

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2024

@ The UHSAA Office - 9:00 A.M.

1. Welcome & Chair Business:

- A. **Chair general observations:** Mr. Craig Hammer shared that all educators give a great sigh of relief when graduation ends; meaning they made it another year. He then excused Mr. Karl Jensen, Mr. Everett Kelepolo and Mr. Ryan Oaks. Mr. Travis Madsen is attending for Mr. Ty Kennedy, Mr. Bruce Eschler for Mr. Quinn Linde, Mr. Justin Keate for Ms. Kim Monkres and Mr. Jake Atwood for Mr. Steve Gordon.
- B. **Reverence/thought:** Mr. Jared Wright provided a prayer.
- C. **Pledge/patriotic thought:** Mr. AJ Gilmore shared that his grandpa was living in Los Angeles at the beginning of 2002. He wore an adjustment to fit an oxygen mask so he could be a fire fighter. He made many small sacrifices to serve. He won't be in any books, but those small sacrifices added up to something big. Small sacrifices add up. He thanked the board for his time spent serving and wished them all well.
- D. **Acknowledge outgoing committee members:** Chair Hammer thanked the outgoing board members on behalf of the committee for all they did to serve the schools. Mr. Hunter shared that he has served for over 40 years. He expressed gratitude for his time spent serving on the board.
1. Ryan Oaks – Region 4
 2. Quinn Linde – Region 10
 3. AJ Gilmore – Region 11
 4. Jade Shepherd – Region 15
 5. Jeff Brinkerhoff – Region 20
 6. Marc Hunter – UIAAA
- E. Minutes of April 24, 2024 meeting:

MOTION: Mr. Kade Morrell made a motion to approve the minutes for the previous Executive Committee meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Darin Jenkins. The motion carried.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Teri Davis congratulated the committee on making it to summer and then showed a video about PE credits and the courses the USBE requires and how it is connected to athletics. She urged the committee to pay attention to this. The Physical Education document has been updated to reflect on how PE credits are given. Fitness for Life is required and it cannot be substituted by athletics participation. There are two other courses that can be substituted. The coach must be certified in CPR and First Aid. Standards must be taught. Credit for playing in a sport cannot happen without these things. The students must learn the standards of that course. We need to do a better job of paying attention to this. The course for athletic administrators has been postponed.

3. BOT Report:

- A. **May 1, 2024, meeting:** Mr. Craig Morris shared a summary of the previous Board of Trustees meeting.

4. **2024-25 Meeting Schedule for Boards:** Mr. Rob Cuff introduced the proposed meeting schedule for discussion. There appeared to be no conflicts.

MOTION: Mr. Craig Morris made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2024-25. It was seconded by Mr. Kim Bailey. The motion carried.

5. **Executive Committee Terms 2024-25:** Mr. Cuff went over the Executive Committee replacements for the upcoming year. Mr. Josh Leroy will be representing Region 4, Mr. Roger Arbabi will be representing Region 10, Mr. Daryl Guymon will be representing Region 11, Mr. Devin Smith will be representing Region 15, Mr. David Cluff will be representing Region 20, and Mr. Everett Kelepolo will be the UIAAA representative.
6. **Board of Trustees Terms 2024-25:** Mr. Burke Stahl will be taking Mr. Jeffery Nielsen's place on the BOT to represent the 4A classification. Chair Jerre Holmes has been reappointed by the Superintendents Association. Mr. Jason Smith will represent 5A/6A as principal. Mr. Devin Smith was approved to represent the 1A/2A principals. Mr. Patrick Lambert was elected to represent the private schools.
7. **UIAAA Business:** Mr. Marc Hunter shared that the summer golf tournament will be on July 10, 2024, at Cedar Hills. UIAAA membership goes by the date paid and lasts for a year. He reminded all to renew. Mr. Hunter also shared the results of additional surveys to eliminate the blackout period. The second item the Athletic Directors would like to consider is to remove the two-week prior period. The third item is the RPI. Discussion ensued on how to solve the blackout period related to the RPI. Mr. Cluff shared that they could shorten it from 7 to 3 days. Whether it goes dark or not, changes will occur during that window.

Mr. Marsing provided the results of the two surveys that were sent out related to swimming. He shared that they surveyed to approve Swimming to choose their moratorium. The second survey was to move the swim season to the fall or have a shorter season. The higher percentage wants to shorten the season by 3 weeks and state has to be in February to work with BYU.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Travis Madsen to allow for a four-week moratorium to start after the 2024-25 swim season. It was seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Morrell made the motion to shorten the swimming season beginning in the 2025-26 school year and to keep the season in the winter. Mr. Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. **UHSAA Calendar:** Mr. Jeff Cluff shared that the updated calendar is on the website. He also reminded the committee that they need to make sure their golf coaches complete both the coaches clinic and the golf etiquette clinic.
- A. **Cross Country Date:** Mr. Chris Shipman said that the coaches asked that the competition start date be moved from 8/12/2024 to 8/9/2024.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to move the competition start date to the ninth of August. It was seconded by Mr. Jenkins. The motion carried.

