

**MINUTES****Class B District Chairperson's Meeting****9:00 A.M. – November 20, 2009****Minot Holiday Inn****(Items advanced to NDHSAA Board listed following minutes)**

The Class B District Chairpersons met at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2009 at the Minot Holiday Inn. Chairman Ranum called the meeting to order with all districts present. Chairman Ranum welcomed the district representatives and thanked them for representing their respective districts.

Following introductions, the Executive Secretary thanked the representatives for being an important part of the process. He indicated he will be passing out information sheets to be completed by each district for the 2010 district volleyball chairperson, 2010 district volleyball site and manager, and 2010 regional volleyball site recommendations.

Chairman Ranum indicated they would hear the recommendations from each district beginning with District 1. The district representative as indicated presented their district's recommendations:

**District 1-----Rick Jacobson, Wyndmere HS, Supt.**

1. Implement a mercy rule in basketball -- A running clock would be utilized when there is a point spread of 35 points or more at the end of the third quarter or thereafter. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury time outs, and for technical fouls. Once a 35point differential is reached the running clock will continue even if the differential falls below the 35 points.
2. Equal representation of officials for regional tourney between the two districts involved. Example — if there are four officials used for the regional tourney then two of them should be from one district and two should be from the other district.
3. NDHSAA should determine the color of the volleyball for next year.

The group was asked for straw vote on #1 & #2:

#1 – Dist. 4 Chairman Herman asked if this would affect Class B only. Jacobson indicated – yes, he would assume this to be only for their division. Staff member Carlsrud asked NFHS Exec. Dir. Becky Oakes to review how the mercy rule worked when she was the Executive Director in the Missouri Association. Oakes indicated they found it was a sportsmanship issue. Herman stated it might not change attitudes and asked if the running clock in football is a good thing. Some were concerned it may become a management rule difficult to educate schools to understand the rule.

The Executive Secretary was asked to review where the District Chairpersons' recommendations go after there is a majority vote at the current meeting. It was also clarified a recommendation can be reviewed earlier than the January board meeting which is as past experience. Dist. 2 Steve Hall asked if the mercy rule would be applied to varsity or sub-varsity. It was decided this was in general for all levels. Dist. 15 Enget stated football works well but is concerned the leading team might have the attitude of run up the score and go home. Dist. 8 Manley stated the mercy rule in football is harder to understand than basketball.

**Vote to implement – 5-10**

#2 Equal representation – Jacobson indicated too many times teams have a referee at regions that neither district has seen. Dist. 14 Lunde indicated you would be eliminating a large pool of officials to move on through the system. Staff member Carlsrud shared the background and process for selection of officials.

**Vote – 1-14****District 2-----Steve Hall, Kindred HS, Supt.**

1. Three Class Basketball: Please make a decision one way or the other and leave it alone.
2. Eliminate the upcoming summer coaching restrictions in regards to baseball and softball.
3. Make available MVP website to parents, student, and public to view stats and such.

**Vote on #2 – 14-1**

Staff member Schell addressed the group concerning the statistics indicating they are available based upon whether the schools put them on the website.

**District 3-----Patti Aanenson, Larimore HS, AD**

1. NDHSAA pay for Regional Wrestling Team Dual plaques
2. NDHSAA pay for Regional Team Football plaques
3. Using colored volleyballs at Regional and State - what is the decision?
4. The District would like to go back to boys' and girls' seasons as is. This will be addressed in a later portion of the meeting.

**Vote on #1 - 3-12****Vote on #2 - 3-12****District 4-----Matt Fetch, Grafton HS, AD**

1. Move Class "B" boys and girls golf to the Fall.
2. Use a white volleyball for all post-season tournaments

#1 - Steve Hall indicated this has been their district recommendation for a number of years. It appears fall is a better season because spring has been late. Starting early August would avoid the traffic you see in the spring. Obviously, there would be some changes in coaching, with some having to make a choice. As a member of a golf course board of directors Aanenson indicated in the fall, use of the course by the membership slacks off. Dist. 6 Dale shared a concern so many students that play golf, it would hurt their football and volleyball programs as there may be large numbers that choose golf.

