

**District Chairperson Notes
Bismarck - Ramkota Inn
March 16, 2018**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 16, 2018 at the Bismarck Ramkota. Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 16 districts represented. Upon introductions, Chairman Schafer 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 distributed requesting information on the 2019 basketball district chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers. Fetsch informed the chairs of the approval process and timeline for approving district and region sites. Items preceded by an asterisk (*) were items voted on while other items were for discussion only. Items approved by a simple majority of districts in attendance are forwarded to Athletic Review for consideration. Fetsch also explained only district chair recommendations approved by Athletic Review will continue to the NDHSAA Board for review.

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

District 5-----Lucas Isaacson, Principal/AD LaMoure HS

1. * Set volleyball district tournament deadline to Tuesday prior to region volleyball tournament.
 - a. * Current deadline is Saturday and the region tournament starts on Monday.
 - i. Vote Requested: (16-0)
2. * Give coaches the option to attend an officials workshop OR continue to take the online rules clinic.
 - i. Vote Requested: (8-8)
3. * NDHSAA, NDOA, NDIAAA and NDHSCA jointly develop a plan to enhance and develop officiating to include recruitment, evaluation, mentoring and education of officials. Discussion included possible development of a workshop for new officials so they know more about what to do, what positions to be in, etc. Members questioned how the evaluation piece would work. Nothing specific was suggested as an evaluation piece. This group would be a place to start the conversation. This is not a vote for a specific plan, rather to form an ad-hoc committee to address the recruitment, evaluation, mentoring and education of officials.
 - i. Vote Requested: (16-0)

District 8-----Brad Fitzgerald, AD St. John HS

1. * Consider starting with 9-man when putting together the football plan. When there are an odd number of 9-man teams, they often have a difficult time finding games. It would also be easier for 11-man teams to schedule a game up or down a division to fill their schedule. Discussion: The guidelines are already set for the 2019 and 2020 football plan, therefore this would be for the 2021 and 2022 plan. Vote Requested: (13-3)

District 1-----Kent Dennis, Principal/AD Hankinson HS

No items

District 2-----John Freeman, AD Richland HS

No items

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

No items

District 4-----Sandy Laxdal, Principal/AD Cavalier HS

1. Baseball: Have a mercy rule that takes place before the 10-run rule after 5 innings. Proposing 15-run rule after 4 innings. Discussion: Fetsch indicated NFHS baseball rules allow a 10-run rule per state adoption, however the NFHS baseball case book specifically prohibits using different numbers of runs or innings.
2. Football: Allow quarterbacks to throw the ball away outside of the pocket without intentional grounding (make HS rule the same as college/pros). Discussion: Jeff Risk, North Dakota's representative on the NFHS Rules Committee, indicated this is currently being proposed to the NFHS Football Rules Committee.
3. Basketball: Get rid of the charge circle in the lane. Discussion: Fletschock indicated the charge circle is on the NFHS rules agenda.
4. Fall Golf. Discussion: Fletschock indicated 60% of boys and girls coaches favor moving Class B girls golf to fall. When he polled girls coaches only, the percentage was even higher. It is becoming more difficult to find a spring girls golf location. The main reason is the length of play. Fall is easier to schedule around other events.

District 6-----Ryan Larson, AD Kidder County HS

No items

District 7-----Rick Smith, AD, Four Winds HS

No items

District 9-----Russell Young Bird, AD Standing Rock HS

No items

District 10-----Tracy Peterson, Superintendent/AD Center-Stanton HS

No items

District 11-----Scott Grochow, AD Rugby HS

No items

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

1. Class B golf in the fall. Previously discussed
2. Discussion of the 50-50 rule for sub-varsity basketball games -- does it need to be addressed? Discussion: Fetsch clarified, there is a NDHSAA Board regulation which states if 7th or 8th graders are used, there must be a like number of 9-12 grade players in order to play a JV game. This rule limits the school and also limits the opponents of a school.
3. Officials' Evaluations -- is there a process? – Previously discussed
4. Region basketball tournament officials selection. Discussion: Some people question how region officials are chosen and if the best officials are being used. Chairs were reminded of the process which includes surveying all basketball coaches for input. Coaches need to vote.

District 13-----Daryl Jung, AD New England HS

No items

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

No items

District 15-----Chuck Hunter, AD New Town HS

No items

District 16-----Kent Harding, AD Divide County HS

Concerns:

Regional site location for Region 8 Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament:

When District 15 and District 16 do not mutually agree on a site for the following years regional tournament, what do the Athletic Review Committee and the Board of Directors consider when choosing a venue? District 16's requests the venue be as centrally located as possible within the region. Discussion: Fetsch explained if the districts do not agree, bids are sent out to all locations and the Tournament Committee will compare bids for the two locations and make the decision based on the requirements submitted.