

2014-15 SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ADOPTED ATHLETIC PROPOSALS

All-Sport Proposal

1. To be eligible for sub-state and state competition, a student must be a member of that school's team no later than the fourth Monday from the official start of that sport season.
 - a. Membership defined: A student must:
 - 1) Be practicing with the high school team
 - 2) Be on the school's master eligibility list; and
 - 3) Be under the bylaws for the SDHSAA
 - b. Exception: At the member school's discretion, students may be allowed to join a team after the fourth Monday from the official start of that sport season and be fully eligible for regular season and post-season competition if they meet any of the three conditions below:
 - 1) Transfer students who become eligible in their new school
 - 2) Students, who are participating in another sport and wish to drop that sport and participate in a second sport during the same sport season, provided that have not delayed their membership in order to gain a competitive advantage.
 - 3) Student who joins a team after the fourth Monday from the official start of the sport season and have not participated in the same sport:
 - a. On a non-school team or as an individual competitor; or
 - b. In a camp or clinic; or
 - c. Received private instruction in that sport during the high school season.
 - c. Students who join a team after the fourth Monday from the official start of the season are eligible only for the regular season (not post-season) if they have participated in the same sport:
 - 1) On a non-school team or as an individual competitor; or
 - 2) In a camp or clinic; or
 - 3) Received private instruction in that sport during the high school season.

Basketball

1. Individual athletes shall not participate in more than SEVEN quarter of basketball in a given day against any common opponent, regardless of site in which the contests are played.

Competitive Cheer

1. Remove "Dead Week" for Cheer and Dance (July 27-August 3).
2. Hair deductions will be a one point deduction per infraction.
3. Tie Breaking procedure:

Should a tie occur for the overall championship placement of teams, the following criteria will be used sequentially to break the tie:

 - a. Least amount of total safety deductions from the technical score sheet
 - b. Least amount of deductions from the Major Falls to the Floor category on the technical/safety score sheet.
 - c. Highest "Overall Impression of Performance" score under Appeal and Perfection of Routine Category.
4. Basket tosses will be allowed in Competitive Cheer only, not sideline.

Competitive Dance

1. Remove “Dead Week” for Cheer and Dance (July 27-August 3).
2. Hair deductions will be a one point deduction per infraction
3. Dance Tie Breaker procedure:
Should a tie occur for the overall championship placement of teams, the following criteria will be used sequentially to break the tie.
 - a. The highest score in a routine, regardless of category, will be used to break the tie.
 - b. The 2nd highest score, regardless of category, will be used if a tie remains.
 - c. The 3rd highest score, regardless of category, will be used if a tie remains.

Football

1. (First day of Practice) Remove all language from the football handbook specific to a staggered practice start date and create a uniform “First Day of Practice” to take place on the Thursday of Week Six of the NFHS Calendar (August 14 for 2014-15 school year).
2. (First Contest Date) Revise language in the Football Handbook to read that the first allowable contest date for schools shall be the Thursday of Week Eight of the NFHS Calendar. This change would allow for Thursday night “Week Zero” games should both participating schools have completed ten days of practice.

Golf

1. (Season Dates, Spring Golf) The SDHSAA Golf Advisory Committee recommends a change to the dates of the Spring Golf Season to ensure an equitable season can be had by participants in comparison to the fall season. Specifically, the Golf Advisory Committee recommends changing the date of the Spring State Golf Tournaments to the Monday & Tuesday of Week 48 of the NFHS Calendar. If Memorial Day falls on the Monday of Week 48, Tournaments will be held on the Monday & Tuesday of Week 49 OR Wednesday & Thursday of Week 48. Region completion dates would be similarly adjusted.
Dates for future championships under this model would be as follows:
 - 2016- June 6-7
 - 2017- June 5-6
 - 2018- June 4-5
 - 2019- June 3-4
2. (Playoffs, Region & State Tournaments) The Golf Advisory Committee recommends the removal of all language in the SDHSAA Golf Handbook regarding playoffs other than for the individual medalist or team championship during Region or State Tournaments.
3. (Pairings, State Tourney) The Golf Advisory Committee recommends that no teammates shall be paired with one another during either day of competition at the State Tournament.

Gymnastics

1. Class A and AA will use state qualifier/region meet score to qualify the top 9 teams in each class for the state meet. The top THREE teams from each state qualifying/region meet will advance to the state meet, with the next three highest team scores from the state qualifying/region meet advancing to the state meet as wildcards.
Note: Should there be a disparity of 2 or more teams in a particular region, that region will qualify an addition team to state which would then reduce the number of wildcard qualifiers by one.

Example: Region 1 has 8 teams participating and Region 2 has 6 teams participating. Since there would be two more teams in Region 1, Region 1 would qualify the top 4 teams from their region, Region 2 would qualify the top three teams from their region and then the next TWO highest team scores would qualify as the wildcard teams to round out the 9 state qualifiers.

2. Handbook changes: Page 9, Letter K: (Changes are in bold)

Required Warm-up and Competition Rotation

A specific gymnastics rotation for warm-up and competition is required for all regular season meets with four or more teams. ~~The order of competition must be drawn at the meet site with each school represented will be drawn by the host management in charge of the event.~~ The warm-up **and order of competition** schedule can be determined in advance with the schools notified prior to the day of the meet. Warm-up rotations for all meets having four (4) or more “varsity” teams shall have a minimum of two minutes per gymnast. All other meets are at the discretion of the host school. However, the warm-up time at these meets is not to exceed 12 minutes per event. The distance the teams are from the meet site determines the warm-up schedule. If all teams are approximately the same distance, the schedule is to be drawn.

