



June 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Gauger, Lincoln High School
Justin Varitek, Lake Mary Preparatory School
Tom Dooley, Melbourne Central Catholic
Daniel Payne, Bartow High School
Craig Faulkner, Venice High School
Alan Kunkel, Calvary Christian Academy
Rafeal Jiron, Miami Jackson Senior High School
Wayne Yancey, FACA Representative
Mike Parks, FHSAA Umpire

FROM: Robbie Lindeman, Director of Athletics

REASON: 2019 Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

We wish to extend a warm welcome to members of the Baseball Advisory Committee. We look forward to your expertise and guidance.

Enclosed is the agenda for the Baseball Advisory Committee meeting which will convene at 10:00 AM in the FHSAA office on Monday **June 3, 2019**. Please review this material prior to the meeting. Please complete the enclosed RSVP form and return it to our office via e-mail (rlindeman@fhsaa.org) or fax (352.244.5042). In addition, please complete the enclosed "Agenda Item" form for each item that you submit. **All Agenda items and RSVP forms are due to the FHSAA Office no later than May 21, 2019** to be considered for a vote. Items not submitted prior to the deadline will be discussion items only on the agenda. All panel recommendations must proceed through a two-year process to become a regulation.

Please send all forms to the attention of Robbie Lindeman at rlindeman@fhsaa.org (e-mail) or 352.244.5042 (fax). If you are faxing, it is not necessary to include a cover sheet.

The FHSAA Office is located 3.6 miles from the I-75/Newberry Rd. Exit on I-75 (Exit 387). A map showing the location of our office can be found online at: <http://www.fhsaa.org/map> We should complete our meeting in about two-three hours.

Travel by air in lieu of personal vehicle must be approved in advance by Justin Harrison, Assistant Executive Director.

The agenda can also be located on our web site. Please notify your colleagues regarding the availability of the agenda so that they have the opportunity for input regarding these issues prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the Baseball Advisory Committee or any of the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to contact, Robbie Lindeman at (352) 372.9551 Ext. 260 or e-mail rlindeman@fhsaa.org.

We look forward to working with you.



AGENDA

Florida High School Athletic Association Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 AM June 3, 2019
Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Boulevard
Gainesville, Florida 32606

1. Welcome and procedures Lindeman
Robbie Lindeman called the meeting to order at 10:07.
2. Selection of Chairperson Committee
Craig Falkner was nominated– Motion: Justin 1st, Mike 2nd
3. Adoption of Agenda Committee
Motion to adopt by Justin Varitek, Motion: Craig 1st, Justin 2nd
4. Review of 2018 Baseball Advisory Committee Minutes Committee
Motion to approve minutes by Jed Yancey: Mike 1st, Justin 2nd
5. Review of 2019 State Championships Committee
The FHSAA hosted the 2019 Baseball State Championships at Hammond Stadium at CenturyLink in Fort Myers. All the games throughout the state series were very competitive games. Only negative having to take out a team for pitch count violation. Craig Faulkner suggested putting the pitch count policy on the scoreboard for consistency purposes, to not stop the game, and as a reminder. Craig also mention to play local/closer teams later to make more money (used to do this in Sarasota). Robbie Lindeman mentioned that playing local teams at a later time is something we can look at and something that has been brought up Lee County as well. Craig: Would like to change dates/shorten season to avoid conflicts with graduation. Would be willing to play Friday nights and double headers. Committee agrees would like to start the season earlier and shorten it. Justin Varitek comes from a smaller school and has to share athletes between sports, but would be in favor to start earlier.
Craig Faulkner stated the FACA All-star game is a big deal for athletes- unfortunate for kids to miss
6. FACA Recommendations Yancey
 - Jed Yancey represented the FACA and those following recommendations were:
Removing 25 game limit moving to 20 play dates plus tournaments, Double headers counting as one game and hiring a game changer to track pitch count
 - Mike Gauger stated In GA, the official's assign a person (not necessarily an official) to count for both teams, the coaches check it at the end and sign off
7. Compliance Update Compliance Staff
 - Scott Jamison from the FHSAA stated discussed, Improper contact is not just the coach reaching out, students and parents can be involved as well. If a student reaches out,



direct them to the guidance office until they are registered at the school. Scott also discussed open facility two weeks prior to the season. Before that, coaches cannot be there with the students coaching. Adults can be there to supervision but may not coach or instruct. Facility must be open to every student in the school.

8. Old Business

Committee

Recommendation:

Throwing Program: passed in BA advisory

Rationale:

Schools should be allowed to have a throwing program during same time as preseason conditioning

Motion to discuss Justin 1st, Mike 2nd

Discussion:

Craig Faulkner stated that the Issue is pitcher may be willing to throw but not have a catcher. Conditioning the arm for pitchers is the most important part of their conditioning. Daniel Payne says a 6-week program would be ideal, but 4 weeks is better than nothing (start date of Jan. 6)

Amended proposal to start the throwing program/baseball season on Jan 6th or the Monday after winter break

Motion to approve amended proposal Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd 6-0 vote

9. New Business

a) Pitch Count Verification Form

Lindeman

Recommendation:

Pitch Count Verification Form will be required to be used by all schools during the regular season and state series.

