

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

9:00 am

Members Present: Greg Wilkey, David Dunn, Todd Quarnberg, Darrell Jensen, Jason Smith, Tom Sherwood, Bill Sivert, Doug Webb, Ryan Bishop, Darin Thomas, Mike Monson, Steve Gordon, Kade Morrell, Jim Langford, Craig Morris, Ty Kennedy, Brady Fails, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Kayce May-Riches, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Jan Whittaker, and Jon Oglesby. Excused: Nate Marshall, Jade Shepherd, Jodi Parker and Jackie Thompson. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chair Business:** Chair Hammer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He excused, Jackie Thompson, Jodi Parker, Nate Marshall and Jade Shepherd. Bobby Porter was filling in for Jackie Thompson and Ted Bianco for Nate Marshall.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Morrell said he had a parent in his office early that morning wanting to tell his side of the story. Mr. Morrell said everyone passes judgment, but we need to take a step back before judging quickly. Some of the decisions really affect lives. He expressed his appreciation for the members of the Committee. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Quarnberg said the theme of Herriman HS this year is, "To Live." He had authored a poem, "To Live," and shared it with the members. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Chairman's General Observations: Chair Hammer thanked members for all they do. There have been many difficult moments this year as never before. Mr. Monson announced that he would be retiring this year. He is taking a teaching opportunity at Utah State. He and his wife have a goal to visit all 63 National Parks.

Clayton Carter is retiring from Wendover HS. They have built a home in Santaquin.

D. Minutes of March 22, 2022 (summary on the UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022, meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Moratoriums: Mr. Hammer reminded members of the Ready Reference Calendar Guide and members were asked to sign the spring sports assignment sheets.

2. **BOT Report:** Mr. Dunn reported the BOT Meeting of March 24, 2022.

- USBE Report from Brent Strate
- Winter State Champions
- Basketball Endowment Game Report
- Winter activities
- Winter ejection reports
- Sportsmanship Initiative – Gold Star Coach Award
- Student Leadership Conference in the fall hosted by regions or multi regions

- Competitive Cheer – exception to limited team membership
- Golf contest limitations were changed from 14 to 10
- First Unified Basketball Tournament was held at Weber State
- Basketball Shot Clock protocol
- Mercy rule for boys’ and girls’ basketball was approved
- Layton Christian Academy was approved for boys’ basketball to participate in 4A
- Boys’ volleyball was sanctioned for the 2023-2024 school year
- Summer moratorium and coaches’ certification
- 8-player football was approved for 1A and 1A/2A schools that do not currently participate in football
- Sports Medicine recommendation was approved for physicals for cheer and drill beginning date of March 10.
- Second consideration of the realignment format and procedures was approved
- Public Hearing will be held on May 3 regarding format and procedures
- Election for Charter School representative will be held on April 28 at UHSAA Offices
- NFHS Articles
- Luncheon for Super Fan, Circle of Fame, Spirit of Sport, Heart of the Arts recipients was held at noon at Sleepy Ridge.

3. **Activities Report:**

A. Solo and Ensemble Music Festivals: Mr. Jackson said the event will take place April 30. The Northern festival will be hosted by Woods Cross HS and the Southern festival by Provo HS.

B. Theatre/Drama: Ms. Whittaker said theatre competitions took place in April. She reported there were record number of participants. They will be looking to raise the qualification standard for next year.

C. Speech/Debate: Mr. Oglesby reported there was concern the participant numbers were going to be down, but they were pleasantly surprised with an increase of participants. He reported the coaches’ association is looking to create a proposal to be presented to ADEC to shorten the season for debate (next alignment). 1A-3A combined for the state tournament and it went very well. It provided a wonderful experience for the students and was an easier event to manage. UDCA will be meeting over the summer to update the Speech/Debate for the UHSAA Handbook.

4. **Calendar:**

A. 2021-2022 (pp. 134-136 and the UHSAA Website):

(1) Conflicts with Graduation/AP Testing: Mr. Oglesby said there are always conflicts with graduation and AP Testing with spring tournaments. Tournament dates do not move or change for either. Graduations have been held on the field with a school providing the script. They are usually held prior to the game.

(2) Soccer: Mr. Jackson reminded them the RPI release for 2A/3A boys’ soccer was that day. 2A and 4A semifinals soccer will be played on May 10 at Juan Diego HS. 3A semifinals soccer will be on May 10 at Jordan HS. On May 11, 2A, 3A and 4A finals will be at Rio Tinto. 5A and 6A will play all semifinals soccer on May 23 at Juan Diego and finals will be held on May 25 at Rio Tinto.

