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## Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska December 7-8, 2015

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

➤ **Unmanned Aerial Systems At ASAA Championship Events Policy** adopted the following policy:

The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all ASAA-Championship events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Article 12 Section 7 Semester Credit Rule:** changed the bylaw to now read:

“All second-semester freshmen, sophomores and juniors, as well as seniors who are not on track to graduate, must have passed at least 2.5 units of credit, or the equivalent, toward graduation, during the previous semester.

All second semester seniors who are on track to graduate must have passed at 2.0 units of credit, or the equivalent, toward graduation, during the previous semester.

All first semester seniors must have passed at least 2.5 units of credit, or the equivalent, toward graduation, during the previous semester in order to be eligible anytime during the current semester.”

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Article 12 Section 2.A.4 Participation Rules** changed the bylaw to now read:

“For all **freshmen**, sophomores, and junior, as well as seniors who are not on track to graduate, must be enrolled in a minimum of courses **needed to receive 2.5 units of semester** credit or the equivalent at the School of Eligibility or supervised by the School of Eligibility or its school district, that lead to granting credit toward graduation from the school district or the School of Eligibility.

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Article 12 Section 2 B.3 Alternative Education Student Change of School of Eligibility** changed the bylaw to now read:

A student attending a non-member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence) whom wishes to change his/her School of Eligibility will be ineligible for interscholastic competition at the new School of Eligibility for one calendar year, from the date of receipt by ASAA of the Application for Changing School of Eligibility form. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity team during the regular season, but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments.

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Article 12 Section 2.E Participation Rules 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Participation Authority** changed the bylaw to allow the use of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the sport of soccer.

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Article 7 Section 6.C Definition of Season** changed the bylaw to now read:

For an activity that is confined to a season, the season is established by the Board of Directors and may begin with the first day of practice and end at the conclusion of the state championship event. From time to time, the Board of Directors may grant a post-season extension when requested in a timely manner by a member school, for the sole purpose of out-of-state competition. *Additionally, cheer squads may request a pre-season extension for the sole purpose of cheering at the Great Alaska Shootout.*

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Tennis State Championship Roster Limits:** took action to removed Tennis from the list of activities with set roster limits for State Championship Events.

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **Endowment Games:** took action to allow two additional endowment games for the sport of basketball provided the games are played against schools of a different classification. The policy now reads as follows:

**Section 9 - Maximum Games Prior to Qualification for State Tournament**

A . The following number of games / matches may be played during the regular season. In addition, 2 Endowment Games may be played each season in the following team sports Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball and Softball. **Additionally, 2 more Endowment games may be played in the sport of basketball provided the schools involved are at different classifications.**

Basketball — 22 games exclusive of conference tournaments or 19 games and one invitational tournament of three or more game

Football — one game per week to a maximum of 8 games per season exclusive of playoffs

Wrestling — 24 individual weigh-ins exclusive of forfeits by opponents exclusive of conference tournaments

Volleyball, Hockey, Baseball, Soccer, Softball — 22 contests, exclusive of conference tournaments

**(Carried - Unanimous Consent)**

➤ **State Tournament Site Selections:** took action to select the following sites for State Championship events:

**Hockey**---Menard Center, hosted by Wasilla High (3 year bid, beginning 2017)  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Small and Medium Football**---Palmer High School (3 year bid, beginning 2016)  
(Passed 7-1)

**Mixed 6 and 2A Volleyball**---Dimond High School (3 year bid beginning 2016)  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Wrestling Girls/123A/4A**---Chugiak and Bartlett High Schools, hosted by Chugiak (3 year bid beginning 2016)  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**DDF**---East High School---Staff provided by UAA Debate team (3 year bid beginning 2017)  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Soccer**---Eagle River and Chugiak High Schools, hosted by Eagle River (3 year bid beginning 2017)  
(Passed 5-3)

