



AGENDA
Florida High School Athletic Association
Athletic Directors Advisory Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 - 9:00 AM

Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of April 11, 2018 ADAC meeting minutes
4. Review of September 6, 2017 ADAC meeting minutes
5. Review minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings
 - a. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman
 - b. Softball – Kellie Doucette
 - c. Track & Field – Ed Thompson
Recommendation – Adding Javelin to the State Series in 2020
 - d. Tennis – Corey Sobers
Recommendations
 - a. Designated Asst. Coach
 - b. Eliminate Clay as an Option for Region Hosts
 - c. Regionals by Gender on Separate Dates
 - e. Recognized Spring sports
 - 1) Water Polo – Frank Beasley/Corey Sobers
 - 2) Flag Football – Shanell Young/Jeremy Hernandez
 - 3) Lacrosse – Alex Ozuna
 - 4) Boys Volleyball – Alex Ozuna
 - f. Officials Advisory Committee (Spring) – Jeremy Hernandez
 - g. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – Justin Harrison / Kellie Doucette
6. General Recommendations
7. Open agenda (discussion only)
 - a. Classification Discussion
8. Adjournment



MINUTES

Florida High School Athletic Association Athletic Directors Advisory Committee Meeting

APRIL 11, 2018 - 9:00 AM

Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

- 1) Welcome, introductions, purpose
 - a) Scott Drabczyk made introduction at 9:02am
 - b) Introductions: Scott Drabczyk, Cam Harrison, Roger Mayo, Pam Lancaster, Mark Butler, Marcus Gabriel, Sherrie Schuler, Chad Bishop, Jake Von Scherrer, Ron Carpenter, Jerri Kelly, Jody Phillips, Robbie Lindeman (FHSAA), Alex Ozuna (FHSAA), Kellie Doucette (FHSAA), Frank Beasley (FHA), Justin Harrison (FHSAA), Ed Thompson (FHSAA), Jeremy Hernandez (FHSAA), Corey Sobers (FHSAA), Katie Neely (FHSAA Intern), Kevin Eastman (FHSAA Intern), Mike Colby (FHSAA), and Jamie Rohrer (FHSAA)
- 2) Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
Scott Drabczyk discussed the agenda and any changes made before the meeting
- 3) Approval of January 10, 2018 ADAC meeting minutes
Motion to approve made by Roger Mayo, seconded by Ron Carpenter
- 4) Review of March 29, 2017 ADAC meeting minutes
Review of minutes was accepted by Scott Drabczyk
- 5) Classification and Competitive Balance Presentation/Discussion
 - a) Justin Harrison introduction of discussion purpose beginning with issues/challenges and background information
 - b) Justin Harrison stressed how this presentation is an idea, he discussed the future of the divisions of the 1A-6A
 - c) Suggested how the placements worked, based on MaxPreps average ranking
 - d) Discussed how the MaxPreps rankings work
 - e) Changes- No required district contests, no district tournaments, four regions tournaments in each division
 - f) The positives to the plan included growth in programs, more competitive environment for all, increased excitement, and better state series matchups
 - g) The discussion floor was opened up, Sherrie Schuler asked about specific school Cedar Key about travel concern, Jake Von Scherrer expressed the positivity of this system, Scott Drabczyk discussed how it is more about getting in the playoffs for team sports specifically, he expressed his concern for the schedules for 25 games a season, expressed his concern for the third party (MaxPreps), also discussed how different states like the Georgia system, Jody Phillips expressed concern for MaxPreps ranking system and suggested the three weekend district tournaments.
 - h) Ron Allen discussed his school's scheduling issues due to counties and policies

- i) Chad Bishop expressed his issues for getting student-athletes competitive and motivated due to school schedule, size, and pairing with “powerhouse” schools
- j) Roger Mayo expressed the concern moto “rich getting richer”, Justin Harrison stated the belief of it happening now and expressed in the pairing of “like” schools, Frank Beasley expressed how the classifications will work and the concern schools will be in the lower classifications and how enrollment is not the best indicator, Scott Drabczyk discussed the transfer rule and how the classification set up could create more transfers due to wanting exposure for student-athletes
- k) Jerri Kelly discussed the relying on ticket sales and how the lack of providing a schedule for remote schools could lose programs, Justin Harrison stated that was a concern however there was no complaint with football this past year, Ed Thompson stated that a coach said the opportunity to create own schedule to build programs is huge to the rural schools
- l) Frank Beasley expressed how the two year average comes into play in regards to throwing games to get in a lower classifications that Jody Phillips brought up
- m) Scott Drabczyk gave final thoughts and closed the discussion

6) Review minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings

h. Wrestling – Robbie Lindeman

Thanked the Celebration and Osceola high schools, and Silver Spurs Arena for a great event and state that attendance was up. Introduction of Mike Crowder and thanked him for his attendance

1) Recommendations

a. 4th Place Matches

- 1. Mike Crowder discussed how other states have wrestlers who have not wrestled each other to wrestle for the last spot to advance
- 2. Motion to approve made by Jody Phillips, seconded by Jerri Kelly
- 3. Vote was unanimous

b. Alternates in the Post Season

- 1. Mike Crowder expressed how this gives athletes more opportunities to wrestle in the post season
- 2. Motion to approve made by Jody Phillips, seconded by Roger Mayo
- 3. Vote was unanimous

c. Wild Card Selections at Regionals

- 1. Mike Crowder explained how the potential of athletes not making weight or health issues allows other athletes the opportunity to fill brackets at the district and region levels
- 2. Motion to approve made by Ron Carpenter, seconded by Jody Phillips
- 3. Vote was unanimous

2) Discussion

a. Girls Wrestling

- 1. Robbie Lindeman expressed how USSA Wrestling reached out about how this is not a sanctioned sport in the state of Florida

2. Mike Crowder suggested how numbers are misleading because girls have to wrestle boys, expressed how other states are building programs and there are girls wrestling tournaments, girls wrestling would be in the winter season
 3. Robbie Lindeman stated that the FHSAA is obtaining numbers from schools to potentially grow the sport
- b. Weight Management Violations
1. Robbie Lindeman discussed how coaches do not follow the rules of weigh ins
 2. Mike Crowder explained what he has observed in the field, suggestion was that the two head coaches and official would confirm or approve the weigh in sheets on sites
 3. Scott Draczyk suggested that the wrestling advisory committee should bring back an item that is more concrete but agreed that there should be a penalty for intentionally breaking the rules
- i. Cheer – Kellie Doucette
- Kellie Doucette thanked the Gainesville sports commission and University of Florida for being great hosts
- 1) Recommendations
 - a. No recommendations
 - 2) Discussion

Sherrie Schuler asked about sideline cheer and Kellie discussed that Varsity will have a game day event to gauge interest in that aspect ???
- j. Soccer – Alex Ozuna and Corey Sobers
- Thanked city of Deland and Deland high school for a great event and being great hosts, also commended the changes that were made
- 1) Recommendations
 - a. Celebrations after Goals – Scott Carswell
 1. Rehearsed or excessive celebrations under the officials judgement, change it to a blue card
 2. Motion to accept Ron Allen, seconded by Marcus Gabriel
 3. Vote was unanimous
 - b. Overtime Procedures – Scott Carswell
 1. NFHS rule reflected in FHSAA rules, the NFHS rule was pulled up on screen to read
 2. Motion to approve Jerri Kelly, seconded by Ron Carpenter
 3. Vote was 9-3, approved
 - c. Noisemakers – Scott Carswell
 1. Stated how the FHSAA wants to create a more exciting environment and atmosphere starting at the district level
 2. Motion to deny by Marcus Gabriel, seconded by Jake Von Scherrer
 3. Vote motion to deny was unanimous

d. Preseason Coaches Meetings – Scott Carswell

1. Require official associations to host coaches meetings prior to the start of the season to discuss rule changes and host topics with area coaches
2. Motion to approve Marcus Gabriel, seconded by Ron Allen
3. Vote was unanimous

e. Roster Size – Scott Carswell

1. Increasing roster size to 25 instead of 22 once the playoffs start
2. Motion to approve by Mark Butler, seconded by Ron Allen
3. Vote was unanimous

2) Discussion

a. Classifications – Mark Butler

k. Basketball – Ed Thompson and Frank Beasley

Ed Thompson thanked the Lakeland center and commended the upgrades to the facility, upgrades were made to the video board and extremely appreciative of that aspect, had fewer running clocks and more competitive games. Frank Beasley thanked Lakeland and also commended the upgrades, also had list of improvements made for next year, the competition was improved, and the increase of college coaches was a positive. Scott Drabczyk asked about the attendance and crowds, attendance was down 5,000, expressed how great the experience was for his school.

