



FINAL AGENDA
Florida High School Athletic Association
Officials Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, June 2, 2020
Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of June, 2019 OAC meeting minutes
4. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
 - a. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman
 - 1) Recommendations
 - a. Game Fees
 - b. MLB Panel Shirt
 - 2) Discussion
 - b. Flag Football – Jeremy Hernandez
 - 1) Recommendations
 - 2) Discussion
 - a. Timing
 - c. Lacrosse – Alex Ozuna
 - 1) Recommendations
 - a. Double Yellow Cards
 - b. Becoming a USL governed sport
 - 2) Discussion
 - d. Softball – Kellie Doucette
 - 1) Recommendations
 - a. Florida Pitching Rule
 - 2) Discussion



e. Track & Field – Ed Thompson

1) Recommendations

- a. Complying with FHSAA requirements- JLA Badge
- b. Use of registered officials for meets
- c. Bib numbers
- d. Jewelry- officials dress code

2) Discussion

f. Water Polo – Corey Sobers

1) Recommendations

2) Discussion

5. General recommendations

1) Media Communication

6. Open Agenda (discussion only)

7. Adjournment

Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: June 4, 2019

| Rule Reference(s): | Action: | Discussion: X |
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| Item: Game Fees- a significant raise increase of 30% for officials | | |
| Background Information: HS Game fees have not increased for six years while college and recreation game fees have increased significantly. This makes it harder to recruit and retain talented officials. | | |
| Recommendation: Raise game fees significantly to catch up for the last six years and then tie the fees to a BLS total cost of employment index going forward. | | |
| Rationale : Compensation for teachers and administrators have steadily increased while our fees have not. It has put us at a disadvantage when trying to recruit and retain officials. Tying game fees to an Annual change in a total cost of employment BLS index would assure that this disparity does not happen going forward. | | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: FHSAA to not regulate game fees and let the associations negotiate directly with the schools. | | |

1. Approve recommendation.
2. Modify the recommendation- game fees to be increased by 30% for officials
3. Deny the recommendation

Committees Voting Summary:

OAC 1st Rdg Approved Modified Recommendation 11-0

ADAC 1st Rdg Did not endorse 11-0

OAC 2nd Rdg

ADAC 2nd Rdg

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Karl Thornbrugh

KJT



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): 701.01 | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: approval for to allow the MLB panel shirt as a alternative uniform shirt | |
| Background Information: we have had the same shirt for over 10yrs minus a change from a patch logo to embroidered logo | |
| Recommendation: To allow the associations to move to the MLB panel shirt both the Black Panel and Light Blue panel if so desired as long as all officials are dressed the same. To allow those that want to move out of the dark ages the freedom to do so. (for Parks Benefit) | |
| Rationale: To allow the associations to move to the MLB panel shirt both the Black Panel and Light Blue panel if so desired as long as all officials are dressed the same. To allow those that want to move out of the dark ages the freedom to do so. (for Parks Benefit) | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: | |
| Data Source: Price from Hudson 51 quoted on 5/8/2020 \$42.00 per shirt | |

Committees Voting Summary:

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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Mark Cyganiak

Section 3 (Boys) Representative

Name of Committee Member

Role



Flag Football Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 05-19-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): Timing | Agenda Item Type: Discussion |
| Item: Clock currently runs on all scores in the first 22 minutes of each half. | |
| Background Information: There is dead time between scores (at least 1 minute) depending on officials. If there are 5 scores in a game, then more than 10% of the game has been lost while marking the ball after scores. | |
| Recommendation: Stop the clock after all scores when the ball is dead until the other team has possession of the ball. | |
| Rationale: Stop the clock after all scores when the ball is dead until the other team has possession of the ball. | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: Clock can stay stopped through the extra points or can stop and then run for the extra point and then stop again. Clock can start when the officials have set the pucks for the new offensive series or the clock can start on the snap. | |
| Data Source: | |

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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Joshua Saunders

Name of Committee Member

Robinson

FACA Representative

Role



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: June 4, 2019

| Rule Reference(s): | Action: | Discussion: |
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| Item: Double Yellow Card reporting to FHSAA | | |
| Background Information: Repetitive danger with no future consequence. Season ending injuries due to repetitive yellow cards by the same players each game, all season. | | |
| Recommendation: Automatic one game suspension for all double yellow cards | | |
| Rationale: This will keep players consciously playing with safety so they are not sitting out in the next game, especially when playoff season rolls around, the stakes are higher and game intensity increases. | | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: Monetary fine or player foul count like basketball. | | |

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

Committees Voting Summary:

OAC 1st Rdg Approved 10-1
 ADAC 1st Rdg Did not endorse 11-0
 OAC 2nd Rdg
 ADAC 2nd Rdg

