

## Track Advisory

**Members present: Mitch Grochow, Tim Kolsrud, Darrin McKinnon, Sean Allen, Jon Jahner, Jeremy Anderson, Chris Clements.**

### Agenda

1. Deadline for region entries (Jahner)
  - a. Request made to allow flexibility with the 12:00 (noon) deadline prior to the region meet if an act of God requires the meet to be rescheduled
2. Appeals process (Jahner)
  - a. Jahner requested clarification on an appeals denial at the SE region meet
    - i. Clarification regarding out of an exchange zone violation
3. Regular season meet procedures (Jahner)
  - a. Discussion on regular season meets – should there be a requirement for weigh-ins regarding
4. 16/24/27 Qualifying process (Jahner)
  - a. Discussion on South Dakota state meet and qualification standards (taking top 24 performances to the state meet
    - i. Concerns consisted of wind aided times, weather, FAT timing, and facilities
  - b. No action taken
5. Pole vault weigh-in (McKinnon)

Darrin expressed an issue with pole vault weigh-ins only taking place at regional and' state meets. Is it necessary? Question is who is liable if a coach allows and athlete to use an improper pole. Kevin will visit with NFHS and return findings to the group.
6. Athletic.net (Kolsrud)
  - a. Add provisional qualifier standard
    - i. Ask athletic.net to have the provisional qualifier line added to the performance list.
  - b. Highlight qualifying standard
    - i. Ask athletic.net to highlight the qualifying standard for easy viewing.
7. State meet – direct entry by coaches (NDHSAA)
  - i. Discussion on using direct entry of athletes by coaches to the state meet.
  - ii. Would eliminate need for declaration deadline
  - iii. Would eliminate issues with athletic.net transferring correct information to the state meet.
  - iv. Coaches have done this all year so no learning curve would be needed.

## 8. Qualifying standards adjustment (NDHSAA)

Review of the qualifying standards and no adjustment were recommended at this time. Committee did discuss the boys HJ and 3200-meter run standards but tabled any possible changes until next season when more information is available

## 9. Relay cards at state meet

NFHS allows leeway in the fact the relay cards do not have to match from day one to day two of the state meet. Advisory determined that relay cards do not have to have the same athletes on the card each day.

## 10. 3-day meet Schedule (NDHSAA)

- a. Discussion on why tournament committee and board passed the 3-day meet.
- b. Main concern is the advisory committee felt it is happening too quickly.
- c. Most advisory members are not necessarily opposed to a 3-day meet if the schedule is an actual improvement.
- d. Advisory would like to request that tournament committee reconsider the timeline for a three-day meet and postpone implementation for one year.
- e. Advisory came up with a plan to meet on July 12 – At the meeting EDC, WDA, B-West B- east advisory members would present potential meet schedules for a 3-day meet. Schedules will be reviewed and tweaked if necessary. Advisory will pick two options to present to coaches at the NDHSCA convention in July. From that meeting coaches will recommend a schedule for a three-day meet.

### Concerns:

Tim Kolsrud – Much more time and discussion are needed before the move to a three-day meet. More coaches input on the meet is needed as well as the schedule.

Sean Allen – EDC principals have an issue with another day of school missed especially around finals week.

- Field events on Saturday – Athletes would not be able to practice after Wednesday. This would cause some issues.
- Not necessarily like the 3200 on Thursday evening.
- Other states with 3 day meets have more classes competing
- More events on Thursday should be considered

Jon Jahner – Supports three-day meet as long as schedule is an improvement over the current two-day meet

Jeremy Anderson – NE – No push back from a three-day meet – not sure they knew it was coming this fast

Darrin Mckinnon – EDC concern if they are forced to have a Saturday region meet the amount of rest would be a concern to turn around and compete on a Thursday

Mitch Grochow – NW/NC – Not opposed if the schedule is an improvement.

Items to move forward for regulation change.

1. In the event of a region meet schedule change, due to an act of God, there would be region flexibility in the deadline for meet entries.

2. State meet entries will change to a direct entry by coaches following the region meets. Thus, eliminating a declaration deadline and the use of athletic.net to pull qualifiers.