



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

October 16, 2020

11:00 a.m. CDT

Pierre, South Dakota

Board will participate via Zoom.

Office will be open to the public, meeting audio will be live-streamed.

Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum

Board Members:

Criag Cassens, Chair- Faulkton
Mark Murphy- Aberdeen Central
Marty Weismantel- Groton Area
Michael Talley- RC Central

Randy Soma, Vice Chair- Brookings
Barry Mann- Wakpala
Dr. Jerry Rasmussen- Dakota Valley
Tom Culver- Avon

ITEM #1 – Approve the agenda.

ITEM #2- Public Forum

ITEM #3 – Consider changes to 11AAA Football Playoff Seeding procedure for 2020 Season

ITEM #4 – Consider identifying an alternate “9th Seed” in Class 11AAA/11A and “17th” Seed in Class 11B/all 9-man classes for the first round of the football playoffs. In the event a team cannot participate in the first round of the playoffs, the 9th/17th seed would replace the team that could not play. There will be no re-seeding of teams due to the potential short turn-around time prior to the contests being played. This would only be in effect for the first round of football playoffs and only for the 2020 football season.

ITEM #5- Consider allowing teams who have not qualified for the football playoffs to schedule an additional game on October 22, October 23, or October 24. This would be in effect for the 2020 season only.

ITEM #6 – Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director

AAA Seeding:

- Keep Current Win Pct as Primary
- Consideration of Head-to-Head to promote/move up a single position in rankings IF worse-seeded team could have had a matching record (or better) if all games had been played
 - Example 1 – Team A finishes 4-4, Team B finishes 4-5. Team A is #5 seed, Team B is #6 seed. Team B has a H2H win over Team A. We would re-seed so that Team B is now the #5, Team A is now the #6.
 - Example 2 – Team A finishes 4-3, Team B finishes 4-5, Team C finishes 5-4. By win PCT, Team A is the #4 seed, Team C is the #5 seed, Team B is the #6 seed. Same H2H exists between A & B as above. Team B cannot jump to the #4 seed, because they are behind C on Win Pct.
 - Example 3 – Team A finishes 2-7. Team B finishes 2-5. Team B is the #8 seed, Team A is the #9 seed. Team A has H2H win over B. Team A gets the #8 seed.
 - Example 4 – Team A finishes 2-7. Team B & Team C finish 2-6. Each team has a head-to-head win over one another (A beat B, B beat C, C beat A). Teams would be considered “tied” and go to normal tie-break criteria to break the tie for #7 seed as there is no H2H clinch. Remaining “tie” after team with most seed points would be broken by H2H.
 - Example 5 – Teams A, B & C all finish 7-1, tied for seeds 1-2-3. A beat B and C. A keeps the seed on H2H, regardless of “other” games. B/C evaluated on H2H, power points or commons based on what may exist. B/C cannot jump A after A is removed out as the higher seed.

Plain English version:

- Stay with current win percentage
- Before “finalizing seeds” – evaluate/analyze/compare teams (1 v 2, 2 v 3, 3 v 4, etc) based strictly on head-to-head ONLY IF one of the teams did not play all nine games, and had the game been played, seed may have changed (no assumption of win/loss, just could have taken place)
- If lower seed has H2H over higher seed, seed re-arranged
- If three-way ties exist, or no H2H exist, usual tie-break criteria used (H2H, Common in best-to-worst order, Power Points)
- Other option – strictly PPT system or strict win PCT system as written