Idaho High School Activities Association Board of Directors Meeting SYNOPSIS January 20, 2016

Members Present

Bryan Jolley, Kimber Chrz, Tol Gropp, Rich Bauscher, Ron Anthony, Tim Perrigot, Gary Brogan, Jerry Keane, Kevin Howard, Dwight Richins, Jason Knopp, Jeff Cirka, Rhonda Heggen, Curt-Randall Bayer, Jeff Stoppenhagen for Tracy Fuller

Members Absent

Tracy Fuller

Staff Present:

Ty Jones, Julie Hammons, Elizabeth Kidd as secretary

Visitors

Robert Parker, Pocatello HS	Dale Gardner, Bonneville HS	Vince Mann, Borah HS	Kelly Caldwell, Genesee HS
Mike Federico, Twin Falls HS	Jon Ruzicka, Boise SD	Luke Wolf, Mountain View HS	Kerry Martin, Idaho Falls HS
Ty Thomas, Nampa HS	Troy Rice, Rocky Mtn. HS	Richard Whitelaw, Community Sch.	Stacy Wilson, Buhl HS
Mike Kraemer, McCall-Donnelly	Eric Bonds, Skyview HS	Todd Zucker, Vallivue HS	Beth Holt, Fruitland HS
Nancy Belliveau, McU's Sports	Craig Christensen, Post Falls HS	Randy Potter, Columbia HS	Wes Phillips, McU's Sports
Tracy Leinen, Boise HS	Mike Graefe, Meridian HS	Cody Shelley, Blackfoot HS	Jeremy Berquist, Vallivue HS
Larry Taylor, Greenleaf Friends	Paul Kingsbury, IdahoSports	Scott Stuart, West Ada SD	Jon Watson, Centennial HS

Letters

none

The agenda was approved with the following addition to the action agenda: setting three permanent sites for the state cross country meet.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda which included minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting, the financial report from December 1-December 31, 2015 and the IHSAA Board of Directors Action via Phone, Email, Fax was approved.

Ty Jones reported on the December financial report. Football revenue ended at 113 percent of its budget, in part due to good match-ups as well as the increase in ticket prices. An additional \$2900 is also due to convenience fees from online tickets. Overall, \$68,000 is going directly back to schools in reimbursements for football.

REPORT AGENDA

2016 United Dairymen Letter of Agreement

Ty Jones reported on the December meeting with the United Dairymen of Idaho. The IHSAA's partnership with the UDI has spanned three decades. This year, there will be an increase in funding for the Interscholastic Star Scholarship. With the increased support, scholarship money and recipients were able to double in 2015-16. Crystal Wilson from UDI attended the IHSAA Board Meeting and is looking forward to exploring new opportunities to tell the IHSAA/UDI partnership story.

Rich Bauscher addressed the UDI, saying the association appreciates the partnership and working with the dairymen is a pleasure. Jerry Keane followed with an acknowledgment of the two organizations' shared values.

F-1 Visa/CSIET Findings

Ty Jones reported on his findings on the F-1 Visa. Foreign exchange students on F-1 visas are allowed to choose their own schools while students on J-1 visas cannot. Many states require one year of JV only in the case of F-1 visas. While these students are only allowed to stay for one year in a public school setting, they can stay for multiple years in private schools.

State Drama

Julie Hammons reported on the state drama tournament. She commended Bonneville High School on their great handling of the tournament. The tournament boasted 506 participants, which is a five-year high. There was a drop in on-site expenses while there was a rise in the cost of awards.

Committee Reports

• Representation

Representation packets were given out and draw priorities were discussed. The gallery was given a copy of next year's representation as well as the proposed IHSAA draw priorities.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame committee selected finalists for the Hall of Fame. They forwarded those eight finalists to anonymous selectors throughout the state.

• State Tournament

Julie Hammons reported on the state tournament committee. The first topic of discussion was cross country sites. They proposed a three permanent site rotation and it was added to the action agenda.

