



Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee
Monday, August 27, 2012
FHSAA Office
10:00 a.m.

Final Agenda

- I. Introductions and Purpose
- II. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers
- III. Selection of Chairperson
- IV. Review and Adoption of 2011 Committee Minutes
- V. Compliance & Eligibility
- VI. Review of Existing Baseball Manual/Coaches Folder
- VII. Review 2012 Baseball State Championships
- VIII. Review NFHS Rule Changes
 - A. 1-3-2 Note – Clarifies and places additional emphasis on the importance and legal repercussions of altering non-wood baseball bats
 - B. 3-3-1f – Restricts the use of any video monitoring or replay equipment for coaching purposes during the course of the game
 - C. 3-3-1i – Restricts the use of any electronic devices in the coach’s box
 - D. 6-2-2c Exception – Clarifies that an incoming pitcher be treated equally. If a pitcher is ejected, an incoming pitcher should be afforded the same warm-up criteria as if he were replacing an injured player
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Review recommendations from 2011 year – 40/60 rule – Charlie Warner
- X. New Business
 - A. Game Ending Procedures – Rob Stanton (official)
 - B. Pregame Warm-ups – Kevin Staef (Clay HS AD)
- XI. FACA
- XII. Sportsmanship
- XIII. Round Table Discussion
- XIV. Adjournment



Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2011
Robert W. Hughes Building-Gainesville, FL

Cristina Broska called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The following committee members were in attendance: Charlie Warner, Pace High School, Ken Roland, Fernandina Beach High School, Rick Turner, Naples High School, Richie Warren, Jesuit High School, John Messina, Centennial High School and Wayne Yancey, Forrest High School. Dale Klaus, Director of Athletics, Justin Harrison, Assistant Executive Director for Athletic Services and Alexander Kenney, Intern were also in attendance.

1. Mrs. Broska welcomed the committee members to the FHSAA Office. She then introduced herself and explained why she was now in charge of baseball and what that meant for the committee members.
2. Each committee member introduced themselves.
3. Wayne Yancey was selected chairman by a unanimous vote.
 - a. Motion: Warner- 2nd: Roland, 5-0 to approve
4. The 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted without discussion of specific topics.
 - a. Motion: Warner- 2nd: Turner, 5-0 to approve
5. Review of Existing Baseball Manual/Coaches Folder
 - a. Spoke about the helmet rule requiring coaches to wear a skull style helmet when occupying 1st base and 3rd base coaches' boxes.
 - b. Spoke about BBCOR bats and what type of bats are considered legal.
 - c. The P/DH rule was brought up.
 - d. Mrs. Broska informed the committee that all rules were available for further reading on an online PDF file.
6. The committee reviewed the 2011 State Tournament which, for the last three years has been held in Port St. Lucie and run by the Treasure Coast Sports Commission.
 - a. Mr. John Messina, State Tournament Director (Centennial High School), spoke about ways he can improve his tournament in this the fourth and final year of their contract. Also he hopes the tournament will return to that area.
 - b. He stated that with the new classification alignments the finals tournament will extend to a full week (including Sunday) to be played from May 17th -May 24th.
 - c. All regional baseball dates will be as follows:



- i. Regional baseball tournament quarterfinals (3A, 5A and 7A) will be played on May 2nd
 - ii. Regional baseball tournament quarterfinals (2A, 4A, 6A and 8A) will be played on May 3rd
 - iii. Regional Semifinals will take place May 8th.
 - iv. Regional Finals will be played on May 11th.
 - d. To cut down on distractions at the state finals, no scouts may pass through the back gates to see players.
 - e. He asked if there was a way for either coaches or umpires to check for illegal bats during the season so it doesn't become an issue once teams get to the finals.
- 7. Mrs. Cristina Broska went over rule changes for the NFHS Changes for 2011-2012 school year. These rules include:
 - a. Prior to the start of each game, each head coach must now verify to the umpire in-chief that all participants are legally equipped and equipment is in accordance with NFHS rules
 - b. Umpires no longer will be required to perform pregame equipment checks, as that responsibility will fall to the coaches beginning next year. Coaches can still ask umpires at the pregame conference to confirm that equipment is compliant.
 - i. Motion to have umpires check equipment before the game starts
 - 1. Motion: Roland, 2nd Warner, 5-0 to approve
 - c. Rule 1-3-5 states that "No artificial or intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat."
 - d. Changes to Rules 1-5-8 and 3-1-6 deal with players' equipment on the field. State associations may now authorize exceptions NFHS rules to provide "reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs and unique extenuating circumstances," so long as they do not fundamentally interfere with the sport.
 - e. Rule 6-2-2c Note: The starting pitcher may warm up by using no more than eight throws, completed in one minute (timed from the first throw). This rule applies to relief pitchers as well. At the beginning of each subsequent inning, the pitcher may warm up with no more than five throws, completed in one minute.



- f. Rule 10-1-2: The game officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualification, that are responsive to actions occurring while the umpires had jurisdiction.

8. Old Business

- a. Recommendations endorsed and improved by ADAC
- b. P/DH rule
- c. Coaches wearing helmets (see Part 5 Section A)
- d. Reviewed rule regarding restriction of head coaches after ejection of assistant coaches.
- e. Recommendation to increase roster size of playoff teams to 22.

