

NDOA Fall Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

3:30 pm CT Video Conference

Attending: Board: Aberle, Erdahl, Fisher, Hamre, Klein, Palmer, Zahn. NDHSAA:
Fletschock, Morast.

1. Call to order
2. Approved agenda – Motion by Klein, 2nd by Fisher - Unanimous
3. Approval of 2025 Winter Meeting minutes – Motion by Zahn, 2nd by Erdahl - Unanimous
4. Election of President/VP – President Palmer, VP Fisher. Motion - Erdahl, 2nd Klein – Unanimous
5. Board Term update
 - a. Aberle, Palmer, Hamre all up for re-election to second term

Name	Term 1	Term 2	Geography
Aberle, Whitney	23 - 26		Northwest
Olson, Perry	24 - 27		Northwest
Erdahl, Naomi	25 - 28		Southwest
Fisher, Todd	20 - 23	24 -27	Southwest
Palmer, Chad	23 - 26		Northeast
Hamre, Kayl	23 - 26		Southeast
Zahn, Wade	21 - 24	25 - 28	Southeast
Klein, Courtney	24 - 27		Northeast

6. Reviewed NDHSAA Action Items 2024-25

- a. None

7. State Wrestling pay

- a. An official is looking for an increase in State Tournament pay
- b. Discussion
- c. Board does not carry forward to NDHSAA. Fees will be negotiated again in April, better time to address both this and other sports.

8. Football White Hats – universal requirements for mic/play clock?

- a. discussion
- b. Not carried forward as would be a cost for schools. More and more schools buying play clocks. Many smaller school field may not have remote microphone and would be a big cost.

9. Eliminate volleyball State Tournament sit rule.

a. Basketball eliminated it two years ago. 2024 had 9 first time State Officials. Last season had 13 first time officials work State.

b. Eliminate sit rule in all sports effective immediately – Motion by Fisher, second Aberle - unanimous

10. Mileage and per diem for State VB Line Judges

a. Pay line judges per diem at State VB – Motion by Erdahl, 2nd by Hamre, unanimous

11. Select State Active Official Awards: Motion by Klein, 2nd by Zahn unanimous

Baseball: Justin Klein

Boys Basketball: Jaden Pfeifer

Girls Basketball: Shilo Shumway

Football: Fern Moser

Gymnastics: Katie Hemmer

Hockey: Jake Stach

Soccer: Chris Maike

Softball: Terry O'Clair

Swimming: Dan Heckaman

Volleyball: Heather Bronaugh

Wrestling: Wade Blankenbaker

12. 2025 Hall of Fame Nominations Motion by Zahn, second Fisher. Unanimous

Steve	Delzer
Lora	Fisher
Casey	Henderson
Ron	Horner

13. Secretary's Report- Justin

-Ejection review report – 7 reviews, 2 overturned

-Spectator ejection update – 33 last year – Now a 2 week penalty (was 3 games)

-NFHS Digital – How long til we go away from physical books – Board wants to keep books, or at least give officials the option.

-Officials numbers update – Up again in 24-25 (up 70 officials overall).

-NDOA Constitution update or a suspension for officials that make contact with coaches or players (similar to what coaches or players face).

-14 days suspension in Iowa or Minnesota

-MN language

-Physical contact between a coach and an official or between a player and

an official that results from disrespectful and/or unsporting behavior will not

be tolerated. When the incident does not rise to the level of assault, the guilty party or parties will be suspended, as a minimum, from the next two consecutive varsity MSHSL contests or two weeks (14 calendar days), whichever is greater. This penalty will be imposed during the season in which the offense occurs, when possible. The portion of the penalty that cannot be served during the current season will carry over to the next season in which the guilty party or parties play, coach or officiate. This policy applies to officials, coaches and participants—whoever is involved in causing the physical contact to occur.

-Tabled to April

14. Date and Time for Next Meeting - April 8, 2026 3:30 pm – Online Meeting