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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting October 11, 2021

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. October 11, 2021

Roll Call:

Region 1 – Patrick Callahan-Present
Region 2 - James Sickler-Present
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present
Region 4 - Megan Hatswell-Present
Region 5 - Troy Thain-Present
Region 6 - Dan Klein-Present
AASB - Dana Mock-Present
AASA – Jim Holien –Present
AASG – Harrison Little-Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2021 Board meeting
- b. Wavier Report
- c. Out-of-State Travel
- d. Contest Ejection Report
- e. Financial Report
- f. Cooperative Schools Report
- g. Endowment Report
- h. Eighth Grade Student Eligibility Request Report

Motion “to approve the consent items with the changes noted to the 8th grade eligibility report”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion “to approve the agenda as presented”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

- No public comments were made.

Reports – The Board of Directors was provided with the following reports:

- Board Members
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- State Tournaments
- Officials and Coaches
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Student Services
- Hall of Fame
- SMAC
- Executive Director



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Action Items – The Board of Directors took action as follows:

➤ **ASAA State Event Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy:** motion and second “to adopt the Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the presented policy reads:

ASAA PRE-COMPETITION COVID TESTING POLICY

*Unless exempted below, **all participants for indoor events** must obtain pre-competition testing. Participants need a negative test result to be cleared to attend competition. There are three methods for meeting this requirement.*

Participants includes all rostered student participants (included but not limited to athletes, managers, musicians, etc.), coaches, trainers, and officials.

1. Molecular Test:

The testing requirement may be satisfied by taking a molecular test for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to competition. Participants need to receive a negative test prior to competing.

• If Molecular test results have not come in by the day of competition, a same day negative antigen test result may be used instead, with the prior approval of the ASAA Executive Director.

Question: Does a negative molecular test clear the athlete for competition for the following 5 days from the date of the test. For example: does a test taken on Tuesday, allow the student to participate without re- testing on Friday and Saturday?

We encourage molecular test samples to be collected within 48 hours of competition but in order to accommodate logistical challenges the molecular test samples may be collected up to 72 hours before competition. Therefore, a negative test result from a test sample collected on Tuesdays allows an athlete to compete on Thursday, Friday and Saturday without another test.



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2. Twice Weekly Antigen or Molecular Testing:

Alternatively, the testing requirement may be satisfied through routine twice-weekly antigen or molecular testing prior to competition. To satisfy the “twice-weekly” requirement, tests must be taken on two non- consecutive days within each week, ideally separated by at least 72 hours. A minimum of two tests on this schedule are required prior to first competition.

- As long as participants have obtained negative results from all routine testing over the preceding two weeks, participants are cleared for competition.*
- If a participant misses an antigen test, a molecular test within 72 hours prior to competition may substitute.*

Question: How many days after the test may a student participate without having to re-test?

Answer: If an athlete continues to receive negative test results from twice-weekly antigen or molecular test, with test samples collected on non-consecutive days, that athlete may compete as often as they like once two weeks of testing with negative test results has been completed. If an athlete misses the weekly testing, a molecular test may be substituted following the same guidance provided in item 1 above.

3. Once Weekly Antigen:

The testing requirement may alternatively be satisfied by routine once-weekly antigen IF the antigen testing is conducted not more than 24 hours prior to each event and with a minimum of two weekly antigen tests required prior to first competition. If a participant is participating in multiple games within a 24-hour period, an antigen test result within the proper window for the first game satisfies the testing requirement for the rest of the 24- hour period.

Question: This participant would be required to re-test every 24 hours to continue to participate. Is that correct? For example, if I test Wednesday, I’m good for Thursday’s competitions, but would then need to test Thursday for Friday’ s and Friday for Saturdays.

Answer: Once weekly antigen testing is envisioned for athletes who compete just one day a week. The sample may be collected the day before competition and then the athlete may compete in as many games, matches, races, etc. as they like the next day. The goal is for competition to take place no more than 48 hours after the test is conducted. Since rapid antigen test may be complete the day before or the day of competition, if the test is completed at the beginning of the first day of competition, a negative test result would



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clear the athlete to compete during the next 24 hours. However, if the test is completed the day before competition, then a second test would be needed for the second day of competition. Athletes completing more than once a week should consider twice-weekly antigen testing.

Other Considerations

- *Positive Test Results:*

Question: If a participant test positive, are all close contacts eliminated or only the one participant?

Answer: Only the participant testing positive is required to quarantine.

- *Fully vaccinated participants are **not** exempt from pre-competition testing.*
- *Exemption for Previously Diagnosed Person:*

If a person has had a diagnosed case of COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are exempt from pre- competition testing provided:

- *The athlete provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular based test for SARS- CoV2 within 90 days of participating.*
- *The athlete is currently asymptomatic.*
- *The athlete has completed the isolation period as specified in the CDC guidelines.*

Reporting to ASAA

- *Participating Schools will be required to submit verification that all their participants are in compliance of this policy. This verification must be from the school's administration.*



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➤ **ASAA State Championship Event Mask Policy:** motion and second “to adopt the ASAA State Championship Event Mask Policy as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the policy states:

ASAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT MASK POLICY

Masks or face coverings are always required for all athletes, players, coaches, officials, spectators, and anyone else at all ASAA State Championship indoor events.

