

Soccer Advisory 10-8-21

Discussion

1. Length of season

- a. Issues with Fargo schools starting season early – new Americans don't come out until registration and miss several weeks of season.
- b. No time between matches for training – it is all recovery and pre-game
- c. Start second Monday in August end the 3rd weekend in October.
- d. Leave start time as is and add one week to the end of the season.
- e. Kevin will contact girls' soccer advisory for recommendation for adding a week to their season as well.

2. State tournament

- a. Soccer coaches in attendance unanimously agree that the state tournament venue should be on a turf field.
 - i. Easier to combat weather when necessary
 - ii. Teams in the East never play on grass
 - iii. Only three teams in the state play on grass at this time
- b. Tournament format
 - i. Would like to change the schedule of state soccer to a Tuesday, Friday, Saturday format
 - ii. Tuesday would be at home site of higher seed. (Loser out)
 - iii. Final four teams to meet at the predetermined tournament venue as scheduled by the NDHSAA.

3. Anniversary team recommendation

- a. Would like to mirror the girl's regulation and add a 25-anniversary team celebration

4. Recommend using Maxpreps for stats – they offer a player of the week and it is free.

Proposed Regulation Changes

1. State tournament changes – See 2.a and 2.b above

2. Recognize the 25-year anniversary team

3. Add one week to the end of the regular season.

- a. With more school adding soccer, the season provides little time for practice only recovery and pre-game. Technique and skill training nearly impossible during the regular season.