

Combined Tournament Committee
April 11, 2012
Chieftain Conference Center
Carrington, ND
10:00 A.M.

Agenda

1. Review December Meeting Notes
 - a. See attachment
2. Review Tournament Ticket Prices
 - a. See attachment
3. Review State Tournament Sites
 - a. See attachment
 - b. St. Mary's request to change 2014 State Girls' Tennis Site (attached letter)
4. State A Boys' Golf
 - a. GF proposed date changes (Matt)
5. Tournament Press Passes
 - a. Brian Bubach will provide information regarding the issuance of press passes.
 - i. Categories of (see attachment)
6. Discussion of Television/webcasting rates
 - a. See attachment
7. Television Contract Update
8. Discussion of Webcasting
9. General Tournament Discussion
 - a. National Anthem
 - b. Half time
10. Loss of School Time
 - a. Reference—attached Century HS letter (referred to Committee by NDHSAA Board)
11. Next Years' Meeting Dates
 - a. December
 - b. April
12. Other
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

**Combined Tournament Committee
December 5, 2012
Carrington, North Dakota**

The Combined Tournament Committee met on December 5, 2012 in Carrington. Athletic administrators present were Shane Martin, TMCHS; Curt Jones, West Fargo; Mark Rerick, Grand Forks; Todd Olson, Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Jim Haussler, Bismarck; Lorell Jungling, Mandan; Jason Wiberg, Devils Lake. Member of the NDHSAA Board of Directors was Steve Hall, Kindred, chair of the committee. NDHSAA staff in attendance included Sherm Sylling, Matt Fetsch, Justin Fletschock and Brenda Schell.

Meeting notes from April 11, 2012 were reviewed.

Staff member Schell discussed the placement of the 2012/13 State Girls' Tennis Tournament. As per correspondence with Pat McNally, Minot Athletic Director, Hammond Park courts will not be resurfaced by tournament start and will be unable to host. Committee discussion included moving the tournament to Bismarck and to Grand Forks. Discussion also included making Grand Forks a permanent site for tennis since they now have a facility that has indoor and outdoor courts. The committee recommended swapping the 12/13 and 13/14 sites for Girls' State Tennis Tournament. The 2012/13 Girls' State Tennis Tournament would be in Grand Forks, pending availability, and the 2014/15 tournament in Minot.

In a review 2012/13 state tournament sites, Staff member Fetsch noted that Bismarck/Mandan has been approved as the 2012/13 "B" Golf site. Additional site recommendations include: 2013/14 -- Fargo/Oxbow; 2014/15 Jamestown/Carrington; 2015/16 -- Carrington/Jamestown; 2016/17 -- Mandan/Bismarck; 2017/18 -- Fargo/Oxbow; 2018/19 -- Jamestown/Carrington; 2019-20 -- Carrington/Jamestown.

At the request of the NDHSAA Board the Combined Tournament Committee reviewed a letter received from Ralph Engelstad Arena concerning conflicts with the UND Hockey schedule and the ND State Hockey tournaments was reviewed. The committee recommended moving the State Hockey Tournament to Grand Forks in 2013/14 and Fargo in 2014/15. The tournament committee will make efforts to review the availability of the Ralph Engelstad Arena each year.

Site Recommendations through 2018-19 were reviewed and recommendations were proposed for 2019-20. (See NDHSAA State Tournament Site Rotation) Discussion about the combined "A" G & B Basketball tournament in Minot for 2013/14. Traffic -- Facility -- Across town -- Parking -- all are issues. Committee recommendation for Board to review the placement of the 2013/14 State "A" Boys' & Girls' Basketball Tournament at their January meeting.

Availability of hotels across the state was discussed. Jamestown is adding a 150-room hotel. Dickinson hotels are very interested in keeping high school tournament traffic. Perception of the oil impact on traffic, restaurants and hotels in western part of the state was discussed. Administrators, coaches and officials were informally surveyed on the hotels, restaurants and traffic at the state volleyball tournament. No problems were reported. The perception is also affecting admissions.

Calendar for 2013 -- 2016 was reviewed. Overlap of gymnastics and volleyball seasons were reviewed. Calendar is dictated by Thanksgiving, Easter and Memorial Day. Movement of fall sports were discussed. Contests during NDEA was discussed.

Media Update -- Media committee -- Stu Swartz -- not financially feasible - \$500 per month plus 20% of any additional funds. AZ has a pretty good program going -- Chuch Schmidt in the AZ office has a handle on this. As a media committee -- webcasting is available for the 5 tournaments however any game they do not televise would be available for NDHSAA to market. Board will move on toward television contract. Web Streaming is still being pursued. Rates for regional -- Athletic Directors have realized that webcasting affects gate. High school sports rely on the gate and atmosphere and concessions. Recommendation is to have a tiered fee schedule for Football and Volleyball.

Reports to committee by Sylling:

- As per prior combined tournament committee recommendation, Dickinson approved as gymnastics site in 2016-17
- For information, Board approved girl/girls/boy/boy schedule for Class A semifinal basketball each year.

