

SOUTH DAKOTA

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2018-19 Volleyball Advisory Minutes SDHSAA Office Building – November 28, 2018 @10:30 a.m.

“AA” Coach: Shelly Buddenhagen, Huron	2020 (1)
“A” Coach: Rob Wilson, Beresford	2019 (2)
“B” Coach: Jean Benson, Chester	2021 (1)
Athletic Director: Leslie Rylance, Parkston	2020 (1)
Principal: Christena Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery	2021 (1)
Official: Kelley Devine, Sioux Falls	2021 (1)
Native Am. Rep: Peri Strain, White River	2021 (2)

Members present: Shelly Buddenhagen, Rob Wilson, Jean Benson, Leslie Rylance (via phone conference)
Christena Schultz, Kelley Devine and Peri Strain.

1. Welcome- Auch welcomed the group and had everyone introduce themselves.
2. Expense Statements were completed and turned in.
3. Approve the Agenda: Motion by Buddenhagen, second by Strain to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Auch explained the meeting procedures as we would need to make a motion and vote on proposals in order to move any interested proposals forward to the membership. Auch also stated that anything we do here is not binding as our proposals move forward to the AD’s conference in March for a vote, then to our BOD for a first reading in April with a possible second reading in June.
4. Select a Recording Secretary – Shelly Buddenhagen offered to record notes for the meeting.
5. Review Advisory Committee membership, terms, duties and responsibilities- Terms expiring: Rob Wilson. Committee would like to thank Rob for his years of service to the Advisory Committee. Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities for the meeting.
6. Approve minutes from last year’s meeting- Motion by Benson, second by Strain. Passed unanimously.
7. Auch then reviewed the proposals that were passed by the SDHSAA Board of Directors, which were:
 - a. Eliminate the 10 % rule.
 - b. The regular season will end on the designated cut-off date for each class. Matches played after the cut-off date will not count toward seed points for any post-season matches.
 - c. Move Class A and B to the same match limitations as Class AA which would be:

All Classes (AA, A and B)
20 duals- no tournaments
19 duals – one tournament
18 duals – two tournaments
17 duals – three tournaments
16 duals – four tournaments

8. Auch gave a report on the State Volleyball Tournament. Everyone thought the event was very well organized and wanted to thank Casey Meile for his hard work in making the tournament a success. Auch discussed the hotel accommodations at the Downtown Holiday Inn. She had received some phone calls about the extra events that were there on the weekend. Auch explained the number of necessary rooms and when several Sioux Falls schools qualified and 48 rooms were given back to the motel, they sold them to whomever wanted rooms, in which we have no control over. Auch also informed the group that we were looking into other possibilities closer to the venue. Benson stated she absolutely agreed that the teams all need to try to stay in the same motel for a number of reason and thought the Holiday Inn was a good location.

Buddenhagen mentioned that there was some concern over the base of the standards and the second referee having a difficult time seeing the centerline because of the broad base of the standard. Auch stated that she would check into that prior to the next tournament, which would be held in 2021 in Sioux Falls. Everyone agreed the nets and floor were great!

Auch discussed how the adjustments to the Saturday Championship Day played out and asked for the committees input/suggestions. The event ended at 9:15 p.m., yet there was potential for it to go much longer if the preliminary matches had played out to 5 sets. Everyone felt that the adjustments made to the awards ceremony were great changes and that along with shortening the Consolation warmup time to 10 minutes seemed acceptable, but we also discussed the fact that we possibly need to tweak time for lineups and rosters.

9. Advisory Committee Member reports

a. “B” Report – Jean Benson

Benson report included items she had received through emails and conversations with other coaches.

