



Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings
October 2-3, 2016
October 18, 2016 (Teleconference)
October 27, 2016 (Teleconference)

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Action Items and Board Directives The Board of Directors (BOD) took action and directed the ASAA staff as follows:

> **State Greatland Hockey Tournament** : took action to incorporate the Small Schools (Greatland) Hockey Tournament into the Greatland Conference Tournament. ASAA will pay for the “ice” and officials during the championship game. Since the conference schools will be paying all other expenses, ASAA will not charge participation fees for the schools involved in the final game. Gate proceeds will be allocated according to the Greatland Conference Bylaws. The All-State Team Committee may consider players from all schools participating in the conference/state tournament. This is a one-year approval for this year, which the Board will re-address after the tournament.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **All State Art Entries** took action to change the number of entries to 5 per art teacher or 15 per school, whichever is greater.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **All State Music Festival Site** took action to accept the Anchorage School District bid to host the Festival for the year 2017, 2018, and 2019

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



> **NFHS Rules Modifications** took action to change the Article 6 Section 8 Contest Rules Bylaw to read:

Playing Rules: All sports will follow National Federation of State High School Association rules with the following exceptions:

1. Flag Football - Modified NIRSA Rules
2. Nordic Skiing - FIS Rules with ASAA modifications
3. Tennis - USTA with ASAA modifications
4. Mix-Six Volleyball - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications
5. Wrestling - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications
6. Soccer – NFHS rules with modifications for co-ed soccer
7. ASAA has adopted supplementary rules for baseball, hockey and softball

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Article 11 Section 11 Medical Examinations:** took action to add “doctor of chiropractic” to the list of those able to preform pre-participation physicals and wrestling weight certifications.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **State Tennis Championship Officials:** took action to change the State Championship Officials policy to read.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

9. State Championship Officials

A. It is imperative that ASAA *State* championship events are officiated by experienced certified and highly competent individuals. It is also the intent of ASAA that each Region/Conference should have the opportunity for representation by an Official from their respective geographical region at state tournaments. However, when qualified and/or competent officials cannot be obtained from one region or conference, those positions will be filled from other regions of the state.

H. Sport-Specific Guidelines: The following are guidelines for the selection of Officials for specific Activities. If the Sport is not listed, it has no specific guidelines.

4. TENNIS - Court Monitors will be chosen by the steering committee and will be present at each venue

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



> **Unfilled Wrestling Berths:** took action to have the following conference work together to “share” any unfilled wrestling berths:

1A/2A/3A State Berth Conference Share: Denali and Southeast, Great Alaska and Northern Lights, Kachemak and Sockeye

4A State Berth Conference Share —Cook Inlet and Southeast, Northern Lights and Mid Alaska.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Mercy Rule for Baseball:** took action to clarify that the “Mercy Rule” in baseball is:

The game shall end when; the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4.5 innings; or after the 5th inning if either team is 10 runs behind and have had an equal number of times at bat.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Team Roster Limits for Football:** Region 4’s motioned to immediately increase the roster limit for football from 48 to 61.

(motion died for lack of a second)

> **State Wrestling Venue:** took action to move the State Wrestling Tournaments to the Alaska Airlines Center.

(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **Houston/Redington/Su-Valley Hockey Co-op:** took action to grant a waiver of the Cooperative School Agreement bylaw to allow the three schools to co-op for hockey without having to combine their enrollments.

(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **Girls House Team Out of State Travel:** took action to allow “house teams” to travel out of state for competition during the dates of November 9-14, 2016.

(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



Reports: The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournaments
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials/Coaches
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life/Hall of Fame
- Executive Director

Public Comments: No members of the public spoke on agenda or non-agenda items during this designated time.

Executive Session: The board moved into executive session to discuss financial and personnel matters.

Workshops: None

Hearings:

- Board upheld the decision of the Executive Director to deny a waiver of the Maximum Participation rule to a student.
- Board upheld the decision of the Executive Director to fine and place on probation a school for an intentional contract violation.

Tabled Items:

1. None

Discussion Items: The BOD discussed the following items:

- **State Softball Tournament Format:** discussed a request by the Softball Coach's Committee to expand the tournament from 2 to 3 days. The tournament would use "pool" play to seed a bracket.
- **Webcasting:** reviewed the NFHS Network's selection of events to webcast. They are Football, 3A/4A Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheer and Basketball. Additionally ASAA working with the NFHS Network will produce the webcasting for 2A/Mix volleyball and possibly hockey. ASAA will contract with the Juneau School District for webcasting of the State Swim and Dive Championships.



