

August 20, 2019 Competition and Training Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance: Rob Wagner, Ray Strekal, Liz Rusher, Jason Miller, Kyler Prunty, Bruce Barnett, Dawn Criss, Mike Riley and Bruce Wilson

Agenda:

#1. Softball Survey Review: Rob and Ray lead this discussion and brought up the positive comments that were made on the officiating and following the rules. Ray said that he felt that keeping teams in the same division on the same fields led to better consistency in the officiating. Divisioning and more restrooms were brought up in the survey as ways to improve the competition.

#2. Coaches' Guide Changes: The Coaches' Guide changes and here are the comments/questions:

1. Softball Throw max of 30 meters- Will delegations receive any directive from State Office on what will occur if an athlete throws farther than 30 meters in competition? Is this the entry score or the competition score? Disqualification? Advance to State? Will this be consistent across the board? Will the 20% Rule be followed for the athlete who throws more than 36 meters?
2. Athletics new age groups- All positive comments!
3. Assisted Developmental Speed Dribble- Question on which athletes are Unassisted and which can qualify for Assisted? Determination of what is "continued dribble"? is it a certain number of dribbles before loss of control of the ball? Will State Office send out clarification?
4. 3 on 3 Competitive 3 foul limit- Good to clarify the existing rule.
5. 3 on 3 Basketball use of 3 point line- Is it the HS or College line? What if no line on the court? We will use the existing and closest line on the court and if there is no line, 2 point shots only.
6. Coaching Progression- How will the advanced classes be handled? Clinics/group sessions? What about tuition fees for online classes? State Office may fund up to half the tuition.
7. Alternative Physical Forms- Will a first time athlete have to complete a SOIA Physical or can they use school or facility/provider physical?
8. Flag Football Skills- Jason discussed the addition of Flag FB Skills and the 4 skills that will be involved. Positive comments! Will occur at State Flag Football in September.
9. Minor Class A change to SOIA Participant Release Form – Positive comments.
10. No Team Bocce quotas- Positive comments.
11. Volleyball Division IV and Developmental Rule Changes- Positive comments

#3. Preview Volleyball, Flag Football and Bowling: Ray gave a preview of State Volleyball and explained that one of the key volunteers may be relocating to Colorado and that planning is being done to fill that void for next year. Volleyball goes pretty smoothly but there have been issues with consistency in officiating and rules interpretations. Talked about the rules changes for the Division IV and Developmental Divisions.

Jason and Rob gave a preview of State Flag Football and the addition of Flag Football Skills. Rob explained the changes that will occur in the 2020 State Flag Football rules with the 5 yard "No Run Zones" for touchdowns and first downs to limit the physical collisions that can occur in those situations.

He also explained the use of the new 3 flag belts and the State Office providing them for the competition. Hopefully will cut down on issues with flags in past competitions.

Discussion on Bowling was consistency on the use of crossover bowling, foul lights and volunteers being trained properly and limiting their cell phone use.

#4. Advanced Training and General Survey Monkey: We discussed adopting the SONA Coaching Progression model. Rob suggested that the State Office develop a General Survey Monkey to get more local feedback on local competition, paperwork trail, fundraising needs, and additional coach trainings/clinics. The main focus on getting feedback on how we can make SOIA better.

#5. Committee Work Calendar: Here are the proposed work calendar for the Competition and Training Advisory Committee:

November 19th – 6:30-7:30pm Conference Call on Equestrian, Flag Football, Volleyball and Bowling

January 13th or 14th- Informal discussion for those attending Winter Games TBD

March 17th- 6:30-7:30pm Conference Call on Winter Games and Mid-Winter Tournament

April 21st- 6:30-7:30pm Conference Call on Spring Games and Preview Summer Games

May 22nd- Town Hall Meeting 7:00-8:30pm Hilton Coliseum Meeting Room

June/July – Face to Face Meeting at State Office TBD

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm and next Conference Call on November 19th at 6:30pm