The state tournament committee also addresses some issues that arise when District III hosts the state soccer tournament. The first issue addressed was whether or not host schools should be allowed to play the championship game on their home field. In the future, they discussed having an alternate venue. The second topic discussed was whether 5A state soccer should play on turf in District III. The committee felt that the opportunity to put soccer in stadiums (because of crowd control) was worth having teams play on turf. Stadiums that don't have turf are not willing to allow soccer to play during football season.

NIAAA Meeting

Julie Hammons reported on the national ADs meeting where she attended workshops and took two LTI classes. Many state associations are sending people to the conference and there are state association specific classes offered. In the future, Hammons and Executive Director Ty Jones will alternate attending the conference.

NFHS Winter Meeting

Ty Jones reported on the NFHS Winter Meeting where a desire for future vision was a big topic. Julie Hammons reported on being on the NFHS strategic planning committee. During December's committee meeting they discussed trying to figure out ways to help smaller states with PR firms in attendance to help. Another big question for the NFHS is hosting national events. These events are already being hosted by various sponsors, and the Federation is hoping their involvement will help control it.

2015 Fall Interscholastic Star Award Recipients

Julie Hammons reported on the Interscholastic Star Recipients.

Chase Blazzard (Troy High School), Brogun Tibbitts (Salmon High School), Brooke Mason (Filer High School), Hannah Webster (Caldwell High School) and Timberlyn Short (Post Falls High School) were selected from a field of outstanding students nominated by their school principals.

Other finalists were Kamm Mangun (Clearwater Valley High School), Casey Tighe (Orofino High School), RaAnna Dahle (Fruitland High School), Luke Lamey (Bishop Kelly High School) and Grace Crookham-Guy (Boise High School).

Rules and Regulations Manual

- Rule 8-11 Outside Competition
- Rule 11 Transgender Participants

Ty Jones explained that Rule 8-11 and Rule 11 were discussed during the board work session. Transgender students were discussed during the NFHS winter meeting. Dwight Richens would like to further discuss how transfers are handled and what the policies are. Tim Perrigot pointed out that issues with transfer regulation were evident all over the nation. Jones pointed out that Idaho is neither the most or least restrictive state in terms of transfers.

ACTION AGENDA

Outside Competition

A motion to exempt speech arts participants from Rule 8-11 Outside Competition was tabled until the June meeting.

There is a lot of discussions in the speech arts community about how this would effect their activities. Stoppenhagen suggested tabling this action item until after the ISATA Board Meeting in May. At that time they would bring a recommendation to the IHSAA.

Board of Control Appeals

A motion to modify Rule 4-3-4 to include allowing the District Boards of Control to charge for an appeal was approved as a final reading.

Rich Bauscher said the District III Board of Control has discussed this in their meeting. He says the wording allows them to either use it or not use it. Some districts are already assessing these fees, but, legally, the IHSAA needs to have this in the rules and regulations.

Volleyball Representation

The 2016 representation to the 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1ADII State Volleyball Tournaments was approved as a final reading.

5A		4A		3A	
I-II	1.5	I-II	1	I	2
III	4.5	III	3	III	2
V-VI	2	IV	2	IV	1.5
		V-VI	2	V	1
				VI	1.5
2A				1A DI	[
I-II	1.5			I	1
III	2.5			II	1.5
IV	1			III	1.5
V	1.5			IV	2.5
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VI	1.5			V-VI	1.5

The 2016 representation to the 1ADI State Volleyball Tournament was approved as a first reading.

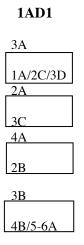
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I	.25
II	2.25
III	3.5
IV	1.5
V-VI	.5

Volleyball Brackets

The bracketing and pairing for the 2016 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1ADII State Volleyball Tournaments as drawn by IHSAA policy was approved as a final reading.

5A	4A	3A	2A	1A DII
1-2A	4A	5A	4A	2A
3D	3C	3B	3C/1-2B	4C / 5-6B
3A	5-6A	1-2A	3A	4A
5-6B	3B	4B/6B	6A	3A
5-6A	1-2A	3A	5A	1A
3C	5-6B	4A	3B	4B
3B	3A	6A	1-2A	5-6A
1-2B/3E	4B	1-2B	5B/6B	2B / 3B

The bracketing and pairing for the 2016 1ADI State Volleyball Tournament as drawn by IHSAA policy was approved as a first reading.



