

SOUTH DAKOTA

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In- and Out-of-Season/AD Advisory Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 27, 2020 - 10:30 AM

SDHSAA Office, Pierre & via Teleconference

Committee Members:

AA Representatives: Craig Boyens, Randy Soma, Jared Vasquez

A Representatives: Bill Kurtz, James Knutson, Bill Clements

B Representatives: Josh Anderson, Eric Denning, Kelly Messmer

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM with all representatives present; Dr. Krogstrand, Dr. Swartos and Ms. Auch were present representing the SDHSAA Executive Staff. Dr. Krogstrand reviewed the operations of the committee and remaining term lengths; Eric Denning's term is expiring & the committee thanked him for his time and service to the association as a part of this group.

Changes from 2020-21 were reviewed – the lone change from this committee was that of the one-year classification cycle for 2021-22. No negative feedback was received or other items discussed.

The committee then moved to individual reports. Note that *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."*

- Committee Member Reports

- Craig Boyens – no items/formal report; Discussion of potential to better clarify the chart and simplify the questions at the end of the document;
- Randy Soma – agree on simplification of references; Integration of the handbook within the new website to help simplify and provide a better resource; one request from the membership of consideration that teams finishing below .500 allowed expanded summer contact timeframe to include May; Discussion among committee members was expression of concern of the overlap of team sports from the fall/winter and the spring season, although some noted that there is already infringement on the spring sports with club/non-school sanctioned programming
- Jared Vasquez – Agreeing with Soma and Boyens on working toward more simplification of summer/out-of-season rules to improve the information available to allow schools to serve themselves, etc.;

- Bill Clements – Echoed concern about additional team contacts being made available to programs beyond what already exists; Discussion with SDIAAA in regard to sessions beyond sports proposals discussions – hot topics, etc.;
- Bill Kurtz – Concern about further creating challenges for injuries to multi-sport student athletes;
- James Knutson – no additional items to bring forward
- Josh Anderson – did request information from Class B schools, minimal items that came forward; Conversation with other states that was very favorable towards the user-friendly nature of the roster/schedule/information on our website; Later start to re-up on activities
- Eric Denning – Coach contact with concern about immediate eligibility following a transfer after students have changed schools; Concern perhaps two-fold, one in regard to Covid eligibility, another in regard to hardships and reasons/rationale for consideration;
- Kelly Messmer – Encouragement to keep website information for school practical use as user-friendly as possible; Ensuring no students are able to jump into a second season of the same sport with the updated transfer rules as well as options that may come with a potential spring season of our member schools who have been unable to compete
- Soma suggestion that we could put some basic website information out to the SDIAAA membership on roll-out for implementation; Clements suggestion on addressing transfer rules, hot topic type items; Discussion evolved into SDIAAA Convention – Krogstrand asked about ideas for SDHSAA staff to develop curriculum and discussion topics for the upcoming event; Boyens noted that the “New AD” training would be a positive option for all AD’s to hear; Vasquez noted that SDIAAA is developing a talking/trading type of session for development there; SDIAAA Exec Cmte is continuing to look at further work on sessions as part of planning; Could a one-day in-person meeting be possible if trends/cases continue to improve statewide;
- SDHSAA Staff Reports
 - Any further consideration of “new sports” and/or process for implementing new sports to the offerings of the SDHSAA; Dr. Swartos shared historical information with the committee and discussion on where the process is presently at, knowing that the next plan was to work with the SDIAAA as well as other administrative groups to move forward with the present discussions on E-Sports and/or Softball; Dr. Swartos feels that there is minimal additional feedback at this point, and looking for consideration/discussion of moving forward with either/both activities as a sanctioned event within the SDHSAA’s realm; Vasquez shared feedback with the committee on positives and challenges of additional sports in the fall with the current slate, Vasquez also noted that when soccer came in, there was work done on the soccer association’s side to help broach the conversations with local school boards and entities; Some committee members expressed concern that a fully-sponsored school program with budgetary cuts that may be forthcoming, such that addition of a program might be detrimental to others; Discussion ensued on what the most appropriate pathway forward; Conversation on softball will continue with a revisit with SD USA Softball;
 - Consideration of any waivers of contact rules due to displaced seasons; Krogstrand reviewed processes in place

Being no other business before the committee, it was motioned by Clements, second by Soma to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. John Krogstrand