

**District Volleyball Chair Notes  
Riverside Holiday Inn, Minot, ND  
November 21, 2014**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on November 21 2014 at the Minot Riverside Holiday Inn. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 16 districts represented.

Chairman Hall welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district.

The Executive Director thanked the member schools for past service as District Chairs. Sheets were passed around to allow each member to complete information on the 2015 Volleyball District chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers.

Fetsch reported on the status of 2013 District Chair recommendations.

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

**District 16-----Michael Bergstrom, AD Ray HS**

- 1) Ban pregame handshakes/fist bumps and etc. Leave it for captains meetings and end of games. District 16 is looking for clarification on what can and cannot or should and should not be done pregame. This request came from a coach who wondered why players are shaking hands so much? They would like consistency across the state. Seems like a local issue. District 16 would like to have a regulation on this. Vote requested: 1-13
- 2) District 16 would like to go on record for keeping local control of district and region tournaments. Several districts spoke for and against the super region format.

**District 15-----Randy Cranston, Assistant AD Watford City HS**

- 1) Labor Day Start for Athletics Discussion—If ND Constitution amendment passes. Amendment did not pass so item was pulled from agenda.
- 2) Official Selection for Regionals. Would like officials filtered by 1 or 2 regions and include a picture. NDHSAA staff indicated there is a possibility to add name of town to name of official when surveying coaches. Solution was palatable to district chairs.
- 3) Mandate a state number for cross-country runners, similar to what most do in track. Discussed through District 14.
- 4) District 15 had a question: Is there a set number our top classes are looking at stopping at? With new schools, larger populations, etc. is it time to change the number or look at a set number of teams in class AAA / class A teams? Comments: Classification is set within the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Any change would have to be brought through an amendment.
- 5) Discussed cross-region scheduling for AA football in 2017 & 2018

**District 14-----Randy Johnson, AD Hazen HS**

- 1) Region 7 would like to go on record supporting the idea of the entire state going to Super Regions
- 2) Statewide competitor numbers for cross-country. The majority of schools in the western part of the state are using Hy-Tek for running meets. State-wide numbers would make it easier for schools to run meets. Request someone at the office coordinate as they have all the rosters or all athletes 7-12. NDHSAA office previously offered this to cross-country schools and schools did not use. Currently NDHSAA has a 6 digit number assigned to each student that could be utilized for competitor numbers. Johnson will check with Hy-Tek to see if 6 digit numbers can be imported. **Vote requested: 11- 3**
- 3) Statewide competitor numbers for track and field. The majority of schools in the western part of the state are using HyTek for running meets. State-wide numbers would make it easier for schools to run meets. Request someone at the office coordinate as they have all the rosters or all athletes 7-12. NDHSAA office previously offered this to cross-country schools and schools did not use. Currently NDHSAA has a 6 digit number assigned to each student that could be utilized for competitor numbers. Johnson will check with Hy-Tek to see if 6 digit numbers can be imported. **Vote requested: 11- 3**

**District 13-----Kelly Pierce, AD Scranton HS**

- 1) Region 7 would like to go on record supporting the idea of the entire state going to Super Regions

**District 12-----Jeremy Feller/AD Our Redeemer's HS**

All items were brought forward for discussion only.

- 1) 2-year freeze on officials' pay/mileage

- 2) B/G Golf in the fall for Class B – Item was previously discussed.
- 3) Request that the “A” division of football go back to 32 teams. Comments: There is concern for the schools that are on the bubble with enrollment. Director Fetsch indicated significant changes may be made in the next plan. There are two scenarios: 1) Can reduce the number of division to 3 creating less travel, more natural rivalries and more discrepancy in enrollments. 2) Can keep the number of divisions at 4 which increases travel and has less discrepancy in enrollments. It is important to have those conversations now as the football committee will begin working on the 2017 & 2018 football plan in August.
- 4) Would like to go on record as supporting the existing district tournament format.

**District 11-----David Hoff, AD Bottineau HS**

No items to be brought forward.

**District 10-----Brad Rinas, Supt. Washburn HS**

No agenda items.

**District 9-----Jerome Slag, AD New Salem-Almont HS**

- 1) Having regional scheduling partners for bye weeks in football.
- 2) Enforcement and reasoning of the rule about the placement of school names on volleyball nets. Discussion was to work with vendors concerning legal placement of school names. There is an existing NFHS regulation and it is the responsibility of schools to follow the regulation.
- 3) Selection of volleyball officials for regional and state tournaments. Discussions included how volleyball officials are selected. Discussion: Coaches should be encouraged to vote.
- 4) Are we going to have a choice of using the super region format or districts in the future? Which way is the NDHSAA going to go to? Discussion: No decisions have been made concerning a change in district or region formats.

**District 8-----Jeff Hagler, Supt./AD North Star HS****District 7-----Rick Smith, AD Four Winds HS**

- 1) Super regional status. Previously discussed.
- 2) Volleyball - Is it possible to condense the season so it doesn't overlap with the girls basketball practice? Discussion: This was remedied by switching the Class B girls' and boys' basketball seasons. The problem is back because the seasons were switched back at the request of District Chairs. Shortening the volleyball season is not a possibility because that would put the State Volleyball Tournament on the same weekend as the State Football Tournament (Dakota Bowl).
- 3) Jr. high basketball - Is it possible to play Jr. high tournaments in one day without worrying about quarters? Discussion: Schools currently have the ability to play in tournaments in one day in Jr. High basketball provided each player does not go over the limit of 8 quarters of play set by the Board.

**District 6-----Shawn Kuntz, Supt/AD Wishek HS**

- 1) If each district has a venue suitable for hosting a regional tournament, tournament location should be alternated each year versus having the tournament always in one district. Asking for better correspondence from NDHSAA when a regional tournament is taken away from the school that was scheduled to host event. Discussion: Kuntz wondered what the process was for choosing region sites. Fetsch clarified the process. District chairs give us their region tournament site recommendations at the District Chair meeting. If the districts do not agree on their region recommendation, the Board decides where the tournament will be held.

**District 5-----Matt Herman, Prin/AD Ellendale HS**

- 1) Change the rules testing window to allow examinees the opportunity to complete the rules test prior to the first contest of their season. Discussion: Test dates are set using the NFHS national test date and the NDHSAA clinic windows. One week is needed between clinics and testing for NDHSAA processing. Request that NDHSAA request NFHS to change the national test dates. **Vote Requested: 14 - 2**

**District 4-----Randy Rice, AD Grafton HS****District 3-----Patti Aanenson, AD Larimore HS****District 2-----Dale Nordick, AD Northern Cass HS**

- 1) Move Class B Girls golf to fall. Courses are easier to access and weather is better in the fall. This may create a conflict with volleyball. Straw vote requested: 8-8
- 2) Concern over football plan divisions, especially Division AA. Previously discussed in District 12.

**District 1-----Chris Swenson, Supt. Wyndmere HS**

- 1) No Items at this time

With no further business, Chairman Hall thanked the group and declared the meeting adjourned. At 10:56 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
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