

**COLUMBIA BASIN BIG NINE  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING  
Summary of Meeting April 2009 \***

**FOLLOW-UP OF MEETING with the GSL this SPRING**

**Officials being local.** M/S/P to continue with split crews, with the emphasis on using single car travel reimbursement.

**Regional Basketball and the GSL's request to bring it back to Spokane.** Con Agra/Lamb Weston has expressed a willingness to continue to sponsor the tournament if it stays in the Tri-Cities. The Tri-Cities Coliseum is reserved for the 2010 tournament. No decision was made regarding using HS gyms either in Spokane or in the Big 9.

**Regional Cross Country.** M/S/P to keep the 4A Regional meet as negotiated.

**SELF REPORTS**

Southridge Self Report of rule 18.7.0 and 18.14.0. Two student/athletes played without previous semester grades and were fifth year seniors. M/S/P to place Southridge Athletics on probation for one calendar year from March 16, 2009.

Richland Self Report of rule 23.3.1.2. Two coaches failed to take their on-line clinic by the third week of the season. M/S/P to accept the report and recommendation as presented, pending written notice to the league.

Kennewick Self Report of rule 23.3.1.2. Coach failed to take his on-line clinic by the third week of the season. M/S/P to accept the report and recommendation as presented, pending written notice to the league.

Eisenhower Self Report of rule 18.10.1 Transfer student didn't sit out the previous school's academic suspension period. M/S/P to accept the report and recommendation, pending written notice to the league.

**SPRING TOURNAMENT REVIEW**

Kennewick was scheduled to host Saturday of the 4A District Softball Tournament, but the facility is not conducive for the event anymore. M/S/P to have the 4A District tournament held at Columbia Playfields in Richland.

**ALL SPORT POINTS CRITERIA**

M/S/P to eliminate the All-Sport Trophy since we've become a multi-classification league with divisions.

**FROSH /JV SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Hanford will host a Frosh softball tournament on Saturday April 25 at 11 AM to get more games for those kids since we've had several teams drop their C team.

**Baseball**

M/S/F to keep all-sports consistent for hosting the District tournament, so the Columbia #1 should host the second day of Districts. Cascade #1 will host the second day of Districts.

**Fastpitch Softball**

4A District day 2 is now set for Columbia Playfields in Richland with the first games at noon.

**Track and Field**

The Regional Track and Field Schedule we accepted with the GSL has some time concerns after the coaches have had a chance to review it. The Big 9 will have Daley work with Kostecka for a resolution.

M/SP to have 3 heats vs. 2 in running events for the 4A District Track Meet. Also noted that if an athlete is in the District meet as a Varsity athlete, then they should not compete at the JV Championship.

**Tennis**

Noted that District 4A tennis is at Pasco on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 18th. 3A at West Valley. Regionals on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Kissell Park.

### **Volleyball**

Burns dispersed WIAA interpretation letter on season club activities. Most schools will probably only field 4 teams in '09 as one of the budget cuts. Sub-varsity tournaments set for '09: Sept. 26, JV at Kamiakin, 9<sup>th</sup> at Kennewick, Sophs at Southridge. Oct. 3, JV at Ike, Sophs at Davis and 9<sup>th</sup> at West Valley.

### **Cross Country**

M/S/P to table the discussion for further discussion on All-conference honors.

### **FINAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Consensus from the AD's to look into bringing Brian Kane (Vermont based Sports Psychologist) to the league as guest speaker to get clock hours for coaches and get a great message to our student/athletes.

### **BUDGET REDUCTION IDEAS FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE WERE SHARED**

Many ideas were presented in light of the looming budget cuts for 2009-10. In no particular order, some of the ideas were: 1) Reduce to 4 Basketball teams for both genders, 2) reduce to 4 Volleyball teams, 3) reduce 6<sup>th</sup> grade intra-mural athletics or Middle School teams offered, 4) reduce some coaching spots, 5) reduce to 3 Baseball teams, 6) look into Charter busing vs. school busing, 7) ask coaches to reduce what they ask of kids (spirit packs, keep camps local), 8) fundraise for overnight rooms and meals, 9) only 1-way travel in Tri-Cities or none at all, 10) cut coaches clinic money, 11) Split stipends to keep staffs in tact, 12) League scheduled round robins so we can get multiple games (i.e. sub V tennis, sub V VB) to reduce transportation, 13) spring break games to reduce subs. Many things won't be ideal, but they are better than losing programs.