

**District Basketball Chairperson's Meeting Notes
 Fargo Downtown Radisson, Fargo, ND
 March 21, 2014**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 21, 2014 at the Fargo Downtown Radisson Hotel. Chairman Ham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all districts represented.

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 2015 Basketball District chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers.

Chairman Ham welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district. Representatives 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 16-----Michael Bergstrom, Asst. AD Ray

1. Mercy rule in basketball. Use a running clock when one team is down by 30 points or more in the second half of the game. Vote requested: 4-12
 Further clarification: If the scores goes back to under 30 points, the clock goes back to a regular clock instead of a running clock. The clock would keep running through free throws. The clock would not continue to run through quarter break and time outs.
2. Lower the number of weight classes in wrestling from 14 to 12. Vote Requested: 1-15
 Discussion: Schools are not in agreement with what the weight classes should be. We currently follow all NFHS rules for wrestling and therefore have a seat on the NFHS wrestling rules committee. If we would change weight classes, we would no longer be able to have a vote on the NFHS rules committee. No vote requested.
3. Discussion Items – No votes requested
 - a. Exploration of 6 Man football
 6-man football is growing in popularity in Montana. There was some momentum going from 12-14 schools but most of those schools decided against once preliminary information concerning the 2015 and 2016 football plan was released.
 - b. If super regions are adopted, how will the location for the tournament be determined?
 Locations would be decided by region recommendation with state approval.
 - c. Is there any discussion of all regions being mandated to go super regions in the future?
 No comments
 - d. If we go to Super Regions – what happens to the District Chairs meeting?
 There would still be a need for district representation. The structure of this meeting may change but there will always be district representation.

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

1. Mercy rule or running clock option to be set by advisory
 Previously voted on in District 16.
2. Would like to explore another proposal for a 3-class system. No plan is currently proposed, just interested in discussion.
 Discussion: District 15 is in favor of a 3-class system and would like to get opinions from others. Districts 15 and 16 have discussed it in their districts. No vote requested.

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

No items at this time

1. Discussion only: District 14 would like flexibility in setting the start time of post-season tournaments to allow athletes to get home earlier. This is especially an issue in regions with 2 time zones. Hazen Public Schools indicated they will make a request from their region or school allowing this flexibility. District 13 would be in support of a half hour or one hour change.

District 13-----Brandt Gaugler, AD Beach HS

No items at this time

1. Discussion: Region 7 just completed the first year of the super region experiment in all sports. Overall they were pleased and it was well received. They feel the super region tournament platform made the regular season more meaningful.

District 12-----Jeremy Feller, Our Redeemer's HS

1. Discontinue offering region volleyball passes. Vote requested: 16-0
2. 3-man crew pay scale for basketball officials. Vote requested: 8-8
Discussion: Some schools have negotiated a three-man crew for a lesser rate per official than a two-man crew. All post-season contests have three man crews. All schools do not use three man crews for regular season. Southwest North Dakota is in desperate need of officials. Beach has had to pay officials to come from Bismarck for regular season games. Request NDHSAA develop a 3-man crew fee schedule.
3. Request No Rate or Mileage increase for officials for next year.
Discussion: Next year is the second year of a 2-year rate scale. No vote requested.
4. District 12 requests Region tournaments be held at the Minot Auditorium. No vote requested.
Discussion: Districts are split on the recommendation.
5. Discussion regarding 7-12 NDHSAA By-Laws.
Would like the terminology clarified between 7-12 and 9-12 as high school. No vote requested.

District 11-----Steven Heim, Supt. Drake-Anamoose HS

No items at this time.

Discussion only: District 11 does not want to use the same location for districts as regions. It creates an unfair advantage.

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

1. For schools that are unable to field a football team and unable to find a co-op partner because their enrollment would move the host school up a division, explore the potential for their students to participate in football at a neighboring school at the sub-varsity level only.
Discussion: Allow schools not able to field a football team nor find a school to coop with to participate in football at a neighboring school at the sub-varsity level only. They would not have to have a coop in place. Who would be in charge of overseeing where each student was going. School district would present a list of students and the school they would play for to NDHSAA. Vote Requested: 1-15

District 9-----Terry Bentz, Prin/AD Grant Co. HS

1. 3-man officiating crews.
 - 1) Is there training for 3-man crew?
 - 2) Are all officials trained in the 3-man crew concept?
Discussion: Post-season officials must have attended a day camp within the last 3 years to be eligible. Three-man crew training is covered at day camps.

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

1. Would like to see a way to evaluate officials after each regular season game. These evaluations could be used to select region and state officials.
Discussion: If this is brought forward, it should be mandatory for all. Other thoughts were there should be an evaluation system but not mandatory for all. Vote requested: 3-13

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

1. Region Track meet on Friday – Saturday will be alternate day. Vote requested: 9-7
2. Seed 1-5 for state volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and baseball tournaments. Vote requested: 8-8

District 6-----Matt Scherbenske, Prin/AD HMB HS

1. Develop NDHSAA maximum rates for basketball 3-man officiating crew – previously discussed.
2. Broadcast revenue from district tournaments
Where does that revenue go?
Sylling: The money will go back to the districts. No vote requested.
3. Seed Team Duals at State Wrestling Tournament - Vote requested: 16-0
Discussion: Like the seeding that was done for volleyball and basketball and would like it expanded to wrestling. Seed teams 1-4 with random draws. This will also be coming through wrestling advisory. Vote requested: 16-0
4. Regulation Backboards at Regional Basketball Tournaments
All locations are within NFHS standards stated in basketball rule books.

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

1. We request that the Board give authority to the Executive Secretary to waive the pre-season practice session regulation #1 when appealed by a member school. (9 practices and can't practice outside your district.) Vote Requested: 16-0
 Discussion: Specifically concerned with practices outside of district. Boys' basketball players going to the state girls' basketball tournament to support their schools girls' basketball teams. As per regulations, practices must be held within the schools' district. Schedules are complicated even more with the timing of State Volleyball and Thanksgiving.
2. We request the reinstatement of the pre-tournament hit-around for volleyball and shoot-arounds for basketball. Previously voted upon.

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

1. Move Class B boys' and girls' golf to the fall. Vote Requested: 5-10
2. Seed the top 4 wrestling teams for the State Duals Tournament. Previously voted upon.
3. Concern as to why State Wrestling is not included in the state contract televising state tournaments.
 Discussion: Television is not interested in the state wrestling tournament. Sylling indicated the exclusivity clause with our NFHS Network agreement will not allow another media outlet to broadcast during a broadcast tournament.

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

1. Seed the State Dual Wrestling Tournament in the same manner as the State Volleyball and State Basketball Tournaments. Previously discussed.
2. Return to face-to-face rules clinics at the start of each season as opposed to on-line clinics. No vote requested.
 Discussion: Miss the camaraderie and opportunity to meet the officials in a more comfortable venue. Coaches may take advantage of other opportunities available such as workshops and day-camps.

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

1. Move girls' Class B golf to the fall. Vote Requested: 6-10
 - a. Cost may increase for Class B schools, as they would need separate coaches.
2. Coaches box for girls' and boys' basketball from the scorer's table mark to the end of the bench.
 Vote requested: Vote Requested: 1-15

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

No items at this time

Ham thanked the committee for their communications conveying items of interest from their districts and informed the group there are 4 items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration.

With no further business, Chairman Ham thanked the group and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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