9. New Business

- a. Mr. Charlie Warner discussed changing the language in Rule 201.01 (D) "40/60 Rule"
- b. Recommendation: "A school must schedule and have under contracted no less than 60% of its regular season contest in the sport against FHSAA member schools." This would eliminate the word "Play" from the rule.
 - i. He cited extenuating circumstances such as weather that could cause teams to not be in compliance.
 - ii. Also, extra stress is put on schools in less populated areas of the state that have trouble finding opponents.
- c. Motion to accept
 - i. Motion: Turner, 2nd Yancey, 5-0 to approve

10. FACA

- a. Mr. Yancey reported the following recommendations from FACA.
 - i. Use playing dates instead of number of games when figuring out how many games a team has played during a week.
 - ii. Extending JV game time limit to two and a half hours from two hours.
 - iii. Treat Friday games like Saturday games.
 - iv. Do not use the college DH rule.
 - v. Increase dress of players in playoff games to 22.



- vi. Adopt a best-of-3 regional final
 - vii. Head coach not ejected when Assistant Coach ejected.
 - viii. If a Balk is called, continue play and then choose outcome of game.
 - ix. Increase to 30 game schedule.
 - x. Possibility of starting a statewide coaches' poll.
- b. FACA Tournament May 25-26 at Fireman's Field (Sebring, FL)
 - c. FACA Clinic December 8-10, at Hilton Oceanwalk Resort (Daytona Beach, FL)

11. Sportsmanship

- a. Mr. Justin Harrison stated ejections and other issues increasing. In order to cut down on crude language the FHSAA will be much stricter when dealing with this issue. Also, they ask that since coaches are around the kids the most to help influence this as much as possible. Furthermore Head Coaches, please keep Assistant Coaches in check to insure neither party is ejected.

12. Round Table

- a. Radar Guns and safety issues with pitcher fatigue.
 - i. Mr. Turner talked about being able to tell if his own players are getting fatigued from pitch to pitch by charting how they throw a certain pitch.
- b. Question about how many tournaments are allowed in a season and how that factors into the number of games.

13. Motion to Adjourn at 1:10 pm.

- a. Motion: Warner, 2nd Roland



**Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting
Recommendation Form – Agenda Item**

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Item: Rule 201.01(D)

Action: XX **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation:

“A school must schedule and have under contracted no less than 60% of its regular season contest in the sport against FHSAA member schools.” This will eliminate the word “Play” from the rule.

Rationale:

- A) In the north Florida area the number of schools out of district and or classification that will play the larger better programs such as Pace are often limited making it difficult to fill a schedule.
- B) Geographically it is much closer for north Florida schools to cross state lines in Alabama.
- C) Financially north Florida teams are better off to host teams that are traveling from out of state to play in Florida or play in a local tournament against out of state team rather than travel three hours to find 2 or 3 games.
- D) If you have 60% of the games scheduled and under contract with FHSAA schools that should satisfy the true meaning of the rule. There are some things we as coaches cannot control such as weather, accidents, lockdown situations, power failure, just to name a few. Teams in no sport should be penalized for uncontrollable circumstances.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Keep the rule as is.

- 1. Approve recommendation.
- 2. Modify the recommendation
- 3. Deny the recommendation

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC 1st reading (8/11): Motion to approve recommendation. Motion by Turner, 2nd by Yancey – Passed 5-0

ADAC 1st reading (9/11): Motion to not endorse. Motion by Bridges, 2nd by Robinson – Passed 13-1

BAC 2nd reading (8/12):

ADAC 2nd reading (9/12):

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Charlie Warner

Name of Committee Member/Staff Member

Signature of Committee Member/Staff Member



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Item: Game Ending Procedures

Action: XX Discussion: _____

Recommendation: We should be able to invoke Rule 4.2.4 when games are a total mismatch and seriously out of hand scoring wise or in situations where safety is in question. By mutual agreement of the opposing head coaches and the UIC, any remaining play may be shortened or the game terminated.

Rationale: The Officials Guidebook page 41, speaks of 4.2.4 with suspended games procedures and the sub-varsity limitations and ending games basically only when “a winner has been determined” in those instances. In the spirit of rule, 4.2.4 gives State Associations leeway to allow the game officials (opposing head coaches and the UIC) to terminate or shorten a game when situations arise like a blowout score. Nothing is gained by kids getting humiliated on the field. It reinforces nothing positive, only negativity. No one wants to be a part of a situation such as this.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

1. Approve recommendation.
2. Modify the recommendation
3. Deny the recommendation

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

BAC 1st reading (8/12):

ADAC 1st reading (9/12):

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Rob Stanton – FHSAA Official

Name of Committee Member/Staff Member

Signature of Committee Member/Staff Member



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Item: Pregame warm ups

Action: XX Discussion: _____

Recommendation:

Similar to other sports like soccer, basketball, and football, we would like to recommend that language be put in place for pregame warm ups stating that teams need to warm up on their half of the field.

Rationale:

In the past few years our team has experienced several teams that like to get in a big circle right behind second base. For players to warm up their arms before the game this puts the circle right in the middle of where players are throwing to warm up. This may also lead to increased tension between the teams before the game starts.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

1. Approve recommendation.
2. Modify the recommendation
3. Deny the recommendation

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

BAC 1st reading (8/12):

ADAC 1st reading (9/12):

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Kevin Staef

Name of Committee Member/Staff Member

Signature of Committee Member/Staff Member