**Vote #1 – 10-5****District 5-----Matt Herman, Ellendale HS, Prin/AD**

1. Determine district and region sites selections for all activities one year ahead of current procedure. We should already know where the district will be the following year and should be determining the site for the second year out. Aanenson asked what is the reason? Herman indicated this shows districts are planning ahead. Dist. 14 Lunde indicated their districts have the sites determined ahead and can tell people where the site will be several years ahead.

**Vote #1 – 9-6**

**District 6-----Les Dale, Ashley, HS, Supt./AD**

1. Allow "sport specific" open gyms - safety reasons.
2. Football playoffs - Like seed and like regions, the top team is home team in odd numbered years and the bottom team is home team in even numbered years.
3. Football playoffs - have playoff information available much earlier.
4. Stay with the white ball at the State Tournament (or have everyone use the same balls)
5. Even out the number of teams in each district
6. Captains, Coaches, and Officials meeting with 20 minutes on the clock- start immediately. Each set of officials is doing this differently.

#1 – Dist. 12 Person indicated she witnessed multiple activities in the gym at same time which was an accident waiting to happen. With football, volleyball and basketball going on at the same time, the conditions are not safe. If sports specific open gym is allowed, it would be very important to inform coaches as to the guidelines.

**Vote - 11-4**

#2 Dist. 8 Manley shared their football program has been on the road every year. Staff member Carlsrud supported this recommendation as a solution. Dist. 15 Enget stated it could cause problems on other than 9-man football.

**Vote – 13-2**

**District 7-----Jason Wiberg, Lakota HS, AD**

1. Motion to leave girls and boys basketball seasons where they are currently.
2. Motion for the NDHSAA to provide Region Football Plaques.
3. Motion to have unlimited substitutions in volleyball.

#1 – Chairman Ranum reviewed the schedule for girls' and boys' bb for the 2010-2011 year. Discussion followed. Dist. 7 Wiberg indicated there are possibly better options than the switch. Dist. 11 Marshall asked to figure out a way to resolve it by leaving as planned. Also discussed was move volleyball season one week earlier. Dist. 3 Aanenson suggested moving football one week later would cause another week so you can move volleyball one week earlier. Dist. 2 Hall stated with the switch, a lot of things are in place and why would we change the decision when we have not yet tried it. The Executive Secretary indicated with the switch, the venues were in place so nothing was changed administratively so to reverse the switch would be as easily done. Dist. 14 Lunde pointed out the discussion held indicated the media and venues should not be determining the tournaments. We followed the process to address the problem and now that it is time, is this what we want to do without trying it? Dist. 4 Herman indicated the number of times the pre-season practice for basketball is being interrupted by more than just the state volleyball as there are music activities, etc. The Board has worked on this for quite some time and we should follow through. Where were we before? Dist. 12 Person states, in a simplistic form, do you want to give the girls a break or do you want boys' state basketball tournament in Fargo or Bismarck. The boys are anxious to get into the gym and the girls are tired. Dist. 1 Jacobson indicated something needed to be done.

**Vote #1 - 5-9 (one abstained).**

**Vote #3 – 8-7 –** The proposal will be sent to the National Federation for consideration.

**District 8-----Jeff Manley, Leeds HS, Prin/AD**

1. Reduce the number of weight classes in wrestling for Class B to 12 with the following classes: 107,114,121,128,135,143,152,162,173,182,200,285

If this is not possible because of National Federation rules, then North Dakota should propose to the Federation to allow states to set weight classes as they see fit.

2. District 8 is in favor of not switching seasons for girls and boys basketball effective the 2010-11 season.

#1 Duals have become small making it difficult for schools to fill 14 wt. classes, 12 would be easier. Carlsrud shared the National Federation Wrestling Rules Committee is coming forward with three wt class plans that will be sent out to the states. Nationwide, earl indicated staying with 14 wt. classes. There is currently a process in motion to study nationwide. Manley did not request a vote as the National Federation is currently working on the issue.

