

District Chairperson Notes
Minot - Holiday Inn (Riverside)
March 17, 2017

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 17, 2017 at the Minot Holiday Inn - Riverside. Chairman Manley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 16 districts represented. Upon introductions, Chairman Manley 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 2018 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. 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, which are listed as submitted.

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

No items

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

3 class system

Cranston indicated a similar recommendation was passed in 2015/16 by District Chairs with a vote of 14-2. Vote failed at the Board level. His district would like NDHSAA to form a committee to create and propose a plan for a 3 class system in basketball and volleyball. Their district indicated they were in favor of 16 teams in the highest class with no opinion on the makeup of the other two classes. Fetsch indicated the proposal from 2015/16 was very different from the proposal this year. The 2015/16 proposal was for basketball only and requested implementation by 2017-18. There was discussion on changing the enrollment number to which Fetsch reminded chairs of the NDHSAA bylaw stating if there are 2 divisions in any sport or activity, enrollments of 325 and higher are Class A and all others are Class B. Cranston informed the group the main objective of this request would be to form a committee to create a plan for a 3 class system in volleyball and basketball. Currently team alignments are recommended by the Realignment Committee. Fetsch provided some history to the group including in 2009 the Board created a plan and presented it around the state. A straw poll vote indicated member schools overwhelmingly rejected the plan. There was another straw poll vote in October 2010 in which member school also overwhelmingly rejected the suggestion of a 3 class system. A vote was requested. VOTE: 11-5

Number of participants per school per event at region track

Cranston explained the proposal as such: If athletes qualify by time, they qualify for the state tournament however with this proposal, a coach could put 5 additional athletes in the region tournament above and beyond those already qualified. Would like to allow kids who qualify by time then add 5 more participants. Proposal was referred to track advisory. No Vote requested.

AA football Region

Cranston indicated displeasure with the AA football region. The AA football region contains 10 teams in one region. Fetsch explained NDHSAA survey results indicated that was the preference of AA football schools. Cranston feels 10 teams is too small for any division and would like to have at least 16 teams in a division in any sport. No vote.

Mercy Rule regulation-situations

There was discussion concerning when the clock should stop when the mercy rule is in effect. Cranston feels the clock should stop at free throws, time outs, injuries, and substitutions. Main request would be to stop at free throws. Clock already stops at time outs and injuries. Discussion involved moving the point differential where the mercy rule goes into effect. Point difference was discussed and decided differential was adequate. Coaches should use better discretion in subbing. Districts were surveyed to see if any district was entirely opposed to the mercy rule and there was not an overwhelming response. Final request was to vote on an addition to mercy rule to stop the clock at free throws. VOTE: 15-1

Spectator removal protocol

Cranston would like to see implementation of a statewide protocol which everyone follows. Should there be a list of items that are automatic ejections? There are situations that would be nice to have some guidance. Region 1 has the yellow card policy. There are flyers posted reminding people of behavior guidelines. The flyers help remind people to use good sportsmanship. The district has yellow cards given to fans by administrators if they are using inappropriate behavior. The yellow card indicates "Please remember to use good sportsmanship". Overall recommendation is each district create their own process. District 1 offered to share their policy with other

schools in the state.

District 13-----Daryl Jung, AD New England HS and District 14-----Randy Johnson, AD Hazen HS

***No Class B State Basketball Tournaments (Girls or Boys) in Grand Forks**

Randy Johnson indicated their district would like a straw vote on this. Grand Forks as a community was not welcoming and their district would like the tournaments more centrally located. Fetsch informed the group of the current rotation in place. With this rotation no community will have more than 2 winter tournaments in any year. There are many circumstances to take into consideration such as: other NDHSAA tournaments, overlap of Class A region tournaments with Class B girls state tournament and UND hockey schedule to name a few. Johnson said his district did not want to make this a regulation. Issues will be discussed at the Combined Tournament Committee meeting. VOTE: 5-11

***Three Class System for basketball and volleyball - Ask the NDHSAA board to look at creating a three class system for basketball and volleyball**

Previously discussed.

***Mercy Rule – Have the clock shut off for free throws.**

Previously discussed.

