

Hockey Advisory Meeting, 3/31/10

Members present: Pat Johnson, Matt Strinden, David Hoff and Tony Bina

Recommendations: (Boys' and Girls')

1. Move the seasons one week later
 - a. Playing more games in the championship venue is preferred over television coverage
 - b. Will help alleviate the overlap of seasons with football & volleyball
2. Roster 23 players for tournaments and dress 20 per game
 - a. Most boys' teams letter more than 20 players as they use 23 regularly during the season and at practice
 - b. Most teams travel that many players currently; this recommendation would allow substitutions each game at tournaments without added expense
 - c. This will allow coaches to discipline players for violations of team rules and still have 20 players for the next game
 - This year two players were disciplined at the state and the team had to play short
3. Allow sub-varsity teams to play 17-minute periods
 - a. Would provide up to 126 extra minutes without adding extra games
 - b. The six extra minutes helps provide valuable playing time for developing goal tenders
 - c. Most schools are unable to fill JV schedules so the extra six minutes will allow more developmental time for JV players
4. Regular season: when tied; play an 8-minute overtime, if a winner is not determined, have a 3-player shootout, if a winner is not determined, have 1-player shootouts until a winner is determined. (Note) Players cannot be reused until all players or all players of the smaller roster have been used (NFHS rule: request experiment)
5. Determining home team in tournaments when like seeds play:
 - a. Head to head competition
 - b. Better region record
 - c. Better overall record
 - d. Coin flip

Recommendation: (Girls')

Twenty-three regular season games until a region tournament is established at which time it would revert to 21

- a. Boys' teams play a minimum of 22 and a team could play a maximum of 28 games with play-ins and state
- b. Round robin schedule (20 games in-state) will reduce the arbitrary 4-point games.

Discussion Topics:

- The coaches really liked and are appreciative of how the state tournament was administered in the REA
- The coaches are concerned about officials projecting "I don't care", "lazy" and "combative" attitudes at times while on the ice as well as some profanity by some

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- Whether or not coaches and officials should be completing evaluations on each other
- Girls' – “checking” versus “collision”. Continued education on the no-checking rule is needed
- Coaches need to encourage players and former players to officiate (boys' & girls')

Administrative:

- Coaches and officials should call the NDHSAA hockey liaison when there are coaching or officiating problems.
 - The call will be confidential unless directed otherwise
 - The information shared will be used as directed and in the vein of “helping to improve”