Rationale:

Accurate Pitch Count records will be recorded by coaches and tracked through the game for better records.

Motion to discuss, Daniel 1st, Mike 2nd

Discussion:

Mend the motion as Most schools did not use the form and it was difficult getting losing coaches to sign

Committee would like a third party to keep track during the playoffs, someone from the home team during regular season

Mike Parks: The reason football has a clock operator is because schools do not trust the other school to do the job, same would be with pitch count verification Host school would provide the technology for the umpire to use Game Changer to track pitches

Issue would be paying an extra umpire

Justin: Suggested the schools sending an admin to sit with the scorekeeper if the opposing school is uncomfortable with the scorekeeper's antics

Host school will keep scorebook and verification, visiting school responsible for checking with them

There might be issues if host school has a student tracking pitches and another host school has someone more official tracking



Person keeping track needs to be accessible by both coaches, should sit in a neutral location

Motion to approve to not to use the Pitch Count Verification Form Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd 6-0 vote

b) **Game Changer**

Lindeman

Recommendation:

Require all schools to use Game Changer during regular- and post-season

Motion to discuss Justin 1st, Jed 2nd

Stats would not be published but the pitch count would be

After user hits "end of game" and the device connects to WiFi, the stats will update- don't even have to open the app

All schools will have access to Game Changer and the pitch counts for other schools

Motion to approve Daniel 1st, Jed 2nd

c) **Roster Increase**

Lindeman

Recommendation:

Increase Baseball roster from 20 to 22

Rationale:

Baseball roster increasing to 22 to help with pitcher safety.

Motion to discuss Daniel 1st, Justin 2nd

Discussion:

Craig: Increasing the roster helps when games run long and you need more pitchers

Mike: It's not fun not letting a senior participate because the team needs other players to run bases

Committee would like to increase to 25

Amend proposal from 22 to 25- Motion to approve Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd 6-0 vote

10. Open Agenda (discussion only)

Committee

a) Pitch Count Policy

Lindeman

Two violations occurred in the playoffs, 10 during regular season and FHSAA will be sure to update the date on the policy to avoid confusion.

Committee agrees that if one team violates the policy that should be a loss for the violating team and the opponent should move on and Committee is not in favor of the coaches being penalized and the team moving on if a violation occurs

Craig Faulkner stated the whole playoffs are affected by a team having to forfeit and no one moving on. It is a big advantage for schools who get a bye.

Justin Harrison will put this on the ADAC agenda

Justin Varitek: Asked if birthdays could be submitted in Game Changer

b) NFHS Rules Changes

Lindeman

Emailed out

c) Playoff Structure

Baseball districts will be out in about 2 weeks

Will not have to plan a district schedule but will play a district tournament

Every team will have to play in the district tournament

A school's class is does not have an impact on ranking. Schools can play any school they want, no matter the class, region, or district



We do not know the MaxPreps formula, but we have not seen discrepancies in the rankings thus far
Football committee came up with an algorithm for MaxPreps, original MaxPreps ranking formula is infinite
Last week of the regular season will not count toward district ranking but will count in the regional ranking along with results from district tournament
There will be a coach's verification on MaxPreps to ensure accuracy in schedules
FHSAA will be more involved in regular season schedules due to the structure of rankings

d) Round table-

Craig Faulkner stated that the State championship was very professionally done
Justin: Where do coaches go to report pitch count violation?
Robbie: Recommends meeting with AD, reviewing stats, and bring to our office
Daniel Payne: Issue with the hybrid pitch- no one really knows the advantage/disadvantage or what is hybrid and what isn't

11. Adjournment

Committee

- Meeting closed at 1:02

Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Florida High School Athletic Association

Date: June 3, 2019

Item: Throwing Program

Action: X

Discussion: _____

Recommendation:

Throwing program for pitchers before the season starts.

Rationale:

Schools should be allowed to have a throwing program during same time as preseason conditioning.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Start the Season for practice/throwing (January 6th) Keep the game schedule the same.

1. Approve recommendation.



2. Modify the recommendation
3. Deny the recommendation

Panel's Voting Summary:

Justin Varitek 1st, Daniel Payne 2nd

BAC Vote:

6-0 vote approved

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Craig Faulkner _____

Name of Panel Member/Staff Member

Signature of Panel Member/Staff Member

Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Florida High School Athletic Association

Date: June 3, 2019

Item: Pitch Count Verification Form

Action: X

Discussion: _____

Recommendation:

Pitch Count Verification Form will be required to be used by all schools during the regular season and state series.