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Melody Turner

Name of Committee Member

Signature of Committee Member



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: June 4, 2019

| Rule Reference(s): | Action: | Discussion: |
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| Item: Becoming a USL governed sport in Florida. Increased training program for officials. | | |
| Background Information: Currently: Low level officials on games not able to keep the game safe due to lack of required FHSAA training for officials and coaches. | | |
| Recommendation: Implementing and following all USL officiating policies for FHSAA lacrosse. USL Required training certification for all officials working any level games, hosted by USL certified trainers, USL observation program to ensure officials are still keeping games safe in between evaluation years. | | |
| Rationale: Keeps the game safer by having certified officials on the field, each player and official carries an insurance policy through USL, Each region has a USL Local Board Chair and Regional Board Chair and training program through USL, each board is funded by USL for training. | | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: At least Requiring all coaches to be USL Level 1 Coaching Certified to keep the game safer. | | |

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Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): NFHS 6.1 | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: 2021 Florida Pitching Rule Change | |
| <p>Background Information: In 2013, Florida modified our pitching rules to parallel NCAA. We called it “the common pitching rule” since it was basically consistent with other codes, including USA softball, USSSA, and NCAA. This rationale is no longer valid, as all of these codes have modified their pitching rules in the last year. At the 2019 Softball Advisory Committee meeting, the SAC decided to move to a Florida rule that would once again parallel NCAA’s rule. At the Florida Athletic Coaches Association meeting in December, the FACA members agreed with this approach. In summary, the FHSAA and Florida coaches want to make our pitching rules consistent with NCAA so that our pitchers who desire to move on to the next level are prepared as best they can be.</p> | |
| <p>Recommendation: Modify the NFHS Pitching Rule to parallel NCAA rules. Proposed changes (below) are also attached as a Word document.</p> <p>Rule 6. Section 1. Article 1. Remove Article 1, 1-1a, 1-1b, and 1-1c and replace with: Rule 6.1.1. Prior to starting the delivery (pitch), the pitcher shall take a position with her hands apart, her pivot foot in contact with the pitcher’s plate, both feet on the ground completely within the 24-inch length of the pitcher’s plate. The stride foot may be on or behind the pitcher’s plate as far back as desired. Once the pitcher initially sets the toe of her stride foot, she may not step back any farther to increase the distance behind the pitcher’s plate.</p> <p>a.[NO CHANGE] Prior to pitching, the pitcher must take a position with shoulders in line with first and third base, with the ball in the glove or pitching hand, and with hands separated.</p> <p>b. While in this position, the pitcher shall take (or simulate taking) a signal. The signal need not come from the catcher.</p> <p>c. After completing “b” above, the pitcher’s hands must come together in view of the plate umpire for not more than five seconds. The hands do not have to come to a complete stop and, therefore, may be moving during the touch. Paragraphs 6-1-1d through 6-1-1f remain unchanged.</p> <p>The PENALTY: (ART.1) remains unchanged.</p> <p>On p.50. Figure 6-1. Change the labels on the figures. Examples 1, 2, and 6 are legal. Examples 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are illegal.</p> <p>Rule 6.1.2.b Delete the first sentence.</p> | |
| <p>Rationale: Modify the NFHS Pitching Rule to parallel NCAA rules. Proposed changes (below) are also attached as a Word document.</p> <p>Rule 6. Section 1. Article 1. Remove Article 1, 1-1a, 1-1b, and 1-1c and replace with: Rule 6.1.1. Prior to starting the delivery (pitch), the pitcher shall take a position with her hands apart, her pivot foot in contact with the pitcher’s plate, both feet on the ground completely within the 24-inch length of the pitcher’s plate. The stride foot may be on or behind the pitcher’s plate as far back as desired. Once the pitcher initially sets the toe of her stride foot, she may not step back any farther to increase the distance behind the pitcher’s plate.</p> <p>a.[NO CHANGE] Prior to pitching, the pitcher must take a position with shoulders in line with first and third base, with the ball in the glove or pitching hand, and with hands separated.</p> <p>b. While in this position, the pitcher shall take (or simulate taking) a signal. The signal need not come from the catcher.</p> <p>c. After completing “b” above, the pitcher’s hands must come together in view of the plate umpire for not more than five seconds. The hands do not have to come to a complete stop and, therefore, may be moving during the touch. Paragraphs 6-1-1d through 6-1-1f remain unchanged.</p> <p>The PENALTY: (ART.1) remains unchanged.</p> <p>On p.50. Figure 6-1. Change the labels on the figures. Examples 1, 2, and 6 are legal. Examples 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are illegal.</p> <p>Rule 6.1.2.b Delete the first sentence.</p> | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: Use NFHS Rules. | |
| <p>Data Source: NCAA Softball 2020 and 2021 Rules Book, and NFHS Softball 2020 (and 2021) Rules Book.</p> | |



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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Kirk Klawitter

Name of Committee Member

Pensacola Softball Officials Association

Section 1 (Girls) Representative

Role

Florida Pitching Rule Change – 2021

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- a. While in this position, the pitcher shall take (or simulate taking) a signal. The signal need not come from the catcher.
- b. After completing "b" above, the pitcher's hands must come together in view of the plate umpire for not more than five seconds. The hands do not have to come to a complete stop and, therefore, may be moving during the touch.

