

District Chairperson Notes
Minot - Holiday Inn (Riverside)
March 18, 2016

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 18, 2016 at the Minot Holiday Inn - Riverside. Chairman Rinas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 16 districts represented. Upon introductions, Chairman Rinas 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 2017 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.

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

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

1. No items

District 2-----Brian Midthun, AD Enderlin HS

1. All 13 coaches in District 2 are in favor of a running clock/mercy rule in basketball. No vote requested as this appears on the agenda in different districts with more specific plans and will hold discussion at that time.
2. Coaches are wondering why NDHSAA has not made a decision as to mandating the super-region tournaments. Fetsch explained the Board formed an ad-hoc committee last year to address this issue. The ad-hoc committee will meet later today and will provide the Board with an update.

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

1. The wrestling coaches from Region 2 are proposing dropping the number of weight classes from 14 to 12. The weight classes used would be the 10 college classes along with 106 and 115.
 - a. 106, 115, 125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285
 - b. The request is being made due to the number of teams that cannot field 14 weight classes. Staff member Morast indicated if NDHSAA deviates from the NFHS weight classes we would no longer have a vote on the NFHS wrestling rules committee. The district chairs questioned the consequences if we deviate from NFHS. Morast also informed the group about an NFHS wrestling rules committee recommendation to go from 14 weight classes to 13 in 2017/18. The NFHS Board will vote on this in April. This topic came up at the wrestling coaches meeting with a result of wrestling coaches in favor of waiting for the NFHS Board to make their decision before making additional requests. Aanenson requested a straw vote to how many would be in favor of following the NFHS recommendations. Vote to Follow NFHS vote: 11-5 Aanenson also requested a vote to go to 12 weight classes as proposed. Vote: 4-10

District 4-----Aaron Schramm, Principal/AD Park River HS

1. No items

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

1. Would like to discuss eliminating the total number of quarters played in basketball for the season. Leave a limit of 6 quarters per night but not the end of the year total. Vote Requested: 6-10
2. Change wrestling to 12 weight classes. Vote Requested: 7-9

District 6-----Damon Bosche, AD Medina HS

1. State wrestling ticket distribution was discussed. State wrestling ticket distribution process needs to adopt one of the two procedures. Continue to have schools submit their ticket request like the current procedure. Then proceed to one of the two scenarios. Vote Requested: 3-13
 - i. Seed the dual tournament immediately after region tournaments are done. The top four dual teams get reserved seating. Then the rest of the ticket orders are randomly picked for the remainder of the seating....or
 - ii. Complete random draw for all the schools that have submitted ticket requests.
- b. This would give more precedence to the top teams. Right now the schools have a form that is filled out and faxed in with the form requests starting at midnight. First come first serve based on what the Fargo Dome feels is the best seating for Class A and Class B. Fargodome has requested the time be moved to

8:00 am instead of midnight. The time will be changed to 8:00 am and NDHSAA is investigating using PayPal for ticket orders rather than faxing information.

2. Would like discussion on the possibility of providing passes to all North Dakota AD's for access to tournaments and games throughout the state. Discussion included this is a local issue and is a conversation that should be held at the district level.
3. Would like discussion on the possibility of the ND High School Coaches Association handling the entire certification process for ND coaches. Each coach would be in charge of verifying their coaching status. Johnson indicated it should be up to the AD in each school to assure their coaches are certified. This should be a school district's responsibility. Many districts represented require coach education for coaches in grades 7-12 or grades 5-12 which is over and above the minimum requirements set by NDHSAA. Consensus was coaches certification needs to remain in the hands of the local schools with submission to NDHSAA.

District 7-----Scott Lindgren, AD Leeds HS

1. Mercy rule in basketball– District 7 feels this should be left up to coaches' discretion. This appears on the agenda in different districts with more specific plans and will hold discussion at that time.

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

1. We are in favor of a mercy rule in basketball.
 - a. Proposed: If a team is ahead by 30 points or more to start the 4th quarter of a game the clock will run and only stop for an injury or a time out. If the margin of score becomes less than 20 points, regular game regulations will be used for stopping the clock until/if the margin of point difference becomes 30 points.
- Vote Requested: 10-6**

District 9-----Matt Scherbenske, AD Shiloh Christian HS

1. District 9 would like discussion on basketball rule 3-5 Art. 3 ("Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves and tights). Discussion to be focused mainly on the same color being required of all teammates. Staff member Fletschock indicated this is mandated in the basketball rules book.
 2. District 9 would like a vote on changing baseball regulation regarding the number of games allowed to play in a season. Currently teams are allowed to play a maximum of 36 games in 23 dates prior to the state tournament. This includes whatever format of region tournament (in baseball Region VIII it is a possible seven additional games played in the region tournament.)
 - a. We are proposing to change the regulation to: Teams can play a maximum of 32 games in 23 dates prior to the state tournament excluding any tournament games to determine the region representative for the state tournament. (This would make the region tournament games NOT count towards the 32 games).
- Vote Requested: 2-14**

District 10-----Vicky Bender, AD Wilton HS

1. We would like to see the player penalization (sitting out next game/match) for excessive quarters/sets played be eliminated. Discussion was based on the player be penalized for something the coach did. The game/match should be penalization enough or maybe the coach should be fined/penalized somehow. This is not a unique situation. This happens across the state. Historically this came about as a deterrent to a coach doing this nightly if there is no consequence. **Vote Requested: 15-1**
2. Or maybe the coach should be fined/penalized somehow. Wiberg asked the district chairs their opinion on coaches being penalized. Midthun indicated he would be in favor of a warning the first offense and something different the for subsequent offenses as there is a need to have a deterrent.

District 11-----Larry Sandy, AD Velva HS

1. Concern over the timeline of finalizing the football plan. Main concern is that with finalization not completed until October meeting, some schools have difficulty contracting officials by the time a schedule is developed. This is more of a concern over the lack of officials than the actual time line. Fetsch indicated this would take a by-law vote as the final date for the football plan is September 15th. This is a more complex problem and a vote was not requested.
3. Would like to see high school football officials use the college football mechanics in providing the countdown of the 25 second clock when an on field clock is not present. Alternative solution to using college method would be to require on field 25 second clocks at all football games.

District 12-----Lyal Krueger, AD Surrey HS

1. Move golf to the Fall – **Vote Requested: 7-9**

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

1. No items

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

1. State rate for hotel rooms at state tournaments was discussed. NDHSAA does not have control over what motels charge. Schools are urged to contact the tournament manager to see if rates can be adjusted.

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

1. Mercy Rule—40 points in 2nd half runs for the rest of the game (stops timeouts, quarter break, injury). This topic was previously voted upon.
2. Requested the NDHSAA Board pursue a 3 class system for basketball only with implementation in 2017-18. Formation of a committee to formulate a plan that is right for kids. Jung indicated only 2 states in the US have a two class system. Cranston indicated their district created 4 plans, however none were brought forward to this meeting. District 15 would like a vote for the NDHSAA to move forward in creation of a plan for a 3 class system.
Vote Requested: 14-2
3. 9 teams in District 15, move one to District 16 to make 8 and 8. Districts can make this request to the realignment committee.

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

1. Basketball - Super Region Tournaments, will every region be required to use this format? If so, when? Previously discussed.
2. Volleyball- concern that region volleyball tournament sites use qualified line judges, bookkeepers, and clock keepers. No other districts indicated this was an issue in their district.
3. Possibly if the NDHSAA could create 2- 9-man football divisions.