

**District Volleyball Chairperson's Agenda
Minot Souris Valley Suites, Minot, ND
November 22, 2013**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on November 22 2013 at the Minot Souris Valley Suites. Chairman Brannan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 14 districts **represented. Absent: District 11 and District 13.

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

Sylling requested feedback from District Chairs on the elimination of the less than 50 rule for junior high participation at the high school level. No issues were voiced.

Chairman Brannan 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 1-----Chris Swenson, Supt. Wyndmere HS

1. Would like the shoot-around/hit-arounds reinstated at the state tournament. Would like to hear pros and cons on that decision. History: Combined tournament committee is made up of 4 Board members and tournament managers from our major sites acted on a request from a member school concerning the loss of school time. Teams are now getting. Bigger deal for schools that make it every year. Isn't there a correlation between the shoot around and the media doing their head and shoulder shots. This has become a problem that came from something that was not a problem. Local control still dictates whether they go or not. Olson as a tournament manager...travel...does it incur more costs to rent the venue? No...as the facility is already being rented for the day. **Vote requested. 15-0**
2. How are finances allotted for the new super regionals? Does the state take in just the quarterfinals on, or the entire tournament? Sylling – All revenue goes to NDHSAA. Board granted 2 additional games to those districts using the super-regional format to replace District tournament income. Randy Johnson reported on their Super-Regional tournament format for volleyball. Worked very well. Worked well and created a more competitive atmosphere in their region

****District 2-----Jennifer Steckler, AD Oak Grove HS**

No agenda items

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

No agenda items

****District 4-----Lee Beattie, Prin/AD North Border HS**

1. Brought forward an additional Football plan for viewing.

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

1. Remove the limitation on the number of players dressed in the football playoffs. Historically (Sylling) it was an intimidation factor (15-50 dressed). Board did not think it was fair to not get an award if they were announced. Recommendation would be to dress as many as you choose and have team awards only, no individual awards. Herman – cap the team payment limit but let as many dress as want. **Vote requested. 10-5**

****District 6-----Al Bjornson, Supt. Linton HS Tad Larson**

1. Move the region VB tournament to Jamestown HS. Leave it on a rotating basis. If it does rotate, the district tournament. Carrington would like to leave the region tournament in Jamestown always due to travel.

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

1. Move Region track to Friday – make-up date on Saturday. Rationale – current recommendation is if the weather is going to be bad on Saturday, it may be moved to Friday but the request must be made to NDHSAA by 4:00 pm on Wednesday preceding the region meet. Would like to permanently set the date for Friday and have the backup date Saturday. Discussion – would there be a starting date? Last day of educational days in our district. Has the region. **Vote requested: 6-9**
2. Discussion Only: BEK TV – if BEK TV broadcasts, they must pay a fee to NDHSAA to broadcast as per the NDHSAA rate card.

3. Would like the Board to consider legal separation as Is legal separation a By-Law? No – interpretation. In this day and age, families split all the time. Rather than hold those kids hostage...families now use that and twist that to their advantage. We need to come up with a way to change this.

****District 8-----Randy Loing, Prin. AD Rolla HS**

No agenda items

1. Discussion – selection of region officials – officials only getting one vote or no votes and still getting a region tournament. Would like officials to be able to do more than one tournament. Herman –
2. NDHSAA set time for playoffs – if mutual agreement they can move but otherwise NDHSAA sets and only moves if mutual agreement.

****District 9-----Terry Bentz, Prin/AD, Grant County HS**

1. Bring back the “hit around” in Volleyball and “shoot around” in basketball at the state tournaments. Already discussed
2. Not in favor of a super region at this time. What is the NDHSAA plan for the future in regard to super regions? Sylling – would like to see consistent...whatever the result.
3. Concern about going back to the one-week cross-over of Volleyball and Girls’ Basketball seasons. Why is this conflict being created again? Reason is that the majority of schools wanted the switch back. Schools really did not ever buy into the original switch. Physical issue with FB players coming into the basketball season.
4. Is the current tourney site link correct and updated on the NDHSAA website? Tournament committee will review sites next week and adjust.

