



NDOA Update

NDOA President – Dean Klier

Just a quick update after our Fall NDOA Board Meeting on September 21, 2022

Topics of discussion. Official minutes will be posted to the NDHSAA website later on.

- First, welcome to new NDOA Board members, Whitney Aberle, Kayl Hamre, & Chad Palmer. Remember you can run for the Board. If you are interested in running, please get your name to a representative in your area. Dean Klier (Northeast), Jeremy Mehlhoff (Northwest), and Todd Fisher (Southwest) terms will be up after this year. Dean and Jeremy will have served two terms and will not be eligible to run again. Todd will be ending his first term and is eligible for a second term.
- Second, as you know the NDOA Board approved the implementation of a new official's warmup jacket for basketball. It is my hope that **ALL** officials will get this jacket and wear it for High School games this year. (Will be required for 2024-2025) If not, last year's jacket can be worn if everyone matches. Please take a little pride in your Association and wear a High School Jacket. College jackets can be worn for college games. Here's a link to the jacket: Add NDOA logo to jacket.
 - <https://smittyapparel.com/collections/basketball-jackets/products/bks232-smitty-black-jacket-with-knit-cuff>
- Third, discussion on official's maximum fee schedule. The 6% raise was approved by the NDHSAA board for the next two years. However, we have heard from officials and feel that some of our sports need to have their fees looked at. Therefore, we have a committee that will be meeting this fall and looking at the schedule and will be bring the recommendations to the fall NDOA meeting.
- Fourth, Representatives (Mitch Carlson-Dave Nelson) addressed the board about the 3-class basketball proposal. If passed, they wanted to make sure we had the officials to cover the post-season tournaments. Consensus was that we do and if passed the NDOA

might have to look at changing some of our by-laws. We will see how this plays out and if the time comes, we will look for input and decide how we will proceed.

- Fifth, we selected the State Active Officials in all sports. (Please see official minutes for recipients). Also, we selected five deserving officials to the Officials Hall of Fame. This year's HOF includes **Lynda Bertsch** VB Minot; **Stephanie Smith** VB Bismarck; **Tim Campbell** BB-FB Fairmount; **Mitch Parker** BB-FB Fargo; and **Mike Nider** FB-WR Mandan. Congratulations to all for a job well done.
- Finally, as stated before, a big **THANK YOU** for all you do for High School Athletics. You are appreciated for all your efforts.

Yours in Officiating,

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