Rationale:

Accurate Pitch Count records will be recorded by coaches and tracked through the game for better records.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Motion to approve to not to use the Pitch Count Verification Form Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd 6-0 vote



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

Panel's Voting Summary:

Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd

BAC Vote:

6-0 Vote approved

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Robbie Lindeman _____

Name of Panel Member/Staff Member

Signature of Panel Member/Staff Member

Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting
Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Florida High School Athletic Association

Date: June 3, 2019

Item: GameChanger

Action: **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation:

Gamechanger will be the official Pitch Count for the FHSAA.

Rationale:

Each member school will be required to use Gamechanger for games during the FHSAA season. Pitch Count numbers will be posted on the FHSAA website.

Alternatives to Recommendation:



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

Panel's Voting Summary:

Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd

BAC Vote:

6-0 approved

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Name of Panel Member/Staff Member

Signature of Panel Member/Staff Member

Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting
Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Florida High School Athletic Association

Date: June 3, 2019

Item: Increase State Series Roster

Action: X

Discussion: _____

Recommendation:

Increase Baseball Roster to 22 for State Series

Rationale:

Baseball Roster increasing to 22 to help with pitcher safety.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Committee would like to mend the recommendation to 25.

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1. Approve recommendation.



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

Panel's Voting Summary:

Justin 1st, Daniel 2nd

BAC Vote:

6-0 Approved

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Name of Panel Member/Staff Member

Signature of Panel Member/Staff Member



AGENDA

Florida High School Athletic Association Baseball Advisory Committee Meeting

10:01 AM June 4, 2018
Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Boulevard
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Attendance: Justin Varitek (Lake Mary Prep), Orlando Faedo (Alonso), Craig Faulkner (Venice), Alan Kunkel (Calvary Christian Academy – Ft. Lauderdale), Bruce Aven (American Heritage – Plantation), Wayne Yancey (FACA Representative), Robbie Lindeman (FHSAA), Kyle Niblett (FHSAA), Michael Parks (FHSAA Official), Casey Ferguson (FHSAA)

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| 1. Welcome and Procedures | Lindeman |
| 2. Selection of Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aven nominates Kunkel: unanimous | Committee |
| 3. Adoption of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adoption of agenda: unanimous | Committee |
| 4. Review of 2017 Baseball Advisory Committee Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Game-ending procedures not passed from 2017 Old Business | Committee |
| 5. Review of 2018 State Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rain/lightning delays, moving datesGreat facility with great staffPitch count ruling | Committee |
| 6. FACA Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">JV 2 hour time limitNon-school night implications | Yancey |
| 7. Compliance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Craig Damon addresses committeeUnderclassmen participating in All-Star eventsRecruiting implications | Compliance |



8. Old Business

Committee

- None

9. New Business

Committee

A) JV 2 Hour Time Limit - Faulkner

- Kunkel motions to discuss: unanimous
- Non-school nights
- Labor implications
- Back-to-back games
- Vote: motion to approve by Kunkel – Umpire Associations and schools to determine the time limit of each game (either 2 or 2.5): 6-0 in favor

B) Throwing Program - Faulkner

- Kunkel motions to discuss: 6-0
- Multi-sport athletes
- Purpose of conditioning is to strengthen their arms to be game-ready
- Have few weeks in the fall
- Vote: motion to approve by Kunkel - throwing as conditioning: 6-0 in favor

C) Camps - Faulkner

- Fundraisers were approved for 2017-2018 school year – Jordanne Stark (FHSA Eligibility & Compliance)
- Coaches' compensation up to school

10. Open Agenda (discussion only)

Committee

A) Meeting Date Change

- Move date to beginning of the school year

B) Post Season Schedule

- Regional dates
- Team roster due dates
- 20 player count not enough considering the pitch count

C) Pitch Count/Policy GameChanger

- Hard stop vs. finishing the batter at 105
- Locking pitch counts in MaxPreps
 - Policing issues
 - Officials counting pitches
 - Home team responsible for pitch count and gets final say about dispute
 - GameChanger vs. clicker; GameChanger better for monitoring
 - Require pitch count on MaxPreps
 - Whoever is hosting the playoff game is responsible for providing a person to keep track
 - Verification form for State Series, game manager
 - Have designated person to verify count
- Adding in scenarios/examples/FAQs in the rule book to better clarify the exact rule
 - More cohesive wording for 1 & 2
 - "17+" and getting rid of the "19-22" distinction; all 105 pitch limit
- Wording on pitch count rules
 - Continuation rules



- How to help umpires in these situations
- Team that doesn't use ineligible player should not be penalized
- Doubleheader situations
 - Same day 105 max collectively for both games, instead of having 105 additional for the second game
- Vacate bracket vs. moving the one team forward after a player is found to be ineligible
 - Permanently ineligible player vs. pitch count ineligible player

D) NFHS Rule Changes

- Balk specifications and enforcement

E) Miscellaneous discussion

- Limiting catcher time-outs to visit the mound, rosin bags
- Number of pitches thrown in the bullpen and in between innings
- Whether warmup pitches should be considered in the pitch count
- Recommendations, educating coaches

F) Classification Proposal

11. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:24pm: unanimous

Committee