

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
January 12, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on January 12, 2021 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Bertsch, Johnson, Rerick, Diegel, Brandt, Jundt, Baesler, Baxley,

Members absent: Fridley,

Others present: Patti Aanensen, Larimore High School Athletic Director

Motion by Bertsch to approve the agenda. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Fetsch provided a Combined Tournament Committee report discussing winter tournament format modifications.

**Wrestling**

- No region wrestling tournaments will be held.
- Individual portion of the state tournament will be held Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19, 2021 at the FargoDome.
- An extra round of the individual portion of the state tournament will be added.
- Tentatively separate Class A and B sessions each day.
- Dual tournament portion of the state tournament on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the FargoDome.
  - Seeding: E1-W8, W4-E5, etc.
  - Class A would still have alternates.
- 12 mats will be used instead of 8 mats to accommodate the individual portion of the tournament.

**Gymnastics**

- Seating Capacity – 400 fans max.
- Finance Committee will review ticketing before the January 21, 2021 Board meeting.

**Hockey**

- Region tournaments will be played on Tuesday, February 16 and Thursday, February 18, 2021 at site of the higher seed. Grand Forks and Minot will host all three games on Saturday, February 20, 2021.
- State tournament quarterfinal played on Tuesday, February 23 at site of higher seed.
  - Four teams advance to final site on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks.
    - Friday, February 26, 2021 - Semifinals at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm, televised on ABC.
    - Saturday, February 27, 2021
      - Third Place at 1:00 pm.
      - Championship at 7:00 pm, televised on ABC.

**Girls Hockey**

- State tournament quarterfinal played on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at home site of the higher seed.
  - Four teams advance to final site on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks.
    - Friday, February 26, 2021 - Semifinals at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, televised on WDAY 'Xtra.
    - Saturday, February 27, 2021
      - Third Place at 10:00 am
      - Championship at 4:00 pm, televised on ABC.

Motion by Schoch to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Scott Grochow, Rugby AD, and Dan Stutlien, Harvey Superintendent, requesting consideration of an increase to the maximum number of teams to 8 teams up to 112 participants at regular season wrestling tournaments. Motion by Diegel to change NDHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations for Sports/Activities to allow a maximum of 8 teams per event or 112 participants if more than 8 teams are competing. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch provided a legislative update.

- HB 1075 would allow activities during the fall administrator conference.
- SB 2060 would permit ND licensed, practicing chiropractors to perform preparticipation evaluations for participation in sports.
- HB 1298 – Transgender bill allowing individuals to participate in athletics only under the sex assigned at birth.

Next Board meeting will be held January 21, 2021 in Valley City. Meeting adjourned January 12, 2021 at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schell

Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_