

SOUTH DAKOTA

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FOOTBALL ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: November 26, 2018
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Football Advisory Committee Members:

9-man Coach Rep.	Byron Pudwill, Bon Homme
11A & B Coach Rep.	Ryan Evans, McCook Central/Montrose
AAA/AA Coach Rep.	Kim Nelson, SF Roosevelt
Athletic Director	Brent DeBoer, Tea Area
Principal/Supt. Rep.	George Seiler, New Underwood
Official	Andy Deinert, Mitchell
Native Am. Rep.	Zeke Prado, Lower Brule

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM, with all members present (Deinert joined by teleconference), as well as Krogstrand representing the SDHSAA (Swartos also joined by teleconference).

Krogstrand served the meeting as recording secretary, expense reports were completed and duties of the committee per SDHSAA guideline were covered. Committee noted that Ryan Evans of McCook Central will renew for a second three-year term, and no other positions are up for renewal at this time.

Rule Changes for 2017-18 were reviewed by the committee. Noted were the changes on scheduling within a conference and potential six-man adoptions for the upcoming scheduling cycle. More information will be forthcoming on six-man in the upcoming months as schools make their declarations on choosing to play or not. Additionally the awareness of the formation of the new All-Nations Conference may affect those figures.

The committee then moved forward to hearing reports from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration from multiple committee members. A handful of written proposals were also submitted to the committee for consideration, although, Krogstrand noted to the group that any proposals that would come out of this committee would not affect the scheduling process for 2019 & 2020 seasons, as those schedules would be completed before any action by the SDHSAA Board would occur.

Reports and discussion were held as follows:

- a. Coaches Reps
 - i. Ryan Evans – 11A/B Coaches Rep – Four proposals submitted; First one discussed – 35% rule for scheduling; smaller school must be within the top 35% in their classification or request to play a team from a higher division with approval of both schools; Deep discussion and conversation ensued in regard to this proposal, as well as

implementation of SoDak16 to Class 11B, wherein a Removal of regions and scheduling ramifications would take place; With the understanding that 2019 & 2020 scheduling will not be able to be changed by policy changes proposed out of committee in this year, all considerations would be for 2021 and beyond, the committee came to a consensus that those proposals should be delayed for one year, as there is a great likelihood that population shift and new/additional/growing schools would likely greatly affect the landscape of all 11-man football divisions to a level much unlike recent years;

Consideration was given to proposals that could have an immediate effect/change on SDHSAA football; With that, **Motion Seiler, Second by Evans to adopt SoDak16 format for 2019 playoffs in 11B (seed 1-16, regardless of region and play the bracket out without reseeding) – Motion passed unanimously;**

Further discussion ensued regarding concern from coaches at the 11B & Nine-Man levels about not having enough prep time to safely participate in games. A review of the work done by previous calendar committees of the SDHSAA was discussed, with significant review of the options posed by that committee as to what other situations might exist. The committee felt that reducing games or further compressing the season was not in the best interests in the health and safety of football participants, but rather, a review of all options of expansion of preseason prep time was perhaps a best option. With that, **Motion Seiler, Second by Evans to request the SDHSAA membership and Board of Directors review the possibility of switching State Championship weekends – wherein Football would follow Volleyball on the calendar. This would allow for one additional week of Pre-Season Heat acclimatization and more practice time in teaching safe fundamental techniques to participants in accord with position statements by the NFHS, National Athletic Trainers Association, NASSM, and others from the medical community. Motion passed unanimously.**

Considerations by committee would be to ensure flexibility with State Semi-Final contests that would potentially share a date with State VB, but brings SDHSAA more in line with neighboring states in terms of schedule and start dates for each sport.

Kim Nelson – 11AAA/AA Coaches Rep – Shared concerns from coaches about Starting Date and lack of time to prepare kids for participation in games both in heat and contact realms; AAA and AA scheduling questions and ongoing discussion of how to handle – additional consideration of growth of classes and changing dynamics may be a future issue; AAA options for out-of-state scheduling, and some have asked for consideration of an in-season scrimmage date with an out-of-state team

Byron Pudwill – 9-Man Coaches Rep – Informal discussions on scheduling/travel/region/conference concerns; AD's Conference perspective on count of schools participating, date for ADMs, etc., was shared; also shared concerns of fellow nine-man coaches with the safety concerns of 10 days of prep time prior to first contests;

Zeke Prado – Native American School Rep – Report provided on the latest information on the All Nations Conference from those schools that are taking actions on moving forward with the conference for play in 2019 and beyond; Committee was unanimous in support of the move by those member schools exploring this option as a potential for 2019 impelmetnation. With that, a **Motion of Support – DeBoer, Second by Pudwill** for the All-Nations Conference was offered by the committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Administrative Reps

- i. George Seiler – Principal/Supt Report – Discussion of six-man was a primary item amongst administrators; Also some discussion on the count numbers used for ADM's
- ii. Brent DeBoer – Athletic Directors – Scheduling a major discussion as well; scheduling within AAA/AA/A ranks; No major concerns or items at this time

- c. Official Reps
 - i. Andy Deinert – Football Officials – Appreciation of newsletters and video work provided weekly; enhancement of videos further with voice-over; appreciation of video sharing from coaches/teams with officials for their own personal review; Return of information to officials'; Riding mileage for crewmates beyond crew chief for officiating crew – possibility – **Motion by Seiler, Second by Deinert; Beginning in 2019, Riding Mileage, up to \$25 per man would be provided in addition to the game fee. Motion passed unanimously.** This would mean that officials other than the “driver” would receive riding mileage up to a maximum of \$25 per individual per trip. Riding mileage to be paid at 18-cents-per-mile, with the understanding this is used to assist those officials who have to take time off of their normal career to work contests.
- d. SDHSAA Representatives
 - i. Video review – ejections and timing of how the ejection is applied; Some concern from specific instances in the state on how the targeting and other personal contact rules are being applied in situations of ‘flagrant’ acts. With that in mind, **Motion Seiler, Second by Pudwill to author Constitutional Language to reflect that flagrant “Personal Contact” fouls be ejections that mirror the college rule, with two halves of football being missed, deviating from current language, Motion Passes unanimously;** Krogstrand will review language from NCAA and other levels and author a Constitutional Amendment and present to the SDHSAA Board of Directors for consideration. Discussions also held on video review – Finals; Seven-man officials for semi’s and finals; **Motion by Seiler, second by DeBoer, to begin the use of seven-man officiating crews for all semi’s and finals in SDHSAA playoffs; Motion passes unanimously.**

With their being no further business before the committee, Nelson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Seiler. Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Krogstrand
Asst. Executive Director
SDHSAA