

SDHSAA  
In- and Out-of-Season/AD Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
January 31, 2018  
10:30 AM  
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by John Krogstrand of the SDHSAA. Committee members in attendance included Moore, Soma, Aaker, Anderson, Clements, Denning & Messmer. Excused were Paulson and Beck. Also present were Jo Auch of the SDHSAA, Rex Rolwing of Sioux Falls and Cindy Demers of Winner.

The committee completed Expense Paperwork & Review Duties of Advisory Committee, including term length and committee's responsibilities moving forward. All eligible to continue in their term, and committee makeup will likely be similar next year.

To facilitate the meeting, the SDHSAA staff liaisons introduced seven major topics of discussion for the meeting: All-Star games during the school year, In-Season clinics, Football Summer contact times, Balance of sport seasons, Definition of seniors after eligibility in a sport has been exhausted, Golf Advisory proposal, and the exemption for a facility employee's coaching rights. Demers also asked for discussion on tryout camps in-season for Cheer/Dance.

Rex Rolwing of Sioux Falls, representing the SD State Soccer Association, approached the committee regarding rulings on in-school year, out-of-season All-Star Games. The SDSSA wished to host an all-star event in November with its annual membership meeting, but wanted to utilize students from grades 9-12, which falls beyond the current in-season rules allowing only those seniors who have exhausted their eligibility to participate. Concerns were expressed from committee members and SDHSAA staff about the effect this may have on additional sports, as well as for-profit groups looking to stage extensive numbers of games using SDHSAA athletes, and concerns over encouraging students to remain participatory in multiple sports and activities. After extensive discussion, the committee took no formal action, and suggested that consideration and discussion go forward at the SDIAAA clinic for consideration by the membership as a whole.

Cindy Demers of Winner spoke to the committee in regard to concerns of Cheer/Dance coaches and athletes who are currently not allowed to participate in college tryout events held during the in-season timeframe. Several colleges have advertised these events to student athletes and claim that failure to participate in the events may lead to failure to being selected for the collegiate team on the following year. Concern from the committee was expressed about outside entities influencing the season and our students. No formal action was taken on the matter for change to the handbook at this time.

Discussion was held in regard to clinics and practice opportunities prior to competitions being held during a given sport season. The committee felt that current policy monitoring the situation was sufficient.

The committee reviewed the ten-day limitation on summer football, specifically in terms of repetitive days of contact in full pads allowed. The committee suggested that the SDHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory consider our own in-season rules that limit consecutive days and perhaps address summer rules for team/school-led activities, with acknowledgement that restrictions on individually-based camps and events would be nearly impossible to monitor.

Discussion was held on the balance of sport seasons between Fall, Spring and Winter. Concerns continue to be shared with the SDHSAA staff about the “overload” of activity offerings in the fall season, while the winter and spring appear to be less intensive for participants. The committee discussed consideration of a summer season, and the possibility that additional activities may be effected, and took no formal action at this time.

Discussion was held on the definition of a “senior” following the conclusion of a given sports season. Questions have been raised about if a senior, who has finished participation in a given sport in that school year, and that season has concluded, should count towards the athlete limitations for club teams, private lessons, etc. SDHSAA staff and committee agreed that these students should be considered “seniors” until the day of graduation, regardless of the timing of a specific sports season, and would count toward this club team limitation on participants. Clarifying language will be drafted by SDHSAA staff and incorporated into next year’s OOS handbook materials.

Discussion was held on a proposal from the Golf Advisory Committee, looking to expand the allowable events for participation by golfers during the season. Namely, the USGA US Open Qualifier is held in early May, and Class AA and A Boys are able to participate as they are not in-season, but Class B boys are not. This rule change would allow the SDGA and SDHSAA to coordinate efforts to allow sanctioning of the USGA event to take place and HS athletes in-season to participate. Motion by Clements, second by Anderson to support this change. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion was held on the exception currently in the handbook specific to club employees who are also high school coaches and their ability to work with athletes beyond the private lesson/club team rules during the school year and out-of-season time periods. The committee felt that the changes needed to clarify the spirit of the rule, namely that this exception is designated for private lessons in a one-on-one setting, and not multiple coaches being hired to run multiple lessons, are to be drafted and are editorial in nature. Therefore, being editorial, no formal action was taken; SDHSAA staff will update wording and present to the SDIAAA membership the approved interpretation later this year.

The committee was asked for other discussion items. Messmer and others expressed concern over the timeline of advisory proposals, and the current practice of sending proposals to advisory without discussion at the local levels, or, the inability of constituents to speak with their representatives on advisory proposals prior to their discussion at the advisory level. The SDHSAA staff has heard similar concerns, and will be working toward an electronic submission and review system with submission deadlines to work on clarifying the process. Additionally, the SDHSAA staff will work on a presentation for the SDIAAA convention regarding the advisory process as a whole and what steps should be taken upon submitting proposals or discussion points to those committees.

Being no further business before the committee, it was motioned by Denning, seconded by Clements to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.