- > **3A/4A Volleyball Tournament:** due to an unavoidable UAA scheduling conflict the State 3A/4A Volleyball Tournament will have to use the Auxiliary gym for portions of the tournament. It will also impact the game times.
- > **Softball Jamboree Pitch Restrictions:** the Softball Coach's Committee requested a change in the Jamboree policy to allow pitchers to be unrestricted in the number of innings pitched.
- > **Soccer Tournament:** the Soccer Coach's Committee does support the current seeding process. They propose having the eight coaches involved rank the team for seeding. The committee would also like not to end the 3rd or 4th place games in a tie, but would rather go directly to penalty kicks to determine the winner.
- > **3A Volleyball Conferences:** looked at several options to reconfigure the conferences for 3A volleyball. This led to a discussion of using the same reconfigurations for basketball as well, but to also incorporate the WPI.
- > **Cooperative School Programs:** discussed the need to review and possibly expand the cooperative school bylaw to allow for additional methods for which larger schools could combine in order to offer additional opportunities for students and/or to save money. Also discussed adding language to deal with the current ESSS system of schools forming a permanent co-op.
- > **Out of Season Contact Review :** formed a committee to review the Out of Season Contact Policy. The committee is to review the rules as they apply to sports starting prior to September, and to individual sports.
- > **ASAA Penalties:** discussed reviewing the penalties for violations of ASAA bylaws and policies. The fines have not changed for decades and therefore, may need to be revised.
- > **Supplemental Hockey Rules Committee:** this committee has not met since being formed, but should be able to do so prior to the December Board Meeting.
- > **Classification Committee:** a report of the Committee's meeting was given by the Chair (Andrew Friske) and ASAA staff. No specific recommendations were agreed upon by the Committee, so the Board asked that specific recommendation to be presented at the December board meeting.
- > **Girls Wrestling:** discussed several options as to the format of the State Girls Wrestling Tournament. The Board will finalize the format prior to the tournament once the ASAA Staff can review numerous proposals.
- > **Solo & Ensemble Concerns:** discussed the need for better school supervision during the event. The board also the number of participants being chosen from the Aurora Music Festival. ASAA will work with the schools attending this festival to revise their qualifying system.



- **State Tournament Titling:** discussed the current system of titling tournament which is inconsistent.
- **Football Playoff Games hosted by higher seed:** discussed how football playoff games, which are not hosted by ASAA, are inconsistent in the application of ASAA Procedures & Policies. The ASAA Staff will present a proposal to the Board in December.
- **Eligibility for Managers:** discussed the need to develop better eligibility guidelines for managers accompanying their teams to State Championship Events and the need to have schools follow similar policy during the regular season. Also discussed the need to clarify that student managers must meet the same eligibility standards as other participants.
- **Practice Waivers:** directed the Executive Director to send out a bylaw revision to Article 7 Section 7B to include Arctic Winter games to the events for which practice waivers may be granted.
- **Baseball Pitch Count:** discussed the mandate from the NFHS requiring all states to have a pitch count rule for baseball in place by the 2018 baseball season.
- **Medical Forfeits in Wrestling:** clarified there is no such thing as a “medical forfeit” in the NHFS Wrestling handbook. Also discussed requiring a medical clearance for wrestlers to continue if they “default” a match.
- **North Pole Football:** received a letter from North Pole High School to “opt-up” in football. The request will be reviewed again during the December meeting and if granted may not go into effect until the 2018 season.
- **Region 1 3A Cross Country Running:** Region 1 may bring forth a proposal to “tweak” the conferences in order to add a 3A conference race. A proposal may be brought forward by December.
- **North Pole and Eielson High School Swimming Co-op Request:** discussed a request to allow North Pole and Eielson to form a co-op team for swimming. No motion was made.
- **Pre-participation Physical Expiration Date:** discussed modifying the Pre-participation Physical Exam rule to allow for a “grace” period of 30 days from expiration. This would benefit students in remote areas and those served by Medicare.



Items for December 5-6, 2016 - Regular Meeting

- State Softball Tournament Format
- 3A/4A Volleyball Tournament
- Softball Jamboree Pitch Restrictions
- Soccer Tournament Seeding
- 3A Volleyball Conferences
- Cooperative School Programs
- Out of Season Contact Review
- ASAA Penalties
- Supplemental Hockey Rules Committee
- Classification Committee
- Girls Wrestling
- State Tournament Titling
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Tabled Items

None