

Football Advisory

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Recommendations:

9-Man

1. That semi-finals be played in the Alerus Center, Bismarck Bowl and the Fargo Dome
Use the FargoDome and Alerus for eastern games and the Bismarck Community Bowl for the western games. If these sites are not available still find neutral sites available that are willing to host.
2. End the regular season on Tuesday and begin play-offs on Saturday.
Rationale;
 - In 2009 the season would end October 13th and play-offs would begin Saturday, October 17th, 2009 & continue in future years.
 - All playoffs games would be on Saturdays.
3. Change to the “college” overtime rule.

The NCAA tiebreaker system will be used when a game is tied after four periods. NCAA football-playing rules apply, with the following exceptions:

- a. Immediately after the conclusion of the fourth quarter, officials will instruct both teams to retire to their respective team areas. The officials will assemble at the 50-yard line and review the tiebreaker procedures.
- b. The officials will escort the captains (Rule 3-1-1) to the center of the field for the coin toss. The referee shall toss a coin at midfield in the presence of not more than four field captains from each team and another game official, first designating the field captain of the visiting team to call the coin toss. The winner of the toss shall choose one of the following options:
 1. Offense or defense, with the offense at the opponent’s 25-yard line to start the first series.
 2. Which end of the field shall be used for both series of that overtime period

Note: The winner of the toss may not defer the choice.
- c. The loser of the toss shall exercise the remaining option for the first extra period and shall have the first choice of the two options for subsequent even-numbered extra periods.
- d. Extra periods: An extra period shall consist of two series with each team putting the ball in play by a snap on or between the inbounds lines on the designated 25-yard line, which becomes the opponent’s 25-yard line. The snap shall be from midway between the inbounds lines on the 25-yard line, unless a different position on or between the inbounds lines is selected before the ready-for-play signal, the ball may be relocated after a charged team timeout, unless preceded by a Team A foul or offsetting penalties.
- e. Team series: Each team retains the ball during a series until it scores or fails to make a first down. The ball remains alive after a change of team possession until it is declared dead. However, Team A may not have a first and 10 if it again possesses the ball after a change of team possession.

Rationale: - High School rule favors power football teams.
 - Today’s game has changed to the college types of offenses.

A Division

1. Request to play the first round of play-offs inter-region
 - a. The number of teams has been increased from 24 to 32 so we should return to inter-region play
 - b. Prevent playing teams playing the last game of the season & first round of the play-offs

AA Division

None

AAA Division

None

All:

1. Delete the regulation that restricts the number of players dressed for the play-offs
 - a. The schools do not have to be paid for the extra player

Administrative:

- Video exchange –Required – “Online film exchange” - www.SportsFilmExchange.com
 - Play-off
 - Regular season
- 2. Dakota Bowl Awards – Have the P.A. person read a little slower
- 3. Provide a “little” more time for team warm-ups at the Dakota Bowl
- 4. Encourage the use of younger officials for sub-varsity games
 - Continue the head coaches’ and captains’ sportsmanship meeting and tossing coin at the 10-minute mark on the pre-game warm-up clock
 - Game administration shall set clocks to have introductions and the anthem at “zero” on the clock. *An example for a 7 PM start; at 6:30 put twenty-five minutes on the game clock and when the clock indicates 0:00 begin the anthem & introductions. If more than five minutes are required set the clock to run out at 6:52, or whatever time is necessary to have the game begin on time.
 - Officials; the coaches appreciated your renewed efforts to provide “Crew Cards” for each game and that the practice be continued.

Discussion items:

- Coin Flip ten minutes before kickoff.
- Dakota Bowl Championship games.
- Discussed the on-side kick rule – “Safety” - NFHS
- Brenda addressed web issues encountered this year & the progress made to alleviate them
- The order of play for the Dakota Bowl and whether the games should be played on one day or two.

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- The order of play and times are affected by maximizing attendance, television and venue availability.
- What if two teams want to petition up a division and only one wants to move down; which school gets to move up?
- Encourage fellow coaches to join the NDHSCA as there are many professional opportunities provided through said membership.
- There is a need for presenters at the NDHSCA Convention. If you are concerned about presenting by yourself for a full session, you can utilize your staff or other knowledgeable people. Please step forward and offer your or someone else's expertise by contacting Gelaine Orvik at gorvik@cablone.net.