**District 9-----Andy DeCoteau, Solen HS, Supt./AD**

1. Volleyball-how are blocking stats kept?

2. Centralize regional volleyball - either Shiloh or neutral floor in Bismarck-Mandan area

#1 - Staff member Solberg indicated this was a topic at the rules clinic and there are links on the web to instruct statisticians on accurately calculating volleyball statistics.

**District 10-----Rodney Scherbenske, Goodrich HS, Supt./AD**

1. Move the starting date for volleyball earlier so there is one week between volleyball and basketball and do not flip boys' and girls' basketball seasons.

2. Shorting the warm up time in volleyball and do like the colleges do.

3. How are all-state selections determined. There has been some concern.

#3 – Concerns about all-state selections should be taken to the North Dakota High School Coaches Association.

**District 11-----Debby Marshall, Towner-Granville-Upham HS, Supt.**

1. Do not make the switch with girls and boys basketball seasons.

2. Sub-varsity warm-up is not consistent – would like to see districts come up with consistency in the time allowed.

**District 12-----Peggy Person, Lewis & Clark-Berthold HS, AD**

1. Freeze officials pay schedule

The increase in the officials' regular season fee schedule was a recommendation that was discussed last year as well as this year and was not solely in response of the motion that was tabled from the last NDHSAA Board of Directors' meeting. Dist. 12 is not asking for a vote but simply a respectful request.

**District 13-----Brandt Gaugler, Beach HS, Prin/AD**

1. Discussed a three-class system for volleyball and basketball
2. What is the progress on state-wide competitor numbers for Track & Field?

Staff member Schell indicated this has been tested and is possible if all track & field programs would be timely in placing their roster on the website. The later deadline for this activity makes this difficult.

**District 14-----Mitch Lunde, Beulah HS, AD**

1. VB – Specific ball-color for District, region and State Prefer: Red, white and blue
2. VB – Three Divisions to start
3. Require an updated physical every year
4. Statewide track numbers

#1 – Their district wishes for consistency with a specific color. Suggested stay with a white ball or go with a red, white and blue ball.

**Vote – White – 12, Red-White-Blue – 3**

#2 – A straw vote was requested to indicate what districts are interested in three-division volleyball. The straw vote revealed 3 districts interested.

#3 – Discussed using a Form A physical every year. The Executive Secretary indicated this is on the agenda for the Sports Medicine Committee

**Vote – 14-1****District 15-----Lyne Enget, Stanley HS, AD**

1. Shorten season one week. Suggested districts go back to discuss shortening volleyball.
2. Their district is in favor of a colored volleyball
3. District 15 had a question concerning the 5% that is sent back to the association for insurance. The Executive Secretary shared how North Dakota Insurance Reserve is funded as well as the catastrophic insurance the association funds each year for all member schools.

**District 16-----Celeste Thingvold, Bowbells HS, Prin/AD**

1. Support looking at re-districting as they lost a school to a Montana coop. The Executive Secretary shared the difficulty of equalizing districts and to maintain a standard assignment for volleyball and basketball is difficult. With schools closing and coops forming, the numbers may be moving toward dropping districts and moving toward regions.

Chairman Ranum thanked the members for their involvement in this process.

The Executive Secretary informed the group there are 8 items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration:

1. Eliminate summer coaching restriction for baseball and softball
2. Move Division B Golf to the fall
3. Select district and region sites one year in advance
4. Allow sport specific open gyms
5. Football play-offs – Like seed and like regions, the top team is home team in the odd number years and the bottom team is home team in the even numbered years.

6. Propose a rule change to the National Federation to allow unlimited substitution in volleyball
7. Recommend a white volleyball be used for district, region and state volleyball tournaments
8. Require an updated physical every year using Form A

There being no further business, Chairman Ranum declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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