ASAA BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
DECEMBER 4, 5, & 6

Reports:

Region Reports:

- Region 1: Had not met since last meeting. Discussed wrestling births, 3A Volleyball and State Basketball.
- Region 2: Had not met
- Region 3: Had not met. Worked on 3A volleyball, softball changes and tennis allocations
- Region 5: Had not met. Discussed 3A volleyball
- Region 6: Met last week and discussed winter schedules for Ski and Basketball. Recently had Riffle regions. Discussed possibility of Hutchison and FE Cochran coop for Football.
- Superintendents: Discussed transgender policy and alternate possibilities for policies.

173 T.A.D. violations state wide this school year.

80 Concussions reported by member schools

36 – Football
6 – Wrestling
5 – Volleyball
4 – Flag Football

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Recommendations (SMAC)

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Activities Committee Reports:

**Tennis:**
- Discussed no Pro-sets at state
- Discussed Seeding for state- no new recommendations adopted
- Discussed a double elimination tournament
- Coaches liked court monitors
- Discussed the need for regions to work closer on schedules.
- Discussed the possibilities of 9 births to state.

**XC:**
- Discussed increasing the number of entrants for 4A
- Coaches liked changes at Bartlett (fences moved, concessions)

**Football:**
- Liked Palmer High School as a state site
- Discussed concerns over scheduling
- Discussed issues with AFS regarding snow removal, bleachers and locker rooms
- Medium schools discussed the higher seed hosting the semi finals
- Would like a rep from football on the out of season committee.
- Would like to compare football policies in Alaska with other states.

Executive Director report:

**Summary:**

**Staff Travel/Presentations:** Since the October Board meeting:

- I attended ASAA State Events in: Tennis, Football, AASG, Large School Volleyball and All State Music
- Rus Schreckenghost and Sandi Wegner attended State Swim and Dive in Juneau.
- I made a presentation on the “non-athletic” activities at the Alaska Association of School Boards Conference

**Staff Job Opening**

- As of November 21 we have had 16 applicants for the Development Coordinator position. My plan is interview the top four to five applicants in early December.
2016-17 Violations since October 2016 Board Meeting

Valdez High School permitted an ineligible student to participate in a varsity football game versus Monroe Catholic. After reviewing the information provided, it does not appear that it was an intentional violation. Since this was the first offense during this school year, and because the school self-reported as stated above, the game was forfeited and the school was issued a warning.

Aniak High School permitted an ineligible student to participate in volleyball games the weekend of October 7-8, 2016. After reviewing the information provided, it does not appear that it was an intentional violation. Since this was the first offense during this school year, and because the school self-reported as stated above, the games won were forfeited and the school was issued a warning.

North Pole High School permitted an ineligible student to participate in a flag football game. After reviewing the information provided, it does not appear that it was an intentional violation. Since this was the first offense during this school year, and because the school self-reported as stated above, the school was issued a warning.

Effie Kokrine High School permitted an ineligible student to participate during the cross country season. After reviewing the information provided, it does not appear that it was an intentional violation. Since this was the first offense during this school year, and because the school self-reported as stated above, the school was issued a warning.

Soldotna High School permitted an ineligible student to participate in a swim & dive event. After reviewing the information provided, it does not appear that it was an intentional violation. Since this was the first offense during this school year, and because the school self-reported as stated above, the school was issued a warning.

Hutchison High School accumulated 15 penalties in a hockey game against Juneau on November 19, 2016. As this is the first offense during this school year, the school was fined $250.
ITEM No. 5-b: Waiver Report

Summary Statement:

From September 9 to November 18, 2016, I dealt with 163 waiver request. Here is the breakdown:

143 Waivers were approved:

Approved Waivers by Type:

56 Bona Fide/Change of Residence  
2 Alaska Student Foreign Exchange  
18 Eligibility Wavier  
2 Establishing/Changing Schools  
25 International Student Foreign Exchange  
40 Transfers Rule

20 Waivers were denied

Denied Waivers by Type:

