

Region 6A Athletic/Activities Administrators Association
Agenda- **September 10, 2014 – Lake Braddock**
9:00 am DSAs
11:00 am Principals

1. Review of Minutes – August meeting

2. Schedule of Future Meeting Dates

- Meetings - Sept. 30 (before VHSL meeting at Robinson, time??), Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 11 at Patriot (?), March 4, April 8, April 29 at Gatehouse 5055, June 3 (country club?) – all at Westfield unless otherwise noted
- Principal's meetings – Sept. 10, December 3, February 11, April 29 – all at 11 am (one hour)
- Admin's Assistant Luncheon – Aaron
- Treasurer's Report – Corey – insurance was \$16,000 through the VHSL – 21,051.63 -- Review of 2013-2014 FYI statement.
- Conference Reports –
- **Concorde** – handbook was reviewed, reviewed fall formats, Discussed track over-entry and agreed with a allowing it prior to the scratch meeting. Also discussed the cheer format and agreed to take the top 8 scores, but if tournament remained in the 2 divisions, then keep the advancement the same.
Patriot-Discussion about 8 schools having new principals, reviewed fall formats, track over-entering should not be allowed at regional level 6-0 vote, discussed cheerleading and advancement staying as current format with top 4 from each group advancing to finals. Realignment committee placed Mount Vernon in conference.
Liberty – met on Aug 20, 2014, all conference selections in track and field were discussed. Okay with over-entering in track as long as there is a scratch meeting. Want to keep cheer format as semi's and finals round with maybe consider advancing top 8 school scores instead of top 4 from each bracket.
Cedar Run – spoke about implementing dive, set all-conference meetings for the Fall. Voted 5-0 to change the cheer format to advance the top 8 scores, reviewed winter schedules.

3. Old Business

- Track - Should "over-entering" be allowed for regional track prior to the scratch meeting? This means a runner can be entered in any and all events he/she qualifies for and then the coach needs to scratch him out of those he/she will not run in in order to get him to the correct number allowed under the rule. The other option is not allowing a runner to enter in more than the approved USTA/VHSL number of events regardless of how many he/she qualifies for.

Discussion about how a rulebook change can be made through VHSL Executive Committee if needed. Discussion about entering athletes in more than 3 running events, they would have to meet standard qualifying time or place in top 6 at Conference meet. In the past, the region has over-entered athletes and the athletes are placed in their events at the scratch meeting for the regional meet. Over-entering will allow coaches to strategize instead of guessing which other athletes will be entered in an event. The importance of a scratch meeting is to strategize athletes/relays to maximize the school's chances of advancement. A scratch meeting must take place prior to the regional indoor and outdoor meet.

There was confusion on when and if we over-entered athletes in the past for indoor track. Many like consistency between indoor and outdoor track and how athletes are placed in events.

Motion made by Pat Full – “Region must hold a scratch meeting for indoor and outdoor track prior to the meet.” Seconded by Mark Martino -- No discussion. Motion passes 25-0-0

Motion made by Linda Jones to be able to “over-enter athletes for the regional indoor and outdoor track meet prior to the day of the meet.” Seconded by Johnathan Frohm. Discussion about when is the entry an official entry – athletes become official entries once the scratch meeting is over. Once the scratch meeting is complete, the NFHS rulebook should address any issues that may arise after

this point. Our format must stipulate that entries will become official after the scratch meeting. There will also be a last minute “withdraw meeting” the day of the meet. Motion passes 22-1-3

Concerns about the scratch meeting – who is laying out ground rules for that? One event should be discussed and determined at a time prior to discussing any other events.

- Cheerleading - should we advance the teams with the overall top 8 scores out of regionals to the region final round or continue taking the top four from each "session" (Blue/Gold)? If we advance top 8 overall, what should the format be?

Liberty Conference came up with a hybrid format which will allow the top 8 scores to advance to the final round. This format has top 3 scores from each division advance and then the next 2 highest scores out of the rest of the schools will advance to the finals as wild card teams.

Discussion about taking the top 8 scores from both brackets at the end of the events took place. Discussion about two rounds vs. one round for the semi-finals. There are positives and negatives about both. Motion by Jeff Ferrell. Seconded by Nancy Melnick to keep the cheer format to advance the top 4 scores from each division to advance to the final round, not top overall scores. Motion passed 17-8-0.

4. New Business

- New Proxy
- Fall sports updates –

***Football format for the regional semifinals on Saturday 11/29 at 1:30 for both games was discussed. Discussion about splitting either times or days so it gives the opportunity for fans to see both games.**

Motion by Mark Martino to play one semi-final game on Friday and one on Saturday.

Concerns about playing on the Friday after Thanksgiving and Friday's winning team may get an advantage with an extra day of rest over Saturday's winning team. Motion Failed- 17-3-6

***Girls golf was rezoned which will help eliminate numbers at zone qualifier. Zone qualifier on 10/21 at Laurel Hill. Handout was given with other events on 10/7 and 10/14.**

PG County has given us February 19th for the Indoor Track regional meet. We have not heard from George Mason yet.

- All-state selection new policy - Each meeting will be coordinated by a Region Tournament Director in the applicable sport, with North and East regions hosting/coordinating and reporting results of all selection meetings in 2014-15 – Region directors will host All-Region Selection Meeting. Discussion about non-voting coaches being allowed to speak at the Regional selection meeting about their athletes. **Motion by Andy Muir seconded by Geoff Noto to allow non-voting coaches to have the opportunity to discuss their athletes at the all-region selection meeting. Passed – 18-0-2**
Motion made by Andy Muir, Seconded by Steve Colantuoni to allow coaches to stay at the regional selections meeting for the voting process for all sports. Passed 14-4-7.

5. Announcements/Around the Room