



Date: September 16, 2009

To: NDHAAA Board of Directors

From: Mr. ElRoy Burkle, Supt. Napoleon Public School

RE: Request to review Items 1, 2, and 7 or Out-of-Season Practice and Use of Gymnasiums

I ask the NDHSAA Board of Directors to review the cited items specific Out-of-Season Practice and Use of Gymnasiums.

Part Three; Board Regulations & General Information; Page 1 and 2; Guidelines Relative to Out-of Season Practice and Use of Gymnasiums.

Items.

1. The gymnasium is open to all students for participation.
2. A variety of activities is available to students and are not limited to one sport or activity on a given day.
7. The school administration assumes the responsibility of making certain there is adherence to these guidelines.

Each fall meetings are held across state reminding all school administrators of specific NDHSAA rules and regulations. I ask that the following rules be reviewed by the Board as it has become very common knowledge that rules 1 and 2 are not followed as intended. I wish to cite for you some examples of just how public this has become. Please allow me to clarify that I am not reporting any school district for non-compliance, nor am I attempting to embarrass any program, administrator, coach or school. I simple wish to illustrate to the Board that common practices by many schools are common knowledge and are not in compliance with NDHSAA regulations.

Bismarck Tribune, Thursday, August 20, 2009 "Pederson has been involved with Mandan's demanding summer program since its inception."

Minot Public School's volleyball website (school year 2009)

Open Gym Schedule: 4-6 PM

Tues Aug 4 and Thurs Aug 6 at Auditorium

Tues Aug 11 and Thurs 13 at MCC Gym

Minot Public School's girls basketball website (school year 2009)

All open gyms will be at MCC. Girls and Guys will be together for awhile until football winds down. Schedule will see some changes then.

Open Gyms:

Sept. 14th, 21st, 28th - 8:00pm

Sept. 15th - 6:30pm  
Oct. 8th, 20th, 27th - 6:30pm  
Oct. 12th, 19th, 26th - 8:00pm  
Nov. 9th, 16th - 8:00pm  
Nov. 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th - 6:30pm

My apologies if this public accessible data offended any player, coach, administrator, community member, parent, patron of the two communities. Again, I must reiterate, this is not to report any school for policy infraction, but only to illustrate how public things really are.

As an administrator, I have dealt with this issue at every school district that I served and must humbly share that I do not live in a glass house.

As the data clearly illustrates, Rules number 1 and 2 are in the need of review by the Board. Also, I ask consideration to include the following to rule number 7. The coach assumes the responsibility for implementing rules and regulations as approved by the NDSHAA. The administration assumes the responsibility that coaches adhere to these guidelines. In my professional judgment, coaches should be held to the highest level of accountability for running the day-to-day operations of their respective programs.

The contents of this request are purely that of this office.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. I shall respect the Board's decision on this matter. If the Board decides to have a committee review the items listed, I would be willing to serve as deemed appropriate by the Board.