FOOTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES
Meeting: December 5, 2019 (Re-scheduled due to weather from December 2)
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Football Advisory Committee Members:
9-man Coach Rep. Byron Pudwill, Bon Homme
11A & B Coach Rep. Matthew Luze, Lennox
Athletic Director Brent DeBoer, Tea Area
Principal/Supt. Rep. George Seiler, Redfield
Official Andy Deinert, Mitchell
Native Am. Rep. Zeke Prado, Lower Brule

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM, with committee members Pudwill, Luze, Nelson, DeBoer, Seiler and Prado present. Deinert excused (would join later via teleconference). Drs. Krogstrand and Swartos present for the SDHSAA. Krogstrand selected as recording secretary, and terms and duties were covered.

Rule changes for 2018-19 were reviewed. Krogstrand noted a replay change that he would like to have the committee consider later in the meeting. Beyond that, changes from the local and national levels were well received by coaches and others. Prado reported that the All Nations Conference change this past year was a positive for the participating schools, with significantly increased participation numbers on rosters and interest within the schools and communities. The ANC has a meeting scheduled for December 19, 2019 to review the season and consider expansion options/possibilities.

Deinert joined the meeting via teleconference at 11:00 AM.

The committee recognized Mr. David Schumacher from Herreid who spoke on encouraging the advisory/SDHSAA to adopt a requirement for sub varsity contests as preceding events to the varsity games. Schumacher expressed a concern that athletes have given up playing the sport due to the lack of sub-varsity contests. The committee did not take any formal action on Schumacher’s ideas, citing a number of concerns with mandated scheduling of those games, and instead encouraged Schumacher to visit with his local administration on scheduling concerns at the local level, where the proposal was perhaps generated.

Reports from Committee Members – Committee members were tasked with reaching out to their constituency groups, as well as collecting proposals from across the state for preparation of discussion at the meeting. Below follows a review of the topics that were discussed, as well as motions for suggestion of advancement of proposals for SDIAAA & SDHSAA Board of Directors consideration. Of note, all representatives had items on classification/realignment and mercy rule, which were deferred to the end of the meeting for a less pragmatic discussion.
Coaches Reps
Kim Nelson, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, AAA/AA Representative; Discussion on earlier preseason start with concern about being able to prepare student athletes for the season; 11A representatives shared a similar concern and want to start with the earlier practices; **Motion DeBoer, Second by Seiler, Chang the First Allowable Practice Date for AAA/AA/A to Monday NFHS Week 6 (August 10, 2020 vs current August 13, 2020); Motion passed unanimously;** Other representatives noted that 11B and 9Man have similar concerns with the abbreviated amount of time from first practice to first game; **Motion by Seiler, Second by Luze to Change the First Allowable Practice Date for 11B/9Man to Thursday of NFHS Week 5 (August 6, 2020 vs current August 10, 2020); Motion passed unanimously;** NFHS Rule change considerations; Weather cancellations where PowerPoints were affected were also discussed; Committee asked SDHSAA to review for future consideration but took no action on the item;

Matthew Luze, Lennox, A/B Representative; Discussion on scheduling cycle year – SD being off a year from bordering states (WY, NE, IA) in terms of reclassification and scheduling; Krogstrand will carry idea to all-sport advisory for consideration of a one-year or three-year system for a one-time implementation to align SD with bordering states in terms of re-classification and scheduling years; Concern from 11B schools on requiring a specific number of games within a classification – somewhat covered previously with rule changes made in 2018; national rule change considerations in regard to holding (spot) and pass interference/grounding were discussed – potential proposals for national rule change may be submitted in future years if those that are up for consideration this year do not pass; Discussion of position of the umpire in regard to offensive or defensive backfield pre-snap; Officials representatives commented on the topic of what can/might be missed if the Umpire is moved from the current positioning;

Byron Pudwill, Bon Homme, 9-Man Representative; Ten Percent Rule – discussion on the topic and fairness/equity questioning; Committee had discussion on several options of what could be done with the rule as it presently reads, including, but not limited to moving to a 20% rule or eliminating the option altogether; Following discussion, **Motion by Seiler, Second by Pudwill to change to a “20% rule” for Co-Op classification, changing the current “10%” factor to a “20%” factor when calculating a co-operative’s total enrollment; The motion passed unanimously.**

Zeke Prado, Lower Brule, Native American School Representative; no further items beyond those already covered or deferred for later discussion

Administrative Reps
Brent DeBoer, Tea Area, Athletic Director Representative; no further items beyond those already covered or deferred for later discussion
George Seiler, Redfield, Principal/Superintendent Representative; no further items beyond those already covered or deferred for later discussion

Official Reps
Andy Deinert, Mitchell, Officials’ Representative; Deinert had personal discussion with championship crews of replay institution was well received by those that worked, special note of thanks to the ‘replay team’ that worked the contests as an assist; Discussion on the officials’ reviews; Seiler noted a positive response was sent to his school by the game officials during the season for the sportsmanship witnessed at a contest; Committee agreed that some tweaks to the evals can be made; Officials would like further evaluations from an officials’ perspective in the future for development; Krogstrand will work with officials and region coordinators to develop those changes to the evaluation tool, as well as present to the SDIAAAA meeting information gleaned from the reports to date.
SDHSAA Representatives – Several items had been submitted to the staff for consideration, as well as discussion on the classification and mercy rule had been deferred to this point to facilitate a more complete discussion.

- Updates to Replay Protocol were discussed. Krogstrand noted that there was general favorability among crews and operators with the replay system implemented this fall at SDSU for the State Championships. However, in further discussion, some clarifying notations may better simplify the protocol. The committee unanimously supported the SDHSAA making those clarifying statements and edits to the system, which will essentially allow the booth to review “all” plays in the final two minutes of either half as opposed to simply the second half alone.

- Review of Classifications – Change to affect 2021-2, 2022-3 seasons – Multiple proposals from multiple parties were sent to various members of the committee, each with their own individual rationale; The committee held extensive discussion on each of those proposals, as well as a historical review of the current system and language surrounding what constructs are in place at the present time; Significant time was also spent considering the 56.0 ADM cut-off figure for differentiating between nine- and eleven-man football; Following this extensive discussion on classifications and possibilities for implementation, it was Motioned by Seiler, Seconded by Nelson to adopt a Five-Class system as follows to begin with the 2021-2, 2022-3 classification, alignment and scheduling cycle:
  - **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
  - **Class 11A** – To include the next Sixteen Largest Schools by Male-Only ADM, which would play a nine-game schedule and an eight team postseason
  - **Class 11B** – To include all remaining Schools with a 56.001 Male-Only ADM and greater, which would play an eight-game schedule and sixteen team postseason
  - **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
  - **Class 9B** – To include the bottom half of all nine-man teams by Male-Only ADM, which would play an eight-game schedule and sixteen team postseason
  The motion passed unanimously.

- Review of Mercy Rule implementation and use – Introduced by SDHSAA staff as one for consideration by multiple parties who had asked the committee to consider changing the current mercy rule in a number of ways; Nelson reported that all coaches he’d spoken with at the AAA/AA level were in favor of a running clock but not an early termination rule; Luze and Pudwill discussed coaches who had suggested consideration of the removal of the early-termination (50-point) rule, but extension of the running clock to an earlier point in the game; Committee felt further discussion may be needed on further changes; Following discussion, Motion DeBoer, Second Pudwill, that AAA/AA institute running clock rule at 35-points after halftime (matching other classifications) for all contests; Motion Passed unanimously.

Being no further business before the committee, it was Motioned by Seiler, Seconded by Luze to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Krogstrand
Asst. Executive Director
SDHSAA