



Hazen Bison Activities

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To: NDHSAA Executive Board
From: Randy Johnson, AD
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Re: Flexible Start Time for Region 7 Tournaments
Date: April 8, 2014

Dear Executive Board,

I would like to request flexible start times for Class B Regional Tournaments in the sports of volleyball, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball. Region 7 is unique in they have teams who live in Central Time and Mountain Time. This past year, Hazen ended up the third seed in all the above tournaments. This meant we played the last game every night. Here are some of our times for this past year's tournaments:

Monday – None of our teams stopped to eat. Food was donated.

Volleyball: Arrive at school – 12:30 Bed – 1:30 for some (distance to home)

Boys' Basketball: Arrive at school – 12:00 midnight Bed – 1:00

Girls' Basketball: Arrive at school - 12:45 Bed – 1:45

Tuesday – None of our teams stopped to eat. Food was donated.

Boys' Basketball: Arrive at school – 11:55 Bed – 1:00

Girls' Basketball: Arrive at school – 12:15 Bed – 1:15

Thursday – Stopped to eat following the awards

Boys' Basketball: Arrive at school – 2:00 Bed – 3:00

Girls' Basketball: Arrive at school – 2:00 Bed – 3:00

Hazen School policy requires students to be in school the entire day to practice, or play in games. School starts at 8:30. The above times do not allow much time for rest and adequate learning the next day.

I have received a "YES" in favor of flexible start time from the following schools: Hazen, Beach, Beulah, Dickinson Trinity, Glen Ullin-Hebron, Heart River, Hettinger-Scranton, Killdeer, Mandaree, New England, and Richardton-Taylor. Bowman County is mixed in their thoughts – Athletic Director would like to see it, Superintendent is not sure. They have not had time to discuss it. Mott-Regent did not reply. This means out of thirteen schools, eleven are in favor, one is not sure, and one did not reply.

I would like to see the North Dakota High School Activities Association allow Class B schools in their Regions to make the decision on start times. It allows for school input and especially helps if the Regions are going to the "Super Region" format.

Sincerely,

Randy Johnson

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