12 Transfers Rule  
7 Eligibility Wavier  
1 Boarding School Transfer

From July 1 to September 8, 2016, I dealt with 257 waiver request. Here is the breakdown:

Waivers were approved:

Approved Waivers by Type:

112 Bona Fide/Change of Residence  
5 Alaska Student Foreign Exchange  
37 Eligibility Wavier  
20 Establishing/Changing Schools  
31 International Student Foreign Exchange  
37 Transfers Rule

Waivers were denied

Denied Waivers by Type:

10 Transfers Rule  
4 Eligibility Wavier  
1 Foreign Exchange
Old Business:

1. **3A Volleyball Conferences** - NO ACTION (Asked to take back to the regions)
   a. Discussed using ASAA 365 to report scores/results for seeding
   b. Discussed dropping Options 1-4 of previous proposal and discussing 3 proposals with the region.

   - Proposal 1: rotate birth between conferences
   - Proposal 2: 1 at large bid
     3rd place finishers out of Region 1, 3, 6 and 2nd place out of Region 5. (max 4 teams)
   - Proposal 2: 2 at large bids
     Take a birth from Western Conference and South Central
     3rd place finishers out of Region 1, 3, 6 and 2nd place out of Region 5. (max 4 teams)

   Using the Below seeding criteria (Discuss to see if there is better criteria).
   1) Only the following schools are considered for the at-large berth.
   2) Head to Head match competition
   3) Head to Head set competition
   4) Common opponents match record
   5) Common opponents set record
   6) Matches won against other state 3A qualifiers schools
   7) Overall match record percentage vs 3A schools

2. **Other Cooperative School Programs** - revisit in February
   a. Develop a process for allowing schools at all classification levels to co-op upon application to the Board of Directors.

3. **Out of Season Contact Policy** - revisit in February
   a. Has not met yet

4. **Out of Season Contact Penalties** - revisit in February
   a. Committee has not met and will need recommendations from committee.

5. **Supplemental Hockey rules** - Revisit with committee
   a. Discussed the concern with the 2hr between 6 periods rule

6. **Classification Committee** - Nothing new to report
   a. Committed is obsolete and not needed at this time.

7. **State Championship Titling** - revisit in February
   a. Discuss with region the following
      i. Two classifications: Small and large
      ii. Four classifications: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
      iii. Three classifications: Small, medium, Large

8. **Football Quarter Finals - Action**
a. Viewed as a “Conference Final” hosted by member school
   i. No state dues
   ii. Removed the gate split between hosting schools
9. Article 6 section 4 and article 10 section 2 changes- Approved

Proposed change to read:

A certified staff member, or other person approved in advance by the principal or superintendent of a member school or district, must be in charge participants. For athletic events this person must be certified through the Alaska Coaches Education Program. Host schools must have an administrator or designee in attendance.

10. Student Managers at State Events-Approved
   a. Added managers in the wording for eligibility requirements under article 12. Added that member schools may use 7th and 8th grade students zoned for their school as managers upon approval of the principal or superintendent of the school.

11. Article 7 Section 7B bylaw- Approved

Currently Reads:

When a student is participating in a recognized high school sport activity or is participating in a nationally recognized activity in the same sport which overlaps the beginning of another recognized sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to five (5) practices. For purposes of this section, a “nationally recognized activity” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice, in the same sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. This activity will usually be conducted outside of the state of Alaska.

Proposed change to read:

When a student is participating in an ASAA sport that overlaps the beginning of another ASAA sport, up to five practices may be waived. In addition, when a student is participating in a nationally recognized activity (or the Arctic Winter Games) that overlaps the beginning of an ASAA sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to five practices. For purposes of this section a “nationally recognized activity” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice in an sanctioned ASAA sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. The activity will usually be conducted outside the state of Alaska.

12. Baseball Pitch Count- Revisit in February
   a. More feedback needed from baseball committee
   b. Discussion on double elimination state tournament
      i. Will this still be an interest with pitch count?

