

NORTH DAKOTA STATE COACHES MEETING

Girls Soccer – Fargo North High School

May 28, 2009

Present: Shea Durham, Jamestown; Matt Pfau, Minot; Sarah McNulty, Bismarck Century; Tim Mueller, Bismarck St. Mary's; Levi Evans, Mandan; Brandi Harty, Bismarck HS; Paulo Perez, G.F. Red River; Mike Breker, Fargo South; Kevin Roos, Fargo Shanley; Cordell Sinding, Fargo North; Jon Melendez, West Fargo; George Dubois, G.F. Central.

1. Request from High School Soccer Coaches to have the State Tournament games to be located at 1 site. Vote: 12 – 0 for request.
2. Request from High School Soccer Coaches to have 1 game played at a time for the State Tournament. The games can be on two separate fields if dimensions are the same. Vote: 12 – 0 for request.
 - A chance to showcase each teams players.
 - Build up State Tournament atmosphere.
 - Positive recruiting tool.
 - Focus on the game that is being played.
 - Referee relief.
3. Request from High School soccer Coaches to have 1 free tournament pass (upon request) per university or college in the regional area. Vote: 12 – 0 for request.
 - Showcase players.
 - Represent ND Girls Soccer.
 - Brings coaches to community (i.e. hotels, food, gas, etc.)
 - Recruiting.
4. Request from High School Soccer Coaches to have Assistant High School Coaches able to coach out of season if they choose. Vote: 12 – 0 for request.
 - Have coaches coach not parents coach.
 - Improve and develop assistant coaches.
 - Significant number of Assistant HS Coaches depleted after HS Season. For Girls Soccer alone – 60 coaches.

Other Items discussed,

The coaches talked about mandating a 3 person crew to officiate every Varsity game but foresaw problems if only two officials were available. Every coach agreed to not wanting to have a game cancelled due to the number of officials.

Gelaine Orvik discussed recruitment of officials and finding some of our recruitment through the young players in our programs. How many of these young players make Varsity then go on to College where officiating could be a satisfactory secondary income?

He also discussed the NDHSCA Convention. The date for the soccer portion of the Convention was moved from Friday, July 31 to Wednesday, July 29.

Meeting adjourned.