1) Recommendations

a. Expand Coaching Box from 14' to 28'

1. Motion to approve made by Jody Phillips, seconded by Sherrie Schuler
2. Clarification on where the line is was made by Jake Von Scherrer
3. Vote was unanimous

2) Discussion

a. Skills Development

1. Stated to allow coaches to work with student-athletes on skill development during the period defined as “offseason” by the FHSAA
2. Justin Harrison expressed how schools are already doing this, but it would put more responsibility on schools, schools are getting caught doing this now, concerns about what non-school teams are teaching student-athletes
3. Frank Beasley stated Holly McDaniel’s opinion on this issue for girls basketball specifically from the BKAC.
4. Scott Draczyk suggested to have the FHSAA take it to the individual sport advisory committees specifically and bring it back to the next meeting in September

5. Sherrie Schuler discussed how the grades could improve because of the open lines of communication between coaches and student-athletes and the individualized games brought back to the high school sport team
6. Scott Draczyk closed the discussion

I. Officials Advisory Committee (Winter) – Jeremy Hernandez

1) Recommendations

Expand Basketball Coaching Box from 14' to 28' (Listed Concurrently under Basketball)

2) Discussion

Jeremy Hernandez discussed the items voted on by the Officials Advisory Committee (winter)

m. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – Justin Harrison and Kellie Doucette

Justin Harrison introduced Mr. Bob Sefcik and explained what the discussion would be about.

1) Recommendations

2) Discussion

a. Heat Index –Mr. Bob Sefcik, ATC

1. Advocates for the safety of the student-athletes
2. Reviewed the history of the effect of heat-stress
3. Wet bulb globe devise, different versions (high school \$100) heat stress index, provides objective knowledge to coaches to determine modifications in the event it was too hot, thermometer readings
4. Georgia implemented this in 2012
5. Growing concern is how often is used, 205 total practices- 8 practices had time modifications to adjust to the heat, 4% of practices had to be altered
6. Other modification levels mentioned by Kellie Doucette and explained by Mr. Sefcik- increase number of water breaks, limited equipment, either modify time or cancel practice
7. As a licensed certified athletic trainer is obligated to be following this procedure
8. Prevention is not a guarantee, schools have to be prepared
9. AED moved to close proximity
10. Open to discussion- time frame involved, included 30 minutes prior to practice and once an hour during practice

7) General Recommendations

8) Policy Revisions Review – Justin Harrison, Mike Colby, and Jordanne Stark

a) Introduction to policy 10

- i) Pam Lancaster expresses issues for Junior Varsity games being cancelled
- ii) Marcus Gabriel stated his issues are at the beginning of the season

b) Policy 11

- i) Elimination of State Entry Lists
- ii) Schools still enter roster at beginning of season
- iii) Eliminates the potential of playing an ineligible player all season
- c) Mr. Colby introduced policy 26 and highlighted changes
 - i) Clarification requested about policy 42 made by Jerri Kelly, coaches must be CPR/AED and First Aid certified
 - ii) Policy 16 registering intent.
- 9) Open agenda (discussion only)
 - a. Coaches' Education – Justin Harrison
 - 1) Justin Harrison asked what the FHSAA role should be in this process
 - 2) Frustration on the e-books access, especially in regards to off campus coaches voiced by Jerri Kelly
 - 3) Face-to-face contact for information could improve the sense of community and help competitive nature stated by Jody Phillips
 - 4) Jody Phillips suggested for coaches be required to attend FACA clinics for coaches education
 - 5) Jake Von Scherrer stated that the role of the FHSAA includes compliance, suggest to make the trainings mandatory
 - 6) Ron Allen suggested that the FHSAA use the trainings as a potential piece toward coaches education and compliance
 - 7) Jamie Rohrer explained how the travel issues caused the change of training requirements and when it was moved to FACA the attendance was extremely low, then when it was moved online coaches did not watch and the FHSAA could not make them be in compliance
 - 8) Frank Beasley stated the three different issues; rules, coaches education, and compliance
 - 9) Sherrie Schuler suggested to have packets for new coaches for sports that have the clinic dates, potentially as a "welcome packet"
 - 10) Justin Harrison said the FHSAA would be more than happy to provide tests/exams for specific sports
 - 11) Jamie Rohrer suggested that the FACA would take point on clinics/trainings and have it be required by the FACA
 - 12) Jerri Kelly and Jamie Rohrer made a combined suggestion that instead of having all coaches attend rules clinic, only have the coaches that are misbehaving be required to attend or watch rules clinic
 - b. FHSAA Membership – Mark Butler
 - 1) All in or all out schools, enable schools to participate for some sports and not others
 - 2) Mr. Colby said state legislation states that schools are allowed to decide by sport regarding membership.
 - c. Residency Requirements – Mark Butler
 - 1) Proposed that students must live with guardian to limit recruiting
 - 2) State statues do not require residency requirements stated by Mr. Colby, impermissible benefit accepted is considered recruiting and could be looked into
 - d. Home Campus (AT Logs, Mobile App., FIAAA Suggested Topics, Eligible Athletes, Support) – Mark Butler



Drop down box for insurance proposed by Jerri Kelly, Shanell Young stated that the option could be to add own drop down boxes and name them appropriately in the future

e. New AD Training/Support from FHSAA – Mark Butler

FIAAA mentoring program, compliance seminar attendance, and call FHSAA staff for support

f. Standard Officials Association Agreement – Mark Butler

1) Justin Harrison suggested that schools get together and be on the same page prior to meeting with officials associations

2) The piece is a work in progress and in the future could potentially create a price system regarding pay

10) Adjournment

a) Justin Harrison thanked the committee for their time and input.

b) Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 - 9:00 AM

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- 1) Welcome, introductions, purpose
 - a. Justin starts meeting at 9:00 AM
 - b. Everyone went around the table and introduced themselves: Matt Morris, Cam Harrison, Roger Mayo, Scott Drabczyk, Sherrie Schuler, Dan Dearing, Jim Griffin, Rob Carpenter, Jim Gawriluk, Pam Lancaster, Larry Bishop, Justin Harrison(FHSAA), Robbie Lindeman(FHSAA), Kellie(FHSAA), Corey Sobers(FHSAA), Alex Ozuna(FHSAA), Jeremy Hernandez(FHSAA), Frank Beasley(FHSAA), Shanell Young(FHSAA), George Tomy (FHSAA), Courtney Hughes(FHSAA Intern), Ed Thompson (FHSAA), Kyle Niblett(FHSAA)
 - c. Mr., Tomy formally introduced himself to the committee
 - d. Justin spoke of the purpose of the meeting, to make sure everyone says what they need to say.
 - e. Need substitute chair for meeting
 - a. Scott Drabczyk nominated to be replacement for today's meeting
 - b. Unanimous vote made to make Scott Drabczyk the chair for today's meeting
- 2) Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
 - a) Justin Harrison briefly describes the agenda and reminds the group to fill out their expense vouchers
- 3) Approval of March 29, 2017 ADAC meeting minutes
 - a) Roger Mayo motions to approve
 - b) Seconded by Matt Morris
 - c) Minutes approved
- 4) Review of September 7, 2016 ADAC meeting minutes
- 5) Review minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings
 - n. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman
 - 1) Review June 5th, 2017 committee meeting which followed the championships in Lee County
 - a. No agenda items to discuss
 - b. Reviewed items discussed at the Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting: Dugout restrictions, run rule(15 runs after 4), Wilson ball to remain
 - c. Recommendation from BACM meeting: Playoff format for regionals should be best of 3 games, be more proactive in pitch count accountability. Pitching Policy, possibly update wording on what is eligible for a pitcher

o. Softball – Kellie Doucette

1) Discussion

a. Tie-breaking procedures

1. Kellie Doucette noted questions came up from small schools, seeding for district playoff is coming from a coin flip and doesn't feel that is the best representation. Question wondering if this happens at larger districts. Scott Drabczyk stated it is a preference and coin flip happens frequently. Pam Lancaster has used this procedure for two years in a row now. Jim Griffin mentioned another step in the coin flip process seems to be something to look at. Ed mentioned the initial preference is to do something across the board, but another option is to make it a 6 step process instead of a 5 step process. Larry Bishop mentioned looking at records, not district opponents.

p. Track & Field – Ed Thompson

- 1) Ed Thompson thanks IMG Academy for being a great host and all the people who took part
- 2) Met as a committee May 15, 2017 to discuss:

3) Recommendations

a. At-large qualifiers for State Finals – Dan Dearing, FACA Chair

1. Dan Dearing recommends adding 8 at-large qualifiers in each class that will go from District Championships to State Championship. Right now, the top 4 from each region advance to State Championships (top 16). An at-large system will get the right athletes to the meet, since some regions are more competitive than others. The top 8 receive points at State, and the goal is get the right 8 kids competing. This would allow for the best athletes/relay teams to advance if they were to score at 5th place or below if their performance was strong enough. There would be 24 total athletes competing at State instead of 16.