13. Unfilled Wrestling Births-revisit in February, Discuss with region
a. **Region 1 has new proposal** for small schools (top 2 from each conference plus the next best 4 wrestlers according to track wrestling provided they wrestled in conference tournament.

b. **Is this something 4A should consider?**

14. **Wrestling Forfeits and Defaults**-approved with amendment

  a. Proposal: add the following requirement when a wrestler “defaults”

  Any wrestler that defaults due to injury or illness during the tournament must receive a medical release (preformed by a medical provider able to preform pre-participation physicals) to continue in the tournament. If the wrestler does not receive a medical release, then the remaining matches in the tournament will be recorded as forfeits. The wrestler will retain any team points earned up until that point. A wrestler receiving a Doctor’s note to continue must weigh in on day two to continue in the tournament.

  b. Added “if medical provider is available”

15. **North Pole Opt-up**- motion died to lack of support of a second

  a. Discussion- Need to remain in same conference for 2 years due to scheduling and the changes it would cause. Also possibility of conference changes if Juneau/Thunder Mt. combine.

16. **State Championship Roster limits**- revisit in February

  a. Not an issue in small and medium football, asked region 4 to come back with the desired number for the increased roster limit.

  b. Not an issue in other sports

17. **State Soccer Seeding**- Approved with amendment

  a. Immediately following the games Saturday, ASAA posts the 8 teams that qualified (including their season results) and the coaches of those teams rank the other 7 teams 1-7 and send that ranking to ASAA by Sunday 12 noon. That determines the first round pairings.

  b. Teams will vote for all 8 teams including themselves.

18. **Pre-Participation Sports Physicals**-revisit in February (Discuss with regions)

  a. Discussed with SMAC committee to possibility of extending the duration that a sports physical is good from 1 year to 18 months.

19. **State Baseball Tournament Bracket**-revisit in February-Take back to region

  a. **Look at double elimination format**

     i. **Is this feasible with our facilities, pitch count**

New Business

20. **3A Basketball at Large Births**–tabled till February-talk to region

  a. Conference champion plus 4 best WPI teams

21. **Sports Medicine Advisory Committee**- Tabled till February –Discuss with regions

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22. Football Scheduling- Tabled to February-Discuss with regions
   a. In order for the two -day scheduling concept to work, teams wishing to play “out of State” teams must realize a “bye” may result in the schedule unless they can work with another team.

23. Concussion Management- Changes are needed and will be sent by Billy to Member school

24. Softball Policies-Approved
   a. Removed the pitch restriction for jamborees
   b. Discussed the need to change the mercy rule to after 5th inning-no action.

25. ASAA Calendar of Events-Approved sites for 2017-18

26. Grace baseball Conference placement-approved
   a. Placed in southcentral

27. Practice definition- tabled till February-talk to region
   a. 

Section 7 - Practice

A. All players must have ten (10) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the 1st day of competition.

(ADD) For purposes of this bylaw, a “practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the sports season and conducted under the supervision of a certified school coach during the season established by the Board of Directors. In order to qualify as a practice the student must participate in at least an hour of physical activity.

28. Lumen Christi placement for XC and Riffle-Action
   a. XC they are already in a conference -1A classifications
b. Amend riffle in handbook to fit for Lumen

29. State Tennis Births-tabled till February-talk to regions
   a. Asked for the state birth allocations to be reallocated to allow region 3 to have 2 births. Suggested that we take a birth from region 4.
   b. Discussed possibility of adding a birth and advancing 9 teams to state
   c. Region 6 asked for region 3 participation numbers from last year.
   d. Region 3 requested region 6 participation numbers from last year

30. ASAA Forms-revisit with options in February
   a. Region 3 requested changes or deletion of the contest ejection form
   b. Region 3 requested that the transfer waiver form be changed regarding the confidentiality of the section that schools fill out. Billy will discuss with lawyer and see what we can do.

31. ASAG Website-revisit in February with options
   a. Request to make student created ASAG site the main site on ASAA website
      i. Currently two websites.

32. Awards recognition
   a. Hailey Edmudson-ASAG rep term expired
   b. Lavonne Norman-ASAA Staff retiring
   c. Theresa Johnson-ASAA Staff Retiring