Volleyball Play-Ins

The 2016 5A, 3A, 2A and 1ADII State Play-In Volleyball games, dates, times and sites were approved as a final reading.

	5A		3A		2A
<u>1-2B</u> Grang	geville HS	4B	Highland HS (Pocatello)	1-2B	Highland (Craigmont) HS
Sat.,	Oct 22, 2016		Sat., Oct 22, 2016		Sat., Oct. 22, 2016
		6B	5:00 p.m.	3C	1:00 p.m. Pacific

1A DII	5B	Highland (Pocatello) HS
4C American Falls HS		Sat., Oct. 22, 2016
Sat., Oct 22, 2016 5-6B 4:00 p.m.	6B	5:00 p.m. Pacific
5-6B 4:00 p.m.		
2B Grangeville HS		
Sat., Oct. 22, 2016 4 p.m. Pacific		
3B 4 p.m. Pacific		

The 2016 1ADI State Play-In Volleyball games, dates, times and sites were approved as a first reading.



Soccer Representation

The 2016 representation to the State Soccer Tournaments was approved as a final reading.

5 A	1	4A		3A - 1	Boys
I-II	1.5	I-II	1	I-II	1.5
III	4.5	III	3	III	1
V-VI	2	IV	2	IV	2.5
		V-VI	2	V	1
				VI	2
3A - (Firls				

JA -	OHIS
I-II	2
III	1
IV	2
V	1.5
VI	1.5

Soccer Brackets

The bracketing and pairing for the 2016 State Soccer Tournament as drawn by IHSAA policy was approved as a final reading.

5A 1-2A	4A 1-2A	3A – Girls 5A	3A - Boys 3A
5-6B	5-6B	1-2B	6B
3A	4A	4A	1-2A
3D	3B	5B/6B	4B
5-6A	3A	1-2A	6A
3C	4B	4B	5A
3B	5-6A	6A	4A
1-2B/3E	3C	3A	1-2B/4C

Julie Hammons reported that the original brackets had both a 5A/4A girls and boys bracket. This has been changed to keep the same bracket for the genders if the representation is the same.

Soccer Play-Ins

The 2016 Play-In Soccer games, dates, times and sites were approved as a final reading.

5A		3A – Boys	3A - Gi	rls
1-2]	B McCall/Payette HS	1-2B Lewiston	5B	Blackfoot HS
	Sat. Oct. 15, 2016	Sat., Oct 15, 2016		Sat., Oct.15, 2016
3E	1:00 p.m. Girls	4C 3:00 p.m. Pacific	6B	1:00 p.m.
	3:00 p.m. Boys			

Tol Gropp moved to change the 3A play-in to Lewiston High School to cut down on travel cost for District I-II schools due to the fact that 3A state soccer is in the Magic Valley. Kimber Chrz seconded the motion to amend.

