SDHSAA staff will visit with AA AD's for consideration of an "interpretation" of that rule being uniform among participating teams. The committee felt that the game is already being shortened by a running clock, so did not like the idea of trying to shorten it by any other means and were comfortable with the way the mercy rule and clock situations are at the present time.

2. Discussion of option to have official's evaluations submitted by coaches following contests as is done in volleyball and football. The committee felt they really liked the process that is in place at the present time. They feel as if officiating is getting better based on the observations, newsletter and video's being sent to coaches and officials. Committee did not feel what we have is broken, and therefore did not wish to pursue at this time.

Native American School Representative - Yamni Jack, Lakota Tech

1. Responses primarily were items covered/discussed in previous reports.
2. Eldon Marshall again reached out about rotating the Class B Boys' tournament to other locations beyond Aberdeen/Barnett Center. Staff explained that right now the venue sizes do not allow for anything other than what we presently are using based on attendance numbers, but indicated that with some other renovations at various site, there may be some possibilities down the road.
3. Request to allow visiting teams the ability to perform flag song at locations during regular season and post season when possible.

Reports from SDHSAA Representatives:

1. Calendar Changes – Girls Basketball; Pair of proposals to look at season change with discontinuance of the combined tournaments. The fact that the girl's season is a week shorter than the boys needs to be addressed. The committee agree. (See proposals 5-6 attached)
2. Discussion about allowing pre-wrap to be worn as hair control device. Do we really need to deviate from the NFHS on this any longer with all the other adjustments to uniform rules/regulations. Committee was in unison that SDHSAA interpretation to allow pre-wrap as a hair control device for use in the 2020-2021 season and beyond. Color restrictions would apply, just as the NFHS rule book dictates. South Dakota would no longer deviate from the NFHS rule.
3. Further discussion occurred on the calendar changes given the removal of the combined tournaments, and effect on the pre-season and opening dates of the calendar as submitted in proposals to the committee. There was some discussions on the calendar changes that may require either constitutional changes, or changes to the interpretations of the constitution on practice allowances per the 10-practice rule. Committee seemed to be in favor of the changes.

PROPOSALS TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE MEMBERSHIP

1. **Motion by Denning, Second by Jack: to accept "Proposal 5" which would allow girls' practices to begin one week earlier than current rule allows Monday, wk. 21 (Nov 23, 2020) for first allowable practice, with Friday, Wk. 22 (Dec 4, 2020) first allowable contest, Motion passed 7-0.** The possibility of changing the constitution to allow 5 days of practice as opposed to 10 will be discussed at the AD's Conference. The above proposal would then allow you start when you wanted knowing that you would have to complete 5 team practices prior to the first allowable contest date.
2. **Motion by Denning, Second by Raasch: to allow first Boys' contests to take place on the Thursday of Wk. 23 (Dec. 10, 2020) as scheduled by current rule. Motion passed 7-0. (Included in Proposal 5)**
*****Proposal 5 is on the next page.**
3. **Motion by Osborne, Second by Rollinger: to eliminate restriction on pre-wrap as a hair control device. Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Following discussion, **Motion by Jack, Second by Aaker to continue with SoDak16 games being played at neutral sites for Class A and Class B, however, now direct SDHSAA staff to select sites that are in close proximity to the higher seed for each contest. Motion passed 7-0.**

Auch asked the committee to review previous items discussed throughout the meeting to see if there might be any other potential proposals any interest for potential proposals to consider for adoption. The following items were discussed with no formal proposals moving forward.

1. The Committee members considered the adoption of playing in halves, but had concerns with implications on the sub-varsity levels and seven-quarter rules, as well as other items. Committee asked that we continue to research the topic, but chose not to move forward at this time.
2. The Mercy Rule was also revisited with the understanding that the interpretation on AA vs. non-AA contests will be reviewed by AA Athletic Directors and the SDHSAA staff to allow with mutual agreement by both teams prior to the start of the contest, the ability to use the mercy rule when playing Class A and B schools.
3. Although there was much discussion about the restricted arc, there was not a formal motion to pursue it at this time, but rather to monitor activity at the national level and see what direction they will go in the future. If no action is taken by the NFHS at the rules committee meeting, the committee requested that we poll officials and coaches about the nature of the adoption of the arc and what it would mean moving forward.
4. Discussion on the postseason format, with regions moving to take the top eight teams to Regions for that postseason in Class A and Class B.

With no further business being before the committee, motion by Denning, second by Jack to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Auch/Assistant Executive Director
South Dakota High School Activities Association

2020-2021 PRESENT

| | <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. 22 November 30 | Monday, Wk. 22 November 30 | Monday, Wk. 22 November 30 | Monday, Wk. 22 November 30 | Monday, Wk. 22 November 30 | Monday, Wk. 22 November 30 |
| First Allowable Contest | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 | Friday, Wk. 23 December 11 |
| 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 SoDak 16 | 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> SoDak 16: 3/5 | <i>None needed</i> 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 |

PROPOSAL 5

2020-2021 PROPOSAL (equal number weeks per boys/girls season) Possible Constitution Change (10 days to get 5 practice)

| | <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> |
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| First Allowable Contest | Friday, Wk. 22 December 4 | Thursday, Wk. 23 December 10 | Friday, Wk. 22 December 4 | Thursday, Wk. 23 December 10 | Friday, Wk. 22 December 4 | 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 |
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