



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING

**August 24, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

**Pierre, South Dakota**

The Board of Directors held a special meeting on August 6, 2020, via teleconference with members present as follows:

Craig Cassens	Randy Soma	Dan Aaker
Barry Mann	Mark Murphy	Dr. Jerry Rassmussen
Michael Talley	Marty Weismantel	Tom Culver

Staff members present at the SDHSAA office included Dr. Dan Swartos, Jo Auch, Dr. John Krogstrand, Brooks Bowman, and Aaron Magnuson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Cassens at 10:07 A.M.

**Item #1-Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Marty Weismantel, to approve the agenda as presented.  
*Motion carried 9-0.*

**Item #2- Public Forum**

Chairman Cassens called for the public forum per SDHSAA policy. There were no speakers at the public forum.

**Item #3- Consider temporary changes to the SDHSAA Constitution (via Article VII Section VII) for students at schools who are unable to compete in Fall 2020 Activities due to County/Community/Tribal/Federal ordinances/orders.**

SDHSAA staff presented the Board with letters from Superintendent Charles Cuny Jr of Little Wound School and Superintendent Michael Carlow of Pine Ridge School District. Staff reviewed several options regarding participation for students who are unable to compete in Fall 2020 due to various ordinances or orders.

Motion by Marty Weismantel, second by Tom Culver, to temporarily amend the SDHSAA transfer rules to allow students at schools who are unable to compete in Fall 2020 Activities due to County/Community/Tribal/Federal ordinances or orders to open enroll in the Fall of 2020 and to return to their home school following the Fall 2020 season and remain eligible at their home school.

*Motion carried 9-0.*

**Item #4- Consider Playoff Qualification Changes for Fall 2020**

Motion by Michael Talley, second by Mark Murphy, to approve the staff recommended playoff changes for the Fall of 2020. Changes located in Appendix A.

*Motion carried 9-0.*

**Item #5- Consider a request for Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities from St. Thomas More and Douglas in the sport of Competitive Dance, effective the 2020-21 school year.**

Motion by Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, second by Michael Talley to approve the request.

*Motion carried 9-0.*

**Item #6- Adjourn**

Motion by Tom Culver to Adjourn.

Chairman Cassens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos

SDHSAA Executive Director



## Fall 2020 Playoff Changes

### **Volleyball:**

- Change minimum contests played from 10 matches to 8 matches.
- For each match difference between the actual matches played and the minimum of eight, the team will be granted a Tier 4 power point loss (30 points), for calculation of seeding at Regions. Actual record will be used to calculate power points for opponent wins/losses
  - Example: Team A plays four matches prior to regions and goes 4-0. They would receive their normal Power Point calculations for their four wins and would receive four Tier 4 power point losses (30 points). Their power point average would be determined using a 4-4 record with the four Tier 4 losses. The opponents they actually played would receive Tier 1 power point losses (39 points) due to the 4-0 actual record.
- In any Region where two or fewer teams remain at the start of Region play, they will be paired off with another Region to form a “Super Region”, and the Super Region would play out for four spots in the SoDak16. If necessary, Super Regions would be paired as Regions 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, or 7 and 8.

### **Football:**

- Change minimum contests played from 6 games to 5 games.
- For each game difference between the actual games played and the minimum of five, the team will be granted a Tier 4 power point loss (30 points), for calculation of playoff seeding points. Actual record will be used to calculate power points for opponent wins/losses
  - Example: Team A plays three games prior to the playoffs and goes 3-0. They would receive their normal Power Point calculations for their three wins and would receive two Tier 4 power point losses (30 points). Their power point average would be determined using a 3-2 record with the two Tier 4 losses. The opponents they actually played would receive Tier 1 power point losses (39 points) due to the 3-0 actual record.

### **Soccer:**

- No change

### **Cross Country:**

- No Change

### **Competitive Cheer/Competitive Dance:**

- No change

### **Golf:**

- No change

### **Tennis:**

- No Change

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