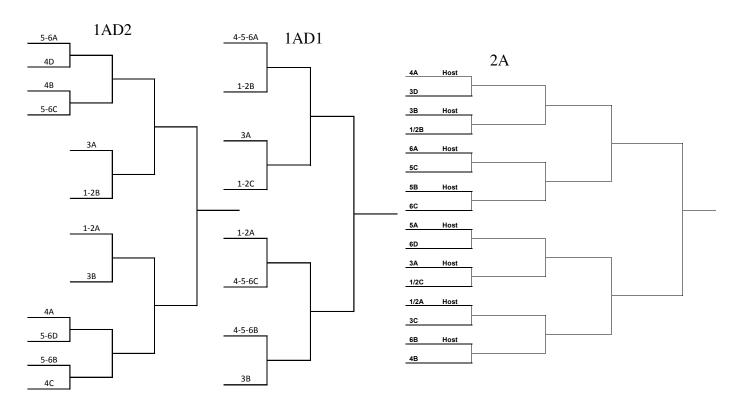
Tennis Representation

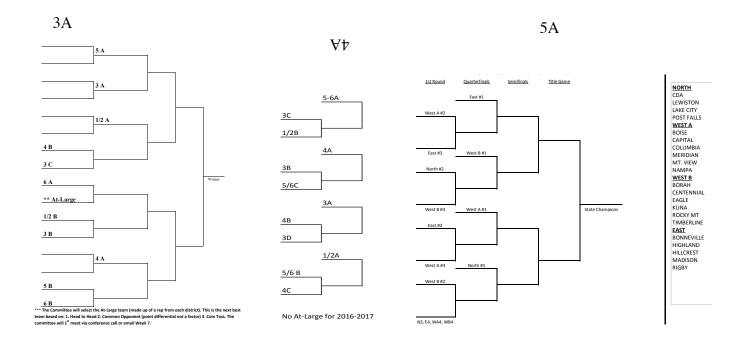
The 2016 representation to the State Tennis Tournament was approved as a final reading.

5A		4A	_	3A	
I-II	3	I-II	2	I-II	4
III	9	III	5	III	6
V-VI	4	IV	5	IV/V/VI	3
		V-VI	4		

Football Brackets and Representation

The 2016 football representation and bracketing with modifications as needed as a final reading.





Tim Perrigot explained how well football works because they bring in the ADs to decide on the brackets. Dwight Richens would like this to be a little more streamlined so scheduling could be a little bit easier. However, it was pointed out that teams needed an extra game for scheduling purposes were usually approved.

3A Football

A motion for the 3A classification to play nine regular season games for football, starting 'zero week' was approved as a final reading.

Since they have the same play-off system, they would like to keep the same schedule as 4A and 5A. Currently, Idaho has the lowest number of allowed games in the nation. Ty Jones explained that this protects against concussions, injuries and lost academic time.

1A Football Mercy Rule

A motion modifying the mercy rule for 1A football (8-man) was approved as a final reading. The new rules states that if any point in the contest there becomes a 40 point differential between the teams, the Mercy Rule will be in effect. Once the Mercy Rule is in effect, the clock will run continuously. The only time the clock may be stopped is for injury timeouts, team timeouts and when a team scores. The game will be played until halftime even if the Mercy Rule starts in the first half of the game.

After halftime, with the Mercy Rule in effect, the coach/administrator (on the losing side) may call a timeout to end the contest.

Other states have these rules in place already. All 1A schools were in agreement with the proposed changes. They want to prevent games from having an 80 or 90 point differential.

1A Softball

A motion changing the 1A softball tournament from a four-team to a six-team tournament beginning in 2016 was approved as a final reading.

There will be a small increase in the cost of officials and three trophies will be awarded as opposed to two in the past. This change is being made to give the championship more of a tournament atmosphere at the 1A level.

Soccer Ball Contract

The three-year ball contract for the Baden Perfection Elite SX751 for the state soccer tournament, beginning in 2016 was approved as a first reading.

Julie Hammons reported that there has never been an official ball for soccer and the two companies that submitted bids were not traditional soccer ball companies. Hammons sent a request for reviews of the balls. Baden is FIFA approved. While Spalding does not have approval, they met FIFA requirements.

The Spalding contract included \$5200 a year, 48 balls and a merchandise credit. The Baden contract included \$3000 a year, a ball for each school and balls for the state tournament.

Tim Perrigot explained schools would have to buy new balls to prepare for the state tournament. Kimber Chrz brought attention to an email she received explaining that schools are using Nike, Select, Adidas and Puma and are not using the balls that submitted bids. Boise Athletic Director Tracey Leinen addressed the board to say that her coach was not in favor of the change.

Volleyball Contract

The three-year Baden Leather Perfection BX5EC ball contract for the state volleyball tournament, beginning in 2016 was approved as a first reading.

Spalding, Moulten and Baden submitted bids. Monetarily, they were all similar and Jones recommended Baden to the board. Schools are in favor of the ball.

Webcasting Contract

The webcasting contract with the NFHS Network for all IHSAA state events, beginning in 2016 was approved as a first reading.

IdahoSports.com and the NFHS Network submitted bids. Ty Jones reported that both were solid companies and bring many good things to the table. IdahoSports.com put in a \$10,000 bid while the NFHS Network offered \$45,000 for the first three years with that amount raising to \$65,000 in years four and five.

