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Florida High School Athletic Association Athletic Directors Advisory Committee Meeting

April 3, 2019 - 9:00 AM

Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
 - Chad Bishop, Jay Getty, Scott Drabczyk, Alyson Forsyth, Mark Butler, Jody Phillips, Mike Ostrowski, Frank Beasley, Kellie Doucette, Robbie Lindeman, Jake von Scherrer, Justin Harrison, Ed Thompson, Ashton Moseley, Alex Ozuna, Corey Sobers, Jeremy Hernandez, Jessica Upchurch, Ron Allan, Laura Fredrickson, Mark Marsala
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of January 16, 2019 ADAC meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve: Getty 1st, Drabczyk 2nd - approved 12-0
4. Review of April 11, 2018 ADAC meeting minutes
 - No discussion
5. Student Athlete Advisory Committee
 - Brooke Long, Connor Bishop, Peyton Burdette
 - Brooke – Suggestions: update website, recruitment database, sportsmanship campaign, including what FHSAA does on physical forms, have official visit championship sites, more advertisement, pins for varsity letter when qualifying for district
 - Transfer research- athletic recruiting negatively impacts schools and students often cannot keep up with academics when transferring for athletics
 - Peyton & Connor – mental health
 - Areas with room for improvement: greater regulations for recruitment, increased focus on mental health, consistency
6. Review minutes and recommendations of the following committee meetings
 - a. Wrestling – Robbie Lindeman
 - 1) Recommendations
 - a. Wild Card Selections
 - Mike Crowder – proposing wrestling a 5th & 6th match at the district level. The 5th & 6th will weigh in at the regional tournament and fill in the holes in the bracket
 - Motion to Endorse: Phillips 1st, Allan 2nd - Endorsed 12-0
 - b. Girls Wrestling

- John White & Lindsey – 10 girls in Florida are ranked nationally
- 500+ competed in Florida this year
- 13 states now sanction girls wrestling
- A lot of the colleges that sanction girls wrestling are in the southeast- our high schools can stay somewhat local
- Sanctioning girls would allow for better regulations and safety, along with financial revenue and scholarship opportunities
- How to sanction – same season as boys, folk style, 8 regions, girls championship would be in conjunction with boys
- Motion to Endorse: Allan 1st, Phillips 2nd
- Phillips asked why girls wrestling did not take off in the early 2000s. Mike Crowder says possibly because it was too early, there was not the push for it as there is now.
- Allan – son in KS took 3 girls to state this past year and now have 15 girls ready to compete next year
- White – had 18 girls last year at Matanzas and next year will 30
- Harrison – why 8 regions instead of 4 like boys? White – central Florida is the hotbed for girls wrestling so 8 regions would ensure the best athletes made it to the championship
- Ostrowski – would making the girls and boys events together work logistically? Crowder – there is a lot of flexibility with wrestling. Since the tournament gets smaller as it goes on, there is the ability to have girls side by side. Currently, there are empty mats throughout the tournament so rearranging the mats would allow for the girls to wrestle without increasing the tournament time.
- Tomy – how to address the questions with supplements, extra equipment, etc? Crowder – typically there would only be one coach, the schools would plan for the logistics
- Phillips – would not be for girls wrestling against boys in competition
- Drabczyk – we need to get more solid information about participation to figure everything out- Lindeman: with track wrestling we can get accurate information. Crowder: those are numbers are only the girls who are brave enough to wrestle the boys. Numbers will increase when girls know they have another option
 - Endorsed 12-0

c. Weight Management Violations

- Lindeman - in the past, there have been issues of coaches saying an athlete made weight but they didn't. This past year, there weren't any issues.
 - Motion to Endorse: Allan 1st, Getty 2nd – Endorsed 12-0

2) Discussion

b. Cheer – Kellie Doucette

- Increased participation in the state championship this year.
 - Getty sat by someone with UF, they asked if we had any interest to use the center video board
 - Would be an extra expense

c. Basketball – Frank Beasley & Ed Thompson

- Thompson – girls: a couple blowouts but ended with 3 overtime games and a double overtime game
- Beasley – boys: very competitive games and attendance was up

d. Soccer – Alex Ozuna & Corey Sobers

1) Recommendations

a. Noisemakers

- Advisory committee amended their recommendation to *only for soccer* to create a soccer atmosphere.
- Motion to Endorse Butler 1st, Getty 2nd
- Drabczyk does not support writing a rule for one sport, if we're going to amend the rule it should be for all
- Getty – it is technically allowable for the regular season games, it is hard to combat it in the playoffs
- Ozuna – the proposal makes it easier to police at the Finals. In the playoffs it is up to the schools to enforce the rule.
- Harrison – agrees with Alex, only concern is if this would add issues in the crowd
- Butler – the noisemakers sometimes keep the fans occupied and makes the game more exciting. Would not like to see this proposed for other sports in other venues.
 - Vote 5-7; not Endorsed

b. Roster Size

- Motion to Endorse: Allan 1st, Ostrowski 2nd
- Makes sense, allows for the increase in participation
 - 12-0 Endorsed

c. Soccer Officiating System

- Committee wants to revert back to the diagonal system where the central official is the only one to call the misconduct fouls. This was changed to combat the violent fouls. Currently the majority of the fouls are resulting from the language the players use
- Getty – this would help to get more officials because they would feel more comfortable waving the flag rather than blowing a whistle

