

SOUTH DAKOTA

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2018 Gymnastic Advisory Minutes SDHSAA Office Building, Pierre, SD 10:30 AM February 21, 2018

Advisory Committee Members

AA Coach	Vicky Fisher, Watertown	2020 (1)
A Coach	Maridee Dossett, Madison	2018 (2)
Ath. Dir.	Randy Soma, Brookings	2018 (1)
Principal	Neil Goter, Wagner	2019 (1)
Official	Shavonne Mitchell, Pierre	2019 (2)

1. Welcome- Auch welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Expense Statements were completed
3. Select a Recording Secretary- Shavonne Mitchell volunteered to record notes of the meeting.
4. Review Advisory Committee membership, terms, duties and responsibilities. Expiring term: Maridee Dossett...thank you for your years of service to the committee. Renewing: Randy Soma agreed to stay on for another term.
5. Proposals that passed last year's SDHSAA Board- Auch reviewed the proposals from last year that were approved by the SDHSAA BOD. The only proposal was the one limiting the number of participants to 40 in each event to include ties.
6. Advisory Committee member reports (include meeting from State Gymnastics coaches)
Maridee Dossett - Class "A"

Dossett reviewed the comments that she had received. Some coaches feel that we need more time to look at the score sheets at the state meet. Auch explained that we already have made the adjustment to have 10 minutes to inquire when the NFHS calls for 5 minutes. I believe the problem could be solved by giving out the scoresheets as they come in and are recorded instead of waiting until they have them all. That way coaches that need to get to the warm-up room only have one or two to review. Committee did not feel that we needed to add more time.

She also received a proposal to qualify the top 10 from each region and the next 20 wildcards in each event with the ISQ and All-Around standards to be added onto the list if they are not in the top 40 at Regions. The committee discussed that in looking at the numbers we were at 40 with 15 medals to place giving many athletes the opportunity to medal. The committee did not feel that potentially increasing the length of the meet by adding another 10 people/event was the direction that we wanted to go. Committee decided no action on that proposal.

Vicky Fisher - Class AA

Fisher reported that some coaches at the coaches meeting felt that we should go to 2 teams from each region and then fill with the next 5 wildcards. The committee felt that what we have is working well and no changes needed to be made at this time.

There was a proposal to add an all-around specific category for individual day.

PROPOSAL: In-Season Qualifiers that reach a 34.0, three times during the season and the top 5 places at each state qualifying meet are eligible for the all-around Competition. If 20 athletes are not reached, the next highest all-around scores until 20 will be allowed to compete in the all-around competition, including all ties.

Each team would be allowed up to 6 athletes to be a medal contender on each event (vault, bars, beam, floor). Each team will also be allowed a maximum of 6 athletes in the All-Around competition. The All-Around athletes must qualify individually in the event to contend for a medal in that event.

Example: “Jane” in-season qualified 3 times at various meets throughout the season to qualify as an All-Around. “Jane” also in-season qualified on Bars and Floor and was in the top 5 at the State Qualifying Meet on beam. “Jane” did not qualify on vault.

Therefore, “Jane” would be allowed to compete in all four events for her all-around score and she would be eligible for individual medal in bars, beam and floor in addition to the all-around medal. She would not be eligible for an individual vault medal regardless of her score on the vault.

The committee reviewed data from region meets from both this year and last year to crunch numbers to see how this would look. Committee felt that it may only increase the numbers by 3-5 per event based on what we saw this year.

Motion by Fisher, second by Dossett to approve the proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Shavonne Mitchell, Pierre - Official

Mitchell reported that there is an increased safety concern of vaulters trying to do skills that they are not landing . The rule book is clear that if a vaulter fails to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first, the vault is void. The safety concern is the fear that if the vaulter did not land it the first time, should she be able to do it again at a high safety concern.

The committee felt that safety always should come first.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Fisher to propose the following:

PROPOSAL: Failure to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first with result in a voided vault. The athlete will not be allowed to attempt the same vault. If the athlete performs the same vault, that vault will be voided. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy Soma, Brookings - AD

Soma reported that we are running low on facilities that want to host the Gymnastics Capital Cup Tournament. The enormous amount of equipment and power to move equipment is causing people to not want to host. The committee discussed the Capital Cup format of the tournament and how everyone liked that format and how much better it is that what we used to do with the long days of gymnastics meets. It is a fan friendly atmosphere, the schedule runs well and teams really enjoy being with another class performing. The level of gymnastics has risen in the state and we need to find a way to make it work for host sites. We discussed that Mitchell will be coming on board as a potential site and we discussed if RC Stevens could get back in the rotation. We felt we would have that discussion with them and see if they wanted back in. The committee felt that now that we only have 9 teams that qualify, we could potentially have one vault in RC and try and make that work.

Neil Goter, Wagner -Principal

Goter stated that most of the items he had have already been discussed. He did suggest that we look at paying judges more for the State Qualifying Meet. **Raise the pay for State Qualifying meets from \$125 to \$150.** Motion by Goter, second by Soma. Motion passed unanimously.

SDHSAA Report:

- Substitution policy for Team Day- the committee discussed, at great lengths, the request to be able to add a substitute on Team Day for illness or injury. The committee discussed that coaches already have the ability to list 7 and compete 5, with the ability to use any of those people listed. The committee felt that no changes needed to be made to the current policy.

- State Qualifying Meet dates and locations will be determined at the AD Conference in March.
- Thought of having the AA and qualifying meet on the same day with the same judges. Example: Saturday morning- ESD meet, and then in the afternoon the E/W meet all at the same location with all of the same judges OR Super Region. The committee thought that rather than doing that, maybe what we need to look at is going away from the E/W meet and ESD meet as the qualifier and possibly looking at revamping the State Qualifying meet to divide the schools equally in each region, basically like we did before and find another date for that meet.
- Information only: AD's hosting a meet may draw for rotations PRIOR to the meet and send information to school. Drawing no longer need to take place at the meet. Be sure to use the sample rotations on the SDHSAA website.
- AD's are asked to mix up rotations from year to year, so teams are not always starting on the same event. Suggest once it is made to just rotate by one team each year.
- Music on CD's is becoming a problem as many of the CD players don't read the music that is on them. In the technology/phone age, the committee feels that CD players should no longer be used.
- **PROPOSAL: Require all music recorded to be used with Ipod, phone auxiliary cords, etc. NO CD's will be allowed.** Motion by Soma, second by Dossett. Motion passed unanimously.

7. State meet review (likes/dislikes)

The group was happy with the State Meet. Watertown did a great job in running the meet. We wish to thank Mr. Moore, Vicky Fisher and the Watertown crew for their hard work in putting together that meet. A great success. Thank you.

8. Review how individuals qualify for the meet.

- Should the standards be adjusted? In looking at the standards for both Class A and Class AA, the committee felt the only thing that they wanted to review was the All-Around scores for both classes. We spent much time looking at number of all-around qualifiers. The committee asked why the number was different for the State Qualifying Meet at 33.0 and then 34.0 being met three times throughout the season, while Class A was consistent with 32.0 and 32.0 for both.
PROPOSAL: Move the Class AA Individual qualifying standard for All-Around score from 33.0 to 34.0 on the day of the State Qualifying meet. Motion by Fisher, second by Goter. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Formal proposals from the committee.

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11. Review Handbook- We drew for rotations for the State Meet on Team Day. The rotation will be as follows across the chart: 8-3-1-9-5-7-2-6-4.

12. Other items of concern- with no other items of concern, motion by Goter, second by Mitchell to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

13. Meeting date next year....back to Wednesday....will be Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.