

SOUTH DAKOTA

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FOOTBALL ADVISORY AGENDA

Meeting: November 30, 2020

SDHSAA Office, Pierre

10:30 AM CT

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM with all members present. Dr. Krogstrand and Dr. Swartos were present from the SDHSAA staff as well. Krogstrand reviewed terms and committee processes with the group.

Review Rule Changes for 2019-20 both on the SDHSAA and NFHS side were covered. General positivity was reflected by members of the committee towards the changes made. Krogstrand noted there is discussion about minimal national rule changes for the upcoming season due to the Covid pandemic as spring sports saw for the 2020-21 school year.

Reports from Committee Members were presented next – *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

- i. Kim Nelson – SFR – AAA/AA Rep – Discussion items from members around the state included: the option of moving of games to Friday for playoffs; Concerns of issues with overlap of State Cheer/Dance and State Chorus/Orchestra; has been discussed in previous years, but dies because of the conflicts and issues of harming participation, no action was taken at this meeting either; 9-Man Coaches @ DakotaDome commented on going to a 1-16 seeding for the first round of playoffs as opposed to the current regional format; Witte and Barrios also indicated support had come in from administrators of making the change – main concern of making the change would be the increased first-round travel that could exist, albeit limited as at-large games already occur, making ½ of those contests non-region games in a usual year; **Motion by Pudwill, Second by Nelson to begin the Nine-Man Playoffs as a 16-team seeded bracket with the first round of games, with no reseeding at any round – Motion passed unanimously.** Potential discussion on the current discussion among the playoff and seeding within the system/framework for the AAA group, Krogstrand will reconvene the committee if necessary, but likelihood is that AAA will remain with a head-to-head record seeding system and other classifications will utilize the power point system in place;
- ii. Byron Pudwill – Bon Homme – 9-Man Rep – Seeding was the main issue for those schools within the first round of playoffs; no other major topics of discussion at this time

- iii. Matthew Luze – Lennox – 11A/B Rep – Discussion on the Thursday playoff games was brought up in the 11A/B group meetings as well with a desire to move all games to Fridays being the wishes of some coaches; Desire of 11B to only be able to play other 11B teams; minimization of class crossover games will be something that is looked at in the future, but there was no support for an absolution from the committee in terms of scheduling at the current point, as it would affect some teams traditional schedules between the AA/A/B ranks that they ask to voluntarily play annually; Rules discussion items: umpire in the backfield, intentional grounding blend between NFHS/NCAA/NFL, holding spot of foul versus previous spot;
- b. Administrative Reps
 - i. Brent DeBoer – Tea Area – AD Rep – No additional items for discussion
 - ii. Derek Barrios – EPJ – Supt/Principal Rep – Three items sent in – 9-man seeding system, Classifications sent in; Also noted that he had received emails on six-man football with schools that are wanting to pursue the option; Discussion on exploring/what happens next; Krogstrand reported that the SDHSAA staff has received similar communication, but until a group of teams is willing to make a board-approved commitment to playing, regardless of logistics, locations, etc., the SDHSAA staff will not support moving forward with a championship/classification of six-man football
 - iii. Lance Witte – Lower Brule – Native American school rep – planning on a spring season for the All-Nations Conference, 6 game season, 2 finals/classes; May 28 proposed championship date; 18 teams committed for the fall, 15 SD, 2 Neb, 1 ND with two divisions being played; no other items to report
- c. Official Reps
 - i. Andy Deinert – Officials Representative – Discussion of the statewide officials’ coordinator position and replacement; Recruitment and retention of officials – noted that a handful of officials chose not to work Due to Covid – will they return and what can we do to encourage others to come into the line of work; Observation comments from coaches – considerations of feedback/comments not always being positive from coaching staff(s); Observations/observers statewide – hope to be able to increase the opportunity for those to take place;
- d. SDHSAA Representatives
 - i. Discussion of first- and second-round game starting times. Current language states games cannot start before 5:30 PM; Committee took no action toward changing/altering the language as currently authored
 - ii. Dr. Swartos brought forward discussion of the Free-and-Reduced lunch factor used in other states for classification purposes that had been shared with him for potential implementation or consideration in South Dakota; Committee took no action on making a change along those lines
 - iii. Dr. Swartos also mentioned a handful of concerns the development of the classification proposal that identified the teams in AAA by name as opposed to enrollment figures; information will be reviewed prior to the January meeting by SDHSAA staff

Being no further action, the committee adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. John Krogstrand
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