

## Basketball Coaches Advisory Meeting

April 3, 2024

Members present: Jeff Ralph, BJ Etzold, Kenyon Wingenbach, Lisa Jenkins, Jason Brend, Isaac Sondrol

1. AA mercy rule
  - a. Girls side – no complaints
2. A/B State Tourney schedules
  - a. Teams playing in it were very positive about the experience
  - b. “Any talk of doing it differently?”...but no solutions provided from those coaches
  - c. Same weekend, it’s about the only thing you could do
  - d. Thursday – all 4 on the same channel
    - i. Tough for viewers to change channels
  - e. People in Jamestown loved it
  - f. Fargodome was overwhelmingly positive
    - i. Floor is old (process of getting a new floor and new basket standards)
3. Fargodome as main site for State AA in 24-25
  - a. SHAC – blizzard kept a lot of people out, but GFRR/North was not big enough
  - b. 6,000 on Championship night in A this year
  - c. Not finalized
4. Do teams use iPads for stats, would you like to see a statewide state program?
  - a. Hudl has taken over the market
  - b. Companies have contacted NDHSAA – provide service, but it’s not being done

Kenyon Wingenbach - Sheyenne

5. 7<sup>th</sup> place game for AA
  - a. We are the only division to not have one
  - b. Play it on Saturday morning at a HS site
  - c. Issues: Out of town teams chaperoning HS kids who have nothing to play for the next day (or potentially for the rest of the HS career for seniors not participating in a spring sport) – setting coaches up for trouble
  - d. Only sport in A/AA is volleyball
    1. Either play it at a HS or eliminate when VB goes to 3 classes
6. Standardize region/state information
  - a. Between media, region, and state, we have to provide the same information (roster, stats, school info) in different forms
  - b. Standardize this process and have regions share the information with each other
  - c. Dangerous to forward on due to changes, but if it’s a shared document it would be easier
    1. Only an AA issue
    2. Streamline the process
  - d. Nothing to do with media
7. All-Conference and Senior Athlete of the Year
  - a. Huge discrepancy between EDC and WDA (and I’d imagine each region for A and B)
    1. EDC is allowed exactly 17 on All-Conference – WDA doesn’t have a set number

2. No ties for EDC senior athlete of the year possible; WDA has had 2 ties in the last 2 years for GBB
  1. Senior Athlete of the Year – career award or just senior year
    - a. My opinion: Should be career award – otherwise we should have a junior of the year, sophomore of the year, etc.
    - b. Same with Mr./Miss Basketball, but that’s not for us to decide
    - c. Standardize a process and have state-controlled guidelines for equality
  - b. Coaches Association awards – contact Randy Johnson and Scott Grockow (sp??)
    - iii. Discuss at coaches’ convention!
    - iv. Senior Athlete is discussed
    - v. Should we get a say in the All-State – media (member of sports writers’ board and they have to cover basketball – 20ish) is only able to vote in basketball...why?
  - c. More standardized approach with numbers – the district with the most teams in B will get the most votes for all-region and senior athlete
    - iii. Don’t see everyone play in that region
8. AA State Tournament equality
  - a. At Event Center or SHAC:
    - i. All #1 seeds play in the main gym (4 games) – AA GBB continues to be the only group in any division that doesn’t receive equal status
    - ii. Non-#1 seeds play in the Alternate location (Exhibit Hall, Fargo Dome)
  - b. Bismarck – Exhibit Hall not large enough to hold the boys’ game
  - c. Fargo – Girls get the SHAC
  - d. TV coverage – all games have equal access (WDAY Extra channel and True Crime) and both are shown in similar number of households
    - i. None are shown at

Jason Brend - Thompson

9. State Qualifier match-ups (R1 vs R3 or R4)
  - a. New Town, Fargo, Mayville, Minot were four sites
    - i. Too quick of a turnaround if weather doesn’t cooperate (most likely is going to be an issue)
    - ii. In all sports, whittle down in the area – this is the way that was decided to do it - weather and distance
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> place game worked very well
10. Region schedules (playing everyone once or twice)
  - a. Because of travel, play twice in district, don’t always play everyone in the region
11. Free Throw rule
  - a. 5 fouls in double bonus – not a lot of negative
  - b. Only negative may be that the double bonus doesn’t allow teams at the end of the game to comeback
  - c. Game became more physical if you have fouls to give

Isaac Sondrol - Velva

12. State Tourney broadcast schedule

- a. Staggered start time on Day 1 would be nice
- b. Super A or Super B???
  - i. Discussed, but the region tournaments would be difficult because the fans will want to watch both boys and girls
  - ii. Less of an issue in AA because of only 2 regions

13. District/Region restructure/Class B-A movement

- a. Big districts or regions – possible restructuring?
  - i. Forced up due to success points – you can appeal to the classification
    - 15 DL girls and South Prairie-Max – appeal could affect DL if they make the championship again
    - 16 Cavalier FB forced up to 11-man due to success, but was able to go to 9-man

14. All State Selections

- a. [see above]

BJ Etzold – St. Mary’s

15. AAU/Travel Team Coaching Restrictions

- a. Currently, as a high school contracted coach, you are only allowed to coach your own son/daughter (depending on whether you coach boys or girls, respectively) in grades 7 – 12 & no one else from your school program, which restricts our own children from being coached by us while playing with their friends.
- b. We unanimously agreed hoping to extend the allowance to coach not only your own son/daughter but any peers from your school program on your son’s (or daughter’s) team in the junior high levels.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- d. Dean/Dan/Darin (mostly Dean) – changed 6 or 7 years ago
- e. Survey in April about 7<sup>th</sup> place game and this AAU issue
  - i. VB and BB are the 2 sports
  - ii. Options: No change, only pertains grades 9-12, eliminate it completely
- f. Are coaches going to take advantage of coaching MS kids during the spring?
- g. Worry about it would be for all sports...volleyball in winter for JO
  - i. Spring football?

Jeff Ralph - Wahpeton

16. #1 Rotation of regions for state qualifier games.

- a. Region 1 vs. Region 2 & Region 3 vs. Region 4 in 2024.
- b. Region 1 vs. Region 3 & Region 2 vs. Region 4 in 2025.
- c. Region 1 vs. Region 4 & Region 2 vs. Region 3 in 2026.
- d. It's not an east vs. west matchup in first round since the teams are seeded
- e. [see above]

17. #2 Increase allowable quarters played per night.

- a. Allow players to play sub-varsity, 7 quarters per night.
- b. Some teams don't have enough players for 3 teams.
- c. This might help them field another team on game night and increase participation.
- d. Playing time

- e. District chairs voted and was turned down in a close vote
    - i. No equivalent in AA (even though their playing time is more)
    - ii. Harmful to girls' basketball – coaches may take advantage of the rule; already hurting for numbers no matter how big or small the school enrollment is
18. #3 Division AA plays 36-minute games. Division A & Division B play 32-minute games.
- a. Basketball is the only sport that has different playing times in their divisions.
  - b. The minutes per game in Division A & Division B should be increased to equal the game time in Division AA.
  - c. Board would be more apt to take 4 away from AA than to add 4 to A/B
    - i. Girls A – 26 to 3 to play quarters
    - ii. Boys A – 17 to 12 to play quarters

Lisa Jenkins – Wilton

19. Standard form for All-Region or All-District