

**District Chairperson's Agenda
March 22, 2013--9:00 A.M.
Downtown Radisson--Fargo
Prairie Rose Room**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 22, 2013 at the Downtown Radisson, Fargo. Chairman Ulland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all districts represented.

The Executive Secretary thanked the member schools for past service. Sheets were passed around to allow each member to complete information on the 2014 Basketball District chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers.

Chairman Ulland welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district. Each representative introduced themselves as district items were presented.

Each district was given the opportunity to present their district's recommendations, which are listed as submitted.

District 15-----Randy Cranston, AD Watford City

1. Voiced a concern about MVP. Schools are not updating MVP. Their district made a point to update their rosters. If it is going to be what we want it to be then we should update as the season progresses. Schools update only if they are going to state. One request is to move the date back 2, 3 or 4 weeks. Sylling indicated with technology it is easy to change pictures and update rosters at any time.
2. Change Boys' and Girls' Basketball Seasons. Would like to see to the girls' season first and the boys' season last. The rationale for changing is they don't feel girls' region tournament is as well attended. Changing the season would help with attendance. Also, boys' state tournament must be in Grand Forks, Minot or Fargo. They would like the tournament to be held in Bismarck and the current season placement does not allow that. Original thought was this would help girls' basketball participation. Many districts did not see a reason to change when it was changed. **Vote Requested: Yes: 12-4**
3. Shorten volleyball season. The volleyball season is too long. If the season is shortened the State Volleyball Tournament would be on the same weekend as State Football. This would also affect invitational tournament schedules. No vote requested
4. State Wrestling and District Basketball same weekend. Dual sport athletes are affected. Calendar shows this would be only for one more year. No vote requested.
5. District realignment needs to be addressed. Currently there are eight (8) teams in one district and six (6) in another. An alternative would be super region tournament. Sylling stated District realignment will be addressed. Something needs to be done and it may be something drastic. The realignment committee has been requested to address the makeup of districts. No vote requested.
6. If a facility has only one (1) shot clock working, it should still be used. Several districts had problems during the season or post season with shot clocks not working so they were not used. **Vote Requested: Yes (16-0)**
7. Discuss a Mercy Rule. If there is a 35 point differential in the second half, keep a running clock. The current rule puts schools, coaches and administrators in a very uncomfortable position. The shot clock complicates the issue because the players are forced to take a shot within the shot clock parameters. Do we want a mercy rule or not? Leave the details to board and advisory.
8. For discussion only: Would like NDHSAA to take over region baseball. Some regions thought dates should be left to local control but how brackets are created should be NDHSAA decision.
Consensus: Format – Yes, Dates – No

District 16-----Michael Bergstrom, Asst. AD Ray

1. Switch Boys and Girls starts for basketball with Girls starting first, then two weeks later, boys start – Previously discussed in District 15.
2. Mercy Rule in Basketball. Previously discussed in District 16. **Vote Requested: 13-3**
3. T shirt sales for district and region tournaments - changing the % going to the NDHSAA. Sylling informed the District Chairs the history of the T-shirt percentage. This was a request from districts to allow the sale of T-Shirts at District tournaments so the board made the decision to grant the request and the percentage is the same percentage that NDHSAA shares with groups at region and state tournaments to sell T-shirts

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

1. Request the State B tournament in girls' volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball tournaments are seeded using a process determined by the NDHSAA. Other states have done

this. Always pros and cons but the thoughts are this would make for a better tournament. It would increase the chance of the two best teams meeting in the finals which would make for a better tournament. Coaches would vote but may not vote for their own team. There was concern about politicking from the coaches and discussion on what criteria would be used. **Vote Requested: (10-6)**

2. Make a District Chair appointment a 3-year commitment. Rational is to provide consistency in the process. Discussion included making this suggestion at the district level. By NDHSAA Constitution & By-Law, this is not within the control of the Board. It is a district responsibility to choose their representation within their District. By Constitution & By-Law the District Chair representative must be a Superintendent, Principal or AD.
3. Remove districts without certain activities (ex-wrestling) from the voting process to determine wrestling discussion or reduce number needed to go to the NDHSAA board based on non-activity districts. Although we agree that they should have say in areas that may affect them financially and that may be through contact with their NDHSAA board member. Sylling reminded Chairs that each and every person in the room is eligible to become a NDHSAA Board member at some time. As a Board member you would be responsible to make decisions on all sports and activities, not just the ones your school participates in.
4. Two regions from wrestling on an East/West format and if participant number adjustments by region need to be made then teams could be moved as needed. At the coaches meeting a vote was taken to go to two regions. The coaches voted 16-15 to go to North and South. Wrestling advisory comes in at the end of April and will decide what will go forth to the board. Region 2 and their coaches voted to keep 4 regions.

