

Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee
Monday, June 3, 2013
FHSAA Office
10:00 a.m.

Cristina Broska called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. The following committee members were in attendance: Tom LoSauro, Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, Eric Entrekin, Lake Brantley High School, Jasone DeWitt, Lake Wales High School, Shawn French, Fort Myers High School, Tom Duffin, Monsignor Pace High School, Doug Magaw, The King's Academy, Wayne Yancey, FACA, Cristina Broska, FHSAA, Denarvise Thornton, FHSAA, and intern Collin Baird, FHSAA.

1. Introductions and Purpose
 - a. Mrs. Broska called the meeting to order and the guests introduced themselves.
 - b. Mrs. Broska noted the procedures for voting, citing Roberts Rules of Order.
2. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers
3. Selection of Chairperson
 - a. Motion by Duffin to nominate Mr. Entrekin as chairperson, 2nd by LoSauro
 - b. Eric Entrekin unanimously chosen as chairperson
4. Review and Adoption of 2012 Committee Minutes
 - a. Mrs. Broska reminded the committee that no voting took place in 2012 BAC.
 - b. Motion by DeWitt to adopt minutes, 2nd by Yancey; 7-0 passed
5. Compliance and Eligibility
 - a. Denarvise Thornton introduced himself to the committee
 - b. Explained the purpose of the eligibility and compliance department in AC meetings
 - c. Big issues
 - i. Legislature with the Association (passed in the House/stalled in the Senate)
 1. Next year they will pick it up from where they left off (it will be recognized as being passed in the House already)
 - ii. Legislature mentioned limitations on FHSAA salaries for the Executive Director, other directors
 - d. Mr. Thornton let the coaches know that the FHSAA will need their support in the legislation issue

- e. Mr. Thornton discussed the coach rule (travel ball/school ball) and the surveys the FHSAA will send out to the coaches; discussed other issues people can be sanctioned for
 - i. Coach comments: Mr. Duffin notes that his private school needs the FHSAA. Mr. Duffin is in favor of the coach rule. He spoke of how many coaches see the travel ball leagues as minor leagues. Mr. French mentioned that 4 players from team moved on to separate schools. Mr. Duffin agreed and demonstrated how a lack of a rule would lead to corruption. Mr. Entekin suggested if you transfer for academics then you must sit out a year in athletics.
6. Review of Existing Baseball Manual/Coaches Folder
- a. Mr. French thought it was helpful to have the online manual
 - i. Mr. Entekin agreed and noted that it made it more convenient to have online access
 - b. Mrs. Broska mentioned idea of not producing any hard-copy manuals
 - i. Mr. French and Mr. Entekin like the idea of online access for the NFHS manual as opposed to a physical copy
 - ii. FHSAA is going green and the online manuals would be more cost-efficient for schools and FHSAA
 - 1. Manuals would be emailed to coaches in a PDF and could even be password protected
 - c. Mrs. Broska made a note that today's agenda items may have effect on other sports
 - i. Red book will be have to be updated after certain procedures take place
7. Review 2013 Baseball State Championships
- a. Mrs. Broska spoke about how the FHSAA Baseball Finals were moved to Ft. Myers
 - i. Great experience, very helpful staff
 - ii. Rain was a problem in certain instances but was managed
 - iii. Mr. Duffin mentioned that the field was absolutely amazing
 - iv. Mr. Entekin agreed; Infield/outfield not on main field was a little odd but is completely understandable
 - 1. Mentioned he was out of towels in the dugout at 1:00 ballgame
 - 2. Also mentioned teams would like to have baseballs provided for BP
 - v. Mr. French noted how it was great for the local community to have the Finals take place in Ft. Myers
 - 1. He mentioned a serious problem with people not being allowed in dugout and having a problem with it
8. Old Business
- a. Review recommendations from 2011 year – 40/60 rule- Charlie Warner

- 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.” The word “play” is removed from the original FHSAA rule.
- ii. Motion by LoSauro to endorse recommendation, 2nd by French
- iii. Vote 7-0; Motion passes

9. New Business

- a. Game Ending Procedures (score) – Rob Stanton (official)
 - 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 situations where safety is in question
 - ii. Motion by Duffin to not endorse, 2nd by French
 - 1. Vote: 5-2; Motion passes

