

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

NOTES

WELCOME

REVIEW OF LAST MEETING (MARCH 26, 2014)

REVIEW OF MAY BOARD MEETINGS.....

REVIEW OF HANDBOOK

LIST OF TOPICS DISCUSSION

VIOLATIONS OF TRANSFER POLICY - OK W. OUR PROTOCOL

CHARTER SCHOOLS - WAITING LIST - IF NO HARDSHIP, NO APPROVE

CHARTER SCHOOLS - NEVER BEEN ON A ROSTER - IF NO HARDSHIP, NO APPROVE

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION - OUR CALL.....

TRANSPORTATION - IF HARDSHIP BY LIFE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCE, APPROVE - IF NOTHING CHANGES.....NO APPROVE

NON-MEMBER TO MEMBER (NOT BASE SCHOOL) - TRANSFER WAIVER REQUIRED

CHEERLEADING - TREAT AS SPORT.....

FRANKLIN ACADEMY MEMO...NO REPEAL THE TRANSFER POLICY

CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

FIRST ISSUE IN A 4 YEAR PERIOD OF NOT SATISFYING RULE - \$1,000 FINE

SECOND ISSUE IN A 4 YEAR PERIOD OF NOT SATISFYING RULE - TAKE OUT OF CONFERENCE AND INELIGIBLE FOR PLAYOFFS IN ALL SPORTS UNTIL MID-WAY POINT OR NEW REALIGNMENT AND SATISFY CRITERIA

COACHING REQUIREMENTS

RECERTIFICATION - NFHS LOOKING AT A RECERTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION AND WE WILL AWAIT THEIR RULING

CONCUSSION COURSE - TAKE EVERY YEAR

HEALTH AND SAFETY AND ITS FREE.....

IF NO ADM NUMBERS, WHAT USE?

2ND MONTH PRINC. REPORT - RECEIVE FROM SUPERS OFFICE

DERIVATIVE SPORTS

IF COACH ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL PROGRAM, ABIDE BY

NUMBERS RE. OUT OF SEASON CONDITIONING

IF TOTALLY SEPARATE ENTITY.....HANDS OFF.....

COMBINES - MAINTAIN APPROACH RE. NUMBERS, WHO SPONSORS, ETC.

EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS MEETING—RESIDENCE INN, CHAPEL HILL

October 15, 2014

In attendance were chairman Bruce Boyles, retired; Tim Bennett of Chapel Hill, Bobby Hill of Hillside, Robbie Cauley of Pender County, Sue Doran of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Rodney Shotwell of Rockingham County, David Jones of Henderson County, Chris Skabo of Wilkes County, David Lewis of Wayne County, Frank Till of Cumberland County, Cory Satterfield of Scotland, and Mike Dunsmore of Tyrell County.

NCHSAAA staff included commissioner Davis Whitfield, Que Tucker, Rick Strunk, Mark Dreibelbis, and Whitney Frye.

Commissioner Whitfield reviewed the previous meeting minutes of the committee as well as the Board minutes from the spring 2014 meeting. Several of the Board recommendations actually came out of discussions of the Education and Athletics Committee.

Whitney Frye went through the new format for the NCHSAA Handbook, highlighting changes in the book, the new layout for it, etc. Many mentioned the font was small and would like to see it enlarged, and several committee members noted they liked the spiral bound and thought it was worth the additional cost.

Discussion ensued about electronic version of the Handbook versus just a hard copy, but several mentioned they liked the hard copy book for accessibility, etc.

The discussion moved into the transfer policy. Cory Satterfield gave a specific example where somebody had moved three times (bona fide moves can make the change of schools legal, so that is what happened in his example) and then it moved into separation and other challenging situations. Lengthy discussion ensued about various aspects of the policy, how transfers are treated within LEAs for instance, the kind of criteria that might set aside the 365-day sit out. The difficulty of verifying certain aspects (legal residence, separation, etc.) was highlighted.

One of the purposes of the transfer policy is to avoid “competitive advantage,” but what that looks like can be hard to discern; discussion of third-stringer transferring versus a “star,” although there is no differentiation in terms of how the policy is applied. The challenge of checking a student who leaves your school for three weeks or so, and then comes back to his or her “base school” would be difficult to check on for transfer purposes. Is penalty from point of discovery (athlete played as ineligible due to transfer, with no waiver at time of transfer)? If statute of limitations is passed, then there is no penalty.

Charter school—waiting list discussion. Student has been on waiting list for years at charter school, and finally the lottery number comes up; thus far have not been treated any differently. They would have been enrolled at beginning of ninth grade but couldn’t because there was not room. Committee still says “a transfer is a transfer is a transfer...” so there is no waiver approved solely based on the waiting list situation. No recommendation to change.

What about those who have never played sports at a member school and then transfer to another school? The policy would have to be amended but committee does not have sentiment to make change.

Special curricular needs in transfer policy: what do committee members define as “course of study?” Curriculum, not “tool” or “method”, says Shotwell. What about follow up—if student says there is a special curricular need do they actually enroll in that course of study? CTE, STEM program might suffice; what about orchestra program offered at one school and not at another?