- 1) Concern that we need to limit the number of line-up checks that can be requested. Some feel like that is being used as a stall tactic by coaches when they are out of time-outs.
- 2) Concern that the officiating during post season is being called differently than it is throughout the year. Some feel that we need to work on consistency amongst the officiating in the state with the 2’s that are being called.
- 3) Game balls for District/Region/State: What happened to the medals and game balls that were being given to the teams at the district and region level? Auch explained that we now send more balls to the State for practice as there were no longer districts. The two teams that qualify for the SoDak 16 each receive a game ball. In an effort to make trophies, plaques and medals consistent in other sports, it was decided to eliminate the medals and plaque for the 2nd place team at the SoDak 16, which is what, is done in basketball as well.

b. “A” Report - Rob Wilson

Wilson reported on the following:

- 1) Warm-ups without having lower level players to help retrieve balls, especially on larger courts. There were several concerns about the change in the warm-up protocol with only rostered players being able to shag balls and felt we needed to make some adjustments. Auch explained that one of the NFHS Points of Emphasis was to try to find ways to help diminish the concussion injuries in our sport. This was the first step to trying something to help eliminate these injuries. Auch asked if there was something, we could do to compromise to help the situation. One suggestion was that we have the other team help to shag balls during their time off the court and that each team would help each other in that way to eliminate balls from

rolling onto the floor with possible injury potential. Coaches would need to educate their teams on how this process might work and the VB Coaches Association would help coaches to understand this process. Auch suggested we table this until she came back from the NFHS Volleyball Rules Meeting to get updates on how it went in other states.

- 2) A suggestion to change sides of the court at 8 points in the deciding set. The group felt that SD may not be ready for that, as there may be issues with teams lagging behind in order to change the momentum of the contest. Also, felt that until the NFHS was ready to make that rule change, it was not necessary in South Dakota either.
- 3) Is it possible to get rid of the handshake at the net with the teams PRIOR to the contest, after introductions? It seems that we have many more handshakes than other sports. Group thought this might be a great time to look at a simple change in the court protocol prior to the match.
PROPOSAL: Eliminate the handshake after the introduction of players. R1 will sound the whistle and motion teams to go to their respective benches. The timer will start the one-minute clock upon the R1's whistle. The warning whistle will sound when 15 seconds remain on the clock and teams are expected to be on the court in positions for the R2 to complete check the line-up prior to the final horn sounding. Motion by Wilson, second by Devine. Vote 7-0 passed.

c. "AA" Report- Shelly Buddenhagen

Buddenhagen reported the following concerns from AA Coaches:

- 1) Seed points for AA: Buddenhagen read a proposal sent to her. The proposal would only count the matches vs. in-state AA opponents towards seed points. Auch asked the group to review the teams that were in the state tournament in each class, and look at the seed that they started as and where they finished. For the most part, teams were within a place or two of where they were seeded. After some discussion the group, specifically with how teams ended in the state compared to their seed going in, the committee felt that if the seed system is not broken, we do not need to make changes to it.
- 2) Buddenhagen thought that it might be time to explore a means of being able to keep live stats at the state tournament as we do in BB. Auch stated that she had discussed this with Sam Martens and thought it would be a good idea for Buddenhagen and Benson to meet with Coaches Association and discuss how to proceed. Possible conversation with Martens to discuss what this might look like and what might need to be done to make a change in the system that we are using. It might take a few more people to track stats at the state event, but felt it was a possibility.
- 3) Is there a possibility to have teams wear different colored jerseys on each side of the floor, possibly one in a light color and one in a dark color? The group discussed the cost factor that might go along with that and could be a strain on the schools budget to put that in place. The group thought that coaches could be in touch with one another and have a COACHES AGREEMENT that they would try to offset colors of jerseys if possible. Devine thought officials would appreciate that as well.

d. Native Am. Representative-Peri Strain

Strain shared with the group the following items:

- 1) Consistency in officiating across the state.
- 2) Some mentioned that there were no native teams in the State Tournament. Strain stated that many realize that they just need to get better and work harder to improve their programs.
- 3) She also stated the need for more coaches training and trying to find a way to get coaches to join and attend coach's clinics that are held in the state.
- 4) Strain acknowledged that they have much work on their side to improve some of these concerns.

e. AD – Leslie Rylance

Rylance report:

- 1) Difficulty in finding officials. We need to try to encourage more officials to become certified, so the pool of certified officials is bigger.
- 2) Complaints about the Denny Sanford facility being very cold for spectators.
- 3) Some schools are having a difficult time filling the additional date for their 20th match. Getting better but it is taking time to adjust schedules to reflect that additional match.

f. Official – Kelley Devine

Devine commented on:

