



Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee
Monday, June 3, 2013
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 2012 Committee Minutes
- V. Compliance & Eligibility
- VI. Review of Existing Baseball Manual/Coaches Folder
- VII. Review 2013 Baseball State Championships
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Review recommendations from 2011 year – 40/60 rule – Charlie Warner
- IX. New Business
 - A. Game Ending Procedures (score) – Rob Stanton (official)
 - B. Game Ending Procedures (playoffs) – Cristina Broska
 - C. Pregame Warm-ups – Kevin Staef (Clay HS AD)
 - D. Balk – Cristina Broska
 - E. Pitcher and Innings – Cristina Broska
 - F. Coach Ejections – Cristina Broska
 - G. What Constitutes an Inning – Cristina Broska
 - H. Dugout Numbers – Cristina Broska
- X. FACA
- XI. Sportsmanship
- XII. Round Table Discussion
- XIII. Adjournment



Minutes

Florida High School Athletic Association Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 A.M., August 27, 2012

Webinar

Ken Ronald	Fernandina Beach High School	BAC
Rick Turner	Naples High School	BAC
Ernie Padron	Florida Christian High School	BAC
Mike Parks	Official	
Wayne Yancey	FACA Rep	
Justin Harrison	Assistant Executive Director for Athletic Services	FHSAA
Cristina Broska	Director of Athletics	FHSAA
Dale Klaus	Director of Athletics	FHSAA
Kyle Chavers	Intern	FHSAA

1. Introduction and Purpose

- a. Cristina Broska called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She opened with the fact that no voting would be able to take place during this meeting because there were not enough members from the Baseball Advisory Committee present to form a quorum.
 - i. Those not in attendance: Ronnie Gray (Suwannee High School), Eric Entrekin (Lake Brantley High School), Richie Warren (Jesuit High School), and Jasone DeWitt (Lake Wales High School)
- b. The future date of the meeting will be moved to the spring, and it will take place in either late May or early June.

2. Review Procedures, Agenda, and Expense Vouchers

3. Selection of a Chairperson

- a. Mrs. Broska stated that because no voting taking place, there was no need to elect a chairperson.

4. Review and Adoption of 2011 Committee Minutes

- a. Mrs. Broska asked that everyone review the minutes from last meeting.
- b. No one had any concerns with the details of the minutes from the previous meeting.
- c. Mrs. Broska made a note that the coach's manual is now available online (and will not be sent out), but the NFHS book will still be shipped to them.

5. Review of 2012 Baseball State Championships

- a. Mrs. Broska review of this past year's state tournament in Port St. Lucie was positive.



- i. Rain delays were a slight problem (as some games were played at 9:00 P.M), but all the games were still able to be played.
- b. Ernie Padron called in and joined the meeting at this time

6. Sportsmanship

- a. Justin Harrison welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to have this meeting.
- b. Mr. Harrison noted that last year was a great year for sportsmanship in every sport, as only an extremely small percentage of student-athletes had “lapses in judgment.” Mr. Harrison then began to discuss the sportsmanship issues that pertain to baseball.
 - i. Mr. Harrison stated that the use of foul words is prevalent in all sports, but is still not right and will not be tolerated. He noted that swearing will be taken more seriously this season than in the past.
 - ii. Mr. Harrison went on to discuss malicious contact in baseball. Whether or not a runner does everything possible to avoid contact, will play the largest role in determining what will be deemed malicious contact.
- c. Mr. Harrison’s review of the state tournament in Port St. Lucie was also positive.

7. Review of 2012 NFHS Rule Changes

- a. Mrs. Broska reviewed the following rule changes:
 - i. 1-3-2 Note—Clarifies and places additional emphasis on the importance and legal repercussions of altering non-wood baseball bats
 1. Mrs. Broska noted that it is a criminal offense to alter a baseball bat.
 - ii. 3-3-1f—Restricts the use of any video monitoring or replay equipment for coaching purposes during the course of the game
 1. Mrs. Broska cited Game Changer (app) as a specific example of what the rule pertains to.
 - iii. 3-3-1i—Restricts the use of any electronic devices in the coach’s box
 - iv. 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
- b. Mrs. Broska asked if there were any questions or concerns pertaining to the rule changes.



