

Soccer Advisory Committee Minutes
February 22, 2012
AIA Boardroom

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

Members present:

2A – Jeff Penzone, Dave Bradshaw, Pat Andrew
3A – Robert Edwards, Dan Maya
4A – Jeannine Brandel, Michael Wakeford, Stacy Crooks
5A – Joe Paddock, T.J. Hagen, Todd Garelick, Matt Smith

Members absent:

1A – Joe Reichter
2A – Cindy Riley
3A – Amy Wilcox, Dave Wright
4A – Brian Fitzgerald

Minutes from August 30, 2011 meeting:

Motion to approve by Jeff Penzone, seconded by Joe Paddock, approved

Discussion items:

- With preliminary counts attendance is up from last year.
- Had good feedback with high seeds 1-4 hosting two games.
- Committee suggested we have 2 ½ hours between games at the semi-final level.
- Finals at Campo Verde went well – great attendance

Results of committee survey to coaches:

- 193 responses from coaches, 53% girls coaches, 47% boys coaches
- Regarding the 5 scheduled home & away opponents – 25% liked it, 32% want 6 home & away, 16% want to schedule less home & away, 27% want no home & away games
- On the 16 team state tournament – 24% said keep it, 52% want to expand it to 24, 21% want to expand it to 32, 3% said allow everyone in
- Would you support requiring a minimum number of games played with in your section – 11% said no, 35% said 6 games, 29% said 8 games, 25% said 10 games or more
- What is your view on tie games – 42% keep current system, 22% split power points after regulation, 19% split power points after overtime, 15% do shootout and award 2/3 of points to shootout winner and ½ points to shootout loser.
- What is your view on Regional/Sectional tournaments – 33% keep current system, 52% reinstate regional/sectional tournaments, 7% do all qualifying for state be regional/sectional tournaments, 8% other
- What is your view on the number of games – 47% keep it at 14 including 2 tournaments, 28% change it to 14 power point games, 8% up it to 18 games starting before Thanksgiving, 18% up it to 18 games ending after President's day.

- What is your view on divisional/sectional alignment – 18% keep it the same, 44% minimal changes are needed, 38% change it drastically
- The optimum size of a section for soccer is – 17% said 17-20 schools, 33% said 13-16 schools, 41% said 10-12 schools, 9% other
- Referees evaluation and selection – 13% keep it the same, 70% allow coaches to review officials and have some input into playoff selections, 16% change it drastically
- Referees fitness – 14% referees fitness allows them to cover the whole field and be effective, 36% said referee fitness is a small problem, 21% say the referee fitness prevents them from doing their job at an acceptable level, 28% say referee fitness is affecting games
- Referees professionalism – 1% are all professional, 24% almost all are professional, 49% most are professional, 25% a few are professional, 0% non are professional
- What are your thoughts on the fields that games are played on – 0% thought fields are great, 56% said most fields are acceptable, 27% said most fields are poor and lead to injuries, 16% say field are overall poor.

Scheduling:

- The committee discussed saving travel vs. competition, power points and limited playing season
- Discussed that schools can change their schedule (different opponent, double headers, etc) during the period that is open for changes.
- Concern by 1A/2A/3A coaches competing in Division III. The option is open to Division IV in the fall.
- The committee had a power point presentation by Westview administrators on a scheduling option

All Section/Division selection:

- Coaches can and are encouraged to meet within your section or division. Voting must be done online.

Player limit at state tournament:

- There is a game management issue with sidelines during state tournament games and the number of personnel on the field.

Committee recommendations:

1. That schools schedule separate opponents within their section and division.
2. In lieu of the two year block in scheduling increase the number of teams qualifying for the state tournament from 16 to 24. (motion by Jeannine Brandel 2nd by Pat Andrew, passed)
3. That schools in the state tournament be limited to 30 players in uniform and only district certified coaches on the sideline. (motion by Jeff Penzone 2nd by Michael Wakeford, passed)

Meeting adjourned: 1:35 p.m.