- 1) Thought the State Tournament was run very well. A suggestion for future tournaments might be to keep the same table personnel at a specific class instead of moving them to a different class. Officials get used to the table personnel and table personnel get used to the officials. Officials feel it would provide more consistency for the tournament to keep workers the same throughout the tournament.
- 2) Net set up was difficult for some officials, as it caused a blind spot on the centerline.

g. Principal- Christena Schultz

Schultz reported on:

- 1) A very well run tournament. She had some reports that the Premier workers in some sections could have been a little more kind to some of the fans who did not understand where they were supposed to go upon the completion of the matches.
- 2) Schultz asked if there was any criteria in place for host sites when they put in for a SoDak 16 contest? Auch stated that we really only looked at the seating numbers as to if they could host a crowd of a SoDak 16 contest. A suggestion was to possibly put a criteria list together such as having the ability to broadcast the match, have pre-match music playing while warming up if no band, locker rooms to accommodate etc.

h. SDHSAA- Jo Auch

- 1) SoDak 16 sites and concerns - Auch gave a report of finances of these contests and is exploring ways to make these more efficient so schools do not lose money. It was challenging this year as many of the sites we normally would use were being used for voting polls. Thus, we had some different sites.
- 2) Warm-up time- Auch suggested that many have talked to her about the length of warm-up time for Volleyball. We looked at what other surrounding states are doing and it was suggested to make a change to the current warm-up time:

PROPOSAL: Change warm-up time to 15 minutes, 3-6-6 format.

3 minutes of shared ball handling, in which the coin flip would occur during that time, 6 minutes for the visiting team;

6 minutes for the home team.

The captain/coaches meeting and coin flip will occur during the three minutes of shared ball handling time with the clock running. While a team has the entire court, the opposing team shall not participate in ball handling drills and will instead help shag balls for their opponent. It is recommended three ball carts are available for this process. Coaches will train athletes about proper ball retrieval for the team warming up. Motion by Benson, Second by Devine. Motion passed unanimously.

Rationale: The proposal intends to shorten warm-ups and alleviate the frustration expressed by many with the new warm-up procedure intended to prevent injuries during warm-up.

Committee feels like it is a win-win in helping solve two problems.

- 3) Officials training – Double Contact- Auch acknowledged the coaches concerns about the inconsistency of the 2's that are called across the state and suggested that the only way we will get better is to train with it.

Here was one of her thoughts on how to improve this:

- a) She is going to invite coaches from the entire state to share at least one video of some play that coaches felt needed to be addressed. It could be a two call, it could be a missed back row attach, an improper application of the rule, or it

could be something that was done great by officials as well. However, until we can see some of these on video and discuss them, it will be hard for us to learn.

- b) We are also going to have a State-Wide Officials Conference in 2020 in which Joan Powell will be our guest clinician. We would like to invite coaches and officials to attend the clinic. Powell is a very powerful speaker and would be great for all to hear.
- 4) Officials Ratings for regular season contests to be used as a tool for post season and state tournament.

Auch introduced a form for coaches to evaluate officials after contests and asked the committee for suggestions for any ideas to improve this form. It would simply be another tool to help select officials in addition to coaches' votes.

PROPOSAL: Each head coach must complete an official's evaluation form for all dual matches played on their schedule. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine to the school not completing their dual match evaluation forms. Coaches may complete forms after competing in tournament if they wish. Auch asked coaches on the committee to take it to the coaches association and see if there are things they would like to see added or deleted on the form. She asked Devine to do the same of the officials group. She would like this form finalized by April 15th. This form is attached at the end of these minutes. Motion by Benson, Second by Buddenhagen. Motion passed 7-0.

- 5) Auch shared with the volleyball advisory the football proposal that will be moving forward to possibly exchange the week of State Football and place State Volleyball one week earlier and for State Football to move to the later week where State Volleyball currently is placed. The reason for the football change is that the football players only have 7 days of actual pads prior to their first contest and they feel that is a safety issue.

Volleyball contends that if that move is made, their region play and SoDak 16 contests will be right on top of All State Chorus and Orchestra. The group is not in favor of switching weeks with football. The volleyball committee also feels that by shortening their season a week, the matches will be crammed into too many nights a week.

