

Soccer
Sports Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 8, 2011
AIA Boardroom

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

Jeannine Brandel 4A Flagstaff
Joe Paddock 5A Amphi District
Dave Bradshaw 2A St. Johns
Brian Fitzgerald 4A Washington
Jeff Penzone 2A Northwest Christian
T.J. Hagen 5A Mesa
Pat Andrews 2A Horizon Honors
Dave Wright 3A Holbrook
Stacy Crooks 4A Glendale
Matt Smith 5A Corona del Sol

Members absent:

Matt Moran 1A Verde Valley
Cindy Riley 2A Desert Christian
Dan Maya 3A Parker
Robert Edwards 3A San Tan Foothills
Matt Kuffel 5A Boulder Creek
Joe Richter 1A Valley Lutheran
Amy Wilcox 3A Payson
Michael Wakeford 4A Kellis

Guests:

Bob Kosower 2A Phoenix Country Day
Dave Henneman 3A Parker
Jim Burgess AIA Official

By consensus the committee elected Matt Smith as committee chairman.

Motion made by Jeff Penzone Seconded by Dave Wright

Items discussed:

- Playing back to back games at the 1A-3A level was a concern. The committee discussed rest & recovery vs. travel and the need for hotels.
- High seeds vs. neutral site venues – concerns were shared including no scoreboard at neutral sites, spectators too close to players or playing field. Wait time for restrooms, different size fields, and some fields were not any better than school fields.

- High seed site budgets should be streamlined and reduced to fit the needs of soccer.
- Power point concerns in the new scheduling process. With very little variation of opponents there is concern for accuracy of power points. Different options were discussed.
- The elimination of shootouts in regular scheduled games was discussed. In discussion with Brian Bolitho, the possibility of splitting victory points is available in the current power point system.
- There was discussion on the possibility of some form of sectional tournament.
- There was discussion on expanding the tournament to more teams. The committee was reminded that the executive board had already voted on the reconfiguration and we should see how it works first.
- There was discussion on future scheduling and how that could be looked at for soccer. The committee was informed that the scheduling committee had recommended the current format to the executive board and was approved for the coming two year block. The soccer committee will evaluate the upcoming two year block and perhaps offer some insight for the next 2 year block.
- The loyalty rule was discussed and perhaps the executive board could look at the rule and provide possible incremental penalties as opposed to the death penalty

Recommendations/Conclusions:

1. With full consensus, the soccer committee is recommending to the executive board that beginning in 2011-12, regular scheduled games that end in a tie, remains a tie (no penalty kicks) and the victory points are split between the two teams. The regular scheduled games will still consist of two 40 minute halves, if the game is tied, then 2 10 minute overtime periods are played. If still a tie, the game remains a tie. And points are split.
2. With full consensus, the soccer committee is recommending to the executive board that beginning in 2011-12, that at the end of the regular season, the top two teams in each section (by power points) automatically advance to the state tournament. The next twenty teams (seeded by power points) will play one game on the Saturday before the start of the state tournament at a neutral site assigned by the AIA. The ten winners will make up the remainder of the 16 team state tournament field. The state tournament field will be seeded by power points. Division IV teams would use a modified version based on number of teams participating.
3. Members of the committee representing Division IV will get feedback from their people on the choice to split their 1st two rounds of games or continue playing back to back days for those rounds.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.