Statement of information on transfer policy—should it come from school from which student leaves directly to NCHSAA, instead of to receiving school? Might be more “honest” feedback if that were the case. Discussion ensues about this, no real consensus is emerging. Staff will continue to explore.

Transportation—for example, child enrolled at charter school and parent lost job and they can no longer afford to transport them to charter school.

Non-member to member but not base school; transfer waiver would be required from “base” school to outside the LEA school, which means a waiver comes from a school where the student had not been enrolled.

Cheerleading with transfer policy. Rules do say that cheerleaders must meet eligibility requirements; most committee members believe that they should have to meet requirements, including transfer.

Letter from David Mahaley of Franklin Academy asking for Board to repeal current student transfer policy. Handout distributed. Committee does not support request.

Conference membership—what happens if a school says it is going to sponsor six sports and then doesn't, even after it has been accepted as member? Should be some sort of penalty--\$1000 fine upon first occurrence. What about multiple “violations”? What if it happens twice in four-year alignment period, or instead just a four-year period (not just bound by realignment period)? Then school is no longer considered member of conference and teams (playing as independent) would not be eligible for postseason play in those other sports. Could work their way back with successful completion of one year of meeting minimum standard of number of sports.

Coaching requirements: beginning August 1, 2015, all coaches must take Fundamentals of Coaching. NFHS is looking at recertification cycle (will it be every three, every five years, don't know yet); should we look at recertification? Will wait to see what NFHS recommends.

Concussion course—should coaches take it every year? Should it be to take it once every so many years?

ADM numbers for football—has become harder and harder to get them in timely manner. Has gotten close to deadline to be able to get numbers to be able to seed football. What do we do if we can get those numbers? What ones do we use? Discussion ensues. Suggestion about using last year's numbers if the new ones are not available. We use 20 day first month numbers for ADM, but that has been difficult to get. Could ask data managers at LEA to send report to NCHSAA for 1st or 2nd month principal's report. No consensus on alternative numbers to use. *(no consensus)*

Derivative sports, such as sand volleyball, indoor soccer, etc. How are they treated by off season skill development rules if the school coach is coaching those? We have said it's one less than a team (according to Handbook policy). *abide by the #s*

Football: combines, camps, all star games, etc. Que presents information. For instance, a combine being run at a school by the school's coach (versus an outside organization like UnderArmour or the Shrine Bowl). How do we govern (number of combines a student can go to, for instance)? How should we deal with these? Number restrictions of athletes participating? Lengthy discussion ensues, but many are concerned about NCHSAA getting involved in any way with combines; many times parents take their children to combines without coach anyway. No recommendations made.

Football proposal for 10 days of “unlimited skill development” in spring, prior to last five days of spring semester; outside of that, only strength training and conditioning. A couple like it, a couple voice opinion that they like current status quo with skill development. Some concern expressed about dead period plus 10 days would mean that they are only focused solely on football during that time and takes them away from other sports. Several mention concern on how it will impact other sports. Some talk about expansion of 10 day window allowed locally for exams as one year allowance (which would cut into that 10 days for football, for instance).

Annual Meeting: feedback etc. Many awards are given, etc., in addition to information from Board meeting. Davis also mentions regional meeting format. What would you like to see from Annual Meeting? Benefit of seeing colleagues, several mention they like it; lots of awards given and several mention that they are glad their students have been recognized. Relevant reasons for going? Many come because they believe in the mission of the NCHSAA. "Mix it up a little bit"? Several mention they enjoy going. Put more celebratory in it, says Bobby Hill, because he says many AD's hear nuts and bolts at many other locations (regional meeting, ADs conference, etc); others say they like nuts and bolts since there may be a new change that Board has just made and they want to be informed about changes. Everybody is so overwhelmed, says Sue Doran, that it's hard to get out of office. Face to face is important, says Robbie Cauley, and he says he enjoyed meetings when they were held in other locations. Schools also don't have same budget latitude to get subs for coaches going, etc.

Live TV: Davis shares on this topic, and the new Time Warner Cable contract coming up. One of the things they want to do is live TV game of the week, perhaps on Thursday night so it's not competing with other games, and a live Monday night telecast (women's and men's). What is reaction to this possibility? Would schools benefit financially on this? Davis says yes, although we don't know how much money that would be per game for the member schools themselves. Could perhaps limit that no school would play more than once, etc. What impact would moving the game from Friday to Thursday, in terms of the actual game? Will coaches talk about any other competitive advantage/disadvantage (short week of preparation, longer week next week, ability to scout a day earlier, etc). Davis mentions the idea that these games will also specifically highlight the purpose of education-based athletics.

Closing comments: Bobby Hill talks about the rapidity of change in the Association specifically and in education in general, and then there were other related discussions about "flip classrooms" or a Handbook certification course, and the roles of athletic directors in general.

Next meeting of group is March 25, 2015.