- a. Objections: Sounds like it is going to cost more money because you will be sending more kids to the State meet, but after calculating, there is not a huge increase. Dan took district results from past meets to see how big of a difference it would be if implemented then. He found that Matt Morris' team would have sent 15 kids instead of 13. Most athletes that would have been eligible to be at-large, were going to the state meet for other events anyways.
- b. Scott Drabczyk mentioned that anytime we can get more kids involved, it is a great idea.
 - i. Roger Mayo motions to approve
 - ii. Seconded by Larry Bishop
 - iii. Unanimous vote to approve

b. Adding Javelin to the State Series in 2020 – Jim Griffin and Paul Baur, Pine Crest

1. Jim Griffin mentioned the approval at the committee meeting held May 15, 2017
 - a. The small javelin, the thin flyer, is proposed for middle school, is the weight of a football, the tip is size of football tip, and is lightweight.
 - b. Two other javelins displayed and passed around the room. Shows one javelin that is thrown in AAU meets, they have good luck with it. Another shown with a rubber tip, a lot of states are using this one and start out with this. This one usually doesn't stick in the ground, is marked where rubber tip hit. The rubber tip does not damage fields. Jim Griffin stated that Missouri started with rubber tips in high school and with a middle school thin flyer in middle school. After a trial period, Missouri does not have rubber javelins.
 - c. The thin flyer is around \$80 and the rubber javelin is around \$160. These are a one-time purchase and last a long time. Costs around the same as a discus and throws the same distance as a discus
2. Dan Dearing tells his story that he wanted to do another sport, but instead went to UF for javelin. Discusses that this could open opportunities for Florida student athletes to find a scholarship opportunity in javelin. Club kids learn to javelin, but high school kids do not. A lot of lost opportunity for kids in high school that can throw
3. Ed Thompson concerned of the safety of the javelin. Dan Dearing says there is not a huge concern for people getting injured with javelin. An area can be fenced off just like they do for discus. Dan Dearing and Ed Thompson mentioned having the event before other events so there is no overlap or concern for injury to others. Dan Dearing mentioned javelin is more controlled than discuss, as far as staying in bounds. Not a large margin-of-error. Larry Bishop has a concern for health issues, Dan Dearing says there is no more than any other throwing sport.
4. Jim Griffin says if everything is passed, there will be clinics around Florida to train coaches and teach students how to throw. There will be a small 10-20 question test to make sure everyone is aware of the basics of javelin. USATF funding clinics at schools around Florida. Common education as of now for javelin is the general track & field program. Justin Harrison brings up isn't the role of the school to be responsible that their coaches are trained, instead of requiring it. Scott Drabczyk brings up again the importance of showing coaches have the overall ability to teach the skill and also that there is the proper facility and guidelines in place. Thinking from a liability standpoint, Scott Drabczyk is okay with supporting if there is proof of coaching education. Jim mentioned he will do research to see if USATF has a way to prove certification.

5. Scott Drabczyk mentions javelin is fear of the unknown in a way because no one knows much about the field event. Dan Dearing says it will be an exhibition sport for a few years before becoming fully into play. Ed Thompson mentions that the plan is to have it compete in 2020, with a provisional time period before hand. Dan Dearing mentions schools do not have to have javelin, but wants students to have the opportunity to try it.
 6. Dan Dearing mentioned possibly have FHSAA approve the facility/certify facility
 7. Scott Drabczyk moves to endorse in January 2018
 - a. Cam Harrison motions to table with bringing back discussion in January
 - b. Seconded by Rob Carpenter
 - c. Unanimous vote to approve
 - c. Make sure playing field is level from meet to meet, have 2 regions going on in 1 place and have the standards the same for both. Distribution of cost for regional host- they eat all of the cost for these events. Scott Drabczyk mentioned from a region standpoint, they try to make money. Maybe have cost per athlete instead of per team. Ed Thompson mentions if breaking it down, paying per athlete is more difficult. Scott Drabczyk does not think it is fair for a school to lose money because they are hosting an event. Justin is in favor of making sure it is fair for schools hosting. There is not a significant cost to each school if distributed and made even among all participating schools paying for region meet. Scott mentions to figure out a way of how to charge different schools, especially ones with a lot less athletes. Justin Harrison mentions there needs to be a standard costs to be spread across all schools.. Justin is going to put together data of past meets and costs.
- 4) Discussion
- a. Quality control and standardization of the state series
 - b. Use of Officials during the regular season and requirements for state series
- q. Tennis – Corey Sobers
- 1) Recommendations
 - a. Overall Individual Championship
 1. Since moved to dual team format, any individual that won is in a separate tournament. Wanting to give team side that don't have the opportunity to do individual that chance to do so. There might be an extra day added to tournaments to make this work. Students want opportunity for that on the team side.
 - 2) Discussion
 - a. Matt Morris motioned to approve
 - b. Seconded by Rob Carpenter
 - c. Unanimous approval
- r. Recognized Spring sports

- 1) Water Polo – Frank Beasley
 - a. Great water polo tournament last year. Still looking for host site for this year. Water polo as a sport is growing slowly.
- 2) Flag Football – Shanell Young
 - a. Thanks host, Gainesville Sports Commission. Officials and coaches want to put together FHSAA flag football rule for high school rules. It will be easier to navigate for coaches and officials. This will not be changing NRSA rules, it will just be easier to navigate having only FHSAA rules for high school in it. Flag football is a rapidly growing sport. With an easier to read rule book, hopefully more officials will get involved with the sport.
- 3) Lacrosse – Alex Ozuna
 - a. Thanks Jupiter High School for being great host. Great supporters in the area.
 - b. Starting in 2018 season, lacrosse headgear is mandatory (ASTM F3137). Alerts have been sent out in July and are on FHSAA website. Cascade and Hummingbird have the headgear that is mandatory. Lacrosse is a growing sport and starting to flourish.
- 4) Boys Volleyball – Alex Ozuna
 - a. Host high school was very great at hosting event. Looking for a new venue for boy's volleyball for following year.
 - b. Justin mentions an idea is to have four sporting events at one venue in spring
- s. Officials Advisory Committee (Spring) – Jeremy Hernandez
 - 1) Jeremy Hernandez mentions what was discussed at the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting June 6, 2017
 - a. Coaches should wear helmets on the field
 - b. Officials want to know what role they play in pitching regulations
 - c. Discussion on softball uniforms
 - 2) Justin Harrison discusses talk in past of increasing pay for officials, trying to get a group of AD's and officials to further discuss concerns for outside fees
 - 3) Frank Beasley discusses common curriculum to train officials for football. He had a huge success with it. Coaches and officials able to converse and ask questions regarding the sport, rules, and plays.
- t. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – Justin Harrison / Kellie Doucette
 - 1) Recommendations
 - a. Emergency Action Plan
 1. Justin Harrison has everyone take a few minutes to read over the Emergency Action Plan agenda item from August 29, 2017
 2. The idea of this is to assist schools. Scott Drabczyk mentions Emergency Action Plans are already happening, and it should be happening.
 - a. Motioned to approve by Cam Harrison