- Motion to Endorse Drabczyk 1st, Allan 2nd
- Harrison – the only issue is that this item is being brought about by coaches on how the officials should conduct a game, rather than coming from the officials
- Ostrowski – Soccer likens itself to the bad language because it is one of the only sports where the officials directly hands the athlete the foul
- Ozuna – we are one of the few associations that does the double dual system
 - Endorsed 12-0

d. MaxPreps RPI

- Committee wants something similar to football's RPI with the percentages being 50/35/15
- Motion to amend proposal to include all team sports using the RPI (excluding Football) Marsala 1st, Getty 2nd
- We would still use MaxPreps to calculate our formula
- Allan would this effect football, since there are different percentages – yes.
- Von Scherrer – Football got the ranking they wanted so there shouldn't be too many issues
- The RPI system is more concrete and in theory someone could figure out their ranking with the formula, but the MaxPreps uses infinite data. The ranking system is current, does not use previous years' information
- Tomy asked if the committee wants to do one percentage for all team sports (excluding football) or if we let each sport decide their own
- Butler suggested doing percentages based on the maximum amount of games allowed in the sport
- Von Scherrer – we have made changes and are making more changes before the original changes even take place. Suggested keeping things as the way we said for two years and then tweaking it. Phillips agrees.
- Vote 2-10; did not Endorse the amendment to include all sports
- Motion to deny original proposal – Bishop 1st, Marsal 2nd
 - 12-0 motion denied

e. Officials Arrival Time

- Committee wants to require officials to arrive 30 mins prior to contest
- Motion to Endorse: Allan 1st, Butler 2nd
- Harrison – same concern of coaches proposing issues on officials and possibly lead to the need for increased pay
- Phillips – officials are providing a service and should be there ahead of time

- Marsala – hard for officials who double up on games. If they are officiating a game at 4, they arrive to the next game right after
- Von Scherrer – great idea but will be hard to enforce on a state wide level
- Phillips – could use it similarly to the cancellation policies with officials. Officials can charge schools if a game is cancelled within 24hours but they do not always do so.
- Vote 6-6, did not Endorse

f. Increase Season Length

- Committee wants to extend the season either at the front or the back. A lot of time is lost with the breaks in the season
- Motion to Endorse Phillips 1st, Butler 2nd
- A lot of schools cannot play 25 games because of all the breaks/holidays
- Von Scherrer – they gained an extra week when we combined boys and girls soccer seasons
- District tournaments have a two week window, it does not seem feasible to close the two week window and make it only one
- Bishop – religious schools breaks are later in January so they have to deal with public schools breaks and their own
- 10-2, Endorsed

2) Discussion

e. Officials Advisory Committee (Winter) – Jeremy Hernandez

- 40 second clock has been approved by the NFHS
- Harrison – Verbal abuse is becoming a great concern, we are seeing more issues with this and more issues of physical contact with officials from coaches, student-athletes, and fans
- Tomy – someone in an administrative position needs to be assigned to games, not assistant athletic trainers
- In Florida, putting your hands on an official is a felony
- Allan – suggested sending out some kind of blast to the schools to highlight these issues
- Bishop – some AD's are not concerned with coaches getting ejected because they do not fear the consequences
- Harrison – it time to start looking at a pay increase for officials, the last increase was the 14-15 school years. We pay low compared to some of the other states.
- Phillips – coaches do not get these raises, it is a difficult process if the schools do not get anything out of it. There has to be a higher standard; more training and/or education to make the officials better

f. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – Justin Harrison / Kellie Doucette

- There are some recommendations from SMAC, our attorney, Leonard Ireland, is looking at these policies.
- We are working to promote our lightning and weather policy, as well as concussion, illness, and cardiac arrest policies

7. General Recommendations

a. Photo Credentials for Athletic Directors and School Administrators – Scott Drabczyk

- Drabczyk – Athletic Directors and Principals with teams or athletes in the state finals should have the same access as credentialed media persons. Some sports do not have room for these extra people on the floor, but they should be able to get closer to the teams.
- Motion to Endorse as an action item Von Scherrer 1st, Butler 2nd
- Harrison – most sports are almost maxed out on floor space. There is a logistical concern with getting an ID from all administrators to produce a photo ID. We like the administrators in the crowd for control.

8. Getty – some kind of pregame access would be beneficial Open agenda (discussion only)

a. Swimming & Diving District Planning Meeting Dates

- Doucette – Swimming committee is in favor of moving the district planning meeting to the spring as with most other fall sports planning meetings.
- Phillips – the reason it hasn't moved in the past is because of the coaches turnover
- ADAC agrees it is a good idea to move

b. Post-game Handshakes

- Harrison – there is not policy or procedure requiring a post-game handshake. Do we need to be one or is the current system working?
- Ostrowski – putting something in writing may not be a good idea, there are always things that come up; such as weather and sportsmanship issues

c. Sport commitments

- Harrison – we are seeing an increase in drops in sports, how do we combat this?
- Drabczyk – this has become a bigger problem due to the state legislation with open enrollment
- Phillips – believes it is necessary to have schools who drop a sport wait two years before they can compete in the state series
- Harrison – the independent status is in place to help programs grow. One idea is to start the season and a week or two in, schools would commit to the sport and the classes and districts would be created by our staff. This would essentially help to make districts more even because the schools would know for sure if they have a team or not.
- Young – this is seen more with smaller population schools as opposed to larger population schools
- Drabczyk – thinks there should be a two year period for team sports but individual sports should be different
- Ostrowski – more schools need education on what independent means

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Allan 1st, Getty 2nd