**Track and Field**---Palmer High School (3 year bid beginning 2017)  
(Passed 6-2)

➤ **Official Selection and Allocations for Football** took action to reduce the Kenai Football Officials Association from 5 to 3 positions, giving Anchorage/Mat Su and Fairbanks one more position each.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Out of State Hockey “house team” travel** took action to change the Individual non-school participation policy for hockey to read:

INDIVIDUAL NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION ASAA prohibits boys and girls students, who are members of a high school team, from competing as a member of a non-school comp, junior hockey **or out of state traveling house** team beginning with the first day of high school practice until a school team has completed its season . The prohibition on competing on a non-school team will be lifted during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations dates as they are determined by schools and districts. Although this rule does not restrict practice on a non-school team during the high school season, no student may participate in a high school game on a day in which he/she has participated in a “comp” practice (see item 12 of supplemental rules regarding penalty).

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Small School Football Conferences:** took action to place Redington High into the Peninsula Conference.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Basketball and Cheer Tournament Dates:** failed to approve a motion to hold the 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament the weekend now being used by the 1A/2A Tournament with the 1A/2A tournament switching to the later weekend

(Failed-5-3)

➤ **State Wrestling Tournament:** failed to approve a motion to shorten the wrestling season by one week.

(Failed-5-3)

**State Mixed 6/2A Volleyball Tournament:** approve a motion to add one week to the Mixed 6/2A Volleyball season.

(Passed: 6-2)

➤ **Budget Revision:** approve a motion to use \$93,000 from the Fund Balance to offset remodeling cost associated with the purchase of additional office space.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Awards and Recognitions** The Executive Director and ASAA Board of Directors recognized outgoing Region 3 Representative Mike Boyd of his service to the students and member schools throughout Alaska during his six years of service on the ASAA Board of Directors.

**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
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
- 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 several items.

**Workshops:** None

**Hearings:** Thunder Mt. Student D.S.  
Homer High School Student J.T.

**Tabled Items:**

None

**Discussion Items:** The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **Transgender Policy** continued to discuss the need to develop the policy. A draft has been sent out to schools and is being reviewed by the ASAA's attorney.

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed the developing a waiver process for student who has committed their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> offenses in order to give them opportunity to regain eligibility. Formed a committee to work on a proposal to be brought to the Board at the February meeting.

➤ **Code of Conduct:** directed Executive Director to send out a revised Code of Conduct policy to

member schools.

- **3A Volleyball Tournament Berth:** discussed various options presented by the ASAA Staff to restrict, expand or develop an “at large berth” for the 3A tournament. Referred this item to the Volleyball Activities Committee.
- **Online Handbook:** discussed advantages/disadvantages of moving to a digital online ASAA Handbook. The Board directed the ASAA Staff to move in that direction.
- **ASAA State Tournament Awards:** discussed the disparity in awards given at ASAA State Tournaments. Directed the ASAA Staff to present information at the February meeting.
- **Cross Country Running Classifications:** discussed a proposal from Region 1 to expand the number of conferences in order to reduce travel cost and to also separate the 1A/2A runners into their own race at the State Championships.
- **STUNT Cheerleading:** discussed proposal from Region 4 to adopt STUNT Cheer in order to comply with Title IX and to phase out Comp Cheer.
- **WPI Basketball:** Discussed looking into how the WPI is computed, as the system was developed to seed the State Tournament and is now being used to now additionally determine At-Large Berths.
- **Use of High School Age Officials at State Tournaments:** Discussed issues with the use of high school age students to officiate state tournaments, particularly line judging during the Mixed 6/2A State Volleyball Tournament. Also expressed concern regarding high school students on the official book/clock (table).

#### **Items for February 15-16, 2016 - Regular Meeting**

1. Transgender Policy
2. TAD Policy Consequences Review
3. Code of Conduct
4. 3A Volleyball Tournament Format
5. Online Handbook
6. State Tournament Awards
7. Cross County Conferences and State Races
8. Use of High School Age Officials
9. State Tournament Wrestling Seeding Issues
10. Letter from Comp Hockey Association