- i. Wayne Yancey had a concern with 3-3-1f. Mr. Yancey asked why the coaches can no longer use the Game Changer app. He has found it useful for the athletes during games and for scoring purposes.
 1. Mrs. Broska stated that the Game Changer app may be used outside of the dugout.
 - a. Mrs. Broska mentioned that players are not to stick their heads out of the dugout to view the information on the Game Changer app.
 2. Ernie Pardon asked what the difference between videotaping and the use of Game Changer is.
 - a. Mrs. Broska noted that neither pieces of technology are to be used in the dugout or during the game for coaching purposes.
 3. Mr. Yancey asked if high school baseball is the only level of baseball with this restriction.
 - a. Mrs. Broska said that she would bring up Mr. Yancey's concern to the NFHS.
 4. Rick Turner asked what the penalty would be if coaches used Game Changer during a game.
 - a. Mrs. Broska said she would look it up in the rulebook and send out that information.
 5. Mr. Yancey stated that the rulebook does not use the phrase "in dugout" when discussing the restrictions on the use of video and replay equipment.
 - a. Mrs. Broska said she would get clarification on this topic.
8. Old Business
 - a. Rule 201.01(D)
 - i. **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.
 1. Mrs. Broska informed everyone that the 40/60 issue was voted down and explained why the ADAC voted it down. This topic will be up for vote again at the next BAC meeting.
9. New Business
 - a. Game Ending Procedures
 - i. **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 situation 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.



1. Mr. Yancey stated that that if a game were to get out of hand it is always possible to “even up” the teams by subbing in other players.
2. Ernie Pardon noted that Georgia has a 10 run rule after one inning and a 15 run rule after five innings.
3. Mike Parks stated that he believes calling a game has a more of a negative impact on the losing team than a positive one.
 - a. It was noted that this issue rarely comes up, but softball has this rule in place.
 - i. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

b. Pregame warm ups

- i. **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.

1. Mrs. Broska asked the coaches if this was an issue that they believed needed to be added to the rulebook.

- a. Everyone was in agreement that if some coaches are not sharing the field appropriately, and disrupting opposing teams’ warm up sessions, then guidelines need to be added to the rulebook.

10. FACA

- a. Mr. Yancey began by noting the fact that the FACA recommended discontinuing the use of the Baden baseballs, as the ball is of poor quality and expensive.
- b. In regard to the Regional Baseball Tournament, Mr. Yancey asked if there is a way for a District Champion and the runner up from the same district to be on opposite sides of the bracket. This would eliminate the possibility of the two teams playing each other until the Regional Final game.
 - i. It was noted that the aforementioned method was in place during 1996.
- c. Getting high school coaches involved in the community by speaking at clinics is something that Mr. Yancey and Shelton Crews are currently working on.
 - i. Mr. Yancey mentioned a “point system” that will go toward various award considerations, (i.e. The Hall of Fame).
- d. Mrs. Broska asked what the feedback on the baseball was
 - i. Mr. Yancey replied that 17/24 members of the FACA recommended discontinuing the use of the Baden Baseballs.
- e. Mrs. Broska said the FHSAA will take a look at the issues surrounding the Regional Tournament.



- i. Mrs. Broska noted that next year is a good year to try to implement this change because it is a reclassification year.
 - f. State Finals
 - i. Mr. Yancey proposed that the state finals have only two teams in the future as opposed to four teams. He also noted that this may be a good way to cut costs since a lot of high schools are looking to save money.
 - ii. Mrs. Broska related this consideration to the new state finals format for soccer.
 1. She noted that there had been problems finding venues to support semifinals and finals soccer games. After the new format was implemented this past year, Mrs. Broska noted that there was some initial backlash, but the new format received positive feedback at the end of the year.
 2. Scheduling differences also determine a team's cost.
 - a. Mrs. Broska explained that if a team has a late finals game they would end up having to stay an extra night, thereby increasing the cost of lodging. If teams are all able to play earlier in the day, then teams would not have to incur that extra cost.
 - iii. Mr. Padron asked if the potential new State Finals format would be two out of three games or just one game.
 1. Mrs. Broska replied that if the finalists were to play two out of three games then, they would be incurring the same lodging costs as if there were four teams in the finals.
11. Mrs. Broska opened the floor for any questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.



