



## SOCCER

Sports Advisory Committee

Agenda

Wednesday April 11, 2018 10:00 AM

Call to Order: 10:00am by Dean Visser

Roll Call:

6A AD- Michael Fritz Cibola

6A Coach- TJ Hagen, Mesa

5A AD-

5A Coach-

4A AD-

4A Coach- Norm Hoefler, AJ

3A AD- Heather Osborn, AZ College Pre

3A Coach- Jeff Penzone, NW Christian

2A AD- Cindy Riley, Desert Christian

2A Coach-

AIA- Dean Visser

At Large AD Brian Fitzgerald, Independence

Old Business: Minutes were approved without discussion

Discussion items:

- Recognition – All Region - All State selection process How this going?
  - 4A & 5A took a very long time to post Region and Conference teams
  - Each conference has a slightly different process
    - 6A Regions meet individually; Conference voting is automated through computer; seems to go fairly smoothly
    - 3A Regions meet individually; the winning team from each Region sends that coach to an in-person 3A Conference voting meeting at AIA; some concerns that coaches don't "represent" their region during the Conference voting, but rather are out to get their own kids on the All-Conference team; coaches that could not attend were not able to represent their region
    - 5A noted that the on-line ballots were not correct, ie.- Player of the Year from a Region was left off the ballot; who creates the ballots? How can we ensure this doesn't happen?
  - Certificates- Region rep prints all of the Region certificates; who prints the All-Conference team certificates?
  - Soccer Advisory Committee members will send recommendations to the group; Include deadlines, preference of face-to-face (or phone/skype/facetime), who attends the voting meetings, etc.



- Report - ejections - game security and overall sportsmanship - see the data.
  - Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials presented ejections by conference and sport (see attached data)
  - Zero tolerance for contact with officials; twice this year in soccer; 1 player & 1 coach
  - Must teach athletes to stay on the bench
  - Too much profanity; large portion of ejections were by coaches for profanity
  - Officials & Schools do not always report ejections → going to an automated system
  - Officials should start the process, but AD's will also be able to report ejections (possibly when entering the score)
    - Like to have reports from both parties (Official & AD)
    - If there is video, that is appreciated; Brian can use it as a teaching tool with his officials
    - Brian is holding the officials accountable for professional behavior; coaches need to also be held to accountable for their behavior by the ADs
  
- Card Accumulation
  - 3 red cards in a season = player or coach cannot complete the season; rarely occurs
  - There is not a policy in place for accumulation of yellow cards over the season → should we consider having one?
  - See Indiana state example
  - Email group thoughts/preferences to committee
  
- Number of games/tournaments and season length
  - 3A one week 4A, 5A & 6A almost 2 weeks – handout with 2018/2019 dates
    - 2019- 4A, 5A & 6A will end after President's Day
    - 2020- 3A through 6A will end after President's Day
    - We will have to monitor how this affects schools and whether we are losing too many athletes to club
  - Soccer State will not be the same week as Wrestling State
  
- Score of game - opponent quality – mercy rule - officiating
  - A number of blowouts seem to be increasing
  - NFHS rules allow schools to shorten the duration of a match—see rulebook for specifics on when it has to be determined, etc. Rule 7 Sec 1 Art 2 and Art 5.
  - The committee did not seem interested in creating a mercy rule



- State Tournament set-up – high seed – dates – locations
  - Emails from GCU and Phoenix Rising
    - GCU- Not interested in partnering with AIA for play-offs
    - PHX Rising- The dates do not work for play-offs at their facility for either Fall or Winter soccer; would be willing to look at a partnership with different dates
  - Coaches and ADs want to know why we compete at Campo Verde or Williams Field for play-offs → the AIA is a high school organization/partner with high schools; AIA has explored various other locations and they are not willing to partner, dates don't work, or they want to take the majority of the profit from attendance at these events
  - Suggestion to check out Ottawa University's new field in Surprise, AZ
  
- Forfeits/Bylaw violations
  - Games not played are marked cancelled, NOT a forfeit.
  - If the game was a forfeit because the game was played, a win is recorded for standings and later vacated, then it is not a forfeit

Adjourn: 12:28pm