

Combined Tournament Committee
April 9, 2018
Fargo, North Dakota

The Tournament Committee met April 9, 2018 in Fargo.

Travis Jordan, Chairperson presiding. Members present were Mitch Carlson, Litchville-Marion; Ross Richards, West Fargo Sheyenne; Todd Olson, Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Andy Dahlen, Fargo North; Dave Zittleman, Bismarck; Jay DeCann, West Fargo; Mark Wiest, Mandan; Mark Rerick, Grand Forks; Mitch Lunde, Minot. Also present were NDHSAA staff members, Matt Fetsch, Justin Fletschock, Kevin Morast, Tom Mix and Brenda Schell.

November meeting notes were reviewed with no corrections or additions.

The committee reviewed tournament ticket prices.

- There was a question on region hockey tournament prices. After discussion, no changes recommended.

The committee reviewed the 7-year state tournament site rotation with the following recommendations:

- Place 2019 State Class B Girls Basketball tournament in the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. Tournament manager Rerick indicated he did not see any problems with placing the tournament in the Betty Engelstad venue.
- Move 2020-21 State Hockey Tournament to Grand Forks
 - Discussed surveying Girls Hockey Coaches and Athletic Directors concerning creating a separate girls hockey tournament. This will come to the Board through hockey coach advisory.
- Move 2020 State Class A Boys Golf to Hawk Tree Golf Course in Bismarck.

Proposed 7-year activity calendar was reviewed.

General tournament discussion included:

- Facility usage day prior to tournaments.
 - Television provider questioned if there was a way to keep a venue from having anything in a facility the day before so they could set up. Fetsch mentioned the only way to avoid prior day conflicts would be to rent the facility the day before a tournament.
- Tournament program advertisement policy review.
 - Recommendation to Board to follow the television contract wording for tournament programs.
- Age of students on team bench.
 - Discussion included creating a Board recommendation to allow only 7-12 grade students on the bench. There was not complete agreement on who would or would not be allowed on the bench. The group questioned whether other personnel and team hosts would be included in the policy. Fetsch will survey other associations for policies. No specific recommendation until further review.
- Fans on court following games
 - Discussion included storming the court at the completion of games. No recommendation at this time.
- Cheerleader regulations
 - There were a handful of mascots at winter tournaments that were adults. NDHSAA regulation indicates mascots are part of the cheer squad and required to be bona-fide students. Topic will be presented at fall administrator meetings.
- Hall of Fame inductions
 - The number of sport specific hall of fame inductions has grown. In 2016/17 there were ten inductees into the wrestling hall of fame plus one NDOA induction. Track & field Hall

of Fame inductions are also approximately ten per year. After discussion, no action taken at this time in hope the sports will self-limit their inductees. NDHSAA staff member Morast will continue to work with advisories.

- Tournament practice site regulation
 - There was a question this year on practice at a tournament site prior to tournament. Current regulations state teams may not practice on the state or regional site once the bracket is set. Recommend changing the regulation wording to "The end of the regular season in Class A or the end of the District Tournament in B."

Tom Mix provided a media update including information to the committee concerning maintaining and updating tournament history for each sport. NDHSAA staff are working to make all sport history information uniform and available on the NDHSAA website. All information will be housed in Google Docs online and will be easily transferable to printers or program designers. Benefits include ease of finding information for users, ease of editing. Tournament records would be verified at each tournament and those updates would be sent to NDHSAA for updating of the official records online. Once edited the information will be available for publication the following year.

Mix also discussed changes to the tournament media process which are under consideration. Online media request form is currently sent to the media at the beginning of each season. This is causing some media who sign up early to appear on the media list if they do not rescind their request. Mix is exploring opening a separate media form for each tournament, with the exception of tournaments that are held the same weekends. The window would be a smaller window, five business days, with the deadline the Monday prior to the tournament to limit the number of requests to those who will actually attend each tournament. Mix asked managers if there was anything that could have been handled differently to which managers indicated the process was working for them.

Mix suggested using a generic media pass with tournament managers placing an address label on passes once the finalized list was received from Mix.

Lunde applauded Mix on handling Reunion teams.

Mix will work with Bubach on communicating information on passes for Academic All-stars, reunion teams and similar passes to other interested parties.

Fletschock told the committee the Class A coaches requested going back to the old way of doing shoot-arounds. Fletschock told coaches to contact their Athletic Directors.

2018-19 Meeting Dates/Sites

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – NDHSAA Office, Valley City – 11:00 am

Monday, April 1, 2019 – Ramada Inn, Fargo – 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
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