

NDHSCA Football Advisory Meeting

December 4, 2013

NDHSAA Office - Valley City, ND

Committee Members Present: Andrew DelaBarre, Eric Olson, Dan Smreker and Vyrn Muir

Recommendations:

9-Man

1. Recommend that the football committee create a 48-team 9-man division in the 2015 & 2016 football plan with 6 regions of 8 teams each and a 24-team playoff bracket like what was used prior to 2011
2. Discussed neutral sites for semi-final playoff games played at sites with FieldTurf
3. Discussed regions with 9 or 10 teams having the option of playing only 8 regular season games. Team health was an issue with adding a game on Tuesday/Saturday

Division A

1. Discussed eliminating the number designation in Division A to make it similar to 9-man. Thus, #70 is eligible to be a receiver if deemed necessary

Division AA

1. No recommendations

Division AAA

1. Discussed the resurrection of the 4 vs. 5 seed play-in game
2. Discussed AAA teams developing one media release for all newspapers season previews to avoid having to fill out each paper's own forms

All Divisions

1. Discussed moving the All-State selection meetings to the Saturday morning after the Dakota Bowl – will discuss further at NDHSCA summer convention
2. Discussed Hudl vs. sportsfilmexchange...coaches overwhelmingly support Hudl.
3. Discussed roster limits for playoffs – support continuing individual awards

Administrative

1. Recommend that coaches attend the pregame sportsmanship meeting and coin flip in 2014 online rules clinic
2. Make the 10 and 5 second count uniform amongst all officiating crews. It has gotten better, but are still seeing a few crews different counts than others
3. Clarification on striking a player
4. Make sure fields are properly marked – lines every 5 yards

Discussion

1. Discussed possibilities for the 2015 & 2016 football plan
2. Discussed future Dakota Bowl sites and formats