



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
 - J. Harrison thanked everyone for coming and emphasized that we want everyone to be a part of this discussion hence the microphones and camera in the room.
 - Jerri Kelly, Robbie Lindeman (FHSAA), Corey Sobers (FHSAA), Alex Ozuna (FHSAA), Frank Beasley (FHSAA), Kellie Doucette (FHSAA), Jake von Scherrer, Cam Harrison, Pam Lancaster, Mark Butler, Jody Phillips, Chad Bishop, Will Adams (FHSAA), Kyle Niblett (FHSAA), Nadia Musleh (FHSAA), George Tomy (FHSAA), Ron Allan,, Ron Carpenter, Scott Drabczyk, Marcus Gabriel, Austin Johnson, Laura Fredrickson, Jeremy Hernandez (FHSAA), Ryan Hiser (FHSAA), Ashton Moseley (FHSAA), Ed Thompson (FHSAA), Justin Harrison (FHSAA), Jamie Rohrer (FHSAA), Shanell Young (FHSAA), guests
 - J. Harrison asked to move classification discussion to top of agenda, Jake von Scherrer motion to approve- Cam Harrison second, all agree 12-0
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of April 11, 2018 ADAC meeting minutes
 - Mark Butler and Marcus Gabriel to approve minutes, all accepted. (12-0)
4. Review of September 6, 2017 ADAC meeting minutes
 - No need for approval
5. Review minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings
 - a. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman - no action items from baseball advisory committee. Verification form for district tournament- both schools will fill out to confirm pitch count. Host school is responsible for getting the form filled out by both schools and getting it to FHSAA. Pitch count policy scenarios have been updated, will be posted on the website and shared with coaches at FACA. JV two hour time limit was discussed- this is up to schools. No throwing program has been implemented.
 - b. Softball – Kellie Doucette - no items to vote on in advisory committee meeting. Committee wanted to share that the work with Positive Coaching Alliance was very helpful (professional development model). FHSAA is not endorsing this, but Softball committee wanted to share.
 - c. Track & Field – Ed Thompson - Using Direct Athletics for championships was a great help.

Recommendation – Adding Javelin to the State Series in 2020 - . NCAA offer scholarship opportunities for Javelin, especially for girls. J. Phillips motion to approve- Cam Harrison 2nd, (12-0) all in favor- none opposed.

- a. Coaching educations have been provided at FACA
- b. Another opportunity Broward county- free for coaches

d. Tennis – Corey Sobers

Recommendations

- a) Designated Asst. Coach - having a designated assistant coach who can communicate with athletes during a match. Should be designated before the season starts in order to vet this person. Multiple matches happen at once, therefore, another coach needed. This is not mandatory, only optional. Jake von Scherrer motion to approve, Laura Fredrickson 2nd- all approve
- b) Eliminate Clay as an Option for Region Hosts - require all schools to play on a hard surface for regional tournaments only. Some schools do not have courts and the only courts in the community are clay. Other sports, like soccer, are played on two different types of fields (grass and turf). Ron Allan motion to approve, Ron Carpenter 2nd- (3-9) does not endorse recommendation
- c) Regionals by Gender on Separate Dates - separate days of regional tournaments by genders because coaches often coach both genders. Not every school has an assistant, not all volunteers can take a team by themselves. Scott Drabczyk motion to approve, Ron Carpenter 2nd – all approve (12-0)

e. Recognized Spring sports

- 1) Water Polo – Frank Beasley/Corey Sobers – Corey is taking over Water Polo for the 18-19 school year. We are looking for a new host for State this year. We have added some teams.
- 2) Flag Football – Shanell Young/Jeremy Hernandez - Did State Championship with Lacrosse. Jeremy will now be the Flag Football administrator. Flag is one of the fastest growing sports in FL.
- 3) Lacrosse – Alex Ozuna - looking for new host for State Championships.
- 4) Boys Volleyball – Alex Ozuna - looking for new host for State Championships

f. Officials Advisory Committee (Spring) – Jeremy Hernandez - two hour time limit for JV, and possible change in batter's box for SB- might be NFHS rule change, must look into

g. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – Justin Harrison / Kellie Doucette - Committee has asked staff to look at a lightning/storm policy. Sometimes schools are not aware of policy in place.

6. General Recommendations

- Scott Drabczyk - Has the FHSAA looked into off season workouts? J. Harrison – looking for more direction from ADAC and sport committees. F. Beasley – can look into what other states do and will send it out and maybe add it to next agenda.
- J. Phillips – asked how many use a weather service (that they pay for). Suggested to maybe pursue a statewide contract with some kind of service. Have to get something in place to evaluate officials (J. Hernandez says it is set up in Arbiter and FHSAA can see all evaluations). J. Harrison says the problem is lack of participation from schools. We do not

have enough officials to penalize crews when a bad evaluation is submitted. We want to know what areas we can increase training. J. Phillips says coaches do not understand the end product of the evaluations and that is why they do not fill them out. We have had positive feedback from official's meetings with coaches. Ron Allan suggests reaching out to officials if officials aren't doing to have them come out to go over rules and do scrimmages, etc. Softball is bringing back evaluators this year so that there is consistency from Miami to Pensacola in officiating.

- J. Harrison asked how early before the meeting does the committee need to get the ADAC packet. – two weeks ahead would be ideal. Could we move this meeting back a week or two? Just something to think about.

7. Open agenda (discussion only)

a) Classification Discussion

- J. Harrison/Will Adams PowerPoint presentation

Guest Speakers-

- Sherry Anthony (Nease HS, FABC): Biggest concern as a coach is that we get to have voice and appreciates that. Has notes she has corrected. Some concerns would still like a district championship- gives kids something to play for. If they don't have that may lose them to other teams/sports. Scheduling- if a team knows you have a top team, how would you schedule 25 games? Would love to play top competition, just concerned how it would work. How would it work for schools scheduling a conference/district? Does appreciate opportunity to reassign every year and form own district. Max Preps is worrisome because we do not know how it would regulate, some teams do not use it.
- Shelton Crews (as former HS coach, not as FACA): Will not take a side to set people against. Not against change, and we do need to make changes. This proposal not the correct change. Favor district games and district championships. Does believe population plays a part in ranking (not a single determination but a factor). Making sure a program is successful is on the Superintendent, Coach, Principal, and AD, not FHSAA. First game of district tournament is as important as the first round of the playoffs.
- Ricky Bell: Not issue with the plan, concerned with the power ranking. Population should be a factor. Concerned with Max Preps, and how they determine power rankings. Need to look at other options for power rankings.
- Bobby Herdusky (FABC, Buchholz): Sent a survey out to HS coaches with three different classification options, one being FHSAA proposal. Results were FHSAA proposal was the least popular. Having a chance to win a district championship means a lot to students. We do need change but this is not the right answer. FABC is willing to work with FHSAA to come up with something.
- Lyle Livengood (West Port): West Port has about 2700 students went from 1100 16 years ago. 900 students not zoned for West Port, attend because of magnet program. Closest district opponent 45+ miles away. Not in the same district with as schools closest to them. Has not hosted a district opponent in 6 years. Not a level playing field. The concerns the new proposal is bringing some schools have already been a concern for other schools (in urban areas).
- Open discussion by committee-

- Ron Allan (Lecanto): concerned with eliminating district tournament. Playing a whole regular season without a chance of getting into a tournament is discouraging. Not fair that the better teams automatically make it to a tournament but bad teams do not get in. On the edge of being in some “metro” areas, scheduling is a concern, schools in the area will not want to schedule Lecanto. Concerned that the proposal will lead to recruiting.
- J. Harrison asked what would prevent from setting up own district
- Going to look at it with Hernando County.
- J. Phillips - would like to hear feedback from discussions FHSAA had with others
 - a. Concerned with div 1 being too large
 - b. 8 regions in each division
- District issue was lessened when FHSAA suggested schools can set up their own conferences
- Concerned with being locked into a div for two years- solution one year
- Trusting Max Preps is an issue. We can do a mid-season check. Determined on wins-losses, and opponents wins-losses, and opponent's opponents wins-losses, etc.
- J. Phillips - This proposal is not about recruiting and transferring schools, it is about the student we serve. We need to keep that in the forefront of what we do.
- How do I get from the bottom of my division into the top 64? Your previous two years just puts you in a div, then everyone starts fresh. The current season's work goes into the determination of whether you make the playoffs.
- Jake von Scherrer (Maclay): Proposal seems 50/50 with schools. Athletic directors have asked FHSAA to be more productive in working with legislator to overturn open enrollment. AD's have asked to add population factor as well as power ranking.
- Marcus Gabriel: What if Max Preps is incorrect? First two football games were incorrect, other people can put in scores. Need to correct the issue so that AD's are the only ones to input schools. FHSAA needs to come to Miami-Dade for discussions. We need to put schools in the right classification before using Max Preps. Would like using population and power rankings as classification.
- J. Harrison- There is a hierarchy in Max Preps, when the school personnel puts in the scores no anonymous people can change it.
- Marcus Gabriel - why can we not put the scores in Home Campus?
- Jamie Rohrer - cannot put scores in Home Campus because not all schedules are in Home Campus. If you use your credentials to log into Max Preps it will lock other people out of updating scores. Twice a season Max Preps lets you update and assure that everything is correct.
- Will Adams - an option for Max Preps is to assign someone to be the “official scorer,” they can update the scores throughout the game and others cannot.
- Scott Drabczyk: believes finding 25 games without districts will be a problem for certain teams. Against getting away from district tournaments, district tournaments give teams a way to get in the playoffs.