The NFHS Network is currently the broadcasting partner for 44 states. The NFHS Network is a subscription-based service while IdahoSports.com is a free broadcast. The NFHS Network will only have broadcast rights at state tournaments. District and regular season games are still in the hands of the schools and the association retains the right to open games that the Network passes on back to other companies, including IdahoSports.com.

Rich Bauscher pointed out that the coverage will be less and there will be a cost even though a similar service had been offered free to patrons for several years. Kimber Chrz addressed her interest in keeping the company local and her concern that the NFHS Network would drop games they didn't consider to be lucrative.

Jones's pointed out that the contract required the NFHS Network to broadcast certain events which include all state championship football games, state championship soccer games (site permitting), wrestling, cheer and dance, all state boys and girls basketball games and track and field.

Tol Gropp pointed out the great relationship with IdahoSports.com and that some ADs would like to keep the company local.

IdahoSports.com owner Paul Kingsbury said the board's decision would affect how regular season games are broadcast in the future. Kingsbury doesn't see a subscription-based service as an option for Idaho.

Jerry Keane questioned if it would be possible to find out the actual value of our state tournaments before the final reading.

Merchandising Contract

The three-year merchandise contract for McU's Sports for all IHSAA state events, beginning in 2016 was approved as a first reading.

Vendors bid on the merchandise contract. The IHSAA has been with McU's for the past several contracts. Two Washington vendors submitted bids as well, both are currently working for other state associations. Ty Jones asked for bids which included the base price for sweatshirts and t-shirts as Jones was very interested in what cost would be passed along to the consumer. All three bids were offering a similar amount – between \$70,000 and \$77,000.

Wrestling Representation

The 2017 representation to the State Wrestling Tournament was approved as a first reading.

	5A			4A		3 A		2A
I-II		3	I-II	2	I-II	3	I-II	4
III		9	III	5	III	4*	III	2
V-VI		4	IV	4	IV	3	IV	3
			V-V	I 4	V	2*	V	3
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			seed qu	ualifies for star	_	ghest seed s for state	*Next hig for state	hest seed qualifies

Basketball Representation

The 2017 representation to the State Basketball Tournament was approved as a first reading.

5A		4A		3A	
I-II	1.5	I-II	1	I	2
III	4.5	III	3	III	2
V-VI	2	IV	2	IV	1.5
		V-VI	2	V	1
				VI	1.5
2A		1A DI		1A DII	
I-II	1.5	I	.25	I	1.5
III	2.5	II	2.25	II	1.5
IV	1	TTT	2.5	***	1 7
1 4	1	III	3.5	III	1.5
V	1.5	III IV	3.5 1.5	III IV	1.5

Basketball Brackets

The 2017 State Basketball Tournament as drawn by IHSAA policy was approved as a first reading.

5A	4A	3A	2A	1A DI	1A DII
1-2A	1-2A	6A	1-2A	4A	5-6A
3C	5-6B	1-2B	3B	3B	2B/3B
3A	3A	4A	6A	2A	2A
1-2B/3E	4B	3B	1-2B/3C	1A/2C/3D	4A
5-6A	5-6A	1-2A	5A	3A	3A
3D	3B	4B/6B	4A	4B/5-6A	4C / 5-6B
3B	4A	3A	3A	2B	1A
5-6B	3C	5A	5B/6B	3C	4B

Basketball Play-Ins

The sites, dates and times for the 2017 State Basketball play-ins as drawn by IHSAA policy were approved as a first reading.



Neutral Officials

A motion to have neutral officials for the semi-final round in football was denied as a first reading.

Tim Perrigot pointed out it is already possible for schools to use neutral officials during the semi-final round. He doesn't think they want to bring in neutral officials for games between two schools in the same district.

Dwight Richens believes teams will want to have neutral officials in the first round. He also points out that it is going to affect other teams in the district that don't want neutral officials. Tim Perrigot doesn't think they know about their right to neutral officials and recommended that is advertised more. Ty Jones pointed out that reimbursement to schools is affected by having to pay neutral officials.

St. Luke's Concussion Course

A motion to use the St. Luke's Concussion Course to meet the requirements outlined in IHSAA Rule 3-2b beginning in the 2016-17 school year, striking out the speech arts/music exemption was approved as a first reading.

