

Soccer Advisory Committee Minutes
August 30, 2011
AIA Boardroom

Meeting called to order: 9:06 a.m.

Members Present:

2A Cindy Riley, Jeff Penzone, Pat Andrew
3A Robert Edwards, Dave Wright,
4A Jeannine Brandel, Michael Wakeford, Brian Fitzgerald, Stacy Crooks
5A Joe Paddock, T.J Hagen, Matt Smith

Members Absent:

1A Matt Moran, Joe Reichter
2A Dave Bradshaw
3A Amy Wilcox
5A Matt Kuffel

March 8, 2011 Minutes: Approved

Discussion Items:

- David Hines talked about the proposals taken to the Executive Board from the Soccer Committee. The request for regular season games that were tied at the conclusion of regulation and two ten minute overtimes to remain a tie was tabled and is being brought forward for Legislative Council vote by the Executive Board in March. The top four (4) high seed teams will host the first round of games in the state tournament. Seeds 5 – 8 will be placed at one of those locations geographically as much as possible. The request for additional teams to the state tournament was not approved. The Executive Board wants to see how the reconfiguration actually works before making any changes.
- The 2011/2012 State Tournament brackets and tournament guides are up and online. Division I/II/III will have a 16 team tournament. Three teams from each section with the highest power point ranking will automatically advance while the next seven spots will be filled at large by power point ranking. Division IV boys will have a 12 team tournament. The top three teams from each section based on Power point ranking will automatically advance, while the next three spots will be filled at large based on power point ranking. The Division IV girls will have an 8 team tournament. The top two teams from each section will automatically advance, while the next two spots will be filled at large by the power point ranking.

- All Section Teams, Players of the Year, Coach of the Year selections will be done through an online nomination and voting process by head coaches. Head coaches will be allowed to nominate players online and the entire section will vote for their selections online. Certificates would be provided for those selections by the AIA.
- A universal tie-breaking procedure passed by the Executive Board was shared with the group. (Procedure attached)
- Chairman Matt Smith brought up the need for better communication with coaches. Effort will be made for information to get to coaches. David Hines will assist in sending out emails that include pertinent information, committee members will communicate with their regions, sections and conference coaches. The athletic directors will bring forward information at their region and conference meetings.
- Discussion took place about “Showcase Tournaments” during the season. At this point the committee has no recommendations to propose a change from our current bylaws.

At the conclusion of the discussion items, the following were concerns expressed by the Soccer Advisory Committee:

- A limited playing season
- A limited opponent schedule (Single opponents vs. home/home games)
- With limited opponents within the section there is concern with the tournament seeding
- In some cases, travel expenses have gone up when scheduled opponents do not have lower level programs.
- Concern for additional game management when in the past boys and girls teams hosted doubleheaders, now are played at opposite sites
- Would the Executive Board look at changing schedules after one year?

Questions from the committee:

- The Soccer Advisory Committee is requesting the Executive Board to send out a survey at the end of the soccer season for athletic director and coach feedback.
- Can the chair of the Soccer Advisory Committee receive or send out emails for coaches and athletic directors.
- All Section selection, will only names be listed on the ballot, or can each coach provide a brief narrative or stats on their nomination.
- In addition will the all section selections be by position or just total votes. The Soccer SAC recommends a team of 15 players. Eight offensive players, 6 defensive players, and one goalie.

From the Group:

- T.J Hagen asked about the reporting of scores for the AIA power rankings. Concerns that some schools do not report scores for days. It was explained to the committee the violation for non-reporting. There was a request for the Executive Board to look into more accountability or consequences for score reporting. Committee wants to remind everyone to report scores, not just wins or losses.
- Jeannine Brandel asked for the last day to schedule games. That date is Thursday, January 26, 2012

Next Meeting: February 22, 2012

Meeting adjourned: 11:56 a.m.