

**District Chairperson Notes**  
**Minot – Clarion Hotel and Conference Center**  
**March 15, 2019**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on March 15, 2019 at the Minot Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 14 districts represented. Upon introductions, Chairman Schafer welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district.

The Executive Director thanked the member schools for past service as district chairs. Sheets were distributed requesting information on the 2020 basketball district chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers. Fetsch informed the chairs of the approval process and timeline for approving district and region sites. Items preceded by an asterisk (\*) were items voted on while other items were for discussion only. Items approved by nine or more of the districts in attendance are forwarded to Athletic Review for consideration. Fetsch also explained only district chair recommendations approved by Athletic Review will continue to the NDHSAA Board for review.

Each district was given the opportunity to present their district's recommendations and discussion items, which are listed as submitted.

**District 16-----Ryan Eraas, AD Tioga HS**

1. In basketball, extend the coach's box to the baseline
  - a. Discussion: Fetsch discussed history of coaching box implementation, including the current 14-foot coaching box being placed wherever.
  - b. Vote: No (1-13) – Failed
2. Change the state ball bid in basketball to the Baden Elite or the Wilson Evolution instead of the Spalding. College use and ball durability are the reasons
  - a. Discussion: Fetsch discussed current contract which runs through 2021. Durability is number one concern with current ball that is adopted.
3. Interested in a 3-class system, initiated by the state, not a proposal voted on that a school makes.
  - a. Discussion: Fetsch updated the district chairs on the Board timeline for development of a regulation to add a classification to all sports and activities. Jung said District 13 is in favor of three classes of basketball. DesRosier mentioned a couple of regions have been dominant in boys basketball, but not in girls basketball. Dennis commented that Region 1 teams farther from Fargo seem to favor three classes while schools closer do not. Hunter noted that superintendents voted on most recent survey and other did not see plan.

**District 15-----Chuck Hunter, AD New Town HS**

1. No items

**District 14-----Andrew DesRosier, AD Killdeer HS**

1. In Golf and Cross Country, unattached/exhibition/transfer student athletes may compete at a varsity meet, but must meet the following criteria:
  - a. The meet does not offer a JV division
  - b. The meet is not a post-season meet
  - c. The athlete cannot place, score points, nor be used as a displacer in team scoring
    - i. Discussion: DesRosier discussed adding golf and cross-country regulation similar to track and field and swimming and diving.
    - ii. Vote: Yes (14-0) – Passed

**District 13-----Daryl Jung, AD New England HS**

1. Eliminate the 126 quarters a player may participate in during a regular season of a Super Region and the 120-quarter limit for Class B Region#1 and any Class B player participating in District Tournaments may not participate in more than 114 quarters in a regular season
  - a. Discussion: Jung said with the large number of small schools in their area it's becoming harder to field sub-varsity teams. Nieuwsma mentioned with the 6 quarter rule kids play a full quarter with the current rule. DesRosier expressed concern over kids losing playing time if quarters were unlimited. Hunter mentioned that District 15 adjusted junior high season to help with 16-week rule. Fitzgerald mentioned instance of teams playing varsity players in sub-varsity games. Krueger said District 12 moved junior high season later next year to avoid issues with 16-week rule and added if you can't fit a junior high season within the 16 weeks your season is too long. Beaudrie said they are moving all eighth graders up to high school next year because of numbers.

- b. Vote: No vote taken
- 2. Eliminate the 16-week length of the junior high season in basketball
  - a. Discussion:
  - b. Vote: NO (1-13) – Failed
- 3. Eliminate 6 quarters of participation in any one evening and change to an individual may compete in 2 games against one opponent (school/team) in any one evening in regular season play. (Same as Volleyball)
  - a. Discussion:
  - b. Vote: No vote taken

**District 12-----Lyll Krueger, AD Surrey HS**

- 1. Parade of Athletes in Track (Opening Ceremonies)
  - a. Discussion: Krueger said in other sports all reserves get introduced and in track and field those students don't get recognized.
  - b. Vote: YES (14-0) - Passed
- 2. The arc rule in basketball, how refs call it differently
- 3. 50-50 Rule for basketball\*
  - a. Discussion: Fetsch discussed Constitution & By-Laws
  - b. Vote: YES – (13-1) - Passed

**District 11-----Bob Beaudrie, AD Westhope-Newburg HS**

- 1. Would like the parade of athletes to be added to the agenda for both track and wrestling\*
  - a. Discussion: Fetsch shared that wrestling advisory committee did not express interest in parade of athletes returning. DesRosier and Eraas said the timing of the Parade at wrestling was more of the issue according to coaches.
  - b. Vote: YES (13-1) - Passed

**District 10-----Tracy Peterson, Supt/AD Center-Stanton HS**

- 1. No items

**District 9-----Brian Nieuwsma, AD Flasher HS**

- 1. No items

**District 8-----Brad Fitzgerald, AD St. John HS**

- 1. No items

**District 7-----Rick Smith, AD Four Winds HS**

- 1. With a choice of the schools, in favor of adding two more basketball games. Would also need to add more seasonal quarters. Just discussion – no vote needed

**District 6-----Ryan Larson, AD Kidder County HS**

- 1. No items

**District 5-----Lucas Isaacson, Principal/AD LaMoure HS**

- 1. Mandatory face to face rules clinic for head coaches and officials at least every other year
  - a. Discussion: Isaacson talked about increasing discussion on rules interpretations between coaches and officials. Hunter asked if it was possible for officials to present at coaches' convention annually. Schafer said in their area coaches are invited to officials' workshops annually. Krueger said inviting an official to parent meetings has been successful in his area. Hunter said with the high turnover of coaches it should be required annually.
  - b. Vote: YES (7-6) - Failed

**District 4-----Lee Beattie, AD North Border (Pembina & Walhalla) HS**

- 1. Wrestling coaches would like an Officials rating system put in place
  - a. Discussion: Deferred to District 3
  - b. Vote: No vote taken
- 2. Basketball coaches would like to add 2 more games to existing allowable games per season-I would like this as a discussion only item.
  - a. Discussion: Beattie said Superintendents are not interested in adding two games. He asked if anyone was interested in adding basketball games. Krueger said District 12 AD's were not interested in adding

two games. Fitzgerald said District 8 is not interested in adding games or extending the season to fit them in. Aanenson said schools with wrestling teams already have tight schedules.

**District 3-----Patti Aanenson, AD Larimore HS**

1. NDHSAA, NDOA, NDIAAAA, NDHSCA develop an evaluation program for officials consisting of, but not limited to, statewide numbering of officials, evaluations completed by coaches after each event and forwarded to Evaluation Committee and/or Region Clinician, and Region Clinician evaluates officials in their Region at least once. All evaluations to be used as part of the selection process for post season selection
  - a. Discussion: Aanenson said wrestling and basketball officials both discussed rating officials. Coaches asked if officials could wear a number so coaches can more easily remember them. Krueger asked about region tournament officials. Fitzgerald said their district has gone to an anonymous ballot to select district officials.
  - b. Vote: No vote taken
2. Return to face to face clinics at the start of each season for officials. It is thought that returning to this process would aid in recruiting and mentoring more officials\*
  - a. Discussion:
  - b. Vote: No vote taken
3. Discussion regarding the addition of two basketball games
  - a. Discussion: See District 4

**District 2-----Calvin Kraft, AD Enderlin HS**

No items

**District 1-----Kent Dennis, Principal/AD Hankinson HS**

1. Implement the intentional ground rule
  - a. Discussion:
2. 40 second play clock rule
  - a. Discussion: