



MINUTES

Florida High School Athletic Association Athletic Directors Advisory Committee Meeting

January 16, 2019 - 9:00 AM

Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome
 - a. Present - Jody Phillips, Scott Drabczyk, Alison Forsyth, Mark Marsala, Jay Getty, M. Ostrowski, Jessica Upchurch, Frank Beasley (FHSAA), Alex Ozuna (FHSAA), Kellie Doucette (FHSAA), Robbie Lindeman (FHSAA), Justin Harrison (FHSAA), Ed Thompson (FHSAA), Ashton Moseley (FHSAA), Karlee Smith (FHSAA), Gabby Krajniak (FHSAA), Corey Sobers (FHSAA), Jeremy Hernandez (FHSAA), Ron Allan, Roger Mayo, Laura Fredrickson, Chad Bishop, Jake von Scherrer, Marcus Gabriel, Josh Vandergrift
 - b. Chair- J Phillips nominates Jake von Scherrer 14-0 approved
 - c. Vice Chair- J Phillips nominates Roger Mayo 14-0 approved
2. Review agenda
3. Approval of Sept 5 Meeting minutes
 - a. R Mayo motion to approve, M Gabriel 2nd 14-0
4. Review of Jan 10 meeting minutes
5. Review of committee meeting minutes
6. Volleyball –
 - a. 7-7-1
 - OAC felt no change was necessary for this (good officials already do so)
 - J Getty, no harm in adding the verbiage to make sure all officials follow
 - According to NFHS we are allowed to create our own warmup rules
 - Volleyball Advisory Committee unanimously voted for this
 - J Getty motion to approve, M Ostrowski 2nd 14-0
 - J Phillips- need to be clear on the verbiage
 - Need a whistle to stop the visiting team warm up and a whistle to start the home team warm up.
 - b. Bench Area –
 - Committee would like student section to sit opposite of team benches, if available
 - Motion to deny S Drabczyk, 2nd R Allan 14-0
 - Scott believes this should be a game management issue- on the schools
 - J Getty- schools only pull out one side of the bench
 - J Harrison- agrees this is a conduct issue and should be on the administrators at the game
 - J Getty asked to add a recommendation to the host packet
 - c. Beach Volleyball – Presentation by Jennifer Darty and Juanita Hitt

- Motion to approve J Phillips, 2nd J Getty, 14-0 vote
- Some athletes do both club and beach volleyball- beach would give them the opportunity to not go to club ‘
- R Allan concerned with participation in other sports like Track dwindling
- J Darty, J Hitt, and J Getty have not seen any impact in participation in other sports
- J von Scherrer concerned with people seeing this as allowing volleyball to go year round
- J Phillips as this grows we will see a decline in players participating in both indoor and beach
- J Harrison – policy requires 10% of membership have the sport, we are close
- J Phillips – 9 schools in the county
- Scott- starting this year, 5 out of 12 schools
- A Forsyth- does not currently participate but are considering to grow the sport and female participation
- M Marsala- No one has it in Collier and Lee. Facilities are a major concern. Not many parks with courts
- J Getty – 8 of the 9 schools have it. Their county gets calls from other counties (orange and Volusia) for games
- M Ostrowski – school is very interested, high school is not yet doing it but middle school is. A few schools in the county are already doing
- J Upchurch- 2 schools in the county, one has a
- Wakulla county- only school in the county
- R Allan – has a player from his school who is on scholarship for this
- R Mayo – put it off for 3 years in a row. The interest is growing- it is coming
- L Fredrickson – Tampa bay area 5 or 6 schools in the Sunshine league.
- C Bishop – interested if you could host on the actual beach, not a lot of parks and space otherwise
- M Gabriel – Miami-Dade has not had any discussions about this and has not seen any courts but will look. Not sure how much interest there will be since it has not been brought up
- J Vandergrift – bay county has talked about it
- J Gerdes – Pinellas Co 4 or 5 public schools and 4 or 5 private schools. Remember this is to allow school to have the sport, not that they have to add it
- J Harrison – Policy 3 would go back to VAC and come back to ADAC. Would be a 2 year procedure

7. Swimming –

a. Medical Personnel

- Swimming Advisory Committee & SMAC believe it is a conflict of interest to have a meet referee who acts as the referee AND a medical personnel to medically clear participations to come back to play
- Would like to clarify the rule so that referee cannot act in both capacities
- As a meet referee, can they give a swimmer a thorough examination
- J Getty – Track has added the ATC so that they are the only person who can clear an athlete to come back
- Swimmers cannot come back for their individuals events if they do not have a qualifying time, they can only come back for a relay
- Is it recommended to have an ATC, it is not required.

