

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

REVIEW OF WINTER SPORT SPORTSMANSHIP

Big 9 handbook under section XVIII.12 says Students and adult fans are not to be on the floor/court, before, during or after a contest, until post game handshakes take place. Student standing sections are allowed, but they must be in the first row of bleachers, not on the floor. Discussion about pre-game high-fives with players. **M/S/Failed** that all non-uniformed students need stay off the wood floor, once the 20-minute warm-up clock has been set. Supervised and organized pre-game high-fives are allowed.

OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABILITY

It was noted that schools could document feedback in Arbiter. Discussion about District 5/6 co-sponsoring an amendment that mandates the officials must confer prior to an ejection, instead of just one official making that judgment. This can ensure that the ejection is warranted. It is our responsibility to provide feedback that is both good and bad, so officials can improve. **M/S/Pass to draft an amendment saying that Prior to an ejection, all game officials must confer before an ejection.**

LEAGUE CONFIGURATION

Preliminary information from WIAA was shared and how the league configuration may shake out. It appears that the current Big 9 schools will be seven 4A's (Wenatchee, Ike, Walla Walla, Richland, Davis, Moses Lake, and Chiawana); seven 3A's (Kamiakin, Pasco, Eastmont, Hanford, Sunnyside, Kennewick, Southridge) and one 2A (West Valley). These numbers could change pending "opt-ups" by December 15. It appears the GSL will be six 4A's (Gonzaga Prep and Mead opted-up, to join Lewis & Clark, Central Valley, Ferris and Rogers), four 3A's (University, Shadle Park, Mt. Spokane, North Central) and one 2A (East Valley). Rogers is the last 4A, so they could slide to 3A with one more statewide opt-up. From the Realignment Committee, it was stated that if the Big 9 were 7-4A's and 8-3A's or 8-4A's and 7-3A's, we would stay together and align the divisions by classification. Discussions about cuts to programs, levy equalization impact, travel considerations and traditional rivalries are all part of how a school will decide to opt-up and play in which league.

REGIONAL FOOTBALL/SOCCER SITES

Site selection criterion that was passed on first reading at WIAA this last weekend was discussed. District Directors have a list of acceptable playoff sites for their District. They set the site for round 1 and 2 football and soccer. New Site Selection Criteria sheet gives the WIAA staff the ability to work with the District Directors if there is impasse between the two Districts. Concern that one District can balk at a site and then it is changed? Straw pole showed support for criteria if venues are screened early, not Monday of game week. Key to get approved list of venues to all District Directors early so that any disputes can be addressed before game week.

CO-OP APPROVAL

M/S/P to approve Eastmont and Chelan Boys Swim and Dive co-op.

Wrestling

M/S/Failed to approve the GSL proposal to make Regionals a 12-man bracket.

Boys Swimming

Walla Walla will not have diving again this season.

Boys Soccer

Pre-season meeting is set for February 22 at 6:00-8:00 PM at West Valley HS. John Miller from WIAA is coming, and all associations have been invited too, to discuss with our coaches how we can reduce ejections.

Track and Field

Sandhop reported the State Girls 4 X 200 seeding was adjusted at State as requested by the State Coaches Association. Will discuss with the GSL in April for Regionals.

Tennis

Tri-Cities Invite will only count as a 1-day event, as stipulated by the WIAA handbook.

Football

All league meeting brought a couple possible SOP revisions from the coaches:

Coaches recommend that if we have blended 4A/3A divisions again, the two divisions champs should play week 9 for the #1 and #2 seeds. Discussion for week 9 really needs to wait till after the league classification numbers come out and we build a schedule.

M/S/Pass to approve Video exchange being released by the home school for both teams.

M/S/Failed to change Varsity start times to 7 PM.

Discussion about requiring a school to have the play clocks and adding an expense to a school. Revision to requiring 25-second clock failed for lack of a motion.

Girls Soccer

M/S/Pass to pay Justin Carey for fall girl's soccer stats.

Dance/Drill

District Dance and Drill is Saturday March 13 at West Valley HS. Time TBD.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

DISCUSSION about Article 18.26

Discussion about Athletic Codes offering an appeal process for a State level rule. For a violation of drugs or legend drugs, can a school offer an appeal process for a second/third offense for violation for drug use? Does the appeal go to the school or straight to the WIAA? Sandhop will take to the WIAA handbook committee for ruling. Know that controlled substances and legend drugs are both in this article.

***Passing/Adoption of Minutes, Financial Statements and items deemed confidential omitted. The Big 9 Conference reserves the right to use Executive Session at all league meetings for the purposes of legal and personnel matters. For full text of discussion and vote, see official league minutes.**