- B. **Soccer Venues:** Mr. Brenan Jackson explained that America First Field may not be an option for state soccer in the future and would like approval to start looking at other venues for the future. Possibly UVU, Zion's Bank or BYU if America First Field is not available in the future.

9. **Activities Report:**

- A. **Ejection Report:** Mr. Cluff and Mr. Jackson shared the ejection report for the year. A significant improvement has occurred in Boys Soccer.
- B. **Baseball:** Mr. Cluff shared that there was a great baseball season overall, but there was rain towards the end of the 5A/6A state tournament. He expressed gratitude for the facilities and how their turf allowed them to play games, even with the weather conditions. He shared the state champion winners in each classification. The pitch count continues to drive what happens in the tournaments. Some coaches want adjustments made to how the home team is determined. There will be a meeting regarding this in the fall. Mr. Cluff also brought up that 1A baseball wants to change the format of their tournament.
- C. **Boys Soccer:** Mr. Brenan Jackson congratulated the winners of state boys' soccer in each classification. Skyridge sub-varsity played ALA's varsity and the sub-varsity won, but it was entered into Max Preps, and so a fine needs to be assessed.
- D. **Unified Track and Field:** Mr. Chris Shipman shared that divisions are being considered for next season. They would like to bring back the 50-meter race.
- E. **Track and Field:** MeetTracks is the new software being used. It is app based. The media felt the software allowed them to easily receive results.
- F. **Lacrosse:** Semi-finals occurred at Westminster. It is a great facility for semi-finals. The championships were at Zion's Bank facility. Mr. Shipman shared the champions in each classification. He then thanked Mr. Morris for showing up early and helping with the set-up. The girl's lacrosse would like to have their finals at Westminster if possible.
- G. **Boys Tennis:** Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs shared the winners by classification. She then shared highlights from the tournament. There was one issue in 4A, in which a coach made a disparaging remark to a female coach, and they felt they should have been removed from the tournament.
- H. **Softball:** Softball went well. She shared the winners in each classification. The venues at Spanish Fork and Valley are great facilities.
- I. **Girls Golf:** Ms. Jan Whittaker shared that two weeks were added to the 5A/6A tournament, but it was still cold, but overall, the weather was better. She shared the winners in each classification.
- J. **Boys Volleyball:** The tournament went well. They played the best two out of three and it worked great. She then shared the winners in each classification.

10. **Information and Follow up Items:**

- A. **Summer Moratorium:** Mr. Jackson reminded the committee that if an adjustment occurs, it must be a whole school moratorium.

- B. **Coaches' Certification:** Keep doing a great job at the schools. Districts and schools can use the NFHS learn website to help with the certification.
- C. **Football Reminders:** Mr. Jackson referred the committee to the football page on the UHSAA website. Desert Hills asked for a one-year adjustment to play against Lehi in the second week of the endowment game. West has already been approved to do this against a team from Georgia.

MOTION: Mr. Travis Madsen made the motion to give a one-year adjustment for Desert Hills to play against Lehi in the week after the endowment game date. It was seconded by Mr. Todd Dawson. The motion carried.

- D. **Basketball Items:** 1A would like to change the format of the 1A tournament by holding it at a new location and to make it smaller like the 2A-3A, with consolation, but only 8 teams invited. They were advised to attend the August meeting with a proposal.

The new state adoption is to get rid of the 5 second count when dribbling. This has changed in college. The official's association has recommended this for high school. It is requested that this is adopted by the committee.

MOTION: Mr. Dawson motioned to eliminate the five second count when dribbling. Kevin Henshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- E. **Music Items:** (1:44:01) Mr. Justin Bills, Mr. John Bowman; adjudicator, and Mr. Robert Schmidt, the president of the Utah Educators Music Association presented to the board regarding Solo and Ensemble and how it works regarding sanctioned events and the state tournament. These festivals require the best adjudication possible. For the last almost 20 years, the adjudicators have earned \$90 for a ½ day and \$140 for a full day. At the state festivals they can work up to 8 to 9 hours a day. They are recommending that this pay be increased to \$45 an hour for a flat rate, with a minimum of two hours. Pro-rated to the half-hour. They are asking that the mileage increase to 50 cents per mile for the driver and 15 cents per mile for the passenger. They would like it to go into effect in the 2024-25 school year. (00:24:21) Mr. Jackson recommends the committee accept the proposed increase.

MOTION: Mr. David Cluff made the motion to approve the hourly raise as recommended, and to also approve the mileage. Ms. Roberta Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- F. **Cross Country Update:** Mr. Shipman and representatives from the coach's association presented the reasons why it is important to have Sugar House Park as the cross country event location. They showed the revised course at Sugar House Park, explained how they would handle payment and parking and where they would have the start and finish line. They are hoping to avoid congestion. They have tried to resolve all issues to make it work at Sugar House Park.

MOTION: Mr. Kim Bailey made the motion to allow the state cross country to return to Sugar House Park for one year provisional. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- G. **Wrestling Items:** Mr. Shipman presented options for the 2025 wrestling championships. He asked the committee to take the proposed schedule back to their coaches and schools to review and to come back in August with a recommendation.

