

## **WHSAA BOARD MEETING 6-2-20**

The WHSAA Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 3, 2020. The Board determined the following actions and discussion item decisions. Please keep in mind that all our discussions and decisions are attempting to make the best situation possible considering the circumstances we are currently dealing with. As I have stated from the beginning, there will be a good chance there will not be competitive equity depending on your local situations.

### **Action Items:**

Approved Wind River's request to add Cross Country for the fall of 2020.

Approved the 2020-21 Budget

Approved the extension of the Commissioner's contract

Updated State Golf Rotations for **each** classification – In 2A moved Sundance/Hulett to 2028 and slid everyone else up one year. Moved 3A State Golf to Lyman for next fall and Lander will host in 2021. Included Green River in the 3A rotation and Jackson in the 4A rotation.

Defeated the Football Running Clock Proposal

Defeated the Cross Country Contest Day Proposal of 10 competition days

Approved a Gold Card request for Wes Ackerson of Kaycee

Approved a Gold Card request for Ruth Putnam of Casper

Approved a Gold Card request for Greg Gray of Pinedale

Elected Larry Yeradi of Wright as President-Elect for 2020-21

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading Items:**

Passed an amended Cross Country Proposal to allow 2 days of "fun runs, triathlons, fundraisers, etc." during the season – Suspended the rules to pass this amendment on First Reading so that it will go into effect next fall.

Passed the Nordic Ski State Qualifications Proposal.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Items:**

Approved the 3 Team Football Tie Breaking Proposal

### **Discussion Items and Decisions:**

#### **Academic Requirements**

We will hold to the current academic requirements of having to pass 5 classes this past semester. We believe students that have not met the requirement yet do have the summer to complete the requirement. We understand there may be some hardships that you ran into as far as the online connectivity or other issues. We would like you to contact us on those students that you believe really tried but had circumstances out of their control so we can have a discussion on their eligibility. We also are relying on you to **not** bring forward students that you know made no effort this spring but would now like to be eligible for fall activities. We will

handle them the same as in the past and they will not be eligible until they recover enough credit to meet the 5-class requirement.

### **Transfers**

We believe that if a school cannot participate in any sport because of the restrictions of their local health department, and a student from that school transfers to another school, this would meet the criteria of our hardship rule and would be approved. A few points we would like to make if this situation arises.

1. This will be handled on an individual basis as in the past.
2. The receiving school would have to be willing to accept those students. Depending on the number of students moving to a smaller school, it could affect classifications. We encourage those schools that may have several options in your area to meet this summer and formulate a plan as to how you may handle this, should it occur.
3. Once they transfer, they will be required to stay for the remainder of that season. Ex. Fall, Winter, Spring.
4. If the shut down occurs during the middle of a season, a hardship would not be granted until the next sport season begins.
5. If at the end of a sport season, the school that was not able to participate is now able to, we will allow the student to move back to his home school and be eligible as long as it is done at the beginning of the new sport season. If the student chooses to stay at the school they transferred to and then at a later date decides to move back, the transfer rule will apply and they will not be eligible for varsity participation in any sport in which they participated in the past 12 months.

### **Physicals**

We will stay with our current requirement of needing a physical before being allowed to practice this fall. **Please be proactive and get this information out to your parents as soon as possible so there is no confusion next fall.** All physicals after May 1, 2020 will meet the requirement for the next school year. All physicals from this past year may be used for your summer activities.

### **Temperature Threshold**

We are working with the State Health Department to see if we would be allowed to set a common temperature that would be utilized for assessment. We are concerned with the variance of 99.5-100.5 that is being used in different counties. We are concerned that those counties with the higher threshold may not be able to participate in a county with a lower threshold. We will keep you posted as we get further guidance.

### **Two Week Period Before the Fall Sports:**

After much discussion about possibly starting two weeks early for the fall season, it was decided to stay with our current rule. As a reminder, during those two weeks, coaches can have team building exercises, parent meetings, check out gear, open gyms, weight rooms and conditioning. The only thing we do not allow is teaching sport specific techniques and team

concepts for their sport. Thus, we did not believe it was necessary to change what we currently allow.

For 4A football, golf and tennis, the two-week period begins July 27, 2020. For the remainder of the fall sports, it will be August 3, 2020.

### **Fall Invitational Tournaments:**

It has become apparent that our effort to collect information for splitting fall sport invitationals, did not accomplish our goal. After much discussion, we believe that the invitationals could be decided at a scheduling meeting. We are tentatively setting **Monday, August 3, 2020** as a date to come together and reschedule any of the fall events that need adjusted. Since we do not know what the restrictions will be at that time, the meeting may not be needed.

We will keep you posted as we continue to meet with the State Health Department.

### **Fall Sport Alternate Schedules:**

At this time, all alternate schedules that were presented at the last District Meetings will remain the same with exception of football.

For football:

1. The question that was presented to each District as whether to roll the earlier week of competition to the quarter-final week or keep the quarter final. It was decided in football that we would keep the quarter finals as long as possible.
2. If all conference games are not played, it was decided that we would have the coaches in those conferences get together and seed for the playoffs.
3. Anytime there is a three-way tie, and those three teams have played each other, the three-way tie breaking criteria should be used.
4. If we are not able to have the State Championships at the University of Wyoming, the highest seed will host at their home site. Since we have the possibility of two #1's or two #2's playing each other, we will use the rotation of East/West being the highest seed as we have each year. If the two teams have played during season, the head to head winner will be the host.

For the upcoming year, if the seeds are the same and have not played during the season, the following will be the host site:

1A-6man	The East will host
1A-9man	The West will host
2A	The West will host
3A	The East will host
4A	Will be determined by coaches seeding

Although we have made the current plans and believe we at least have a roadmap, we do realize that we will need to be flexible and ready to change as needed. We are also encouraging any other thoughts or ideas on the plans that could be addressed at the scheduling meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions to any of these items, please feel free to contact our office.