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

1. If there are enough signatures for an initiated measure on a post-Labor Day school start, District 10 is asking that the NDHSAA issue a statement clarifying what, if any, changes to the current sports seasons are anticipated. Sylling – language in the referendum does not include activities. NDHSAA schedules are set 7 years out.
2. District 10 is asking for direction/assistance from the NDHSAA regarding the Region 5 Boys Basketball Tournament site selection and tournament dates when girls and boys seasons switch back. Already discussed. Reinstate the hit-around and shoot-around for state volleyball and basketball tournaments.
3. Asking for NDHSAA to explore setting a target date by which all regions would be in a super-region format.
4. (If it comes up) District 10 is opposed to moving golf to the fall.
5. Board voting on issues that are specific to Class A or Class B. Specifically referring to realignment vote. When something comes up that is essentially a Class B issue would like only Class B to vote. Similar to any elected official, you make decisions on all issues whether they apply or not. Chris Swenson – would support the Board on this.

****District 11-----Steve Heim, Supt/AD Drake-Anamoose HS**

No Agenda Items

1. District VB – a school came in to District VB came in and wanted to stream championship VB. Did not know it was going to happen. NDHSAA sent information out to all schools and all managers.

****District 12-----Jeremy Feller, AD Our Redeemer’s HS**

No agenda items

1. VB stats being done incorrectly – refer to Justin and coaches advisory
2. Moving more teams into 9-man or giving teams the chance to go down.

District 13-----Daryl Jung, AD New England HS – Absent – same recommendations as District 14

1. Reinstate Shoot Arounds for Boys and Girls Basketball State Tournaments as well as the Hit Arounds for Volleyball at the State Tournament
2. Move Girls Golf to the Fall of the Year
3. Adjust the start times of the Regional Tournament on Tuesday Night and Thursday night from 6:00 pm to 5:30 pm
 - a. This will allow athletes to get home earlier on those school nights
 - b. The 2nd round and 3rd rounds of the Regional should be the same start time
 - c. Region #7 deals with some Teams in Central Time Zone and others in the Mountain Time Zone.
 - d. The Central Time Zone Athletes get home late if they play the last game of the evening
4. Timeline for NDHSAA Team Pictures, Rosters and Cutline be 5 weeks after the start of the season instead of the 3 weeks now
 - a. Coaches complain they have to do it 2 or 3 times in order to get it correct and up to date

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

1. Reinstate shoot-arounds for boys and girls basketball and hit-arounds for volleyball at the State Tournament. Already discussed.
2. Fall Golf for girls. Vote Requested: 6-8
3. Start time for the Regional Tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday 1/2 hour earlier, 5:30 instead of 6:00. **Wording CHANGE to OPTION Vote Requested: 15-0**
 - a. Reasons – School nights so athletes get home earlier
 - b. State Tournament final night is hour earlier start time because of awards. Why not have the second and third night of the Regional be the same?
 - c. Region 7 – We are the only region with two time zones. Central Time teams are getting home at 12:00 midnight or later on a school night if they play the last game.
4. Timeline for pictures, rosters, and cutline be 5 weeks after the season start instead of three: **Vote Requested: 6-9**
 - a. Less hassle, more accurate roster, and better quality picture

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

1. Qualify for State CC Meet—Top 40 Runners and Top 3 Teams – The number could change but want to have a qualifier – Rational – Many runners that should not be there. If anyone can go to the State XC meet, are those participants figured into the reimbursement? Schools are limited to 10 on a roster. To date, there are no issues with number of runners or meet management with the numbers that are currently running. Currently not an issue. No vote requested.
2. 9 man football stuck playing 2 games first week, Start 9 man earlier. Recommend go to advisory?
3. VB season too long – Recommend go to advisory.
4. 6 man football, smaller school out west looking to get into MT.
5. Discussion: Super region got 2 more games – how about schools with only 5 or 6 teams in a district, can they get more games?

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

1. 9 Man Football – Limit Conferences To No More Than 9 Teams Or Extend The Season By A Week. Eliminate The Tuesday, Saturday Game Weeks Vote Requested: 2-13
2. Concussion Clearance Form – An Universal Form That A Doctor Has To Sign Off On In Order For An Athlete To Resume Competition. No Vote Requested.
3. Forfeiting Teams – Should Their Be Specific Sanctions For Teams Who Forfeit Games? Currently in contract. If the contract is not being followed, a complaint may be filed with NDHSAA. Football regulation – if a forfeit they are not eligible for post season. Other districts have made their own adjustments. – Not a huge issue

Other items:

Brannan thanked the committee for their communications conveying items of interest from their districts and informed the group there are 3 items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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