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Region #5

Super Regional Volleyball Request

To: NDHSAA Board of Directors

Date: February 19, 2015

The following are the main talking points the committee has come up with for a Super Regional Proposal for Volleyball beginning in 2016-17.

- At this point, Region #5 has 11 teams in volleyball, and 13 teams for basketball. In Volleyball, the split is District #9 has 5 teams, and District #10 has 6 teams.
- As team numbers have dropped, the District tournaments have less meaning as 8 of the 11 teams advance to the Regional tournament.
- Regular season games begin to lack importance as our Districts become smaller.

The following is the format and information that will be used for the Super Regional.

- Each school in Region #5 would play each other for seeding purposes.
- The Play-in Games would be played at the site of the higher seed.
- Once seeds are determined, seeds numbers 1-5 would receive byes into the Regional tournament.
- Seeds 6-11 would participate in the first round of the tournament to set the field for the remaining 8-team portion of the regional tournament. This would be adjusted for years that Solen fields a volleyball team.
- Revenue and expenditures from the first round play-in games would be the responsibility of the NDHSAA.

Rationale

- With the loss of district tournaments, our region asks to be allowed to play two additional regular season contests. This change would guarantee our teams the same number of games they currently have, regardless of postseason success.

Attached are the minutes where Region 5 passed unanimously to go ahead with the super regional concept in volleyball. As a region, we have had discussions on this concept ever since neighboring Region 7 adopted the Super Regional several years ago. The motion that was passed read, "Motion made by Washburn and 2nd by Underwood - motion states - Region 5 votes to request to NDHSAA that we go super region starting with 2016 volleyball only. Higher seed for play in games gets the home game. Asking for two extra regular season matches and revenues (expenses) go to the NDHSAA. Roll call. 12 votes all yes. Motion carried."