B. 2022-2023 (UHSAA Website):

(1) Debate:

4A	Ridgeline HS	March 10-11
5A	Hillcrest HS	March 10-11
6A	Bingham HS	March 10-11
1A-3A	Clearfield HS	March 17-18

MOTION: Mr. Dunn made the motion to approve the debate dates and sites for 2022-2023. Mr. Sivert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Cross Country: Mr. Oglesby reported cross country will be held on Tuesday, October 25. He has heard there is a proposal circulating to move back to Sugar House Park. Mr. Oglesby felt it was good experience at the Regional Athletic Complex. Mr. Smith felt we have outgrown Sugar House Park and Highland HS. Mr. Quarnberg said the coaches like the Sugar House Park venue because there is a course record that has been established for many years.

MOTION: Mr. Quarnberg made the motion to move ahead with plans to hold cross country at the Regional Athletic Complex. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Quarnberg requested the staff look at parking and charging by the car.

(3) Baseball: Mr. Cluff said that the 5A and 6A baseball sites need to be flip flopped. 5A will be at BYU and 6A at UVU.

MOTION: Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the tentative calendar and remove “tentative.” Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter said the AD Conference presentations were on the portal on the UIAAA website. Next year’s conference will be April 12-15, 2023. UIAAA will hold their fundraiser summer golf tournament on July 13. The tournament will be at Cedar Hills.

6. **Realignment 2023-2025:**

A. Timetable (p. 137): Mr. Cuff reviewed the timetable. There is a public hearing on May 3.

B. BOT Recommendations (pp. 138-139):

(1) The BOT added #5 to the format and procedure as indicated on page 139 which allows schools to apply for a higher classification in a specific sport in January following an established realignment approval. The request would be for the entire alignment period. Mr. Webb asked if there will be criteria? Mr. Cuff said the BOT would consider requests case by case. Mr. Monson felt that the two-year alignment was to solidify regions for home and home play. His region is concerned because of all the shifts that will take place. Mr. Hammer feels there will be very few requests. The BOT felt with RPI it makes it easier to move schools up a classification. Mr. Cuff invited members to attend the Public Hearing on May 3. The BOT could make a final decision on May 3 or they could move the decision to the August meeting.

(2) Bubble Schools: Mr. Cuff said the EC needs to give a recommendation to the BOT how to break ties on the bubble schools. Mr. Cluff distributed an information sheet for members to review. The staff was looking for a way to measure success from year to year using final RPI and not the finish in state tournaments. There are four years of data for fall and

winter and three years for spring season. This would be done for each sport and would provide the BOT an idea where teams average using the RPI. Mr. Cuff said the BOT could break the tie two different ways – football and all other sports. Mr. Cluff said more bubble schools will provide the BOT flexibility to evaluate RPI finishes along with enrollment and geography to move school up and down classifications. The RPI provides a more objective approach. Discussion on participation numbers and transient percentage rate from the USBE.

7. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings:

A. Unified Sports: Mr. Oglesby said the Unified Track Meet will be coming soon. He said there are a number of schools participating this year that have not in the past. If a school is interested in participating, contact Mr. Oglesby.

B. Participation Survey Reminder: Mr. Oglesby said the participation survey is due on May 13. The Participation Survey is especially important as it determines insurance premiums and data for the NFHS. Please encourage accurate reporting.

C. Tennis Items: Mr. Oglesby said boys' tennis would be using the new state seeding system. All region play needs to end by the season end date. Coaches need to make sure all data is entered in the system. Coaches select first, second, and third single players and first and second doubles team for state. The participants that were selected will then be seeded into the tournament bracket. He said there is a tight turnaround to create the bracket. Discussion on allegations of stacking and process if it happens. The brackets come out the day before the first round that begins at 9 am. Mr. Oglesby needs guidance if there are allegations of stacking. It was felt he will contact the region and they will investigate. Mr. Morris asked if the coaches could be required to give a lineup in advance next year.

Mr. Sherwood said some of the regions are holding a region tourney and players may exceed their contest limit if they play in the region tourney. He said some teams do not want to play in region tournaments because there are already #1 in the RPI.

D. Lacrosse Items: Mr. Oglesby said 4A semifinals are set at Judge Memorial HS and 5A/6A semifinals at Westminster College with finals at Zions Bank Stadium.

Coaches Association asked Mr. Oglesby to discuss sophomore lacrosse programs. Is there interest in sophomore lacrosse? It was determined it was a school-by-school decision. Mr. Sherwood said the schools that have sophomore teams just need to communicate better that they are looking for games.