- b. Seconded by Roger Mayo
 - c. Unanimous vote to approve
 - b. AEDs
 - 1. Justin Harrison discussed the agenda item from August 2017 SMAC meeting. The AED should be on school grounds in a well-marked area and should be accessible within one to three minutes of athletic event.
 - 2. Scott Drabczyk wants to take out “strongly recommended” and make it mandatory instead
 - a. Larry Bishop Motions to approve
 - b. Seconded by Matt Morris
 - c. Unanimous vote to approve
 - c. Heat Acclimatization – Practice Scheduling
 - 1. Justin Harrison discusses August 2017 agenda item from SMAC meeting. The addition of this policy is that on a double practice day, the 2 practices must be separated by at least 3 hours of continuous rest. (policy 41)
 - a. Rob Carpenter motions to approve
 - b. Seconded by Jim Griffin
 - c. Unanimous vote to approve
 - d. Heat Acclimatization – Wet Bulb Globe Temperature
 - 1. The agenda item from August 2017 states “member schools shall monitor the environment using the WBGT and use the reference scale for practice medication, if the measurement requires such actions”
 - 2. Concern is having no outdoor workouts, cost factor, indoor gyms with no air conditioning
 - 3. The reading of the device by coaches is continuous throughout practice, not just once before
 - 4. Matt Morris wondering if this will be used for all sports, and issues for different situations and fields, need to think about all sports and indoor/outdoor. Also, what will be the adaptation to carry out if a game, tournament, or meet has to be stopped?
 - 5. Larry Bishop poses the question who is responsible for getting the information and sending it out
 - 6. Scott Drabczyk states everyone is on the same page, we just need more information on how to put into action across the board
 - 7. Motion to table until January
 - a. Matt Morris motions to approve
 - b. Seconded by Cam Harrison
 - c. Unanimous vote to approve
- 8. Supporting Doc – WBGT Activity Guidelines

9. Supporting Doc – Duval County Coaches Daily Report
10. Supporting Doc – Exertional Heat Illnesses and Environmental Conditions During High School Football Practices
 - 2) Discussion
 - a. Justin Harrison mentions there is a push from SMAC to get athletic trainers in schools. The concern is the gigantic cost.
- 6) General Recommendations
- 7) Open agenda (discussion only)
 - 8) Representative agenda
 - 9) Mike Colby enters the meeting and discusses age rule change (turn 19 after Sept 1 is eligible, turn 19 before is ineligible)- 5th year students are allowed until after this year. Will rewrite to say “any student that turns 19 prior to Sept 1 is ineligible”-makes it more understandable. People complaining that spring sports have a benefit, fall sports do not. Possibility to do the rule by sport season instead of just before Sept 1. Have three dates for age cutoff instead of one. Roger mentions it will make the appeal process more complicated. Mike Colby is going to present to the board and determine what action to take. Dan Dearing mentions kids being held back will become ineligible for spring sports. Matt mentions that the more dates you put in place, the more appeals you’re going to have. Kids later in the year are getting penalized more. ... Most agree
 - 10) Mike Colby discusses to give students 7 years -3 years middle, 4 years high school- for eligibility to play sports. Scott mentions this doesn’t affect kids with middles schools without sports. Sherrie brings the possibility that a kid could go to member school and play, then non-member school and get away with it. Mike Colby says this is taking 2 bylaws and putting them into one: middle and high school. Track from 6th grade instead of tracking starting in 9th- Most agree to keep as is, will be presented to the board.
 - 11) Shanell Young – Home Campus: Home Campus is a learning curve for everyone and no school will be penalized. Going by policy of only having eligible kids on the roster, which is different than the past. Change made to make sure kids playing are eligible. Will have webinars to help train everyone in Home Campus. Will send out a survey in December for feedback. Leaning towards using arbiter for officials evaluations .Home Campus information is not shared anywhere and is secure. Max Preps is working on syncing schedules and rosters with Home Campus.
 - 12) Frank Beasley mentions football: people concerned about points with new system .If you cancel game, take total points and divide by 9. Use a divider of total games played for points. Available to answer any questions about it all.
- 13) Adjournment :Scott 11:30 AM next meeting Jan 10 Wed



Florida High School Athletic Association
Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

10:01 AM June 4, 2018
Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Boulevard
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Attendance: Justin Varitek (Lake Mary Prep), Orlando Faedo (Alonso), Craig Faulkner (Venice), Alan Kunkel (Calvary Christian Academy – Ft. Lauderdale), Bruce Aven (American Heritage – Plantation), Wayne Yancey (FACA Representative), Robbie Lindeman (FHSAA), Kyle Niblett (FHSAA), Michael Parks (FHSAA Official), Casey Ferguson (FHSAA)

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| 1. Welcome and Procedures | Lindeman |
| 2. Selection of Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aven nominates Kunkel: unanimous | Committee |
| 3. Adoption of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adoption of agenda: unanimous | Committee |
| 4. Review of 2017 Baseball Advisory Committee Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Game-ending procedures not passed from 2017 Old Business | Committee |
| 5. Review of 2018 State Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rain/lightning delays, moving datesGreat facility with great staffPitch count ruling | Committee |
| 6. FACA Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">JV 2 hour time limitNon-school night implications | Yancey |
| 7. Compliance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Craig Damon addresses committeeUnderclassmen participating in All-Star eventsRecruiting implications | Compliance |
| 8. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">None | Committee |
| 9. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">A) JV 2 Hour Time Limit - Faulkner<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kunkel motions to discuss: unanimousNon-school nightsLabor implicationsBack-to-back games | Committee |

- Vote: motion to approve by Kunkel – Umpire Associations and schools to determine the time limit of each game (either 2 or 2.5): 6-0 in favor

B) Throwing Program - Faulkner

- Kunkel motions to discuss: 6-0
- Multi-sport athletes
- Purpose of conditioning is to strengthen their arms to be game-ready
- Have few weeks in the fall
- Vote: motion to approve by Kunkel - throwing as conditioning: 6-0 in favor

C) Camps - Faulkner

- Fundraisers were approved for 2017-2018 school year – Jordanne Stark (FHSAA Eligibility & Compliance)
- Coaches' compensation up to school

10. Open Agenda (discussion only)

Committee

A) Meeting Date Change

- Move date to beginning of the school year

B) Post Season Schedule

- Regional dates
- Team roster due dates
- 20 player count not enough considering the pitch count

C) Pitch Count/Policy GameChanger

- Hard stop vs. finishing the batter at 105
- Locking pitch counts in MaxPreps
 - Policing issues
 - Officials counting pitches
 - Home team responsible for pitch count and gets final say about dispute
 - GameChanger vs. clicker; GameChanger better for monitoring
 - Require pitch count on MaxPreps
 - Whoever is hosting the playoff game is responsible for providing a person to keep track
 - Verification form for State Series, game manager
 - Have designated person to verify count
- Adding in scenarios/examples/FAQs in the rule book to better clarify the exact rule
 - More cohesive wording for 1 & 2
 - "17+" and getting rid of the "19-22" distinction; all 105 pitch limit
- Wording on pitch count rules
 - Continuation rules
 - How to help umpires in these situations
- Team that doesn't use ineligible player should not be penalized
- Doubleheader situations
 - Same day 105 max collectively for both games, instead of having 105 additional for the second game
- Vacate bracket vs. moving the one team forward after a player is found to be ineligible
 - Permanently ineligible player vs. pitch count ineligible player

D) NFHS Rule Changes

- Balk specifications and enforcement

E) Miscellaneous discussion



- Limiting catcher time-outs to visit the mound, rosin bags
- Number of pitches thrown in the bullpen and in between innings
- Whether warmup pitches should be considered in the pitch count
- Recommendations, educating coaches

F) Classification Proposal

11. Adjournment

Committee

- Adjourned at 2:24pm: unanimous



Minutes

Florida High School Athletic Association
Softball Advisory Committee Meeting
August 28, 2018

In attendance:

Stephanie Pippin	Holmes County High School	SAC
Sacher Dickson	Chipley High School	SAC
Thomas Krehling	Lake Howell High School	SAC
Mitch Wilkins	Land O'Lakes High School	SAC
Jody Moore	Canterbury School of FL (St. Petersburg)	SAC
Gary Kifer	Dunedin High School	SAC
Mark Schusterman	Gulliver Prep	FACA
Larry Warrenfeltz	Pensacola Softball Officials Association	Official
Kellie Doucette	FHSAA Staff	FHSAA
Corey Sobers	FHSAA Staff	FHSAA Ryan Hiser
	FHSAA Intern	FHSAA