- J von Scherrer suggests being in the position... “the meet referee will be...”
8. Golf –
- a. Region Complexes
 - About 120 schools dropped golf
 - Committee would like to maintain the 3 classes and reduce the regions from 8 to 4 and reduce districts to 16
 - Advancement from regions to state was a problem due to the lack of teams
 - Motion to accept R Allan, J Phillips 2nd 14-0 vote
 - L Livengood – every kid except for one advances, too many districts
 - J von Scherrer – too many regions, has to send all teams to state because there isn't enough participation. Some teams not ready for the competition at state
 - Reducing the number of regions and districts makes it more similar to other sports- committee did not want to reduce classes
 - J Getty – with the reduction it will increase the integrity of the competition
 - Committee has no issues with implementing this for the next season
 - b. Advancement
 - Committee wants to keep districts the same, but would like to do 3 team and 3 individual from region to state with an at large component
 - Motion to approve S Drabczyk, 2nd R Allan 14-0
 - Region host would have to submit at large data
 - No issues with implementing this next school year
 - c. Minimum Contests
 - 2 years ago the max number of contests went from 14 to 16. Golf committee would like to increase the minimum number of contests to 6 from 5
 - Motion to approve R Allan, 2nd M Ostrowski 14-0 vote
 - R Allan how does weather factor into this? We would handle the issue the same we do with other sports
 - A student athlete would have to be in on the course and tee off to have been considered to have played
 - A 3-way match would be considered one match by FHSAA
9. Football –
- a. State Championship Review
 - First 3rd place team won this year
 - Team who was independent 3 years ago also won
 - Looking for new state championship venue
 - Football committee wants a smaller venue
 - b. 6-quarter weekly individual contest limitation
 - Football committee would like to allow 6 quarters per week rather than one game per week
 - Schools are losing Sub V programs due to participation (GA does this)
 - M Gabriel motion to deny, S Drabczyk 2nd 12-1-1 (M Ostrowski abstains, J Phillips against)
 - M Gabriel almost impossible to police and safety concerns
 - M Ostrowski – schools may have enough for one team and not the other, this would help those schools
 - S Drabczyk – old AT is in GA and says it is nearly impossible to police

- J Getty – this would help but what is the definition of the quarter, how do you monitor it, and what are the consequences of violating this
- When a player is dressed the FHSAA considers that to be participation- would have to address this if rule were to pass
- R Allan – this will have a ripple effect with other sports
- M Gabriel – concerned with schools playing two full games instead of 6 quarters
- R Mayo – The non-starting V players would take the place of JV athletes
- There were two votes against this on the football committee
- J Phillips has talked to other coaches and they feel strongly that this rule would help their programs but agrees with everything that has been said
- Mr. Tomy – Leadership council supports the motion to deny this rule
- M Ostrowski – would like to see the football committee discuss other options to help the Sub V programs
- F Beasley – has done some research to modify Sub V to help increase participation and maintain the safety of the game

c. Season Schedules

- Current system says schedules cannot be changed after week one (you can reschedule but not add opponents)
- R Allan motion to approved, J Getty 2nd 14-0
- J Phillips concerned with schools changing their schedule to work the point system
- J Harrison – schools need to make sure they signed a contract. Unless both sides agree to cancel the game- the game would be considered a game and would result in a forfeit if a team does not show up
- If you forfeit a game you are removed from the state series for the remainder of the classification cycle.
- A forfeit is considered a game and is a W for the other team

d. 3-week post season dead period

- Coaches would like to be able to work with their kids more
- A lot of other states allow this
- Motion to approve J Vandergrift, 2nd R Allan 12-1-1 (J Upchurch denied, J von Scherrer abstained)
- Dead period would start at the end of the team's last game, which would give the students an opportunity to decide if they want to play another sport
- Off season rules would still be in play (i.e. cannot be mandatory)
- M Marsala believes this may open up opportunity for athletes to go outside of the school- some committee coaches agreed
- S Drabczyk – suggested maybe modelling something after the NCAA (hours per week), but likes the dead period
- J Phillips – this would impact the insurance with schools
- The earliest this could be implemented would be the 2021 school year
- R Mayo – This will make coaches specialize in football
- J Getty – creating an hours per week rule would still allow coaches to coach other sports as well
- J von Scherrer is opposed to the concept of this. Would like to see kids participate in other schools
- J Phillips – does not think 10 hours is unreasonable for certain communities
- L Livengood – can see both sides

- F Beasley – believes there needs to be a cap for time on hours per week

e. RPI Playoff Qual

- Football committee would like to use a 3 layer component to rank teams (35/35/30)
- Motion to approve J Phillips, 2nd C Bishop 10-4 (Gabriel, Mayo, Drab, Marsala against)
- R Mayo – many coaches upset that they did not have any input in the change
- R Mayo – if we use these rankings then you will not get district games
- F Beasley – apologizes for the quick turnaround but with reclassification and the timing of football, this was the best group to bring it to
- R Mayo – Most schedules are already made
- Football committee consensus was to just play the games.
- Wakulla Coach – thinks coaches will find ways to manipulate the system
- Football committee believes there is not much deviation from week 10 to 11 as there is in the current point system
- MaxPreps would use our formula to run the ranking as they do with other states
- J Getty – believes winning percentage should be higher (maybe 40/35/25)
- Football committee felt the winning and opponents winning percentage should be the same.
- J von Sherrer raised the point of beating your opponent which changes their winning percentage
- C Bishop – college basketball uses RPI rankings and 9 out 10 teams are found in the AP poll as well
- Iowa's RPI is almost exactly like this. Have used it since 2014 for all sports – the state office makes all schedules