Mr. Cluff said there have been issues obtaining officials for girls' lacrosse because of game times and days. Schools might need to be assigned game days and times to make it work next year. Mr. Oglesby said there has been a significant increase in the physicality of play in lacrosse. Please discuss in regions.

E. Track Items: Mr. Oglesby said there will be a field coaching box at BYU for field events. A coach will need a UHSAA Coaches' Credential and then each school will receive one BYU coaches' box pass for each field event.

F. Basketball Items: Mr. Oglesby reported the sites have been secured for state basketball. 1A will be held at SVC, 2A at SLCC, 3A at SUU, 4A at Utah State, 5A/6A at Weber State. Staff is recommending when installing the shot clock that consideration be given

to install lights on the backboard to help with end of game and quarter scenarios of last second shots. It was discussed to have a hand device in the event the shot clock malfunctions.

G. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (June 29-July 5, 2022) (p. 140): Mr. Jackson reminded members about the Summer Moratorium. Any adjustment must be for the entire school.

H. Wrestling Items: Mr. Jackson distributed a form indicating schools that have volunteered to host the wrestling boys' and girls' divisional tournaments. Consideration should be given to split schedules and if schools need to be in close proximity. He is still looking for a host school for 6A Division A.

Mr. Jackson reviewed items to be included in the UHSAA Handbook:

(1) USA Wrestling JV State Tournament: This tournament is not sponsored by USHAA. It was intended for athletes who have completed their season because it is held between divisionals and state. It was discussed if alternates could go to the tournament and a question about contest limitations.

MOTION: Mr. Jensen made the motion to allow alternates to participate at the USA Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Minimum Weight-Lock Date: There has been established a minimum weight-lock date. After this date, a wrestler could not descend to the qualified weight. He recommended to remove the minimum weight.

MOTION: Mr. Bishop made the motion to remove the minimum weight-lock date. Mr. Sivert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Weekly Weigh-Ins Recorded: Mr. Jackson said some coaches are not following the weight management plan and entering the first official weigh-in of each week. The coaches' association would like the data opened like the pitch count to hold each other accountability. Mr. Jackson is working on a solution.

(4) Practicing: Some teams are practicing with other teams after the divisional tournament and before the State tournament.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to not allow practice with other schools between divisionals and state. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(5) DQ: Mr. Jackson recommended to count a DQ as a loss for divisional seeding. Accepted.

(6) Change the Divisional Seeding Criteria: Mr. Jackson provided the proposed seeding criteria. If accepted, it would be entered in TrackWrestling to create seeding. Members wanted to discuss in regions prior to a decision in June.

(7) Girls' Wrestling: Mr. Jackson is recommending allowing girls to have eight tournaments instead of six and eight duals. Also, any girls' teams with fifteen wrestlers or fewer be allowed to practice with other schools even between divisionals and state.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve eight tournament and eight duals in girls' wrestling. Girls' wrestling teams with fewer than fifteen girls will be allowed to practice with other schools during the season and between divisionals and state. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(8) 6A Wrestling: Mr. Jackson said 6A would like to mirror the 2A Bracket. He said he would like the 3A, 4A and 5A classification to consider using the 2A Bracket as well. The 2A Bracket breaks up the divisional winners so they are not wrestling the same athlete as in divisionals. Members were asked to take back the bracket proposal to their regions for consideration.

(9) 5A: Proposed to change the number of wrestlers who can score at the state tournament. Mr. Jackson did not recommend changing the current scoring.

Mr. Jackson asked members how they liked boys and girls wrestling together at the state tournaments. Members liked the format this year with boys and girls.

I. Football:

(1) Spring Restrictions/Summer Camps: Mr. Jackson said spring restrictions could be found on the UHSAA Website. There are no pads, helmets or shoulder pads. It was approved to allow schools to compete seven on seven with other schools.

Mr. Jackson asked members to emphasize to schools that the last week they can have a padded camp is July 11-16. The week of July 18, teams cannot hold a padded camp. The heat acclimatization must start the week before teams have a padded camp. Please check the UHSAA website under football for approved summer calendar for details.

(2) 8-Player Football: Mr. Jackson said there are seven teams planning to participate -Altamont, Monticello, Monument Valley, Rich, USDB, Water Canyon and Whitehorse. St. Joseph Catholic is almost certain they will participate. He said 11-player teams can play 8-player teams. Mr. Jackson is working on seeding through MaxPreps.

J. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson said it is important to get certified.

K. Coaches' Credentials: Late hires were discussed. Schools were not fined if coaches were entered. Coaches should be certified before access to students. It was discussed if there was an option to have a multisport credential. Pros and cons were discussed. Staff will have a July 15 deadline for schools that would like to order credentials for coaches for the school year. No sport will be listed on the credential. Mr. Smith would like to have the credentials sooner if possible.

Discussion on fraudulent passes. If an assistant coach coaches at a state tournament there is a \$250 fine and a head coach receives a \$500 fine. There was a fraudulent credential at wrestling and it was confiscated. The school was fined and a letter was sent. Mr. Smith said the way to get their attention is to take away contests. Mr. Hammer said we should have individuals with a fraudulent credential at a state tournament come before the Executive Committee.

L. Executive Committee Terms (pp. 141-142): Mr. Cuff reviewed members terms and those expiring June 30. The term stays with the region. Mike Monson and Clayton Carter are retiring. Karl Jensen from Telos will replace Mr. Carter. Roberta Hardy will be Region 23 representative next year.

M. 4A Principal to BOT (p. 143): Mr. Thomas was proposed as the 4A Principal representative on the BOT next year. Charter schools are voting April 28 for a charter school BOT representative.

MOTION: Mr. Monson made the motion to approve Darin Thomas as the 4A Principal representative to the BOT for 2022-2023. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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8. Staff Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items:

(1) School Sportsmanship Award Applications: Ms. Whittaker said the application has been sent to schools. Applications for the award are due on May 27, 2022.

(2) Gold Star Coach: Ms. Whittaker said one coach from each school received the award. Criteria for the award was sent to the schools. The Committee wants to reward the coach who is helping to change lives and prepare athletes for their future. Certificates were sent to the principal. A female and male coach from each classification was nominated as the State Gold Star Coach. Trophies were mailed to the school and the principal was asked to appropriately honor the coach at a school assembly, etc.

B. Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference: The conferences will be held on a region or multi-region level. Ms. Whittaker asked schools to choose an enthusiastic individual to be their sportsmanship specialist. Training will be held on August 29, 2022.

C. Girls' Volleyball Items: Ms. Whittaker said there has been a misunderstanding with sets played in a JV match. It was listed as a 3/5 sets with modified format (4, 5 set play to 15). Some regions have been playing 2/3. Please keep to 3/5 modified except freshman and sophomore are 2/3.

Starting times for volleyball games is on the volleyball page. Discussion. Mr. Cluff suggested that the start times be changed to 1.5 hours between (3:30, 5:00, 6:30). He will work on the schedule. It will come back in June.

D. Golf Contest Limitations: Ms. Whittaker said the contest limitation was changed from 14 to 10. She would propose that one multi-day event count as one contest.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made the motion to allow one multi-day event to count as one contest. Mr. Sivert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Drill Team Items: Ms. Whittaker asked members to provide their region dates. There is an online form provided on the website.

F. Competitive Cheer Items: Ms. Whittaker reported she had received declaration forms from all but 12 schools. She said there were 110 schools planning on competitive cheer. They will begin the process to determine classifications. There will be a survey sent to coaches on game day category. Score sheets are still being created and the competition format. The biggest issue so far has been students trying out at multiple schools which is a sports season violation. Please remind coaches that students cannot tryout at another school if they are enrolled at a different school.

G. Officiating Update: Mr. Cluff reminded members that player ejections are not appealable. Please have coaches talk to administration and the administration contact Mr. Cluff.

Boys' soccer and lacrosse sportsmanship is of concern. The officials are doing what they can, but they cannot fix it. Coaches need to get things under control. In two weeks, four contests have been stopped before they were completed because of sportsmanship issues. Things are out

of control. Mr. Smith said he thinks parents do not know the rules. He wonders if there is a clinic to show the parents to help educate them. Mr. Jackson said a few years back soccer was put on probation. He feels we are to that point. The fouls are getting more physical and aggressive. We need administrators at the game. Mr. Quarnberg said administrators are trying, but they are being strained to cover all the events. There was discussion to put sanctions on soccer and lacrosse.

Mr. Cluff reported the *Referee* magazine did a survey in 2021 stating the reasons for officials leaving, (1) More than 60% indicated verbal abuse from parents and fans; (2) Over 50% indicated verbal abuse from coaches and players. Only 22% said they left because of pay. Mr. Cluff said we are in a drastic decline in the wrong direction. Fortunately, Utah is better than most states.

