



**MINUTES**  
**Florida High School Athletic Association**  
**Officials Advisory Committee Meeting**

10:00 am, June 2, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose
  - a. In attendance: Edward Pogoreic, Kirk Klawitter, Rodger Berube, Thom Tiedman, Mike Parks, Mark Cyganiak, Karl Thornbrugh, Lionel Bonck, Carl Erickson, Thom Coste, Melody Turner, Kenneth Maurer, Tim Tornillo
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of June, 2019 OAC meeting minutes
  - a. Motion to accept minutes – Mark Cyganiak made the motion to approve, Kirk Klawitter seconded
    - i. 12-0 - approved
4. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
  - a. Baseball – Robbie Lindeman
    - 1) Recommendations
      - a. Game Fees – Karl Thornbrugh agreed to pull the item
      - b. MLB Panel Shirt – Mark Cyganiak
        - i. Wish to have an additional shirt added to approve list of uniform shirts. Recommendation does state this shirt would be an alternate to what is currently available, however Smitty's apparel contract does state that there is only one shirt available for officials per sport. Would grandfather the old shirts in but Smitty's would stop selling the old shirt and strictly sell the new shirt.
        - ii. Motion to approve made by Karl Thornbrugh, seconded by Rodger Berube
          1. 1-11 - motion failed
    - 2) Discussion
      - a. NFHS designated hitter rule verses the FHSAA rule. Currently both rules are available for the coach to decide which they want to follow. Moving away from that by eliminating the FHSAA rule and strictly following the NFHS rule.
  - b. Flag Football – Jeremy Hernandez
    - 1) Recommendations
    - 2) Discussion
      - b. Timing – Coaches wish to stop the clock after all scores when the ball is dead until the other team takes possession. Could slow up the offensive team getting back onto the field, could significantly slow down the game. Coaches are concerned because that's what the offense is doing now and eating up the clock. This season was the first year that the clock was supposed to stop after penalties. Association started noticing that



officials were calling less penalties, which should have been called so that the clock wouldn't stop. It was brought up that the clock could run until after the try and then stopped.

c. Lacrosse – Alex Ozuna

1) Recommendations

- a. Double Yellow Cards – Melody Turner
  - i. Automatic one game suspension for all double yellow cards. Currently these are not reported to the state and would implement a penalty for multiple dangerous plays or misconduct.
  - ii. Motion to accept Thom Tiedman, seconded Mark Cyganiak
    - 1. 9-2 – motion approved
- b. Becoming a USL governed sport – Melody Turner
  - i. This one would take care of the double yellows if approved. USL would provide training for officials. Additionally it would make the rules the same as the surrounding states. This action item would take the sport out from the FHSAA umbrella and move to the USL umbrella, which would make the sport a club sport again. In order for there to be a high school championship, lacrosse would need to follow the NFHS rules. FHSAA can create an FHSAA training guide for association trainers to bring back to their associations.
  - ii. Motion to accept – Mark Cyganiak, seconded by Carl Erickson
    - 1. 0-8 - motion failed

2) Discussion

d. Softball – Kellie Doucette

1) Recommendations

- a. Florida Pitching Rule – Kirk Klawitter
  - i. Align the pitching rule with the NCAA rule which is stricter than the NFHS rule so we would still be under compliance of the NFHS rules committee. Once the toe is set they have to stay and require them to take a signal. Allows for our pitchers to move to the next level while still being in compliance with the rule.
  - ii. Motion to accept Thom Tiedman, seconded by Kirk Klawitter
    - 1. 10-0 – motion approved

2) Discussion

e. Track & Field – Ed Thompson

1) Recommendations

- a. Complying with FHSAA requirements- JLA Badge – Lionel Bonck
  - i. Recommendation asks for a verification report on Arbiter for the JLA badge. FHSAA does have an option to add the JLA badge expiration during registration, however since there are counties that are line of sight, that question cannot be made mandatory.
  - ii. Lionel pulled the recommendation.
- b. Use of registered officials for meets

- i. Bylaws require the use of registered officials for all sports except for track and field and swimming and diving. Recommendation is to include track and field to bylaw 8.9.1. The original concern was that the number of officials (75) were low in years past and that there would not be enough officials to cover the amount of track meets. Now we believe that there are enough officials (200) to cover the state. Including this in the bylaw would require to have at least one registered official to be assigned to a track meet.
- ii. Motion to accept made by Kirk Klawitter, seconded by Thom Tiedman
  - 1. 11-0 - motion accepted
- c. Bib numbers – Lionel Bonck
  - i. Having bib numbers at the state meet to make it easier to recognize athletes with similar uniforms. Stopped doing this in 2017, wants to bring it back. The sport has grown significantly in the past few years, having bib numbers would be beneficial for officials and for the timing company to help identify athletes.
  - ii. Motion to accept by Thom Tiedman, seconded by Mark Cyganiak
    - 1. 11-0 - motion accepted
- d. Jewelry- officials dress code – Lionel Bonck
  - i. Recommendation to remove the rule that medical alert bracelets to be taped to the body from the official's guidebook. Track and field athletes had this restriction removed years ago, have the officials follow suit.
  - ii. Motion to accept Thom Tiedman, seconded by Thom Coste
    - 1. 11-0 – motion accepted

## 2) Discussion

### f. Water Polo – Corey Sobers

#### 1) Recommendations

#### 2) Discussion

## 5. General recommendations

### 1) Media Communication – Justin Harrison

- a. Media becoming more involved with officials, current guidebook states that officials cannot talk to the media about a judgement call. Want to change the statement in the guidebook to state officials not talk to the media about any call.
  - i. Motion to accept Thom, Seconded by Lionel
  - ii. 11-0 - motion accepted

## 6. Open Agenda (discussion only)

- a. Discussed the officials pay and the task force, additionally brought up the upcoming general information meeting for association presidents.

## 7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