1. Introduction and Purpose
 - a. Kellie Doucette called the meeting to order at 10:15am. The members in attendance included Stephanie Pippin, Holmes County HS; Sacher Dickson, Chipley HS; Thomas Krehling, Lake Howell HS; Mitch Wilkins, Land O'Lakes HS; Jody Moore, Canterbury School of Florida (St. Petersburg); Gary Kifer, Dunedin HS; Mark Schusterman, FACA Advisor; Larry Warrenfeltz, Officials Representative from Pensacola Softball Officials Association; Kellie Doucette, FHSAA Staff; Corey Sobers FHSAA Staff; Ryan Hiser, FHSAA Intern. Not present: Mark Montimurro, Coral Springs Charter; Stephanie Aurigemma, Santaluces HS. The purpose of this meeting is to make decisions that are in the best interest of all programs throughout the state.
2. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers
 - a. Committee members were asked to complete and submit travel vouchers.
3. Selection of Chairperson
 - a. As there are no action items on the agenda, no chairperson is required.
4. Review and Adoption of 2016 Committee Minutes
 - a. As there were no action items, and therefore no chairperson, Ms. Kellie Doucette called for a vote to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 30, 2017 meeting. Motion: Mitch Wilkins; Second: Mark Schusterman. Motion passes 7-0 to adopt minutes as is.
5. Review 2017 Softball State Championships
 - a. Coach Wilkins appreciated the continued updates from the FHSAA staff regarding delays and reschedules.
 - b. The grounds crew was exceptional and did the best they could under the circumstances and they should be commended for their efforts.
 - c. Some members of the committee expressed a desire to have a schedule that resembles the baseball schedule, which would spread us out over two weekends, some also feel that 9 classifications is too many and we need to reduce that number.

6. Review 2017-2018 NFHS Rules Change

- a. Larry Warrenfeltz had a copy of the proposed 2018-2019 NFHS rule changes. They are as follows:
 - I. Media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball areas
 - II. The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or adjustable, but must be permanently fastened.
 - III. Defensive players are permitted to wear a shield on their face/head protection in the field but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material and must be 100% light permeable (no tint).
 - IV. In the case of an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded a ball. The penalty that permitted base runners to be awarded one base without liability to put out is removed.
- b. The committee hopes that the new rule which no longer allows runners to be advanced will increase the likelihood that illegal pitches are called properly.

7. Old Business

- a. No old business as there were no items submitted at the May 2017 meeting.

8. New Business

No items submitted

9. Discussion Items

- a. Shift playoff dates to shorten the length of time between rounds. This was an item submitted by Coach Montimurro, stating that the long layoff between district finals and regional quarterfinals and semifinals seems to disrupt the momentum of teams that are on a roll. Other committee members agree that if there is a way to shorten those periods of time between rounds that would be preferable. The FHSAA staff and its members are currently looking at a new classification system that would potentially eliminate this concern, or at a minimum address it via a new playoff structure. If the new classification structure does not pass and things remain the same with classification and playoff structures, the committee would like to see the week between the end of district play and the end of the regular season stay intact, but shorten the time between rounds.
- b. We need to make illegal pitch calling a Point of Emphasis going into the next season. Members of the committee feel that illegal pitches are not being called properly. Some umpires are calling illegal pitches when the back foot simply drops straight down, which is not illegal. However, they are not calling an illegal pitch when the front foot slides forward off the pitcher's plate. Mr. Warrenfeltz and Ms. Doucette said they could make that POE at the upcoming Train the Evaluator training scheduled for 11/30-12/1.
- c. It was asked if there was any movement coming regarding facemasks being made required for infielders, pitch count and/or requiring coaches to wear helmets. Per Ms. Doucette, none of these items have been discussed at the NFHS level however Coach Kifer said that a pitch count has been discussed with some third-party organizations and it's not outside the realm of possibility that we may see that come up in the next couple of years. The committee asked if the FHSAA could poll the current high school softball coaches and see what their feelings are on requiring facemasks for infielders and helmets for coaches. Ms. Doucette said she would be happy to conduct that poll and bring that information back to the committee.
- d. Sportsmanship in the fan base. Mr. Warrenfeltz discussed the fact that we are not retaining umpires, one particular reason is because of how they are treated by the fan base. Umpires are starting to quit or shy away from the job because of the constant harassment, belittling and disrespectful treatment endured by the fans. It was mentioned by members of the committee that, despite the FHSAA policy, there is not always an administrator on site to assist. This is a national epidemic in all sports. Some schools and counties are starting to work with the Positive Coaching Alliance to assist with sportsmanship. Coach Moore has been implementing the program with her school and she says the impact is hugely positive and she would like to see it implemented state-wide. There are other counties that work with PCA. It was suggested that PCA work with the DOE to see if this could be utilized and in-service points be awarded for coaches who are teachers that are



working on recertification. Ms. Doucette would share this information with the Athletic Director Advisory Committee as a way to help get the word out about the PCA. It was also suggested that perhaps the FHSAA could assist in creating something small, like a flyer or business card, which coaches could hand out to their seniors as a way to recruit them into officiating. Although there are announcements made several times during games, the players are focused on the game and don't often hear the announcements. Perhaps if they had something they could hold on to with a website they may be more likely to look into those opportunities. Ms. Doucette will discuss that with the FHSAA Assistant Director of Officials.

10. FACA Recommendations

- a. None at this time.

11. Officials Update

- a. Mr. Warrenfeltz commented that from the umpire's perspective this was a very smooth season. We will continue to work on training and professional development. Ms. Doucette also shared the upcoming training opportunities that the FHSAA is working on with the officials associations.

12. Round Table Discussion

- a. Mr. Justin Harrison, Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services, came into the meeting to discuss the proposed change to the classification system. The coaches had some concerns about using an outside entity for rankings, but agreed that change is necessary. They would like to see how the proposed change would impact softball specifically. While they do have some concerns, they were generally interested, and in favor, of a change taking place.

13. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.



Track & Field Advisory Meeting

MINUTES

Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL. 32606
May 21, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

- I. Introduction and Purpose
 - Start:
 - Roundtable, introductions
 - All members present
 - Guests
 - Francee Laywell – John Paul II (Tallahassee)
 - Chris Sumner – Lincoln HS
 - Charlie Cerney – Tavares HS
 - Lionel Bonck – CFTOA
 - Bob Turner – CFTOA
 - Jim Williams – GMAC Officials
 - Scott Peters – Half Mile Timing
- II. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers
 - Scott Sherrod nominates Dan Dearing to be Chair
 - David Frank seconds
- III. Review
 - a. 2018 State Championships
 - i. State Finals
 1. UNF – great venue, capacity concerns were met, more trash receptacles, parking backup handled, ticketing crash
 2. Officials – great officiating, toughness (e.g. illegal batons), zero protests, helped that coaches attended training clinics, no rules mistakes, better quality umpiring
 3. Volunteers – extremely helpful, nice to have time updates for pole vault especially
 4. Location – choke point on opposite side of bleachers by shotput, little to no water in area where athletes were waiting to be called, bar/wire blocking camera
 5. Schedule – possibly push to 8am start, possibly move 3200m to 8am first day, schedule dragged a bit, sprint coaches from south and central Florida didn't like the 200m and 4x400m back-to-back, time updates were slow
 6. Awards – team awards the best it's been, some don't like team awards outside track, some athletes not allowed in barricaded area to take pictures by awards; DJ didn't always read off times/recognition of specific times, Edith was great as well, double award area capacity
 - ii. Region Meet Consolidations
 1. Future Dates – middle of the week dates vs. Friday and Saturday vs. just Saturday, travel implications, weather concerns, giving up on teaching time/missed school, separation of dates with states is nice timing-wise,
 2. Locations – central location a main priority for coaches, facility quality and uniformity concerns (maybe inspect in advance)
 3. Officials Assignments – quality still a concern, having meet referees selected on your behalf was beneficial (they were neutral)
 4. Timing – posting results protocol: within 15min → report results, more uniform
 5. Meet Fees – costs not significant, districts can charge, regions can charge, no large outcries
 6. ***Sprint coaches not well represented on the Committee*** (Will change in 2019 with two of the newly elected members coming on.)
 - iii. Official Video

