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To: NDHSAA Board
From: Region 7
Randy Johnson, Region 7 Spokesman – District 14 Chair
Re: Region 7 “Super Region” Proposal
Date: January 2, 2013

Dear NDHSAA Board,

Region 7 will begin the second year of the “Super Region” format beginning the fall of 2014. We would like to ask permission to try one item different. Region 7 would like to have all the Regional Tournament games be held at one site. Right now we have the first round games being held at the higher seed with team 5 hosting team 12, team 6 hosting team 11, team 7 hosting team 10, and team 8 hosting team 9. This would mean these games would be held at one location, the tournament site.

Here are the reasons we are asking for permission to try this new format.

- Game Management
 - Number of officials needed would be less
 - Volleyball would need 4 officials instead of 8
 - Basketball would need 6 officials instead of 12
 - With the shortage of officials out West, this could help our cause
 - Mileage paid to officials would be less
 - Number of total workers needed for the tournament would less
 - Example: Clock keepers, scorers, ticket takers, etc.
 - Tournament program distribution would be much easier
 - Be able to charge \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students on all nights of the tournament
- We believe the more casual fan would likely attend an opening round day to watch four games instead of just one.
- Some of the gymnasiums may have trouble hosting the opening round game at their site because of seating space.
- Since we no longer have a District Tournament, this would provide athletes with the experience of playing in a post season tournament allowing for an increased tournament atmosphere. There were a few coaches, administrators, parents, and fans that were against eliminating the District Tournament. Even though the number is low, this would be a compromise for them.
- This would allow Region 7 to evaluate which format works the best for all schools involved.
- The tournament site at this time would be Dickinson Trinity High School due to their central location and ability to host the size of the crowd.

Region 7 was able to work through some of the issues involved in hosting the first round at the higher seed during the fall volleyball tournament. All schools agreed in our fall meeting to try having the first round at the tournament site next year, just like we did with the District Tournaments beforehand. Region 7 is asking the NDHSAA Board to please accept the above proposal on a trial basis and will report back with the format preferred.