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Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting
Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville Florida Date: August 27, 2012

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 (9/13):

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Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Charlie Warner
Name of Committee Member/Staff Member
Member/Staff Member

Signature of Committee

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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:

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

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

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: End of Game Procedures **Action:** XX **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation: The rule currently states: “If five full innings have been played, or if the home team has scored an equal or greater number of runs in four and a fraction turns at bat than the visiting team has scored in five turns at bat; or if play has gone beyond five innings. If the game is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except if the home team scores a run (or runs) that equals or exceeds the opponent’s score, the final score shall be recorded as when the game is called.”

Beginning with regional play, it is required the host school has proper and effective lighting, and tools necessary for upkeep up the field. Additionally, it is recommended for the host school to have a plan of action to relocate the current game to a different facility if the field becomes unplayable. The ultimate decision will be made by the head umpire.

Rationale: During the 2013 FHSAA State Baseball Tournament, there was an abundance of games that had to be called due to rain and therefore were reverted back to the previous inning. This has led to numerous complaints from players, coaches, and school administrators.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Leave the rule as-is

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

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

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Item: 10 Innings on Consecutive Days (If Game Goes Past Midnight) **Action:** XX

Discussion: _____

Recommendation: The rule currently states: “A pitcher may not pitch more than 14 innings in a week (Monday through Saturday) and may never pitch more than 10 innings on two consecutive days. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 10 innings on any one day.” If a game goes past midnight, it will not be considered “a new day” and pitchers will still fall within the two-day, 10-inning limit.

Rationale: With rain delays, games could continue past midnight. With the safety of the athletes in mind, it is important for them to not go over the maximum amount of innings based off of a technicality.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Leave the rule as-is.

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

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

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Item: Coach Ejections **Action:** XX **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation: Currently, the rule states that if an Assistant Coach is ejected, the Head Coach is ejected as well. It is instead recommended that the assistant coach be restricted to the dugout if they act in an inappropriate manner. If the behavior is repeated a second time, the assistant coach would be ejected and the head coach will be restricted to the dugout.

Rationale: Based off the current rule where an assistant coach’s ejection coincides with an ejection of the head coach, many assistant coaches were “hiding behind” their head coaches, knowing the umpires wouldn’t want to discipline the head coach. In addition, some teams with only one assistant and one head coach would be forced to forfeit a game if the assistant were to be ejected.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

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

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

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Item: What Constitutes an Inning **Action:** XX **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation: An inning shall be constituted by the first pitch thrown, as opposed to thirds of an inning. If a pitcher throws one pitch in an inning it is counted as a full inning pitched.

Rationale: If the rule were to adhere to the thirds of an inning guideline, a pitcher with 9 2/3 innings pitched could potentially induce a double play. This would result in 10 1/3 innings pitched, pushing the pitcher over the limit and forcing his team to forfeit.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

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

Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

Data Source:

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Item: Number of People in the Dugout **Action:** XX **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation: Beginning with district play, it is recommended that teams are allowed to choose how many players/coaches/staff are in their dugout. Instead of limiting the dugout allowance to 20 actives and 8 additional players/staff, the FHSAA will instead award only 28 medals to a team and it will be up to the school to determine who receives those medals at the state championship.

Rationale: On numerous occasions teams were found to have exceeded the 28 person limit in the dugout, yet were adamant about keeping non-roster varsity players, ball boys, etc. Many coaches claimed that removing certain people from the dugout would “crush dreams” or “send the wrong message”. By removing the dugout limitation, but issuing only 28 medals, schools will be able to provide momentous occasions to those who would otherwise have not made the 28 person list.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

1. Approve recommendation.
 2. Modify the recommendation
 3. Deny the recommendation
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Committees Voting Summary:

BAC Vote:

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