FINAL AGENDA
Florida High School Athletic Association
Officials Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, March 18, 2020
Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose

2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers

3. Approval of March, 2019 OAC meeting minutes

4. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
   a. Basketball – Frank Beasley / Ed Thompson
      1) Recommendations
         a. New official’s shirt
      2) Discussion
         a. Schools scratching officials
         b. Enforcement of rules
         c. Post season selection process
   b. Soccer – Alex Ozuna / Corey Sobers
      1) Recommendations
         a. Soccer Officiating System
      2) Discussion
         a. Double Dual System
         b. 40-minute halves
         c. Officials being approached during halftime
         d. Coach-Officials conference
   c. Wrestling – Robbie Lindeman
      1) Recommendations
      2) Discussion

5. General recommendations
6. Open Agenda (discussion only)
   a. Exams

7. Adjournment
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<td>Approve new basketball official’s shirt.</td>
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**Background Information:**
The NCAA has changed their basketball official’s shirt this season to reflect a new design.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the use of the new NCAA basketball official’s shirt. (picture attached) Discontinue use of the gray/black pinstripe official’s shirt.

Amend the following in the official’s guidebook:

701.02 Basketball.


- Black/white 1” striped shirt with black raglan style shoulders and sleeves and side panel with FHSAA insignia dye sublimated on the right sleeve and American flag with white border dye sublimated on the left sleeve.

2. (2) Black slacks
3. (3) Black shoes as required by NFHS rules
4. (4) Black belt, if worn
5. (5) Black jacket if worn

**Rationale:**
Official’s uniforms have changed in football and basketball at the professional and collegiate level. Changing uniforms at the high school level will enhance the appearance and credibility of the high school official.
Alternative to Recommendation:

Discontinue the gray/black pin stripe official's shirt. Approve the use of the standard black/white 1" stripe shirt at all levels of competition.

1. (1.) Black/white 1" striped or gray/black pin stripe short sleeve shirt with FHSAA shield insignia embroidered or dye sublimated on the left sleeve and the letters FHSAA embroidered or dye sublimated in blue on the right sleeve. American flag with white border applied or dye sublimated on the back of the shirt.
2. (G.)—Officials working in the post-season (beginning with the district tournament) will be required to wear the gray/black pin stripe short-sleeve shirt uniform available from FHSAA approved vendors.—DELETE

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

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Bob McKinney
Name of Committee Member

Signature of Committee Member
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<td>School / Official Scratch List</td>
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Background Information:
Coaches and Athletic Directors use their ability to scratch officials on an arbitrary basis. This is beyond the current limitations in the official's guidebook.

Recommendation:
Establish an FHSAA policy and procedure for scratching officials from working a school's athletic contests.

Rationale:
Establishment of a state policy will ensure consistency across the all official's organizations.

Alternative to Recommendation:
Current practice of leaving official's scratches up to the local associations and the schools they service.

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

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<td><strong>Item:</strong> Enforcement of Rules and Policies</td>
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**Background Information:**
In the post season it becomes readily apparent that not all official’s association are enforcing NFHS and/or FHSAA rules. Many associations have expressed disappointment that during regional play when they go to schools outside their local jurisdiction, they encounter issues such as non-enforcement of the following in Basketball:
1. Home scorekeepers do not know they’re supposed to wear an official’s shirt
2. There is no enforcement of coach’s box’s
3. No enforcement of Uniform violations
4. Coach and player sportsmanship are lacking
5. Fan sportsmanship is lacking
It has also been stated that associations are not submitting the necessary AT-6 forms for ejections and/or game issues.

**Recommendation:**
The recommendation is to have Officials Advisory Board members for there respective sections evaluate and engage section associations regarding enforcement of rules and report any deficiencies to the FHSAA office.

**Rationale:**
The FHSAA relies on association self-policing and most official’s association do police themselves honorably. However, those associations that do not need to be held accountable and be offered a period to be compliant or have sanctions imposed on them. This process will help build consistency between associations and the officials themselves.

**Alternative to Recommendation:**

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

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Signature of Committee Member
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Rule Reference(s): N/A  Action: X  Discussion: N/A

Item: Transparency in the FHSAA Post Season Officiating Crew selection process.

Background Information:
Each year Assignment Commissioners (AC) and Association Board of Directors (BOD) are asked how the FHSAA selects crew assignments for Regional and State Series games. AC’s and BODs do not know the answer to these questions. The local associations go through a lot of process and procedures to establish local playoff requirements in addition the mandated FHSAA policies regarding this issue. However, once the crew selections are submitted to the FHSAA, we have no understanding on the FHSAA policy and procedures in the selection of local official’s association assignments. Additionally, when assignments are made, and email goes out to the local AC to notify their crew of the assignment. However, If your local crew is not assigned a game, the FHSAA does not always notify the AC that they were not selected for the next round of post season. The only way to know if you didn’t receive an assignment is for the local AC’s to talk to one another to see if games were assigned.

Recommendation:
The FHSAA needs to have a documented and publicly available policy and/or procedure for how the post season officiating crew selections are conducted. Full transparency to the FHSAA member officials is necessary in order to promote clarity and trust amongst the officiating community. These policies and/or procedures should be posted on the FHSAA website much like other states currently provide. Additionally, if a crew is not selected for the next round of assignments it would be appropriate to have the local AC always notified that they were not selected.