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

1. Remove the 50 or more/less enrollment rule from Junior High By-Laws. Rationale - due to low participation numbers, we need more flexibility in running our junior high programs. Note this will be voted upon at the 3/22/13 Board meeting.
2. Support a 2-region state wrestling plan in Class B wrestling with East and West regions. Rationale included fewer wrestling numbers creating non-competitive regional/state tournaments.
 - a. Region 4 wrestling 2013 - 14 weight classes (top 4 wrestlers qualify for state in each weight class)
 - b. 2 weight classes with 4 wrestlers (all qualify for state)
 - i. (6 of 8 wrestlers in these 2 weights with losing records)
 - c. 9 weight classes with 5 wrestlers (36 of 45 qualify for state)
 - i. (9 of 36 wrestlers in these weights to state w/losing records)
 - d. 2 weight classes with 6 wrestlers
 - e. 1 weight class with 7 wrestlers
 - f. Sending 19 of 56 wrestlers (34%) to state with losing records
 - i. - 3-12, 2-14, 5-24, 6-14, 2-16, 4-13, 5-26, 5-12 records.
 - g. Question the competition levels at early rounds of state tournament.
3. Recommend seeding top 4 teams at State B volleyball, girls' basketball, & boys' basketball tournaments. Participating coaches vote. Coaches cannot vote for own team, after top seeds are selected, remaining teams drawn in. Rationale, current tournament format often allows for top seeds facing off in opening rounds diminishing the chance of the two best teams meeting in the state championship game. Previously discussed in District 14.
4. District 13 not in favor of switching girls' basketball & boys' basketball seasons. Previously discussed in Region 15.
5. District 13 is interested in discussing the idea of a Super State B tournament in basketball. Currently have no proposals but wondering if there is interest from other districts. Combining the Class A tournament was a positive move for Class A. It would be a good move for Class B. Worthy of discussion, however logistics are extremely difficult. Girls' and boys' districts would be held at the same time, girls' and boys' regions would be held at the same time, girl' and boy's state would be held at the same time. This would be a possible venue problem.

District 12-----Bryan Kramer, Minot Ryan (sitting in for Robert Thom, Prin/AD Kenmare)

1. Switching boys' and girls' basketball seasons. Previously discussed.
2. Clarification on coaching certification. Coaches are looking for clarification but in looking at the NDHSAA website, all of the information is there. So clarification is not necessary. If a coach is hired late, they would have until April 1st to report. Schools are recommended to have all coaches certified before they work with students. Some districts are already requiring this. Question having former wrestlers come in and work with students over a break. Would they need to be certified? This is under local control. As a rule of thumb, if they are unsupervised with kids they must be certified.

3. Requiring district basketball tournament officials to attend a day camp. Some district crews had not worked three man crews and a day camp would be helpful. This is under local control. NDHSAA does not select district officials. It is currently a requirement for region and state officials.
4. Not on agenda but want discussion on selecting of district officiating crews. Currently district crews are not allowed to work both girls' and boys' district tournament. Sylling reminded districts if they want to require officials to attend a day camp, they have control over that. We need to develop officials to help them grow. If we give the big games to the same guys all the time, we are not going to grow the pool of officials.

District 11-----Bob Beaudrie, Prin/AD Newburg

1. Free Throw Rule - Switching the rule so players can go on release of shot. This would be a NFHS rule change and would have to go through the rule change process. North Dakota deviates from NFHS Rules preventing us from having a voice on the rule selection/change process.
2. Switching back seasons - preferably girls' basketball in fall; at the least – girls' basketball starting earlier in winter. Previously discussed.
3. Region Tournament in Dome for Region 6 – Minot Auditorium has several District 13 teams that play there during the year. Unfair advantage. No vote requested.
4. Flopping on block/charges - Need to be consistent and make calls. Lots of no calls on flops. No vote requested.
5. Mercy rule? Previously discussed.
6. Discussion only – Bring back in person rules clinics for officials. Staff member Fetsch indicated the purpose of workshops is to explain items to officials in more detail and workshops are required. Recommendation to tell coaches to make use of workshops.

District 10-----Brandt Dick, Supt. Underwood

1. We would like to see the Boys' Class B Tournament be the last tournament, switch with girls' basketball. We would like to know have the numbers in girls' basketball improved for participation with the current switch? Rationale, we would like to see the Boys' Class B Tournament be held in Bismarck. Previously Discussed.
2. If the switch cannot happen, District 10 would like to pick a permanent site for the Class B Boys' and Girls' State basketball tournaments like the NDHSAA does for Track and Hockey. We would like to see Minot be the Class B Boys' State Tournament Site, and Bismarck be the Class B Girls' State Tournament Site. Not much discussion.
3. As we move forward, would like to see a different fee schedule for varsity refs when doing three man crews as compared to two man crews. Feel that some refs are refusing two man crews because it is easier to ref with three man crews, and with pay the same, no incentive to do two man crews. No vote requested.
4. Like to see refs limited to working the same region basketball tournament to two consecutive years.
Vote Requested: (2-13)
5. Have other parts of the state had struggles with refs breaking contracts? What options do schools have if this happens? Discussion: Yes, some districts had problems. Suggestion was to go back to association you worked with if you have a contract. Recommendation is to have a contract.
6. Large Group Music Festival discussion. How are these dates set? Dates are set by regions. Would like flexibility to adjudicate at a different region if there is a weather conflict. Representation of music regions is delineated in the Constitution & By-Laws. Region administrators set and approve dates. No vote requested.