- Screen too small, climb to roof to view at one particular site
- Must be practical
- Miami Officials used film to verify result of a 4x100m; official video previously not allowed
- iv. District Meet Scratches (Included Discussion Item from D. Frank)
 - Possible to scratch without penalty at region meet, allowed to scratch at District without penalty, worked well
- v. Relay exchange procedure in the 4x400m and 4x800m – L. Bonck, B. Turner, and J. Williams
 - Right now, mimics NCAA rule
 - Education of coaches on rules
 - Interference vs. not interference/impedance
 - Handbook vs. manual writing
 - “disqualification requires impedance” verbiage
 - Athlete that broke the rules is subject to disqualification
- b. At-large Qualifiers
 - Wording is not unclear
 - Extending deadline for non-consideration for an at-large bid from 30 minutes after meet to 24 hours; Vote: no change
- c. District Planning Meetings
 - i. Feedback to FHSAA
 - ii. Communication and Notification (website, coordinators, etc.)
 - iii. Accurate contact information on Home Campus
 - iv. What information is needed by the members in attendance at the planning meetings?
 - Sending out minutes, list of members, what sections are being represented
 - Get a pulse at district planning meetings with feedback section
- d. Direct Athletics
 - i. Entry
 - FHSAA was a middle man for issues
 - Coach entry concerns with regard to marks for seeding purposes
 - ii. Advancement – TFRRS Presentation
 - Verification
 - Real time
 - iii. Future considerations (data needs)
 - To do +8, it needs to be uniform
 - Automation speeds things up drastically
 - Coaches integrity and competence with inputting times is very important.
- e. TRAC future dates
 - i. May 20, 2019 (Subject to change)
 - ii. May 25, 2020 (Subject to change)
- IV. Old Business (approved in 2017 on 1st reading)
 - i. Javelin
 - Motion to approve: David Frank
 - Seconded: Gary Droze
 - Approved: 9; Opposed: 0
 - ii. Discussion - Pool of 8 for Relays (Addendum) – D. Dearing
 1. An exception to the no-change policy is desired. A change card as a possible compromise item available at the regional and state meets. More follow up is required in modifying the procedure prior to district planning meetings. Any changes would be on a replacement basis only with possibility of the athlete removed being on a permanent basis.
 - Motion to approve: Kyle LoJacono
 - Seconded: Dan Dearing
 - Approved: 9; Opposed: 0

New Business

b. Action Items

- Preliminaries in 4x800m and 800m – K. Brauman
- Motion to deny: Jamie LaFollette
- Seconded: Kyle LoJacono
- Approved: 8; Opposed: 0; Abstention: 1
- i. Relay Exchange Zones – K. Brauman
 - Motion to table: Dan Dearing
 - Seconded: Kristin McWilliams
 - Approve: 8; Opposed: 1
- ii. Running Advancement Formula – D. Frank
 - Motion to approve: Jamie LaFollette
 - Seconded: Gary Droze
 - Approved: 9; Opposed: 0
- iii. 300m Hurdles to 400m Hurdles – D. Dearing
 - Motion to approve: David Frank
 - Seconded: Dan Dearing
 - Approved: 6; Opposed: 3

c. Discussion Items

- i. Adapted Events Inclusion in Team Scoring
 - One classification
 - Blade classification
 - Market unified division more
- ii. Policy 10.7.2 Clarification – DNS – D. Frank
 - Minimize gamesmanship/charade
 - Penalty vs. zero penalty
 - Option #4: all 6 approve, 0 oppose
- iii. Noisemakers at State Series events – Tabled
- iv. Coaches Handbook – D. Dearing & E. Thompson
 - Basic explanation, rules, how to not commit mistakes
 - FACA project
- v. Two Day Meet – D. Frank
 1. Conceptual
 2. Specifics TBD
 3. Will be broadly disseminated before any change is made
- vi. Classification Review
 - Creating a more competitive balance
 - Girls and boys concerns if you coach both teams
 - Concerns with treating unlike sports as equal
 - Individual vs. team sport concerns
 - FACA tasked with identifying issues and solutions

V. Open Discussion

VI. Adjournment

- Motion: Frank
- Seconded: Sherrod
- Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM



Athletic Directors Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Item

Item:	Add Javelin as a state series event.	ACTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISCUSSION <input type="checkbox"/>
Background Information:			
Currently, javelin is not offered as a high school event in FHSAA competition. NCAA programs offer athletic scholarship opportunities for this event, especially girls.			
Recommendation:			
The Javelin that should be used for Middle School are Finn Fliers which are plastic and rubber. These were added as official USATF Youth implements this past year due to their safety and realistic flight similar to actual Javelins. High School Javelins considered for this program should be Rubber Tipped Javelins, 600 gr for girls and 800 gr for boys.			
Rationale:			
The opportunity cost to Florida Athletes is staggering in lost scholarship opportunities. The following Mile Split article underscores the concern of scholarship opportunities denied to student-athletes in events not offered in FHSAA competition.			
http://fl.milesplit.com/articles/207018-madison-malone-the-most-underrated-girls-thrower-in-fl			
USATF Florida is backing this proposal and will help anyway it can to address concerns.			
Data Source:			
Issues of Concern:			
Safety....Proper Coaching....Adequate Facilities....Cost of Implements....Impact on Meet Schedule.			
Various Safety procedures would apply, but common sense is a must.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throw in an open area with sectors flagged or roped off if utilizing an infield. Supervision and proper instructions to the athletes is a must as it is with Discus and Shot Put. • Coaching – obviously the internet is our friend when looking for information on coaching unfamiliar events. USATF has implemented a new program on a National Scale to get involved with high school track and will work with the FHSAA, including training clinics and officiating to help get Javelin going in Florida. We also have been fortunate enough to have Javelin Guru Jeff Gorski as our contact for any questions related to implementing this program. If anyone would like to see Jeff's credentials please click below. 			
http://www.klubkeihas.com/			
Impact (to be completed by FHSAA Staff):			
The javelins recommended for use are rubber tipped and provide a clear added safety feature for students participating in the event. Like the 4x200m a few years back, the impact is minimal for FHSAA and member schools from a cost perspective. The event would be optional only, but permit member-school students the opportunity to excel in another Olympic event and to earn athletic scholarship at intercollegiate athletic institutions.			
Committees Voting Summary:			
TKAC 1 st Rdg: APPROVED 7-0 (2017)			
ADAC 1 st Rdg: APPROVED 13-1 (2017)			
TKAC 2 ND Rdg: APPROVED 9-0 (2018)			
ADAC 2 nd Rdg:			

Submitted By:

Ed Thompson – FHSAA Staff

Name of Committee Member

Signature of Committee Member

7. New Business

A. Minimum of two officials for District Tournament **Bentley**

The committee preferred to have officials recommended but not required. In general, the group agreed that having an official present can be helpful in case issues arise. Multiple coaches on the committee have a good working relationship with the coaches in their districts and do not hire USTA officials for the district tournament nor did they feel they were needed. Additionally, the fees for officials vary based on the official and can be in excess of \$150 per day, per official which is cost-prohibitive.

[Motion: Hollinger, Second: Mehan – Vote (6-0) to **Not** Approve].

B. 6 Singles/3 Doubles Match Format **Hollinger**

The major concern was whether schools could field enough players to qualify as a team. There could also be facility issues as far as needing an extra court for the singles matches and also transportation issues for schools that can only travel with a maximum of six students in vans.

The counter was that an extra player on each team would be allowed to compete and count toward the match score and that could provide incentive for more students to participate in tennis. It also would be beneficial to the schools who have a larger roster to provide more students with match play.

[Motion: Beard, Second: Mehan – Vote (5-1) to **Not** Approve].

C. 8-game pro set in doubles for team competition **Rubinstein**

The pros to this proposal were that it keeps the team match a more reasonable length compared to playing best two-of-three sets with the 10-point match tiebreaker and it prepares those that move on to play collegiately for that doubles format.

However, the 8-game pro set is already an option if both coaches agree and many coaches and student-athletes prefer to play best two-of-three sets with the 10-point match tiebreaker.

[Motion: Hollinger, Second: Rafter – Vote (5-1) to **Not** Approve].

D. Universal Tennis Rating **Rafter/Danise**

a. Stacking

While the majority of coaches set their State Series lineups on order of ability as they should according to the FHSAA Tennis Manual, there are times where lineups are questionable and can impact the outcome of a match. UTR may not be perfect but it is widely viewed as the best tool currently available to assess a player's ability. Coach Rafter proposed to set a parameter between 0.5 and 0.75 and any player outside of that range that is playing above a higher rated player would be considered an illegal lineup.