- Chad Bishop: comes from a school with 140 HS students, no chance at a state championship. Because of open enrollment, small schools become powerhouses and win the state championships while the other small schools have no shot.
- Jake von Scherrer: The competition is an important factor based on experience and feedback.
- Ron Allan: Concerned with being “the best of the worst.”
- J. Harrison- in every school in FL the level of programs differ. Div 3 schools in college are still happy to win
- Ron Allan: can’t compare HS to College
- F. Beasley: won a softball state championship in a lower div. Did not have a difference on the excitement of the school or the community. California has attested to the excitement for the schools win in the lower div.
- Jody Phillips: We need stop at the word compete and not focus on state championship. What are we going to do to afford students to compete?
- Tyrone McGriff (Guest): Stating the population does not have bearing on the classification, on the lower classifications it still does. Schools with larger pools of athletes usually have more resources. Why not report scores to FHSAA instead of Max Preps? Max Preps has the opportunity to gather more data than we do. We do not have information from out of state schools and non-member schools.
- Jerri Kelly: California uses an algorithm that is the same as Max Preps. Would like to see a system that includes new ideas and preserves some old ideas. We need to take it slow and work together on a plan.
- Sherry Anthony (Guest): Agrees. Does not understand how to move divisions. –two year average will determine division. Believes scheduling without a district will be difficult – in football it was an issue at first, but when the teams played up they realized they could
- Jake von Scherrer: will be hard to find a system that works for everyone. Closest district opponent for Maclay is 180 miles away. Half the schools have appealed to change their classification under current system.
- Shelton Crews: We are coming out of a four year cycle instead of two, a lot has changed (especially due to open enrollment). More unintended consequences than what has come with a four year cycle.
- Mark Butler: Changing for the sake of change is not always a good thing. Population has to factor in some way to make schools feel comfortable, districts do matter, Max Preps is concerning, slow down. A suggestion heard was doing a pilot program with maybe one sport.
- J. Harrison asked if the committee thinks that every time a school with 3000 kids plays a school with 200 kids, will the smaller kids always have a disadvantage. – The committee says there are other factors to it, but it is a factor.
- Bob Herdusky (Guest): Is there a matrix for situations where you have a basketball team full of football players who cannot compete until later in the season? – The Max Preps ranking is a two year average including what you do in the playoffs.
- Tyrone McGriff (Guest): are bigger schools in rural areas represented in the state series? – Frank: we have looked at that, compared rural and metro, and are happy to share

- Laura Fredrickson: has 164 homeschool students and no facilities, yet ranked in div 1 in VB-B and div 2 in VB-G. So population is not a factor in this instance.
- Chad Bishop: has no problem playing the bigger schools with a competitive component as opposed to the smaller schools who blow them out of the water. If the system is accurate, population is not a factor.
- Josh Kohn (Hagerty) suggested is to do a hybrid of div 1-4 by enrollment and div 5-6 by rankings.
- Kenny Buckner (Guest): 1700+ students and have no won anything in 19 years, enrollment not a factor at Okeechobee. This new classification system would give the students a chance.
- Ron Whitehurst (Interlachen): having won anything in 15 years but in a district with schools who are in top 25 according to Max Preps.
- Ron Carpenter (Ocala Christian): with the way things are today and how students can move schools, population is not important.
- Frank Beasley: we are not in unchartered waters. Sections of California have done this, the biggest hurdle for them was to convince AD's that enrollment is not an important factor. But this has proven successful in other places. Southern California uses an algorithm through Home Campus. We have chosen Max Preps because it is infinite. It goes beyond you and your opponents win and losses, it keeps going.
- J. Harrison- this will be a discussion item at the Sept Board meeting. The purpose is to identify the problems with the proposal.

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn- Mark Butler, 2nd Ron Carpenter- unanimous approval.

