

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
January 28, 2008
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on January 28, 2008 at the Bismarck Ramkota Hotel. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The membership was welcomed and several comments were shared before President Knodle declared a quorum.

President Knodle introduced Board of Directors and staff.

The Executive Secretary introduced the amendment to Part Two, Article XIV, Section III, Part b as proposed by the Board of Directors to read:

Section III:

a. A student shall not have participated in a similar athletic contest during the same sports season as a member of any other than a high school team nor as an unattached individual in non-school contests during the high school season in that sport and the penalty for this violation shall be loss of eligibility from the date of the infraction for six contests for each violation in that sport. A school may petition the Board of Directors for exemptions from provisions of this section on behalf of a talented student involving competition with U.S. Olympic or International ramifications.

b. Students who have participated in athletics representing a member school and who have not yet graduated from high school shall not compete on an All-star team, or in an All-Star game, contest, or meet during the school year in sports sponsored by the Association. An All-star team ~~is one made up wholly or in part of players selected in any manner from two or more schools, teams or areas~~ includes, but is not limited to, the Shrine All-Star Football Team, the Lions All-Star Basketball Teams, and the Optimists All-Star Volleyball Teams. Violation of this regulation shall result in loss of eligibility of the student for a period of one year from the date of the last violation. Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit any student from participating as an unattached individual or as a member of a non-school team in these sports during the off-season for that sport in the school term, providing the contest is not "all-star" in character.

Motion by Jack Maus, Grafton to approve the amendment as presented. Second by Lorell Jungling, Mandan. A roll call vote was taken indicating the motion approved 130-0.

An amendment as proposed by the NDHSAA Board of Directors to Part Two, Article V, Section III was presented by the Executive Secretary to read:

SECTION III: Forfeit of Games/Contests: delete: (A school may be required to forfeit games)

a. delete (For playing ineligible players, or) add: The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible participant in a team sport/fine arts contest shall require the offending school to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible participant participated.

Amend b. to read

b. The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible participant in individual sports/contests shall require the offending school to forfeit the matches won and/or points earned by the ineligible participant or by a relay team of which he/she was a member. The points contributed by an ineligible participant to

his/her team score shall be deleted, and the contest score as well as any affected placements will be adjusted according to the rules of that sport.

Move old b to c and add:

b.c. (A school may be required to forfeit games) for other violations of the Constitution, By-Laws or regulations of the Association.

Motion by Supt. Jack Maus, Grafton to approve as presented. Second by Ath. Dir. Todd Olson, Grand Forks Central. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the amendment approved, 126-3

Canvassing Committee Chairman, Dr. Wayne Sanstead reported on the balloting results of the election for membership on the Board of Directors:

Class B Southeast – Supt. Rick Jacobson, Wyndmere

Class A At Large – Supt. Steve Swiontek, Devils Lake

Athletic Administrator – Pete Moe, Washburn

President Knodle gave a brief history on the straw vote that is to be taken at this meeting. The purpose of this straw poll of the membership is to determine whether the Board of Directors should proceed with a study of the current classification system for basketball and volleyball. It was clarified a yes vote would indicate the Board shall proceed with the study and a no vote would indicate the study would not take place. Supt. Mike Ness, Hazen asked what would be the process if the straw vote would direct the Board to move forward. Supt. Dan Anderson, Ray shared a comment that with the existing system a Class B school has a difficult time to get to the state tournament which makes it more meaningful. The fear is to have more classes would water it down and would take away the feeling of great accomplishment which may change the attitude of why they are at the state tournament. Supt. Gaillard Peltier, Fordville-Lankin spoke on behalf of the administrators that 25 years ago this would have made more sense with the number of schools versus the number currently involved. With the rapidly increasing closing and consolidation of school systems, this would not be a good direction to go. President Knodle indicated with no further comments, a roll call will be called indicating no-78, yes-55. The voting record is attached.

The Executive Secretary presented the football plan approved by the NDHSAA Board of Directors for the 2009-2011 school years. Along with the guidelines was the timeline for implementation of the plan.

The Executive Secretary shared some brief comments:

1. There are a number of basketball uniforms that have been determined illegal and there is not sufficient time to correct this prior to the post-season tournaments. Because of this, there has been a waiver of this rule for the current year only. It was clarified this specifications on uniforms from the National Federation rule book have not changed.

President Knodle reminded the membership of hospitality at 2:30 in honor of our 100th anniversary and declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____

Approved Date: ____/____/____