

SOUTH DAKOTA

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TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY MINUTES

Meeting: September 24, 2018
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Track & Field/Cross Country Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Casey Meile, Sioux Falls Public Schools
Superintendent	Trent Osborne, Ipswich
Class "B" Coach	Karol Patterson, Wall
Class "A" Coach	Lawron Bohr, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton
Class "AA" Coach	Jason Wagoner, SF Roosevelt
Official	Steve Charron, Huron
Native American Rep.	Tonya Whirlwind Soldier, Todd County

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM with all members present (Meile via teleconference). John Krogstrand and Jo Auch from the SDHSAA present. Krogstrand serving as recording secretary. Agenda was approved by unanimous consent, expense statements completed and advisory duties were reviewed. Terms
2. Review Rule Changes for 2017-18
 - a. SDHSAA Rule Changes
 - i. Four changes for last year, committee members noted overwhelming support for the change in XC allowing for the official to be at all regular season meets; adjudication of issues has been handled well
 - b. NFHS Rule Changes, as published for upcoming season
 - i. Exchanges of updates of rules between committee members and SDHSAA staff, with special note to updates coming for the spring track season; Pre-meet meetings/rules meetings options for Cross Country – what can we do to communicate rules changes from year to year to our cross country coaches who may not be involved in Track/Field or do not view the previous year's meeting for change information;
3. Review List of Deviations in Cross Country/Track
 - a. Consideration for continuing/discontinuing current deviations from NFHS Rules: Girls 100M Hurdles, no discussion by committee to make any changes and desire remains for the continuance of the deviations as currently used;
4. Coaches Clinic Reports

- a. TFCC Coaches Assn. Meetings & National Coaches Clinic; Positive comments from committee members on the national association meeting in Sioux Falls; special thanks to David Dolan and Jim Dorman for their work on preparing the event for all involved who were able to participate in the event;
5. Report from Committee Members; Opportunity to discuss & make proposals of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
- a. Coaches Reps
 - i. Karol Patterson – Wall – Class B; Discussion about 800M near the medley relay within the schedule; Krogstrand – discussion of option for a consolidated Day One schedule of two classes at a single site – would provide more rest between a handful of event situations (800M v Medley); Discussion on awards – some coaches looking for more, other issues with teams not being present to receive their awards for the meet; Cross Country meet @ Hart Ranch, course concerns; felt most were addressed in advance of state meet; State Track Meet – issues with volunteers and equipment – issues with needing individuals to be present and help out;
 - ii. Lawron Bohr – MVP – Class A; Discussion on the mile run additional slower runners being involved with the region meeting; committee will actively monitor for the 2019 season with future consideration if the group feels the problem perhaps more than an isolated situation or two; Rules regarding headbands; options for changing point structure versus disqualification of a runner who is in rule violation in a cross country meet; officials’ information – share pre-meet document with coaches in help to assist in rules compliance;
 - iii. Jason Wagoner – SFR – Class AA; Discussions in cross country – state meet in Huron, Asking site selection committee to looking at teams travelling v teams staying, concern of rooms available night prior to the meet, message will be shared with Site Selection; Ensure pre-meet meeting occurs at cross country meets; Athletic.net options – Results being automatically uploaded to the site; More than three qualifiers per school – perhaps another item to view how 2019 plays out and see how the ‘top 24’ option; officiating concerns at the state meet and options for additional eyes on the track; SDHSAA office to provide communication to schools to help with state meet; Coaches’ Area/box for running events – issues of administration of the meet if coaches are allowed into more restricted areas;
 - iv. Tonya Whirlwind Soldier – Todd Co – Native American Schools; Parents interfering with runners during a race – whether in a role as a coach or as an individual; What is allowable/not allowable aid; very appreciative of officials at cross country meets;
 - b. Administrative Reps
 - i. Casey Meile – SF Public Schools – Athletic Directors; Classification discussion, recognition that discussions on classes in BB/VB proposals might also affect track and cross country as they utilize the same formulas/numbers and may lead to future changes

- ii. Trent Osborne – Ipswich – Principals/Superintendents; no specific areas of concerns; interesting viewing of the decisions when to evacuate/suspend state meet due to weather concerns
 - c. Official Reps
 - i. Steve Charron – Officials Rep; appreciates the passion and discussion held by the committee and evaluation of where we are with our sport and caring for our kids; Ensure that officials are able to view the cross country course prior to the event to ensure the set-up is safe for competitors; Expanding work of TF/CC officials’ association to offer more clinics and options for officials’ training
 - d. SDHSAA Representatives
 - i. Combined First Day/Options with state meet scheduling; Discussion of a combined A/B first day format; Issues continue with travel to off-sites that are a good distance away – is there a way to combine the classes at the largest facility for future years? SDHSAA staff will work with site hosts to see what options for scheduling and event planning might exist
 - ii. Officials’ Recruiting – Booth present at our state events to recruit officials, will look for volunteers from each sport
 - iii. Entries at State Meets – Data analysis of top 24 v in-season marks; region meets and their ability to qualify; some events now seeing 36 or more athletes making the State Meet; are our kids being best served by some of the other athletes; Discussion of what’s best for all athletes in terms of competition and highlighting our top few at the state meet; Comparison of field events v running events with competitors qualifying at a higher ratio; Discussion to be held at the SODAK clinic to discuss a Top-24 proposal with respect to qualifications at the State Meet
- 6. Review SDHSAA Handbook Sections for cross country and track & field. No further discussion ensued.
- 7. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion; At this time, there are no proposals moving forward for Track or Cross Country.
- 8. Adjourn; Motion to adjourn by Patterson, second by Osborne. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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