

**Combined Tournament Committee
December 3, 2014
Carrington, North Dakota**

The Tournament Committee met on December 3, 2014 in Carrington, Steve Hall, Chairperson presiding. Members present were Steve Hall, Kindred; Todd Olson, Fargo; Curt Jones, West Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Mark Rerick, Grand Forks; Lorell Jungling, Mandan; Mitch Lunde, Minot; Jim Haussler, Bismarck; Andy Dahlen, Fargo North. Also present were NDHSAA Executive Director, Matthew Fetsch and staff members, Justin Fletschock, Kevin Morast and Brenda Schell.

April meeting notes were reviewed with no corrections or additions.

The committee reviewed the 2015-16 through 2020-21 approved sites and made the following recommendations to the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

1. Combine state baseball and softball tournament sites using the baseball site beginning in 2015-16.
2. 2015-16
 - a. "A" Softball from Grand Forks to Jamestown
 - b. "B" Softball from Grand Forks to Fargo
3. 2016-17
 - a. "B" Boys' Basketball from Fargo to Minot
 - b. "B" Girls' Basketball from Minot to Grand Forks
 - c. "A" Softball from West Fargo to Mandan
 - d. "B" Softball from West Fargo to Jamestown
4. 2017-18
 - a. "A" Girls' & Boys' Basketball from Bismarck to Fargo
 - b. "B" Boys' Basketball from Minot to Bismarck
 - c. "B" Girls' Basketball from Grand Forks to Minot
 - d. Boys' Swimming & Diving from Mandan to Bismarck
 - e. Girls' Swimming & Diving from Mandan to Bismarck
 - f. Volleyball from Minot to Fargo
 - g. Boys' Tennis from Fargo to Grand Forks
 - h. "A" Softball from Jamestown to Fargo
 - i. "B" Softball from Jamestown to Mandan
5. 2018-19
 - a. Boys' Tennis from Bismarck to Grand Forks
 - b. Girls' Tennis from Minot to Grand Forks
 - c. Class B Boys' Basketball from Fargo to Minot
 - d. "A" Baseball from Jamestown to Minot
 - e. "B" Softball from Minot to Fargo
6. 2019-20
 - a. Boys' Swimming & Diving from Grand Forks to Bismarck
 - b. Girls' Swimming & Diving from Grand Forks to Bismarck
 - c. Girls' Tennis from Fargo to Grand Forks
 - d. "A" Softball from West Fargo to Mandan
 - e. "B" Softball from West Fargo to Jamestown

The potential to move girls' hockey a week later than boys' hockey was discussed. No action taken.

Haussler reported on the girls' swimming & diving state tournament reserved seating process. This was the first year for reserved seating for swimming & diving and the process went well for the first tournament of the year. There were approximately 600 reserved seats available. Some diving parents requested reserved seats for diving, which is an option, but not many parents were aware of the option. The process saved management many headaches.

Combining the Girls' and Boys' Class B basketball tournaments was discussed. At this time both tournaments are too large for one facility/town.

The committee discussed combining the state softball and baseball tournaments for each class or having the tournaments in the same town. The committee recommends the NDHSAA Board place the state softball tournaments at the corresponding class state baseball tournaments beginning in 2015/16. This change would allow schools with teams in both softball and baseball state tournaments easier access to both tournaments.

Cross-country coaches would like to have a permanent site so there can be course records. The possibility of a rotation for the cross-country state meet was discussed. No action taken.

Sites for 2021-22 were discussed. Proposed site recommendations will be presented to the board at their January Board meeting. Sites proposed include:

"A" Girls Golf - Fargo

Boys Tennis - Grand Forks

Boys Soccer - Jamestown

Cross Country - Valley City

Girls Swimming - Bismarck

Football - Fargo

Volleyball - Fargo

Wrestling - Fargo

Gymnastics - Minot

Boys & Girls Hockey - Grand Forks

"B" Girls' Basketball - Grand Forks

Boys Swimming - Bismarck

"A" G & B Basketball - Fargo

"B" Boys' Basketball - Bismarck

Girls Tennis - Grand Forks

Track - Bismarck

"B" Golf – Wahpeton (boys' & girls')

"B" Golf – Wahpeton (boys' & girls')

"B" Baseball/ "B" Softball - Minot

"A" Baseball/ "A" Softball - Grand Forks

Girls Soccer - Fargo

"A" Boys Golf - Mandan

The NDHSAA 2015-16 through 2018-19 calendar was reviewed and discussed. At the November Board of Directors meeting the girls' soccer season was moved one week later due to an oversight in dates entered from previous year.

Broadcast rates were discussed. Currently, no broadcast fees are charged for region volleyball or region wrestling. The committee indicated this should be referred to the media committee for addition to the rate card. Charging a fee would help managers in tournament preparations.

Lunde brought up the issue of personalized tournament name badges. Others view it as a tournament souvenir. All tournament managers have personalized badges created in advanced. No action was taken.

Discussed the possibility of having an overall media list for the year and issuing a yearly pass. They could have a yearly pass and have to show a picture ID. No action taken.

Room blocks for fans at state tournaments was discussed. Tournament managers let the schools know what motels are available in advance. No fan rooms are reserved by tournament managers. Managers were reminded to email hotel information to the NDHSAA to send out to schools and post on the NDHSAA tournament information pages. Managers reserve team rooms only for teams.

Announcement of All State team at the State Volleyball tournament was discussed. This is up to local control of the tournament manager. There is interest in being consistent as tournaments move from town to town. Committee recommendation to refer to NDHSCA.

There is a venue conflict between the Region 5 Boys' Basketball Tournament and the Class A State Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Executive Director Fetsch distributed a potential schedule using the Bismarck Civic Center and the Exhibit Hall. Haussler discussed the potential of having a third floor and additional seating in the addition to the Civic Center. The Civic Center Exhibit Hall currently seats about 2200. Legacy High School will have space for 1800 – 2000 and should be available by 2016. No action taken.

NFHS Network feedback was requested from tournament managers. Communication lines could be improved.

Charging admission for A & B region golf was discussed. The charge for a ticket taker was more than was taken in in admission prices. Recommendation was to discontinue charging admission for Class A & B region golf.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2015 - Fargo Doublewood at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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