10. Bowling – no action items

- Looking at adding a unified component in the next couple of years

11. Cross Country – GPS Watches

- NFHS allows watches to be worn in competition
- FHSAA made its own rule to not allow watches
- Motion to approve J Phillips, 2nd R Allan 14-0

a. State Finals Medalists –

- CC Committee wants to award 15 medals in state finals to be consistent with districts and regionals
- Motion to approve R Allan, 2nd J Getty 14-0

b. Region Complexes –

- Would like to reduce the number of regions to 2
- Eliminates confusion on how many teams advance
- Motion to approve L Fredrickson, 2nd J Getty 14-0
- J Phillips concerned with the travel due to splitting the districts
- This change would combine districts rather than split them
- More individuals would advance (from 15 to 30 individuals)
- There will be a set number that will advance no matter how many teams are in the district
- We are reclassifying so we will be able to make the districts as even as possible
- J Getty - Having more teams will help in finding hosts

c. State Series Advancement

- CC Committee wants to increase the amount of teams that advance from regions to state (from 6 to 8) to include more teams that have potential to compete at the state level
- Motion to approve J Getty, 2nd R Allan 14-0
- J Getty – his team would've placed 7th place in state. To ensure that the top teams are included in the playoffs, this is the solution

12. Officials Advisory Committee – 40s play clock

- 4 other states have done this as a pilot
- NFHS Board still has to vote on this.
- FHSAA would like to apply to do this as a pilot if NFHS does not approve
- Motion to approve S Drabczyk, 2nd M Gabriel 14-0

13. SMAC – lightning policy

- SMAC wants to possibly establish a mileage for
- J Phillips – 8 miles
- S Drabczyk – 8 Miles
- A Forsyth – 8 miles
- M Marsala – uses weatherbug, set to 10 miles
- J Getty – 6 miles, an app
- M Ostrowski – thorgaurd 6 miles
- J Upchurch thor 8
- J von Scherrer – thor
- R Allan 10 miles
- R Mayo 15 alert, 10, off field, 6 indoors
- L Fredrickson - none
- M Gabriel 10 miles
- J Vandergrift 15-10-6

14. General Recommendations

a. Classification of Single-gender schools – M. Gabriel

- Schools have to be clever in their spending due to Title IX
- Romero would like to strike from the policy that single gender schools' enrollment is double for classification
- J Harrison this has been policy for a while but it is possibly done in this way because schools are thought to be about 50/50 male and female
- Motion to deny J Phillips, 2nd R Allan 14-0
- J Phillips we have to create a level playing field and this would not do that

b. Regional Loss Sharing – M. Gabriel

- Would like to make sure that every school shares in the loss.
- It is hard finding hosts for certain sports because of the loss of money
- Motion to approve S Drabczyk, 2nd R Allan- MOTIONS WITHDRAWN. No motion.
- S Drabczyk – it makes sense to split the losses. A lot of times the host is the host year after year.
- J Phillips some schools claim losses that are not relevant to a regional meet
- M Gabriel – there will be many eyes on the forms (FN2?) which should eliminate false claims of losses
- R Mayo – region hosts do not have travel expenses for hotels, gas, food, etc.
- Mr. Tomyn recommends FHSAA staff putting together an educational piece on this topic and presenting to the group at the next meeting

15. Open Agenda

- a. Is there a need to have district planning meetings so early
 - J Getty says keep them the same because you have to plan for facilities
 - J Phillips would like to encourage the ADs to be the meeting coordinators as opposed to coaches since schedules will not need to be made
- b. M Gabriel – why can't track regions run fri-sat?
 - To level the playing field. If another region runs first the next region may have a competitive advantage by knowing the marks
 - Most schools like Saturday meets- no school missed
- c. M Marsala – asked if there had been any talk about the basketball shot clock
 - F Beasley – there has not been a lot of talk about it, none at any advisory committee meetings. Has heard both sides to the argument.
- d. M Marsala – suggested having the option of using the preseason classic game (Football) to start the season and play a regular game
 - We have already backed the season up so we cannot back it up anymore. Would need to hear from those on the FB committee
- e. J von Scherrer - any talk about moving seasons to accommodate excessive overlap?
 - J Harrison – we have moved the seasons a few years ago. One suggestion is lowering the amount of games.
- f. J Getty – if a school has a shot clock, are they able to use them? (BK)
 - J Harrison – moving forward, a school should ask for permission to use a shot clock in a preseason classic. Would not be able to use in any other game
- g. J Upchurch – does not feel like we are supporting a multi-sport athlete. Would like to see a change in the season/# of weeks
- h. Motion to adjourn – J Getty, 2nd M Ostrowski 14-0