St. Luke's has worked for 6-8 months on a concussion course that is specific to Idaho using in-state coaches, kids and rules. They would be using this video for concussion certification for the upcoming year. It does have a tracking system similar to the NFHS.

Bryan Jolley pointed out that, in the past, the IHSAA has modeled after the NFHS. Jones addressed his concern saying that the NFHS has approved this video and it includes all the same information.

Buhl Athletic Director Stacy Wilson has viewed both and is in favor of the Idaho specific one.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course

A motion to use the NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course to meet the requirements outlined in IHSAA rule 3-2c beginning in the 2016-17 school year, striking out the speech arts/music exemption was approved as a first reading.

Tim Perrigot doesn't want to oppose sudden cardiac arrest education, but pointed out that it is just another thing for ADs and coaches have to do. Ty Jones pointed out that it is 15 minutes long, includes different information from what is included in the First Aid/CPR course. Sudden cardiac arrest is the largest killer of kids in the United States. Kimber Chrz pointed out that since coaches are no longer in-building educators, and she feels more comfortable if they those walk-on coaches are taking these classes. They also provide a safety net to prevent against law suits.

Perrigot worries that we are getting closer to states such as Washington that require a certificate to coach. He thinks it is hard enough to find coaches and doesn't want to discourage anyone. It would be taken the same year as the concussion course.

Cross Country Sites

A motion for three specific sites to be set for future state cross country meets starting in the 2018 championship was approved as a first reading. The survey to coaches came back in support of three specific sites - one in the north, one in the Treasure Valley and one in the east (specific sites TBD). One concern was elevation, but Tol Gropp pointed out that elevation is an advantage no matter where it is.

Julie Hammons asked to clarify how these sites will be decided and who will host the meets as cross country is a demanding championship to host. Kerry Martin from Idaho Falls is willing to host every year. Curt-Randall Bayer was in a favor of having just one site for the championship due to elevation concerns in the east and pointing out that having one site is ideal for permanent record keeping. Kimber Chrz claimed 90 percent of coaches were in favor of the three rotating sites.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Hall of Fame ticket price

Julie Hammons put this on the discussion agenda because of some changes that will happen because of the venue change in 2017. Hall of Fame will never break even but with current trends, it could lose \$15,000 in future years.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.

2. Tournament Bracketing

The tournament bracketing procedure was discussed. Ty and Julie feel it's important to write down and post the draw priorities and evaluate what is currently being done.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.

Ty Jones brought up making one bracket for all sports. For the larger schools, it doesn't make a difference. For smaller schools, it does have an affect on it. West Ada School District AD Scott Stuart is in favor of all 5A brackets being the same.

3. Officials' Registration Fee

Right now, officials are charged \$37, \$47 if they are late. Ty Jones would like to raise the fee to \$40 and \$65 if they are late. He's hoping it would be a deterrent to those that are registering late. Tim would like to see some leniency for new officials and officials that have moved into state. Currently, new officials are not charged a late fee.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.

4. Wrestling Tournament Start Times

The Rollie Lane wrestling tournament has historically been over Christmas Break which allows teams to count it as a single date on their schedule. However, in the future it won't be over Christmas break which means that it'll have to count their tournament as a two day tournament.

Tim Perrigot is looking for a rule change to make sure this tournament is able to continue. Tol Gropp worried that people would take advantage of a new rule protecting large tournaments, but Tim points out that very few can have that many mats.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.

Julie Hammons pointed out that tennis has asked for additional dates and been denied in the past. The Capital Invitational is an example of a big tennis tournament, similar to the Rollie Lane.

5. Football Helmets

Tim Brennan of Bishop Kelly brought two initiatives forward. The first allows teams to wear helmets as they prepare for summer camps and at passing tournaments. He says kids are safer than they've ever been and this would make them even safer. Every year, kids end up with concussions at passing tournaments. The state coaches association supports this proposal.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.

The second proposal allowed teams to wear pads seven days in a 10-day period to prepare for summer camp. This allows coaches to have two days in just helmets and shoulder pads before camp without having to practice on the weekend.

A motion to move this to the April action agenda was approved.