- b. Game Ending Procedures (playoffs) – Cristina Broska
 - i. Mrs. Broska noted that this was a big issue in the 2013 FHSAA playoffs; Committee discussed separate instances of rain issues on game-by-game basis
 - ii. 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 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.”
 - iii. Motion by DeWitt to not endorse, 2nd by Magaw
 - 1. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
 - iv. New Recommendation: Games must be completed in their entirety beginning with district tournament play. The 10 run rule will still be in effect
 - v. Motion by Entrekin to endorse, 2nd by DeWitt
 - vi. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes

- c. Pregame Warm-ups – Kevin Staef (Clay HS AD)
 - i. Recommendation: During warm-ups, teams will stay along the foul line and field closest to the teams dugout, not to cross center field.
 - ii. Motion by Entrekin to endorse, 2nd by French
 - iii. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes

- d. Balk – Cristina Broska

- i. Recommendation: Submit a NFHS rule to have the balk penalty changed from immediate dead ball to delayed dead ball.
 - ii. Motion by LoSauro to endorse 2nd by French
 - 1. Mr. Magaw stated that he didn't want to change the rules of the game in a un-necessary manner
 - iii. Vote: 0-7; Motion fails
 - iv. Motion by Yancey to not endorse recommendation, 2nd by Duffin
 - v. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
- e. Pitcher and Innings – Cristina Broska
 - i. Recommendation: The rule currently states: “A pitcher may not pitch more than 14 innings in a week (Monday through Saturday) and may never 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.
 - ii. Motion by French to endorse while adding the penalty of an automatic forfeit for violation of the rule, 2nd by Entrekin
 - iii. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
- f. Coach Ejections – Cristina Broska
 - i. Recommendation: To revert back to the NFHS original rule.
 - ii. Motion by Entrekin to endorse recommendation, 2nd by DeWitt
 - iii. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
- g. What Constitutes an Inning – Cristina Broska
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Motion by Entrekin to endorse the recommendation, 2nd by LoSauro
 - iii. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
- h. Dugout Numbers – Cristina Broska
 - i. Current recommendation: Beginning with district play, 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.
 - ii. Motion by Magaw to not endorse recommendation; 2nd by Yancey
 - iii. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes
 - iv. Motion by French which states, “28 individuals may be in the dugout with no more than 20 players listed on the State Entry List in full uniform, 2nd by Entrekin
 - v. Vote: 7-0; Motion passes

10. FACA

- a. Mr. Yancey spoke first about the want for an increased number of games
- b. The second most talked about point for the FACA was the contract with Baden baseballs
 - i. Mrs. Broska noted there is one year left on the contract with Baden
- c. Mr. Yancey noted that coaches are concerned with giving the umpires some sort of ratings system.
 - i. Mr. Entrekin's association has a post game ratings system
 - ii. Mrs. Broska mentioned that she can look further into a statewide ratings system, but made the point that it has to be fully adopted by the associations
- d. Mr. Yancey also mentioned that many are pushing for a 2:30 hour limit for JV games as opposed to the current 2 hour limit.
 - i. Coaches agreed to recommend a 2 ½ hour time limit for JV games
- e. Mr. Yancey stated that the FACA is looking for umpire accountability system in coach ejections
- f. Mr. Yancey suggested the Alabama schedule as a model for the baseball finals, and Mrs. Broska clarified that it wouldn't work in Florida because there are 8 classes
- g. Mr. Yancey mentioned that they would like a January 1st start, however the committee recognized that would not be feasible
- h. FACA Baseball would like to have more information about speakers who can share valuable information
- i. Mr. DeWitt asked how officials are chosen by the FACA to take part in the All-Star Game and Mr. Yancey stated Mike Knowles is responsible for that selection

11. Sportsmanship

- a. Mrs. Broska noted that sportsmanship this year has been a little disappointing
 - i. Spitting, cursing
- b. Mrs. Broska told the coaches to film every single game in case they have to send in any information to the FHSAA

12. Round Table Discussion

- a. Discussed moving back regional semi-finals and finals in order to decrease the amount of dead time for players

13. Adjournment