- 6) State event schedule
- a) Championship day- do we have it right? Everyone felt that the adjustments made to the schedule on Saturday for Consolation play were right on target. Auch did point out that we had some matches that went 3 or 4 and we still had the potential had the courts gone to the 5th set to add an additional hour onto the consolation round.
 - b) Adjust consolation round (suggestions): A couple of suggestions for consolation round was that we needed to wait for teams to arrive before starting the 10-minute warm-up. Auch thought that if we did two horns, the first for the teams to come out and the second horn for the actual warm-up to start.
 - c) The other thought was, do we really need to turn in a roster at the 10-minute mark any longer? What is the purpose of that roster? Coaches verify that they are legally equipped and many teams wear warm-ups so you cannot see numbers anyway, so do we really need to turn that in? It was very rushed when the coaches only had 10 minutes to warm-up and get the roster in. Benson suggested that we turn that roster in when we do the coin flip in the other gym, prior to coming out on the floor and the officials would then turn it in at the table. Great idea!

10. Review the NFHS questionnaire and possible changes-We reviewed the NFHS Questionnaire that was sent out to all the coaches and officials and discussed the things that we liked and/or did not like. Auch will take those thoughts from the group to the NFHS Volleyball Rules Meeting in January.
11. Propose any possible recommendations

PROPOSALS:

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- b. **PROPOSAL: Change warm-up time to 15 minutes, 3-6-6 format. 3 minutes of shared ball handling, in which the coin flip would occur during that time, 6 minutes for the visiting team; 6 minutes for the home team.**
The captain/coaches meeting and coin flip will occur during the three minutes of shared ball handling time with the clock running. While a team has the entire court, the opposing team shall not participate in ball handling drills and will instead help shag balls for their opponent. It is recommended three ball carts are available for this process. Coaches will train athletes about proper ball retrieval for the team warming up. Motion by Benson, Second by Devine. Motion passed unanimously.
Rationale: The committee felt this solved two problems, length of warm-up and not having enough people to shag balls out on the court. Now the opposing team will line up around the court and help get balls in a formal manner that coaches will work out with their teams prior to the first contest. Buddenhagen and Benson will distribute plans as to what this will look like for each team.
- c. **PROPOSAL: Each head coach must complete an official's evaluation form for all dual matches played on their schedule. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine to the school not completing their dual match evaluation forms.** Motion by Benson, Second by Buddenhagen. Motion passed 7-0.

12. Other items to be discussed-

- a. The committee discussed the possibility of changing side after the 8th point in the deciding set and the committee feels that South Dakota may not be ready for that as it might be challenging to get teams to not lag behind in the momentum or the deciding set. The committee felt that if the National Federation changes that rule, then we are on board to adjust as well, but not at this time.
- b. Coaches and officials would like to see a Coaches general agreement on the not wearing the same colored jerseys for each team. Example, school colors are black and red, and both teams show up that night in black uniforms. Committee feels that coaches should be proactive and take the initiative to wear different colored jerseys when playing teams as such. *If you are on the road, you wear your darker colored jersey and if you are home wear the lighter colored jersey. Not a rule, but helps the officials as they track players and helps the fans and coaches as well. Coaches should work together to work on the jersey colors worn in situations as such.*

13. Adjournment- with no further business to discuss, Wilson made a motion to adjourn with Schultz seconding the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

SDSHAA VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS EVALUATION FORM

School:

Game:

Opponent:

Official's Name (R1):

Official's Name (R2):

Please rate the officials in the following categories using the following as a guide:

5=Excellent; 4= Above Average; 3=Average; 2=Below Average; 1=Poor

Category	R1	R2
Professionalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official arrived to the contest in a timely manner and handled their pregame duties diligently. Official wore appropriate, matching uniform attire and had appropriate equipment (whistle, cards, pencil etc.) to work contest. Official conducted oneself in a positive manner throughout the contest. 	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approachable before and during the contest. Addressed student-athletes and coaches in a positive manner. Whistle, signals, verbal and non-verbal communication. 	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor
Attitude <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remained focused throughout the contest Positively influenced the contest through one's actions Professional, courteous and polite demeanor while maintaining control of the game. 	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor
Game Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displayed poise and control in controversial situations Maintained control of the contest Had consistent calls throughout the contest 	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor
Rules Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied NFHS Rules correctly Enforced the rules as written throughout the contest Able to give reasonable explanations when asked about interpretations and application 	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor	5- Excellent 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Poor
Comments:		