3. Handbook Changes: Page 13, Letter A

A. State Qualifying/Region Meeting

1. **The school hosting the State Qualifying /Region Meet is responsible for** ~~A meeting is to be held prior to the State Qualifying/Region meet for the purpose of organizing the meet and sending information to each participating school in advance of the meet.~~
2. ~~A school may designate any administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) who is not coaching in the sport of gymnastics to represent the school on the committee. The representative shall then inform the school personnel directly involved with the sport of the decisions made at the committee meeting.~~
3. ~~A committee chairman must be elected and each committee shall function following generally accepted Rules of Order. The region chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) from a region member school. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting with a distribution made to each school represented on a timely basis.~~
4. **Input from Coaches.** All committees are required to give coaches an opportunity to have input to the committee prior to any decision making by the committee. Gymnastics coaches may attend the gymnastics meeting for input to the committee and as a resource person(s) in the sport of gymnastics.
2. If a committee meeting is not held prior to the meet to discuss procedures, The Meet Director shall communicate the following information to each coach and athletic director involved:
 - Warm-up schedule
 - List of equipment to be used
 - How would each coach like to handle the exhibition gymnast for each event (sign up for an event or be assigned)
 - Provide a list of judges contracted for the coach to vote on judging assignments **judging assignments as assigned by SDHSAA/meet director.**

Soccer

1. (Season Dates): The Soccer Advisory Committee recommends a change in the dates of the soccer season to include the following structure, effective with the 2014 season:
 - a. First Practice – Thursday, Week Five (August 7th)
 - b. First Contest – Tuesday, Week Seven (August 19th)
 - c. Last Contest – Friday, Week Twelve (September 27th)
 - d. Quarterfinal Playoffs – Tuesday, Week Thirteen (September 30th)
 - e. Semifinal Playoffs – Saturday, Week Thirteen (October 4th)

f. Finals – Saturday, Week Fourteen (October 11th)

- (Officials): The Soccer Advisory Committee recommends a change to the SDHSAA Soccer Handbook to require three registered officials be assigned to all varsity contests. Sub-varsity contests may use two officials.
- (Power Points): Replace all verbiage on soccer power points and replace with the following chart for awarding points:

Opponent's Win Pct.	Points for Win	Points for Tie	Points For Loss
.750 and above	50	44.5	39
.500 to .749	47	41.5	36
.250 to .499	44	38.5	33
.249 and below	41	35.5	30
Teams would receive +2/-2 points for playing an opponent from a higher/lower classification			

Tennis

- Seed 12 players instead of 8 for all flights of singles and doubles.
- A new tennis bracket with new bye placements and new point system for state tournament will be in place for the 2014-15 girls' and boys' season.
- Add the addition of a 7th and 8th place medal for individual awards.
- Match format: All championship rounds will be 2/3 with a match tie break in lieu of the 3rd set. All consolation matches will remain 10 game pro-sets.

Track and Field & Cross Country

- (Cross Country – State Meet) Re-order the State Cross Country meet so that the 'AA' Boys race is run following the 'AA' Girls race. This would eliminate the break for team awards, with all awards being presented following the completion of the 'AA' Boys race.

Volleyball

- Warm-up time prior to the match will be 20 minutes. The 20 minute warm-up time will be as follows:
4 minutes of shared time (balls may not cross the net)
8 minutes - visiting team has entire court
8 minutes - home team entire court
Teams will do their serving during their designated time on the floor.
Coaches and captains need to be available following the JV match for the pre-match conference, as the coin toss will take place during the 4 minutes of shared time.
- The start date for volleyball will be on Thursday of Wk. 6 (August 14, 2014) with the first allowable contest on Tuesday of Wk 8 (August 26, 2014).
- Handbook changes: Page 8 - VB section, #2 Set Limitation Rule
Set Limitation Rule. In matches with more than one level of competition such as varsity, junior varsity, or "C", no one individual can play more than **five seven** sets against a common opponent. ~~in "best of three" matches. In matches playing "best of five" sets, a seven set limitation will be placed on all players.~~
If a player participates in a "best of three" for Jr. varsity/"C"/jr. high and plays in a "best of five" for varsity, ~~the seven set limitation will apply.~~
The player limitation applies to 7th and 8th graders *when they are moved up to a 9th grade level or higher match within the same session **against a common opponent.***

Penalty: The penalty for player set limitation violation will be unnecessary delay (time out) and entry into the set is denied to that competitor.

ITEM TO NOTE: FLAGS WILL BE USED BY LINE JUDGES FOR ALL CONTESTS GRADES 9-12.

Wrestling

1. (Region Seeding Meeting - Date) CLASS B ONLY: The Wrestling Advisory Committee recommends changing the seeding meeting to Thursday at 7 PM CT instead of Friday to allow the host site more time to prepare for the competition event.
2. (Region Seed Meeting - Seeding) The Wrestling Advisory Committee recommends changing the language regarding requirements to obtain a seed to state that a wrestler must have actually wrestled eight matches at the weight class for which they are to be seeded. Allowing a wrestler with fewer matches at this weight class to be seeded would only be allowed by a unanimous vote of the participating coaches (as is current practice for a wrestler with fewer than eight matches total).
3. (All Wrestling Events): The Wrestling Advisory Committee recommends the implementation of TrackWrestling (www.trackwrestling.com) as the official wrestling statistics program for SDHSAA schools & teams. This implementation is to be two-fold:
 - a. In 2014-15, all Region and State Tournaments shall utilize TrackWrestling as its tournament management software
 - b. In 2015-16, all SDHSAA wrestling schools must utilize Track Wrestling to enter season statistics, including uploading results of every match competed at the varsity level. It is recommended that schools utilize the program for the operation of home tournaments, meets or duals much as a school utilizes Hy-Tek to operate home track meets. Results as entered to TrackWrestling will be utilized to seed the region tournaments.