• *Exception: Masks may be removed when actively participating or officiating in matches or games but must be worn at all other times.*

Question: Do individual on the bench or sidelines, need to wear mask? Yes

➤ **FY22 ASAA Budget Revision:** motion and second “to revise the FY22 ASAA Budget as presented”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Student Wrestler Development Program Membership and Conference Placement:**

- Motion and second “to approve the membership application of the Student Wrestler Development Program and to place it into ~~Region 2~~ Region 6”
 - Motion and second “to amend the previous motion to place the Student Wrestler Development Program into Region 6”
 - Motion passed (7-1)
 - (Y) Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, AASA, AASB
 - (N) Region 6
 - (Y) AASG (advisory)

Motion passed 8-0 (Y) Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, AASB, AASA, Region 6, AASG (Advisory)



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➤ **Student Wrestler Development Program Opt-up and Conference Placement Request:** motion and second “to approve the request of the Student Wrestler Development Program to opt-up into DI boys wrestling and to place the school in the Mid-Alaska conference for DI boys wrestling and the Denali conferenced for girls wrestling.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Pre-participation Physical Expiration dates:** motion and second “to extend the expiration date of a pre-participation physical to 24 months from the date completed.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Election of Board President:** motion and second “to elect Dana Mock as Board President for the 2021-2022 year.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Election of Board Vice President:** motion and second “to elect Troy Thain as Board Vice President for the 2021-2022 year.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Board Directives and Discussions: The Board of Directors had discussion and gave direction as follows:

➤ **2021-2022 ASAA Calendar of Events:** discussed the 2021-2022 ASAA Calendar of Events and directed the ASAA staff to present an option on starting the spring activities the Monday after the end of the regular season for basketball. In the event a Board member had wishes to change a date on the draft, they are asked to share with the ASAA staff and fellow Board members as soon as possible. This will allow the other Board members to discuss the suggested changes during their regional or association meetings prior to the December Board meeting. Also discussed was an upcoming request to allow the 3A/4A conference tournament to conclude on March 19, 2022.

➤ **State Berth Analysis of Team Sports Berths** discuss the policy and directed the ASAA staff to utilize the Activities Committee to provide input on how state berths should be allotted to the various conferences. Also, as part of this discussion was the possibility of changing the berth allocations for DII Hockey for this year. This is due to a loss of two Aurora conference teams



4048 Laurel St. #203, Anchorage, AK 99508 / Phone: 907-563-3723 / Fax: 907-563-3739 / Web: www.asaa.org and the addition of one team to the Railbelt conference. Region 2 and Region 6 will meet and make a recommendation to the Board prior to the December meeting.

- **ASAA Bylaw and Policies Revisions:** directed the staff to work with legal counsel on bylaw and policy revisions. The Board also discussed the current format of the bylaws and the need to make formatting changes.
- **Strategic Planning:** Directed the ASAA staff to work with Jerry Covey to develop a budget and format for doing a 5-year Strategic Plan for the organization. The Board wants to the format to include a wide variety of stakeholders such as parents, sponsors, students, and officials along with members of the ASAA Board and Staff.
- **State Championship Bids:** discussed the current State Championship bids currently due by November 1, 2020. These include Cross Country, Tennis, 3A/4A Volleyball, Mix-6/2A Volleyball and Wrestling
- **Reporting Scores Requirement:** discussed the recommendation of the ASAA Staff to require football, baseball, and softball to report schedules and scores into ASAA365.com.
- **ASAA Job Descriptions:** reviewed the job descriptions of the various ASAA positions.
- **Track & Field Relay Team Qualifiers:** reviewed a proposal to allow schools to alter their relay teams after the conclusion of the Conference meets. This proposal would be similar to the one currently being used in cross country. However, a student may not be entered into four (4) individual events and a relay.
- **Article 8 - Name, Image, Likeness Bylaw:** discussed a possible revision to the Amateur Status bylaw that would allow students to profit from their Name, Image and Likeness if it was not in conjunction with the student's school team, school ASAA Region or ASAA. The ASAA Staff was directed to send out a bylaw revision to the membership.
- **Review of Lumen Christi/ASD MOA:** directed the staff to set up a meeting regarding the Lumen Christi/ASD MOA with members of these districts, Region 2 and Region 4. A report will be given during the December Board meeting.
- **Master Eligibility Compliance:** discussed the difficulty ASAA has in ensuring compliance with the requirement that all schools list all students on the Master Eligibility list and not just those competing in state events. The ASAA staff will present policy recommendations at a future Board meeting.



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➤ **MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net**: discussed the possible change to Milesplit to replace Athletic.net. The Board requested the ASAA Staff to see if Athletic.net would also be willing to become a sponsor and offer free meet management access to ASAA member schools. ASAA is hoping to see some of this spring's regular season events use Milesplit to conduct track & field competitions.

➤ **Adaptive Sports**: directed the staff to continue working with the Adaptive Sports Committee towards Nordic Ski and Track & Field events for this school year. The Board does not want to see Track & Field having to go to three-day event or to separate the divisions, but would like to see some events incorporated into the current schedule. For both Nordic Ski and Track & Field, this may require schools to send in an "intent to participate" notice to ASAA roughly a month prior to each event.

Hearings – none

Upcoming Agenda Items –the below items will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Other items may be added at a later date.

- 2021-2022 ASAA Calendar of Events
- 3A/4A Conference Tournament Dates
- State Berth Analysis of Team Sports Berths
- ASAA Bylaw and Policies Revisions
- Strategic Planning
- State Championship Bids
- Reporting Scores Requirement
- Track & Field Relay Team Qualifiers
- Article 8 - Name, Image, Likeness Bylaw
- Review of Lumen Christi/ASD MOA
- Master Eligibility Compliance
- MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net
- Adaptive Sports



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Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – none

Motion to Adjourn

Motion and second to Adjourn
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Upcoming Board Meetings

- December 6-7, 2021 in Anchorage
- February 21-22, 2022 in Anchorage
- April 25-26, 2022 in Haines