

**MINUTES**

**North Dakota High School Activities Association  
July 24, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on July 24, 2020 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Bertsch, Diegel, Johnson, Rerick, Fridley, Brandt, Baxley, Jundt,  
Members absent: Baesler  
Others present: Patti Aanenson - Larimore, Chad Friese - Harvey, Eric Peterson – Forum Communications,  
David Mieure - Williston

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

- 1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes
    - i. July 16, 2020
  - b. Coop Applications
    - i. Wahpeton and Richland in gymnastics, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee

Fetsch presented information on the Return to Competition Committee. The NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines were thoroughly reviewed by the Board. Johnson questioned who would be responsible for daily attendance log requirements indicating what team members would be in each contact bubble for contact tracing. Fetsch stated the coaches are responsible for attendance log requirements. Johnson also indicated new guidance from the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) was received the evening of July 23, 2020. Fetsch indicated coaches will need to practice differently than they have in the past keeping social distancing in mind. Baxley stated travel may have to be handled differently. In the past, many schools required teams to travel to a contest with their team and allowed participants to travel home with their parents. Schools may need to allow travel with parents to and from contests. Johnson indicated the guidance Barnes County has for bussing. The students may have multiple students on a bus if masks are required. Jordan indicated their area planned to try to have similar policies for crowd limitations throughout their geographical area. The limitations will be governed by the ND Smart Restart Large Gathering Protocols. Johnson indicated gathering protocols should be under local school and local health unit control within the North Dakota guidelines. Diegel requested clarification of conference and non-conference as used in the NDHSAA guidelines presented. Fetsch indicated the term “non-conference” refers to the district or region level, depending on the sport or activity. Baxley suggested the addition of verbiage to indicate local school policies may go above and beyond the NDHSAA recommendations and guidelines. Rerick suggested the previously changed board regulation allowing schools to accept online AED/CPR and First Aid be used toward coach permit certification be added to the NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines. Bertsch questioned who would work with the local health units for post season contests and tournaments. Fetsch indicated the NDHSAA staff and tournament management would work with local health units in regard to postseason contests and tournaments.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Return to Competition Guidelines with changes as discussed. Second by Fridley. The Board thanked the Return to Competition Committee and all others involved for their work in constructing these guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

NFHS Playing Rule Modifications were reviewed. Motion by Brandt to approve the second reading of the Playing Rule Modifications as presented. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request to move the location of the 2021 State Class A Plays Contest from Fargo to Devils Lake due to a calendar conflict at NDSU. Motion by Rerick to approve moving 2021 State Class A Plays Contest from Fargo to Devils Lake. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be held July 31, 2020 at 9:00 am via conference call.  
Meeting was adjourned July 24, 2020 at 9:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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