Other:

Swimming coaches would like to have Bismarck as the all time tournament site for state swimming.

Any concerns on fall tournaments:

FB Advisory – rooming blocks for Dakota Bowl – Recommended regions make their own block or rooms and give it to whatever region team makes it to state.

VB – International Inn had VB teams scattered around the hotel on different wings and floors making chaperoning difficult.

VB – Changing start times for State VB – was 6 & 8 this year –

VB – first day – ticket line up was huge – there was an issue with the MSU ticket system

Any talk of boys' golf going to the fall? - no

There is some talk in schools about the VB hit-a-round causing them to miss school.

Set dates for 2013/14

1. December 4, 2013
2. April 9, 2014

Next Meeting Date is April 10, 2013 in Carrington

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Admission Plus Venue Tax Printed on Tickets

BASEBALL					
STATE		Daily	2 Day		3-Day
Adult		8.00	Season 16.00		Season 20.00
Student		4.00	Season 8.00		Season 10.00
BASKETBALL - B Boys' & Girls'			Adult	Adult	Student
STATE			Unreserved	Reserved	Unreserved
Season Ticket	(*When reserved tickets are not sold)		*30.00	38.00	15.00
Each Individual Session - (2 or More Games)			7.00	10.00	4.00
BASKETBALL - A Boys' & Girls'			Adult	Adult	Student
STATE			Unreserved	Reserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket			30.00		15.00
Daily			12.00		6.00
REGIONALS					
West Region			Adult		Student
Play-in (1 Game)			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			26.00		13.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
2 games same site			7.00		4.00
East Region			Adult		Student
Play-in (1 Game)			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			26.00		13.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
2 games same site			7.00		4.00
B Regions			Adult		Student
Daily			7.00		4.00
CROSS COUNTRY			Adult		Student
STATE			7.00		4.00
FOOTBALL			Adult		Student
Pre-Quarter, Quarter & Semi- Final Games			7.00		4.00
Finals - Dakota Bowl - 1 game			8.00		5.00
Finals - Dakota Bowl - 2 or 3 games			10.00		6.00
One Day Finals - 4 games			12.00		6.00
GYMNASTICS			Adult		Student
STATE					
Tournament Ticket			18.00		8.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
REGIONS					
Daily			6.00		4.00

NDHSAA 2012-2013 Admission Prices (Continued)

Admission Plus Venue Tax Printed on Tickets

<u>HOCKEY</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
State Boys & Girls					
Tournament Ticket			30.00		15.00
Daily Ticket			12.00		6.00
<u>REGIONALS</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Play-in			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			22.00		10.00
2-Game Session			7.00		4.00
3-Game Session			8.00		5.00
<u>SOCCER - Boys & Girls</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<u>STATE</u>					
Tournament Ticket			20.00		10.00
Daily			8.00		4.00
<u>SOFTBALL</u>			<u>Daily</u>	<u>2 Day</u>	<u>3 Day</u>
Adult			8.00	Season 16.00	Season 20.00
Student			4.00	Season 8.00	Season 10.00
<u>SWIMMING</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<u>Boys & Girls</u>					
<u>STATE</u>					
Tournament Ticket			18.00		8.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
<u>TRACK - Boys & Girls</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
<u>STATE</u>					
Two Day			18.00		8.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
<u>REGIONALS</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Daily			7.00		4.00
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>					
<u>STATE</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Tournament Ticket			30.00		15.00
Daily			12.00		6.00
<u>REGIONALS</u>			<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
A Play-In (one match)			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			18.00		10.00
Daily			7.00		4.00
<u>WRESTLING</u>			<u>Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
<u>STATE</u>			<u>Unreserved</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unreserved</u>
Tournament Ticket			30.00	38.00	15.00
Daily			12.00	14.00	6.00
<u>REGIONALS</u>					
Daily			7.00		4.00

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St. Mary's Central High School

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April 3, 2013

Dear Sherm and Tournament Committee,

St. Mary's High School and I are requesting to move the 2014 Girls' State Tennis Tournament, May 22-23, 2014, to Bismarck from Minot. I and St. Mary's High School will manage, host and run the tournament. Reason for you to consider changing the site of the tournament from Minot is we would like to have this tournament in Bismarck in 2014. The tournament is now scheduled for Minot for 2014 and 2015. In talking with Pat McNally from Minot Public Schools he would not be against it moving for next spring.

The facilities needed to host this tournament would be available. The indoor tennis courts at Capital Racquet and Fitness Center would be available along with the outdoor courts in Bismarck. Katrina Kittleson the facility manager at Capital Racquet would help oversee the tournament.

Since it is the same week end as the State Track Meet and rooms would be a concern, checking with Terry Harzinsky of the Bismarck Convention and Visitors Bureau rooms would not be a problem. According to Terry there are 300 more rooms in Bismarck now then last year at this time for the state track meet.