Mr. Sobers shared with the committee that in order for this to work, there would need to be a mechanism in place for lineups to be accessed at least a day in advance of the match and that the coaches would need to hold each other accountable rather than the FHSAA policing every school's lineup throughout the postseason. The FHSAA will attempt to set up a system where the State Entry Lists can be uploaded and posted publicly and then coaches can review and research if they so choose. The FHSAA website is not currently designed to post hundreds of State Entry Lists for any sport so the infrastructure has to be developed and Mr. Sobers will work on providing a solution and communicating it with the committee for future use.

[Motion: Rafter, Second: Beard – Vote (6-0) to Approve].

b. Seeding at the State Tournament

The idea behind the proposal was to seed the top two teams by using a team UTR average and then use a draw to complete the remainder of the bracket. This would ensure that the two best teams on paper could not meet until the final. This format is used in other national tournaments and has worked.

This would require every player on every qualifying team to have a UTR which is currently not the case. Seeding in this manner does not guarantee that the #1 or #2 seed will not have a difficult draw in the quarterfinals and in that sense, it is a "luck of the draw" scenario that is similar to how the current regional rotation system works. Some members of the committee noted that while two strong teams could play in the quarterfinals or semifinals under the current format, it is the state tournament and at some point, the state champion will have to beat the best team(s) regardless of what round it is.

[Motion: Hollinger, Second: Bentley – Vote (5-1) to **Not** Approve].

E. Designated Assistant Coach

Rafter

With the number of matches going on at the same time, it is very difficult for one coach to communicate with multiple players. Additionally, in every other sport there are assistant coaches that are able to communicate with their players in addition to the head coach so why should tennis be any different? Have one person that is designated as the assistant coach for the season and that person could be added to the State Entry List just like the head coach and the 12 athletes for the district tournament, regionals and the state tournament.

Concerns were brought up about how each school district has different requirements for assistant coaches and that it is not acceptable to just designate a random person as the assistant coach without them background checks, CPR certification, etc. Also, assistant coaches in tennis are not readily available to all schools and there was a question of whether it provided too much of a competitive advantage to the schools that had the extra coach that could communicate with players during a match legally.

[Motion: Motis, Second: Beard – Vote (6-0) to Approve].

F. Regionals by Gender on Separate Dates

Sobers



This was presented to reduce the stress on head coaches that are responsible for both the boys and girls program. Under the current format, the regional semifinals for both genders are on a Tuesday and the regional final for both genders is on a Thursday and that was problematic if both the boys and girls team advanced from the district tournament and had to play a regional match on the same day.

For the coaches that are also teachers, they would have to miss more school under this arrangement and if weather or unforeseen circumstances make playing on one of the dates impossible, these schools would still need to have a plan in place so they are prepared to play a boys and girls match on the same day if necessary.

[Motion: Motis, Second: Bentley – Vote (5-1) to Approve].

G. Eliminate Option of Clay for Regional Hosts **Sobers**

There are a significant number of schools that do not play on clay courts during the regular season or in the district tournament. When these schools advance to the regional rounds and the host selects clay as the surface for the match, it is a mental obstacle and in some cases, the players do not have the proper shoes and are not used to the differences between playing on a hard court and playing on a clay court. To keep the playing field level for all schools, the proposal was for all regional matches to be played on hard courts. This proposal does not impact the district tournament as the surface for that can be voted on by the schools.

[Motion: Bentley, Second: Motis – Vote (6-0) to Approve].

H. Compression Shorts/Pants as Uniform Bottom **Sobers**

From Mr. Sobers' observation, Spandex/compression shorts/yoga pants do not seem any less appropriate than the short shorts and skirts that are worn and considered "compliant". When compared to what volleyball players wear for example, why is that a violation in tennis but acceptable in volleyball?

The committee felt that not allowing them keeps the team looking like a team with matching uniforms and that there is a standard of attire that should exist in high school tennis.

[Motion: Motis, Second: Bentley – Vote (6-0) to **Not** Approve].

10. Roundtable Discussion **Committee**

Mr. Sobers broached the topic of changing the Tennis Advisory Committee meeting date as a couple of members expressed difficulty in attending the meeting the day after Mother's Day. The agreed upon solution was to push the meeting back another week but keep it on a Monday.

The survey results regarding the overall individual championship were shared with the committee and a strong majority thought it was worthwhile to use a third day to determine the overall champion and also felt that the #1 singles and #1 doubles from the team side deserved the opportunity to compete as well.

There was some concern from the coaches on the team side about the extra matches their #1s could potentially have to play but ultimately, this format offers them the opportunity to compete individually and if they do not think it is in their best interest or if they'd rather prioritize the team event, they can withdraw. However, the FHSAA does make sure that even if additional matches were necessary, no player would ever play more than the USTA's maximum of 2 singles matches and 2 doubles matches per day. In the team competition if a school advances from the quarterfinals, they would have to play a semifinal and a final on Day 2 which would



also be 2 singles and 2 doubles matches in one day so the coaches must prepare them for that before the tournament begins anyway.

Coach Bentley brought up the concept of playing the district tournaments in a dual-team format similar to what occurs during the regional matches and at the state tournament. This would keep the format consistent throughout the State Series and makes sense if tennis is being viewed as a team sport. The flip side was that the district tournament would be longer, there would need to be a plan for the individuals to advance within the team concept (or remove the individual component entirely) and that this would take away from the atmosphere of the district tournament if half of the schools were eliminated after one match and left. It would also need to be decided how the teams are placed in the bracket (Seeding? Head-to-Head results? UTR averages?) to determine the matchups.

11. Adjournment

Bentley

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.



Athletic Directors Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: September 5, 2018

Rule Reference(s):	Action: X	Discussion:
Item: Designated Assistant Coach		
Background Information: With the number of matches going on at the same time, it is very difficult for one coach to communicate with multiple players.		
Recommendation: Allow one person that is designated as the assistant coach for the season and that person could be added to the State Entry List similar to the head coach and athletes.		
Rationale: In every other sport there are assistant coaches allowed to communicate with their players in addition to the head coach so why should tennis be different in that regard?		
Alternative to Recommendation: Keep the same with only the head coach allowed to communicate with the players.		
Data Source: FHSAA Administrative Procedure 4.13.1.1.3		

Committees Voting Summary: TAC – 1st Reading: 5/14/18 Approved: Motis; 2nd: Beard – Vote 6-0

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff): Would give coaches flexibility in communicating with athletes when multiple matches are taking place simultaneously (and even more so for the coaches that handle both the boys and girls teams). The concerns revolved around whether this provided a competitive advantage over schools that did not have an assistant coach and the requirements for assistant coaches in different areas of the state.



Athletic Directors Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: September 5, 2018

Rule Reference(s):	Action: X	Discussion:
Item: Eliminate Option of Clay for Regional Hosts		
Background Information: There are a significant number of schools that do not play on clay courts during the regular season or in the district tournament.		
Recommendation: All regional matches should be played on hard courts. This proposal does not impact the district tournament as the surface for that can be voted on by the schools.		
Rationale: The schools that do not play on clay during the season are at a disadvantage as they may not be familiar with the differences between playing on a hard court and playing on a clay court and not every player has the proper shoes. This will keep the playing field level for all schools.		
Alternative to Recommendation: Leave the format as it is with host school having option between hard court and clay court.		
Data Source: FHSAA Administrative Procedure 4.13.2.2.3 (c)		

Committees Voting Summary: TAC – 1st Reading: 5/14/18 Approved: Bentley; 2nd: Motis – Vote 6-0

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):



Athletic Directors Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: September 5, 2018

Rule Reference(s):	Action: X	Discussion:
Item: Regionals by Gender on Separate Dates		
Background Information: Currently, all regional semifinals for both genders are on a Tuesday and all regional finals for both genders are on a Thursday. For schools that have one coach for both genders, it is challenging when both the boys and girls advance from the district tournament and are not both hosting since the coach(es) cannot be two places at one time.		
Recommendation: Designate Monday and Wednesday as the regional dates for one gender and Tuesday and Thursday as the regional dates for the other gender.		
Rationale: This would allow one head coach to attend regional matches for both genders provided that the weather cooperates.		
Alternative to Recommendation: Leave the format as it is.		
Data Source: FHSAA Administrative Procedure 4.13.2.2.3		

Committees Voting Summary: TAC – 1st Reading: 5/14/18 Approved: Motis; 2nd: Bentley – Vote 5-1

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff): Schools reporting results in a timely manner becomes more important with regional matches every day. Will allow one head coach with two teams in regionals to coach both teams without having to make prior arrangements.