District 9-----Brian Nieuwsma, AD Flasher

1. Winter Sport Seasons – Previously Discussed.
 - a. Switch boys'/girls' seasons around, look at the numbers for girls' basketball and see if they have gone up since the switch of seasons
 - b. If there isn't a switch of seasons we would like to propose permanent sites for girls' and boys' basketball state tournaments, this has been done before with football and track. Proposed sites for boys' basketball would be Minot and girls' basketball in Bismarck.
2. Officials
 - a. What is the rotation for regional officials? We propose that they do no more than two (2) consecutive years in a row. Fetsch indicated there is a sit rule for working state tournaments. Officials may work three (3) years in a row need to sit out one year. Currently no rule for regions. Adding a sit rule for regions would severely impact the choice of officials due to the number of officials needed across the state for boys' and girls' basketball regions.
 - b. What is the selection process for how officials are selected to do regionals, this needs to be put in writing as to how the process works. Fetsch shared information on how coaches voted by region. All coaches are surveyed in addition to workshop supervisors.

- c. Concerns with officials honoring contracts, anything we can do about this? We would like to pass this concern on to the officials association. Fetsch will pass this on to NDOA at their next meeting.
- d. Mercy Rule - Previously Discussed.
- e. Training, what education is out there for officials with 3 man crews? Fetch indicated both workshops and day camps are available for education on working with a 3 man crew.

District 8-----Randy Loing, Prin/AD Rolla

1. Both boys' basketball and girls' basketball coaches would like to see the results (just totals, not individual school votes) of the voting for region tournament referees. - Previously Discussed.
2. Wrestling Region is against a 2 Region wrestling plan. Previously Discussed.

District 7-----Karla Michaelson, AD Carrington

1. Regional Track meet held on a Friday instead of Saturday (weather) Track meet would be scheduled for Friday with weather day on Saturday. **Vote Requested: (5-11)**
2. Subvarsity and junior high basketball tournaments held in 1 day (3 games), hour between games **Vote Requested: (15-1)**

District 6-----Monty Mayer, AD Kidder County

1. Super regional for wrestling: split north and south. - Previously Discussed.
2. Broadcasting of games: What are other schools doing? BEK is taking over, what are other schools doing? No discussion

District 5-----Derrick Bopp, Prin/AD Kulm

1. No agenda items.

District 4-----Lee Beattie, AD North Border-Pembina

1. Region baseball dates - playing 3 days followed by school day. **Vote Requested: (14-1)**
2. Fall Golf – would like to move boys' and girls' B golf to the fall. How will that affect football participation? Trade off, affects baseball and track now. Feels it should be tried. **Vote Requested: (3-12)**

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

1. How has the Super Regional gone in Region 7? Is there any talk at the State level of mandating this? Discussion: The Region 7 Super Region Tournament does not start until 2013/14 school year.
2. Is the coaching box being enforced? Request this be referred to NDOA to see if they are enforcing.
3. Where does the responsibility lie for control of the game, such as language and gestures by coaches and players? This should refer back to coaches and administrators, it should not rely completely on officials. Request Fetsch to ask NDOA to see if they see a problem.
4. Has the idea of a state bid for baseballs ever been considered? We do footballs, basketballs, and volleyballs why not baseballs. Fetsch indicated if we would bid we would need to accept the lowest bid or provide rationale. At this time we use a higher quality ball than may be chosen using a bid process.

District 2-----Kal Triplett, AD Richland

1. Move Class B girls golf to Fall. **Vote Requested: (4-11)**
2. Removal of Coaches Box – not enforced, so why use it – Recommendation would be to make it the length of the bench. Would like to see something change. Previously discussed.
3. Consistent Region Tournaments – Number of teams that qualify. Previously discussed.
4. Commitment of region basketball officials – hold them to their contracts. Previously discussed.
5. Not to vote on but brought up. Injured player is left on the floor as play continues. Fetsch indicated under NFHS rule play does not stop until possession by the injured player's team.

District 1-----Diann Aberle, Supt. Milnor

4. Girls' basketball District bid to have Region I girls' basketball tournament in Lisbon. [Seating is 1200.] This will go to the board for site approval in April.
5. Start District 1 Saturday games for both girls' basketball and boys' basketball at 1:00 p.m., not 3:00 p.m. This doesn't affect school time at all. This is a District issue
6. Play all District 1 games at the higher seed; but Saturday and Monday games at one site. This is a District issue
7. Do not count dual wrestling tournament as a seasonal match toward the 40 (actually 45) or the weigh-ins. **Vote Requested: (8-7)**

Ulland thanked the committee for their communications conveying items of interest from their districts and informed the group there are no items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration.

With no further business, Chairman Ulland thanked the group and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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