

NOTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
Region Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
March 18, 2016, Minot, ND**

The Ad-Hoc committee held their meeting on March 18, 2016 in Minot. Board member Brad Rinas called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The NDHSAA Board of Directors directed formation of an Ad-Hoc committee to investigate the creation of super region tournaments with 2016-17 as a target date. This meeting is a follow up from the March meeting to report on the 2015-16 super region tournaments.

Members present: Brandt Dick-Underwood, Jim Roaldson-Jamestown, Brad Rinas-Washburn, Randy Johnson-Hazen, Jeff Manley-Cavalier, Scott Grochow-Rugby, Ben Schafer-Ray, Patti Aanenson-Larimore, Scott Lindgren-Leeds, Lucas Isaacson-LaMoure, Steve Hall-Kindred

Executive Director Fetsch provided financial feedback from regions holding super region tournaments.

- Randy Johnson, representing Region 7, indicated super regions are going well. All teams that are in, even those that were apprehensive at the start are now supportive. The first round games are held at the higher seed and their region voted to continue that practice. The only issue they have is the location of the tournament. Some coaches are not in favor of having their tournament at a school site, however realistically the only schools that are large enough to hold their tournament would be Hazen and Dickinson Trinity. Their region does not want to go back to district tournaments.
- Scott Grochow, representing Region 6, indicated their region favors the district format. They receive enough income from their district tournaments to make this feasible. Region 6 is in a unique situation of having 15 teams within a small area. The farthest travel within the district for any regular season game is 95 miles and 85 miles for tournaments.
- Brandt Dick, representing Region 5 indicated their region is moving to a super region for only volleyball in 2016/17. Their districts are split in a recommendation to move to super regions for basketball. Their districts are in favor of continuing local control over staying with districts and super regions.
- Ben Schafer, representing Region 8, indicated their districts are in favor of continuing local control in staying with districts or holding super regions. They do not want it mandated.
- Scott Lindgren, representing Region 4, indicated their districts are split on moving to super regions for basketball. They currently have a super region format for volleyball with basketball remaining in a district tournament format.
- Lucas Isaacson, representing Region 3, indicated their region currently uses the district format and both districts in their region would like to continue with this format. Geography of their region is one of the reasons for using the district format. They are still making money on their district tournaments. Their districts are in favor of continuing local control over staying with districts and super regions.
- Patti Aanenson, representing Region 2, indicated their region is using the super region format and are pleased with that format. One issue they have run into is play-in games being held the same night as the EDC tournament making it difficult to schedule officials. Their region is on board with super region format.
- Steve Hall, representing Region 1, indicated there is some consensus in their region that super regions should be mandated. There is still discussion in their region as to home sites for the first round of super regions.

The consensus was there is a different fit for each district/region. Committee members did not see a problem having different formats for different districts and regions. They did not feel basketball and volleyball needed to be treated the same. The representatives appreciate having the option of doing what is best for each area. They are making it work now with each region doing different things. Some scheduling issues arise when regions are using different formats, however the group felt the scheduling issue was easily addressed locally.

The group did not feel additional meetings were needed for this Ad-Hoc committee at this time. They indicated they would wait to see what happens with a three class proposal as some of the same issues will be addressed.

Respectfully Submitted,
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