Florida High School Athletic Association Officials Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

10:00 am, June 5, 2018
Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
 - Chairperson nominated: Justin
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of June, 2017 OAC meeting minutes
 - Motion to adopt: Larry Taylor, 2nd Fred Westbrook
 - o Vote: 5-0 to approve
4. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
 - a. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman
 - o Robbie: South Gulf Umpires Association did a great job as the host association during the baseball tournament and thanked them for their hard work throughout the tournament.
 - 1) Recommendations
 - 2) Discussion
 - a. 2 hr JV time limit
 - o Move to a 2.5hr time limit for standalone games
 - o Parks: we don't do standalone JV games, Varsity vs. JV compensation for officials
 - o Taylor: breaking apart officials creates shortage, why do we pay less money for JV
 - o Mogan: pay/time, mostly have doubleheaders, 2hr 15min instead
 - o Dufrene: already implement 2.5hr time limit for standalone games with no issues
 - o Justin: more seasoned JV teams vs. JV teams from smaller schools
 - o Klawitter: games go too long
 - o Westbrook: doesn't make a huge difference in softball
 - o Games have been cut off at 2 hours with no complaints from coaches
 - o Will encourage more standalone games which will spread them thinner
- b. Softball – Kellie Doucette
 - o Kellie: Treasure Coast did a great job as a host, Kirk and Ed did a great job.
- 1) Recommendations
- 2) Discussion
 - b. Batter in batter's box

- NCAA rule that requires batter's foot to be entirely with the box, one hesitation is that it might kick us off the NFHS Committee, will double check
- Mogan: called it 3 times when it was obvious
- Brunot: umpires aren't looking for it, if we cannot get it as a rule change we can try to get in the recommendation for a rule change, it has to be obvious to call, should be one foot entirely out of the box
- Westbrook: line rules
- Get an idea from the other umpires and go from there

5. General recommendations

6. Open Agenda (discussion only)

1) Meetings with AD's/Coaches

- Adding members, there will be more members that represent other sports
- Will have sports-specific meetings then go into a general meeting with everyone
- Rules App, will need official's fees to go up slightly
- New uniform with Smitty's Apparel

2) New Structure of OAC

- Parks: voting for regions, if someone wants to serve on the committee they need to make themselves available
- Dufrene: Kelly and Treasure Coast did a fantastic job, baseball list of officials and three man rotations, does FHSAA look at Regional scheduling conflicts when officials cannot make it to the next game after a rain delay and what the compensation looks like
- Travel compensation, mercy rule games compensation
- Justin: compensation for officials, travel compensation should be provided for returning crews
- Dufrene: AD and coaches meetings
- Taylor: face-to-face OAC meetings better, find more interaction with coaches and AD's
- Mogan: pitch count concerns and whether umpires should be involved or not, coaches want more clarity/consistency on ruling for sliding into second base to break up the double play, recruiting help, clinics should come back in the beginning of the season, southeast region feels that they are underrepresented for regional game assignments

- Klawitter: Kelly did a great job at softball, AD/coaches meetings usually do not have AD's and only a few coaches, anonymous peer evaluations midway through then assemble a committee to decide who does post season games to eliminate bias, shirt fee disparity concerns with vendors □ Brunot: Kelly did a fantastic job, disseminate contact information so people know who to reach out to, voting for regions should remain in those regions, clinics are great, happy that the apps are coming out

7. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 11:15am



**Florida High School Athletic Association
Sport Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting**

August 28, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building

Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
 - a. Meeting called to order by Justin Harrison at 7:10 PM
 - b. In attendance: Dr. Patrick Helma (Chairperson); Mr. Robert Sefcik; Dr. Lynn Keefe; Dr. Daryl Osbahr (FASMed representative); Dr. James Berk; Dr. Cary Zinzin; Dr. Kris Stowers; Ms. Michelle Benz, ATC; Ms. Stephanie Ragoonan, ATC; Mr. George Tomy, FHSAA Executive Director; Mr. Leonard Ireland, FHSAA Legal Counsel; Mr. Justin Harrison, FHSAA Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services; Ms. Kellie Doucette, FHSAA Director of Athletics; Mr. Kyle Niblett, FHSAA Public Relations Specialist. Guests present: Dr. Adam Morris (FASMed President); Mr. Jerry Stevens; Ms. Annie Tomten; Ms. Kaitlyn Motyka; Ms. Michaela Moran. Not in attendance: Dr. Eric Coris; Dr. Kevin Elder; Dr. Kevin Farmer; Dr. Stephen Goldfaden; Dr. Jennifer Roth-Maynard; Dr. Hal Pineless; Mr. Perry Revlett; Dr. Charles Sand; Mr. Tim Tharp
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
Agenda from previous meeting was reviewed and Justin Harrison reminded everyone in attendance to fill out their expense vouchers.
3. Motion to adopt March 6, 2018 SMAC meeting minutes made by Mr. Sefcik; Second by Dr. Keefe. Motion approved 7-0.
4. Recommendation:
 - a. Establish a standard lightning policy. There is a difficulty in interpreting a consistent lightning policy, especially when schools travel out of county. As every county has a different policy, they also have different people in charge of that policy and it is difficult to know who to go to, who is watching the weather, who is going to make the call and when/if that person is going to make that call. Some counties defer to their Certified Athletic Trainer, some defer to the on-site administration, and some defer to the referees to determine when the weather is unsafe and to evacuate the field. The FHSAA does have a Policy in place for inclement weather, Policy 32.1, however the concern is that policy is not widely known and is ambiguous. The SMAC would like to see a simpler, standard, more straightforward set of guidelines developed and then let each county determine who will be in charge of governing that policy (ATC, administration, etc.) and what method they will use to determine the distance of lightning (apps, weather systems, etc.) It is the experience of the ATCs on the committee that the Thor Guard System utilized by many schools may not be the most accurate and/or reliable and that perhaps a secondary, more reliable, measure be put in place. Again, that would be up to each district, but they caution that system may not be the best indicator of imminent inclement weather. The SMAC would like to work with the FHSAA on developing a standard mileage system, it was suggested that we look at the NCAA guidelines, as they have already established a standard measuring system and potentially model something after what they already have in place. The FHSAA staff will work to come up with a proposal for our next SMAC meeting to use as a starting point in developing a standard. Questions that should be addressed in the standard include, but are not limited to, Who is in charge? What is the distance for preparation to evacuate? What is the distance for evacuation? Where are the athletes from each team being sheltered? Is there an app that can be recommended? Most are in agreement that this should not fall on the officials as they are charged with watching the game and should not also be expected to watch 360 degrees of sky conditions. The standards must apply to all outdoor sports and all sports should utilize the same parameters for suspension of practice/contests.

5. Open agenda

- a. Commotio Cordis letter. The committee does not feel that the testing described in the letter is the best indicator to start drafting policy. The NFHS will be ensuring that the chest protectors for baseball catchers meet NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture, effective January 1, 2020. The NOCSAE standard has been developed to protect the heart and the cardiac silhouette from Commotio Cordis. However, no other national standards for any other sport are on the horizon that we are aware of. The committee feels that the shirt being advertised in the letter from Mr. Murphy will not hurt, but it is not something they feel they should be promoting.
- b. WBGT/CWI. Since the policy was not passed as a requirement, only a strong recommendation by the Board of Directors, the SMAC would like to work on bridging the gap between what they deem in the best interest of student-athletes and what could potentially hold up something from passing into policy. SMAC would like to open the lines of communication between all parties when constructing future recommendations so that we approach these important safety measures together. It would also be helpful if SMAC knew ahead of time of any potential road blocks so that they could try to balance what is in the best interest of student health and safety with what could potentially be standing in the way of passing policy. These two entities could educate one another and work together in the best interest of student health and safety. It seems that the SMAC works very hard to develop what they feel are high safety standards, only to be voted down because of an issue they were not able to foresee or were not forewarned about. They feel that it is important that the Board of Directors is educated from their standpoint so that they, the Board, can make an informed decision with information from SMAC as well as input from legal counsel so that they can ultimately make the most informed decision on behalf of the student-athletes of the state of Florida. SMAC would like support from the FHSAA staff and BOD in lobbying efforts on heat stroke prevention and care.

-Adjournment

-Meeting adjourned by Dr. Helma at 8:11 PM