(1) Officials' Fee Increase: Mr. Cluff is organizing a committee to consider an officials' fee increase. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee. Mr. Quarnberg, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Langford, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Jenkins will serve on the committee. California has gone with a flat fee for their officials.

H. Baseball Items: Mr. Cluff reported sites have been finalized. He reminded members the importance of the pitch count and the need to report.

I. Football Item: Mr. Cluff said he needed approval for the Thursday Night Football game being played prior to football endowment games on Friday. The game is between Desert Hills at Brighton.

MOTION: Mr. Fails made the motion to allow the Thursday night football game between Desert Hills and Brighton. Mr. Sivert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Boys' Basketball Request (p. 144): Mr. Oglesby said Juan Diego had sent a letter (p. 144) requesting their boys' basketball program be assigned to the 5A Classification. LCA was approved for something similar with their boys' basketball program being moved up to the 4A Classification. Ted Bianco was present from Juan Diego. Mr. Bianco said the coach is requesting to move up because they would like to develop relationships with the surrounding schools and they want to play at the 5A level. Coach feels they will play competitively and it is the best move for Juan Diego. He said they would be willing to participate in current region if needed. It was discussed Juan Diego might need help getting games.

MOTION: Mr. Gordon made the motion to recommend to the BOT that Juan Diego be allowed to move unattached to the 5A Classification in boys' basketball. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Spring Minimum Number of Contests: Mr. Oglesby said there has been a minimum contest rule to qualify for state tournament. With Covid-19, the minimum requirement was removed. Mr. Oglesby asked to remove the contest minimum for spring. Mr. Wood pointed out that the original reason for the rule was some schools were choosing not to schedule games.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to remove the minimum number of contests for Spring 2022. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Reports:

A. SMAC Report: Mr. Jackson reported the SMAC Committee had met with the Chiropractic Association and their attorney. Chiropractors had been removed from signing the preparticipation physical examinations because of the cardiac, pulmonary, respiratory issues brought on by Covid-19. Mr. Falls said the Chiropractic Association presented their case why they should be allowed to sign the preparticipation physical. The Committee made the recommendation to allow the chiropractors to sign with some conditions. They could not sign if the participant is on medication or has heart condition. Mr. Morrell said his biggest concern as AD was not having the liability to check to see who is a certified chiropractor, doctor, etc. The Committee said if the paperwork is filled out correctly, it removes the liability from the LEA. Mr. Jackson said the Committee is working on a recommendation, but the Committee had been waiting on the course outlines, syllabi and course work from the Chiropractic Association. The information has now been provided and will be sent on to the Committee. The Committee wants to do what is best for kids. If the Committee is comfortable with the information provided, they may make a recommendation to the BOT.

B. Diversity and Inclusion Report: Mr. Porter said the Committee was assigned to read, What if I Say the Wrong Thing? The book makes use of “isms” and helps us look for commonalities in people. Mr. Wilkey said the Committee is chaired by Dr. Jackie Thompson who is the Asst. Superintendent in Davis School District. They are looking to find ways to address culture issues in their communities. He said it has been helpful in tackling tough issues.

C. 1A Athletics: Ms. May-Riches said the UHSAA Handbook states if a region chooses, volleyball freshman, sophomore and JV matches have the option of playing best of 3 sets with rally scoring. Ms. Whittaker said that it was wrong in the Handbook and will be updated (see 8C above).

D. 2A Athletics: Mr. Morris said Waterford has students swimming at other schools and not filling out the co-op paperwork. Regions should remind schools that students should not participate unless they fill out the co-op paperwork. This item should be added to the rules clinics for all coaches.

E. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

G. 5A Athletics: The approved CPR programs for schools is the American Heart Association and American Red Cross. The program must include hands-on training. Mr. Jackson will email the information to members once the new rule (277-605) is approved by the State Board.

H. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report.

10. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff provided two articles supporting education-based information. He reminded members there are many courses from NFHSLearn.com that can be used for training of parents.

He congratulated Mr. Oglesby and Mr. Jackson for their work on Unified Sports. Utah is leading the way across the nation. First Lady Abby Cox has helped the growth of Unified Sports with her support. Mr. Cuff encouraged any school not currently participating to consider

the opportunities for students. Soccer, basketball and track and field are the events sponsored in Unified Sports.

11. NFHS Summer Conference – San Antonio, Texas (June 28 – July 2, 2022): Mr. Cuff asked members interested in attending the Summer Conference to stay after the meeting and talk with him.

Next meeting: June 8, 2022