Paragraphs 6-1-1d through 6-1-1f remain unchanged.

The PENALTY: (ART.1) remains unchanged

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Rule 6.1.2.b. Delete the first sentence.



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): Officials Guidebook 102.02(1)(d)(e) note | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: Officials not complying with FHSAA requirements to certified | |
| Background Information: Officials Guidebook requirements: Join and maintain membership in local officials association; comply with Jessica Lunsford Act. Difficult for associations to verify the JLA requirement | |
| Recommendation: FHSAA add to the Arbiter Report verification of compliance with JLA. | |
| Rationale: FHSAA add to the Arbiter Report verification of compliance with JLA. | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: FHSAA require proof of compliance with JLA to register. | |
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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Lionel Bonck

Name of Committee Member

Central FL Track Officials Assn.

Section 4 (Boys) Representative

Role



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): FHSAA Handbook Operational Bylaws, Article 8 | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: Use of FHSAA Registered Officials for Track & Field Meets | |
| Background Information: Track & Field one of the fastest growing high school sports is not included in the Bylaw 8.9.1 Sports Requiring the use of Registered Officials. Officials are not registering with FHSAA not complying with background check requirements, but still officiating high school meets in Florida using this article as justification for doing so. | |
| Recommendation: Add Track & Field to Bylaw 8.9.1 | |
| Rationale: Add Track & Field to Bylaw 8.9.1 | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: Enforce Administrative Policy 4.1.4 for those schools that use unregistered officials for their track meets. | |
| Data Source: | |

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Role



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Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): FHSAA Track&Field Sport Manual | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: Bib numbers for Track & Field State Meet | |
| Background Information: It is a great aid to officials in field events and running events to have a Bib number to identify athletes in competition. Using uniform color in running events is difficult when more than one school has on the same color combination uniform. | |
| Recommendation: Have Bib numbers assigned to athletes at the State Meet. Have timing company assign a bib number to each contestant. In FHSAA Track & Field Sport Manual 4.14.2.4.4 add a new (b) Bib numbers will be assigned to each contestant. The bib must be worn by all competitors during competition. No athlete shall be permitted to participate in any competition without the appropriate bib. Once a number has been assigned to an athlete, no other athlete may use it. The number must be visible without alteration while the athlete is competing. Re-letter present (b) through (f) | |
| Rationale: Have Bib numbers assigned to athletes at the State Meet. Have timing company assign a bib number to each contestant. In FHSAA Track&Field Sport Manual 4.14.2.4.4 add a new (b) Bib numbers will be assigned to each contestant. The bib must be worn by all competitors during competition. No athlete shall be permitted to participate in any competition without the appropriate bib. Once a number has been assigned to an athlete, no other athlete may use it. The number must be visible without alteration while the athlete is competing. Re-letter present (b) through (f) | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: None | |
| Data Source: NCAA Cross Country/Track and Field Rules. Rule 4-3-4 USATF Competition Rule Book. Rule 143-4 | |

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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Lionel Bonck

Central FL Track Officials Assn.
Section 4 (Boys) Representative

Name of Committee Member

Role



Officials Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 06-02-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): Officials Guidebook 702.01 | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: Officials dress code restrictions, jewelry | |
| Background Information: Requires medical alert bracelets to be taped to the body. Track & Field athletes had that restriction/requirement removed years ago. | |
| Recommendation: Remove from Officials Guidebook | |
| Rationale: Remove from Officials Guidebook | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: At present "doesn't apply to volleyball". Add track&field to that exemption. | |
| Data Source: NFHS Track&Field Rule Book, Rule 4-3 Note: The wearing of a medical alert with the alert visible is encouraged for risk minimization. There are no restrictions on how that bracelet will be worn. USATF has no such restrictions on the wearing of jewelry by officials. | |

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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Lionel Bonck

Central FL Track Officials Assn.

Section 4 (Boys) Representative

Name of Committee Member

Role



Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Zoom Meeting

Date: 05-26-2020

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| Rule Reference(s): Officials Guidebook 402.01 (2) | Agenda Item Type: Action |
| Item: Media Communication | |
| Background Information: 402.01 (a) An official must refrain from discussing a judgement call made during a contest with coaches, players, spectators and members of the new media. | |
| Recommendation: Change/create verbiage about officials not speaking to the media about any calls during a contest. | |
| Rationale: Change/create verbiage about officials not speaking to the media about any calls during a contest. | |
| Alternative to Recommendation: | |
| Data Source: | |

Committees Voting Summary:

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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

JeremyHernandez

Florida High School Athletic Association
FHSAA Staff