

Combined Tournament Committee
April 4, 2016
Fargo, North Dakota

The Tournament Committee met April 4, 2016 in Fargo, Steve Hall, Chairperson presiding. Members present were Steve Hall, Kindred; Todd Olson, Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Mark Rerick, Grand Forks; Mitch Lunde, Minot; Dave Zittleman, Bismarck; Andy Dahlen, Fargo North; Lorell Jungling, Mandan. Also present were NDHSAA staff members, Matt Fetsch, Justin Fletschock, Kevin Morast, and Brenda Schell.

December meeting notes were reviewed with no corrections or additions.

The committee reviewed tournament ticket prices

- Region hockey tournament prices – Follow Class A BB region prices
- State wrestling adult reserved tournament ticket price – Change adult reserved to \$42.00

The committee reviewed the 7-year state tournament site rotation. Recommendation as follows.

- 2018-19 Hockey to Fargo

Proposed 5-year calendar dates were reviewed by the committee. Executive Director Fetsch asked the committee if it would be helpful to make the 5-year calendar a 7-year calendar to match the 7-year site rotation calendar. Committee consensus was to make the change to a 7-year calendar. The calendar will be presented to the NDHSAA Board of Directors at the April 2016 meeting.

Chairperson Hall requested discussion about NDCEL conference dates and century code.

NDHSAA Staff introduced a draft of Tournament Behavior Expectations for review.

NDHSAA MINIMAL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS FOR REGULAR AND POSTSEASON COMPETITIONS:

- Respect the American flag and the National Anthem.
- Spectators must wear clothing that covers the entire torso. Those who do not comply or who wear clothing that is vulgar, obscene or that in some other way inappropriate, as determined by school/tournament personnel, will be removed from the arena/stadium if they do not cooperate with this behavior expectation.
- The use of appropriate language is expected at all times. Profanity, negative chants, booing, trash talk, name calling, personal attacks or other acts of disrespect are unacceptable and must be immediately addressed by school/tournament administrators.
- Respect the game/contest. Under no condition shall anyone other than the members of the official squad enter the playing surface. No one may interfere with the contest in any way.
- Hand held signs, which do not obstruct the view of others, will be permitted provided they are in good taste. Signs, message boards, "white" boards or other similar items contest/tournament officials deem to be in poor taste will be removed.
- Artificial noise makers (i.e. megaphones, cowbells, sirens, whistles, thunder sticks, and other similar items) are not allowed.
- Laser lights are strictly prohibited.

Tournament Committee recommendations to add to the behavior expectations.

- Add noisemakers are allowable for sideline cheerleaders.
- Add the current drone policy.
- Add verbiage about the use of flags.
- Add verbiage concerning administrators must accompany their students.

General tournament discussion included the Class B Spirit Award criteria. The committee recommends elimination of Spirit Award in Class B basketball.

There was discussion of Class A pre-tournament shoot-arounds. The committee recommends keeping the existing schedule.

Olson questioned if the EDC wanted to change the East Region tournament to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday if Board approval would be needed. Fetsch indicated the dates are pre-approved on the calendar and would require Board approval.

Lunde reminded the committee it is important for this committee to support the recommendations made without bad-mouthing the other tournament sites.

Jungling voiced concerns about motel bills being too high. Discussion continued with no resolution. Schools are urged to contact the tournament managers if hotel rooms seem too expensive in comparison to similar area hotels.

There was discussion concerning the dimming lights before the championship games. The lights are slow to come on and the tournament committee had concerns about safety and quality of light at the beginning of play. It is currently a local control issue. No change was recommended.

The meeting dates for 2016/17 are scheduled for November 30, 2016 at 11:00 am in Valley City and April 3, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Fargo.

Respectfully Submitted,
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