

February 19, 2019 Competition and Training Advisory Meeting

Attendance: Rob Wagner, Ray Strekal, Laurie Fallon, Mike Riley, Dawn Criss, Bruce Barnett, Bruce Wilson

Agenda:

#1. Bowling and Winter Games Surveys

- a. Rob commented that Cedar Rapids was short on volunteers and we discussed the issue of Hawkeye football schedule and the effect on volunteer numbers.
- b. Overall discussion on the facilities and how bowling alleys are crowded and noisy and we have little control over that.
- c. Discussion on the meeting time for the Coaches Meeting at Winter Games and issues of supervision of the athletes.
- d. Rob brought up the issue with the size of the Cross Country course and the big event hosted by Sundown the weekend prior and parking issues for that event led to a smaller area of snow.
- e. Rob shared news that Sundown may be closed on Monday's next year and how that may affect the 2020 Winter Games schedule.

#2. Advanced Coaches Training

- a. Rob wants us to look at a 5 year plan to improve our Coaches Training Program.
- b. Laurie asked about the current process and Bruce shared the current process and in 2017 the State Office processed 360 new certificates, 2018 the total was 860 and through January of 2019 we have processed 105 new certificates.
- c. Bruce discussed the proposed SONA Coaches Training Program and sent the copy for the Committee review.

#3. Cancelled Events Policy

- a. Rob started discussion on how the State Office and the Areas deal with State Games qualifiers when Area Games or Conference Tournaments are cancelled and are not rescheduled. This has happened more frequently and the question was raised on what the policy is and could it be included in the Coaches' Guide so that the Field would know the policy.
- b. We discussed how events are different, (individual/team) and the common practice for individual events is to select the top individual in divisions by entry scores. Team selection is done by a blind draw,
- c. Overall consensus from the Committee was to try to have these policies included in the Coaches Guide to eliminate confusion.

#4. Athletes being registered for multiple sports in the same competitive season.

- a. The question was brought up of the policy that is being used to prevent athletes for being registered for multiple events in the same competitive season to assure a better chance of qualifying for State Games.
- b. One example was the athlete that competed in Team Basketball and when their team was eliminated then registering for Basketball Skills?
- c. Another example is for Areas that have Swimming and Spring Games on separate days, that athlete participating in both competitions and then deciding which to participate in at State if they qualified in both sports?
- d. A third scenario may be an athlete that competes in Cycling Thursday at Summer Games, tries to qualify in Athletics and does not qualify, then registers for Bocce Singles?
- e. Do we have a State Office policy on these scenarios?
- f. Is this an issue that should become a part of the Coaches' Guide?

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 and next call at 6:30pm on April 16, 2019