Rationale:
Each year there are always questions as to how the FHSAA selects its playoff crew assignments. These officials work hard all year in order to be considered for post season assignments and follow the local and state mandated requirements for consideration. Local organizations have posted requirements for members regarding Post Season play eligibility. Additionally, local organizations are required to disclose post season requirements for officials to be considered and explain to the membership how post season selections were deliberated. While the FHSAA has defined individual criteria necessary for post season consideration, it does not have a documented process in place for how post season assignments are made by the FHSAA office. Having a well-documented selection process will provide clarity and transparency to all officials wishing to be considered for post season assignments.

Alternative to Recommendation:
1. Approve recommendation.
2. Modify the recommendation
3. Deny the recommendation

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Jim Murray
Name of Committee Member
Soccer Advisory Committee Meeting
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Item: Soccer Officiating System  Action: X  Discussion: ________

Recommendation: Use the traditional whistle system for a 2 year probationary period of time instead of the dual whistle system. Other states that have tried the dual system are now going back to traditional.

Rationale: Too many side officials do not blow their whistles and instead defer to the center which frustrates players and coaches. Those that do use the whistles often have a different opinion of how the game should be called, make bad calls or don’t make calls at all (deferring to the center official) and as a result causes confusion among the players as to what is and is not being called as a foul. The 3 whistles have not necessarily been a determining factor in ejections being reduced because coaching education, player education, and ejections and fines have also been implemented simultaneously with the 3 whistles. There has not been a control group to see which of these is the most effective at violent conduct reduction. The more defined roles of having side officials with flags that still can call fouls, but mainly call off-sides and out of bounds could be just as effective at managing a game or more so which is why the rest of the world uses side officials with flags as opposed to 3 referees with whistles. Players and officials use the traditional system in the state of Florida all year in club and college and converting to this in high school is more difficult for them and causes inconsistencies in officiating. Also, with a shortage of quality officials throughout the state it would be easier to recruit officials to run the sideline with a flag and rely on a qualified center to call the rest of the game.

Other associations in the US have tried the dual whistle system and are converting back to the traditional system as evidenced by the state of Colorado converting back this year. The traditional system is more understood by the players, coaches, and referees as they all use this in club and will use it in college as well.

Implementing a 2 year probationary period for going back to the traditional method to collected data to see if it is the coaching and player education, fines, suspensions given out or the system used that could be the reason for keeping ejections down.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

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

Committees Voting Summary:
SCAC – 3/4/2019 - Motion: Simon, Second: Cappello – Vote (7-0) to Approve
ADAC – 4/3/2019 - Motion: Drabczyk; Second: Allan - Vote (12-0) to Endorse

VAC Vote:  

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Scott Waisanen
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<td>For the past 3 years the Coaches Advisory Committee has discussed and recommended the officials moving back to the Diagonal System of Control (CR with ARs &amp; flags) with no input for the Officials Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>Retain current Double Dual System of Control (aka 3-whistle).</td>
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<td>This discussion should have included the Officials Advisory Committee. The current Double Dual System has worked well with high school-aged players and has helped with officials' recruitment, player management, coach management, crew communication, and has reduced ejections. Side Referees are better able to interact with players and prevent misconduct issues. SR1 is better able to manage bench and coaching staff misconduct due to &quot;equal whistle&quot; status of the crew. Additionally, when last used in FHSAA, Assistant Referees were paid less to handle a flag than the center official holding the whistle. Moving to flags will affect retention and recruitment by the reduction of game fee.</td>
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<td>If the Diagonal System of Control is implemented for a 2-year probationary period as recommended by the Coaches Advisory Committee, keep the game fees the same for the center referee and the assistant referees.</td>
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**Background Information:**

Schools that use the 40-minute halves subvarsity option are few and officials are being underpaid when compared to other officials working 30-minute halves subvarsity games.

**Recommendation:**

Allow the option for 40-minute subvarsity games and increase the officials game fee to the equivalence of a 40-minute halves varsity game.

**Rationale:**

40-minute halves subvarsity games and 30-minute halves subvarsity games pay the same and 40-minute subvarsity halves require the same time commitment as 40-minute halves varsity games.

**Alternative to Recommendation:**

Remove option for 40-minute halves for subvarsity games and only permit 30-minute halves for subvarsity.

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

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Approaching officials during halftime interval.

**Background Information:**

There has been an increase in the number of incidents in which coaches or assistants approach referees on the field after the halftime whistle is blown to voice complaints or disagreement with call(s) made during the first half, usually “judgment” calls, or to express opinions on the officiating. It is often gamesmanship and has been more prevalent in the state series contests.

**Recommendation:**

Amend or modify Rule 401.01 (can apply to all sports with a halftime interval) to specify that no player, coach, or team representative other than the team captain may approach or speak to an official during the halftime interval unless an official summons a player, coach, or team representative in response to a request by the team captain.

**Rationale:**

Allow officials time to review/discuss issues, adjustments needed, etc. without interference from coaches and while preserving right of coaches to request a conference at the appropriate time.

**Alternative to Recommendation:**

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

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Rule Reference(s): 401.01; 2007.07  Action: Discussion: X
Item: Coach-Officials conference in soccer.

Background Information:

Soccer unlike other sports does not provide for timeouts during a contest. In high school, however, FHSAA mandates a timeout once in each half for player hydration, which is when a coach-official conference may be appropriate for soccer.

Recommendation:

Amend or modify Rule 401.01 to except soccer from the coach-official conference other than during the hydration timeout required by Rule 2007.07 and modify Rule 2007.07 to allow for such conference in conformity with the procedure outlined in Rule 401.01.

Rationale:

Allow officials time to review/discuss issues, adjustments needed, etc. without interference from coaches and while preserving right of coaches to request a conference at the appropriate time. Allow the officials discretion to determine, at least in soccer, if a conference is appropriate at other times.

Alternative to Recommendation:

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

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W. Patrick Ayers
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