***Allow Boys and Girls Basketball players to play 7 quarters per night**

Daryl Jung pointed out small schools that have to use players for multiple games struggle to have players have enough quarters to use. Their district plays many South Dakota teams and South Dakota currently uses a 7 quarter rule. In opposition, some schools may be up 30 points in sub-varsity games and the winning team does not put in some players. Jung indicated this would be more for teams that can't put full squads together. Others thought it tough to put in a rule for just those games. Some coaches will abuse this and play their top kids for 7 quarters. Some discussion involved implementing this at lower levels but not at the varsity level. Propose allowing boys and girls basketball players to play 7 quarters per night. VOTE: 9-6

District 12-----Larry Derr, Principal/AD Glenburn HS

***3 man crew fee for basketball**

District 12 would like to have a set fee for 3 man crews rather than paying per official. Other districts did not feel officials would not like this but at some time there has to be a freeze on what they are being paid. Fletschock reminded chairs we are trying to grow our pool of officials. Implementing a lower pay rate will not be beneficial for growing officials. He also reminded the group this is a maximum, not a minimum. VOTE: 1-15

***Girls golf to the fall.**

Discussion included how moving girls golf to the fall would affect participation. VOTE: 5-11

Mercy Rule. Our district would like to see this rule go away however we would be in favor of stopping the clock during free throws in the 4th quarter.

Previously discussed.

Discussion of bonus free throw at 5 fouls and double bonus at 7 fouls with them re-setting each quarter. This is being discussed at the NFHS level.

No vote requested.

District 11-----Malcolm Marcus, AD TGU Towner HS

***Girls/Boys Basketball: Mercy rule: Implement at 45 points instead of 30 points.**

Previously discussed.

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

We recommend State Volleyball be in Minot every year going forth. It doesn't require a vote, just our recommendation.

***Penalty wording for playing too many quarters/matches: "forfeit that game/match/meet."**

Change the penalty wording to "Primary coach would be disqualified for next game/match/meet at that level." This was proposed by District Chairs in 2015-16, however there was not a consequence listed. Bender indicated they are now recommending to remove the current player penalty involving quarter/inning/game limits and create the penalty that the primary coach in which the quarter violation occurred would be disqualified for the next game/match/meet at that level. VOTE: 13-3

Pairing regions for all future football plans with region scheduling partners for non-region games set by the state at all levels.

Discussion included this would eliminate some non-region rivalries. Would also have the potential to increase travel for some teams. This will be discussed during the creation of the next football plan.

District 9-----Steve Folmer, AD Solen HS

No items

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

Allow junior high students to make up for more than 50% of an ensemble.

Bubach suggested this be remanded to music advisory. There is a rule in place indicating 7th and 8th graders can not make up more than 50% of an ensemble. There are two reasons: 1) NDHSAA does not sponsor varsity sub-level contests. 2) NDHSAA does not allow Jr. High teams to compete against high school teams. Entries go forward on a percentage of participants. In 2015 there were 1,608 competitors with 808 entries at the State Class B Music Contest. Ask this be forwarded to music advisory. Vote to refer to music advisory. VOTE: 16-0

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

*Mercy Rule – Would like to see changes

Officials are to stop the clock on all 4th quarter free throws.

Officials are to stop the clock on all 4th quarter substitutions, until play is ready to be resumed, then officials can signal the time keeper to start the clock.

Previously discussed.

Post season officials – make sure the coaches are voting

Are regions making sure their coaches vote? NDHSAA office will continue to send surveys to coaches and NDHSAA will also send a reminder out to ADs when the surveys go out with deadline included.

1. Post season awards – What do other district/super regionals do for a violation?

District 15 has criteria listed in their By-Laws if students serve any suspension for a violation they are not eligible for post season awards. NDHSCA has a similar policy in place. No violations from August 1st.

District 6-----Brent Kleinsasser, AD Strasburg/Zeeland HS

*Allow individuals to compete in 7 quarters per day in basketball.

Previously discussed.

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

*Make a change to the mercy rule in basketball. During the Mercy Rule - The clock will stop during free throws.

Previously discussed.

District 4-----Lee Beattie, AD North Border (Pembina & Walhalla) HS and District 3-----Patti Aanenson, AD Larimore HS

*Move boys and girls golf to the fall –

Previously discussed.

*Increase point differential on the Mercy Rule or leave differential the same and stop the clock for injuries, time-outs, and free throws.

Previously discussed.

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

No items

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

No items