Also in checking with the Class "A" Athletic Directors to see if they would support or oppose this change; all but one of the West Region AD's said they would support it and from the EDC only two responded, one is ok with it and one opposed.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely

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To: North Dakota Media Sources

From: Brian Bubach, North Dakota High School Activities Association

Re: State Tournament Media Pass Requests

On behalf of the North Dakota High School Activities Association, I would like to thank you for your interest and dedication to our students and schools statewide. As we all know, activities 'make the difference' for many of our student athletes and fine arts participants. The recognition you provide is tremendously meaningful to these young people, their parents, and extended families.

All media pass requests must be submitted electronically to NDHSAA. Please send requests to Brian.Bubach@sendit.nodak.edu (request information below). Requests (which include information below) may be sent as a direct email. **It works best to directly cut/paste information into the email body.**

State Managers have requested that all people representing the media have and are willing to produce proper credentials when requesting entrance and media packets. You must provide proper identification to any freelance writer that you hire. **Please make pass requests more than 1 week in advance of the tournament.**

We request that you issue passes to working press only. We assume that you will publish/report on the events that you attend. We cannot give passes to children or persons who are not employed by your company. **Abuse of pass privilege may result in request denial.**

Pass Restrictions

Daily Papers 2 Reporters, 1 photographer
Weekly Papers 2 Personnel including photographer
Radio 2 Announcers (3rd if person on the field)
Television 2 Passes for stations doing spot reports
TV Station w/NDHSAA Contract Per Contract

Pass Request Information-Email to Brian.Bubach@sendit.nodak.edu

Name of Newspaper or Radio/TV Station: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Tournament: _____

List of those working that tournament: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

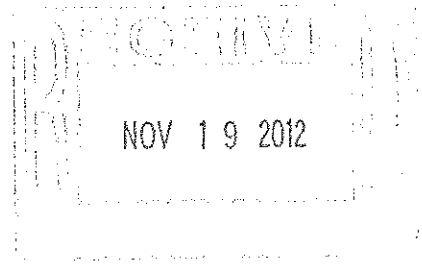
NDHSAA Board Policies Concerning TV/Webcasting.

- I. Bids for live television/webcast coverage of NDHSAA sponsored events may be called for by the Board of Directors. The Board has the discretion to determine the number of years to be included in the contract. Exclusivity rights may or may not be a part of the contract.
- II. Events not included in the live coverage contract or in conflict with an exclusivity clause may be contracted individually and shall be subject to the following minimum acceptable fees:

	<u>Live</u>	<u>Delayed</u>
A. REGIONAL BASKETBALL		
Class A combined	\$6000	\$750
Class A boys or girls	\$5000	\$500
Class B boys or girls	\$5000	\$500
Per game	\$750	\$200
B. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL		
Complete tournament	\$ 700	\$300
Per Game	\$ 300	\$200
C. STATE VOLLEYBALL		
Complete tournament	\$1000	\$500
Per game	\$ 600	\$300
D. FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES (per game)	\$1500	\$500
E. STATE BASKETBALL		
Class A or B per game		\$500
F. STATE TRACK	\$2000	\$500
G. STATE WRESTLING		
Complete tournament	\$5000	\$750
Finals only	\$2000	\$500
H. STATE BASEBALL		
Per game	\$750	\$200
I. STATE CROSS COUNTRY	\$1500	\$500
J. STATE GOLF/GYMNASTICS SWIMMING/TENNIS	\$500	\$200
K. REGIONAL HOCKEY		
Per game	\$700	\$200
L. STATE HOCKEY		
Per game		\$300
Finals only		\$500



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November 14, 2012

Dear Mr. Sherm Sylling & NDHSAA Board:

This letter is being written concerning the amount of school time that students are missing for the state volleyball tournament in Minot on November 15-17. As an assistant principal at Century High School one of my job responsibilities is dealing with attendance – both school related (tournaments) and others. It seems as though over the last few years, loss of school time has once again moved to the background as we look at schedules for these state tournaments. Case in point, the Century High School volleyball team plays their first match at 6:00pm on Thursday night. Due to the "Hit Around" time that was assigned to our team, 9:30am, our student/athletes will leave at 7:15am and miss the entire day of school for our 6:00pm match. I am not sure what the rationale is, or how much thought has been put into these types of schedules. At one time these short practice sessions were removed from all state tournament schedules so that students did not miss as much school. Over the course of time these short practice sessions have crept back into the state tournament schedules and the loss of school time has all but been ignored. Our student/athletes could have easily spent most of the day in school, attending classes, and following a fairly normal schedule for the day. It is my belief that from a coaching point of view, this seems like a very logical way to spend the day leading into an important match/game – by keeping things as "normal" as possible.

I would like to make a recommendation that these pre-tournament practices be eliminated from all state tournaments so that the loss of school time is kept to a bare minimum. By eliminating these practices we can preserve school time and all teams will be on a level playing field once the tournament begins. Travel time will still be an issue for some schools and they will need to miss school on some occasions, but that will always be a part of these tournaments.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this loss of school time issue. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me at 323-4913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lee Ziegler".

Lee Ziegler
Assistant Principal
Century High School

*referred to
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