



**Winter OAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Florida High School Athletic Association**  
**Officials Advisory Committee Meeting**

10:00 am, April 16, 2020  
Zoom Conference Call

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose,
  - a. Attendance: Jeremy Walton, Patrick Ayers, Bob McKinney, Pat Fairfax, Jim Murray, Winston O'Connor, Greg McCoy. FHSAA Staff: Kellie Doucette, Frank Beasley, Robbie Lindeman, Taylor Gies, Jeremy Hernandez, Justin Harrison, Alex Ozuna, Corey Sobers, Brandi Waters, Ed Thompson
2. Review agenda
3. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
  - a. Basketball – Frank Beasley/ Ed Thompson
    - 1) Recommendations
      - a. New Officials Shirt – Bob McKinney
        - i. Recommendation to change to the NCAA basketball shirt. We have a contract with Smittys – contract states that there is a certain shirt that will be used for each sport. Can only be one type of shirt on sale at a time. Can grandfather old shirt in but all crews must still match. Point was made to poll the officials to get the pulse on what the state feels. Would not be until the 2021-22 season.
        - ii. Motion to Approve- McKinney
        - iii. Seconded – Murray
        - iv. Vote – 7-0 Motion Approved
      - 2) Discussion
        - a. Schools scratching officials
          - i. Inconsistencies across the state in scratch policies, knee jerk reactions. Associations would like that process to be held at a local level rather than the school. Contracts with schools include the scratch policies, scratch form required – signatures from the coach, AD and principal are required – scratch form goes to the association board but the board can approve or deny the scratch request.
        - b. Enforcement of rules
          - i. Game administration issues. Getting to the playoffs and a rule being broken – wrong jerseys, field/court setup, etc. Associations not being

consistent in enforcing specific rules. Problems occur in post season when another association comes in and does enforce those rules that were overlooked. FHSAA can help by getting the message out on key game admin procedures. Having someone observe games from different associations across the state throughout the regular season.

- c. Post season selection process
  - i. Number of factors go into post season game assignments. Less about the process in how assignments are made and more so about the transparency of the process. Publish the rubric on how assignments are made. Open up the communication between the FHSAA and association leadership. Variables change round by round.

b. Soccer – Alex Ozuna/ Corey Sobers

1) Recommendations

a. Soccer Officiating System

- i. Coaches Committee submitted this agenda item - Greg McCoy brought up a discussion item involving this – wanting to go back to the flag system – coaches wish to move back to the diagonal system of control. Coaches believe that coaches education has changed drastically so they want to see if ejections have gone down because of coach's education or the double dual whistle system. Second year of reading for this item. Works in outside leagues. Numbers of violent ejections were climbing and negative sportsmanship, so the three whistle system was implemented. Coach's perspective is different than that of an official. The flag system takes away from the power of the side referee. Patrick brought up the question of whether or not all officials would be paid the same. Winston brought up that the three whistle system is different than the USSF, which makes it difficult to teach new officials. Trial period of 2 years going back to the diagonal system of control.
- ii. Motion to Not Endorse – Greg McCoy
- iii. Second – Pat Fairfax
- iv. Vote – 5-1-1 Motion to Not Endorse approved

2) Discussion

- a. Double Dual System – same as above
- b. 40-minute halves
  - i. Varsity game rate and a sub-varsity game rate –Sub varsity events are 40 minute halves, schools are permitted to choose the option of 30 minute halves instead. Proposed that the FHSAA require sub varsity to be 30 minutes or have the 40 minute halve rate be the same as the Varsity rate. Sub varsity is viewed as a training ground for Varsity games. FHSAA would not give permission to charge a varsity rate for a sub varsity contest.
- c. Officials being approached during halftime
  - i. Coaches coming up during halftime to argue judgement calls or to change gamesmanship. Recommends prohibiting the coach to come up to the officials during halftime to discuss calls. The FHSAA does have this in the book now, section 106 item 15.
- d. Coach-Officials conference