- H. **Boys Volleyball Update/Girls Volleyball Format:** Ms. Whittaker shared that a decision needs to be made on how to format the girls' volleyball state tournament. For the boys they were able to bring 16 teams to the tournament with consolation as a 2 out of 3 format. This cut out two hours from the length of the first day.

MOTION: Mr. Travis Madsen made the motion to make the girls' state volleyball tournament with consolation as a 2 out of 3 with 16 teams. Mr. Todd Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- I. **Sports Season Survey:** Ms. Whittaker provided results of the survey for moving boys' volleyball to the fall. It was split 50/50. Boys soccer did not want to move from the spring.
- J. **Esports Committee:** Ms. Whittaker asked for volunteers on the Esports committee.
- K. **Cheer Items:** Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs shared that recommended changes are being made in regard to cheer. UHSAA will run the state cheer separate from RC Compete. Finances will go through UHSAA.
- L. **Officials Update:** Mr. Cluff explained that official's registration will be on July 1, 2024. They had a good year overall. The scholarship for new officials went very well. This will occur again this year. Mr. Cluff requested feedback from the committee that he could take to the officials' association. There was no feedback. He would like to set up a process for players ejected in the post-season to have a hearing for appeal if they have games left, to see if they can resume play.
- M. **Credentials:** Mr. Cluff reminded the committee that there is early registration in July and the first order will be placed in August.
- N. **RPI Review:** Mr. Cluff discussed with the committee the potential criteria for the RPI. They were asked to bring any potential changes to the RPI to the next meeting in August.
- O. **UHSAA State Event Guidelines:** There has been an issue with latex gloves that clap very loud. It is proposed that it be added to the banned items.

MOTION: Mr. Devin Smith motioned to add latex gloves to the state event guidelines. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- P. **Aktivate Update – New Changes to Handbook:** Mr. Cluff shared that the staff has met to figure out what changes will be made to Aktivate in order to accommodate the new changes to F-1 visa students and the transfer rule.

In regard to the transfer rule, both the sending and receiving school will need to verify that the student has left the school, and it is a residence transfer. The new school will also need to verify that it is a bona fide move. (Two verifications need to occur).

Harassment and Bullying is being changed to Verified Bullying. This requires a certification from the sending school. The principal must certify in writing what was done to address the bullying and verify that something took place.

In regard to ineligible player participation, it is proposed that if the student plays while ineligible, the student and coach are both then ineligible for the post-season.

MOTION: Mr. Jason Smith made a motion that for the purpose of the transfer rule, if a student competes prior to the first 50% of the maximum allowable varsity contests, then the student and coach are ineligible for the postseason. In addition, Article 7, Section 7 would also apply to both the coach and the student. It was seconded by Mr. Justin Keate. The motion carried.

The transfer rule goes into effect immediately. Aktivite will try to have the changes ready by June 20, 2024. Transfers that fall under the new changes will be notified and will need to re-submit their transfer.

It was discussed that for the purpose of the transfer rule, what constitutes the 50% needs to be clarified. The committee went over the sheet of Contest Limitations and discussed the number of contests. Until the team plays the final game of one half of the allowable varsity contests, the student can't play.

Mr. Jackson explained that they want to keep soccer and lacrosse similar in the number of contests allowed. If boys' soccer is given back the games, then Mr. Jackson advised that they should impose a penalty of two games suspension instead of one.

MOTION: Mr. Bailey made the motion to give a total of 17 games to boys' soccer starting in 2025, and to add the penalty of serious foul play be added to violent conduct, which will result in a two-game suspension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Henshaw. The motion carried.

MOTION: The new contest limitations were put forward by Mr. Jared Wright. Seconded by Rodney Shaw. The motion carried.

Q. **Football Endowment Games:** Ticketing will again go through the GoFan platform.

R. **ArbiterSports:** June 1 was the deadline to have fall schedules into Arbiter.

11. **Realignment 2025-2027:**

A. **Timetable:** Mr. Cuff explained that there will be a public hearing on August 22nd regarding the realignment of UHSAA member schools.

B. **Format and Procedures:** Mr. Cuff went over page 171 from the agenda materials. He asked the committee for any feedback on anything they wanted for the procedures.

12. **Reports**

A. **Sportsmanship Committee:** Ms. Whittaker referred the committee to the Raise the Bar handout. The stars will be distributed in the fall.

1. **Student Leadership Conference:** Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs asked for recommendations for a student representative for each school.

B. **1A Athletics:** Ms. Roberta Hardy requested that if there are enough teams for softball, they revisit the possibility of a state championship at the next committee meeting in August.

- C. **2A Athletics:** Mr. Ty Kennedy shared that the track coaches wanted to know if there is a RPI model for qualification. Mr. Cuff suggested that they model something similar to swimming. The software they are using for track will show a top 100. It was asked that 2A come with a proposal on what they want to do.
 - D. **3A Athletics:** Nothing to report.
 - E. **4A Athletics:** Nothing to report.
 - F. **5A Athletics:** Nothing to report.
 - G. **6A Athletics:** Nothing to report.
13. **For the Good of The Order:** Mr. Cuff referred the board to the provided article: *Creating... Student Leadership Program*.