Cross Country
AIA Sports Advisory Committee
Executive Summary
Monday
December 6, 2010

Call to order:

Roll Call: Present:
                Rick Baker/ 2A Coach-Hopi
                Wallace Youvella Jr. /2A Adm. Hopi
                Joe Hajek/4A Adm. Marana
                Brian Dempsey/5A Coach-Sandra Day O'Connor
                Dave Nelson/2A Adm. Canyon State
                Dan Nero/5A Adm. Corona del Sol
                Laura Sample/5A Coach-Mesquite
                Bill White/4A Adm. Prescott
                Elmer Yazzie/2A Coach-Pusch Ridge Christian
                Eric Fogle/3A Coach-Blue Ridge

        Absent:
                Jodie Dean/Adm. Gilbert Classic
                Bruce Wilkison/1A Coach-Gilbert Christian
                Bobby Armenta/3A Adm. Globe
                Dave Shapiro/5A Adm. Chandler
                Trina Painter/4A Coach-Flagstaff
                Mike Elder/1A Adm. Northland Prep
                Shawn Martin/3A Coach-Chinle
                Scott Giddings/4A Coach-Greenway

        Guest:
                Dusty Sullivan/Sectional Site Director
        Presiding-
                Dean Visser

Minutes of October 11, 2010 meeting review: committee approved 10-0

Discussion Agenda items:

Sport By-Laws:

    22.3   Schedules

        22.3.1 ~~Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the AIA Bylaws.~~
        The AIA will develop schedules as determined by the AIA Executive Board.

The Cross Country Committee stated that because of all the variations of each individual school it would be best if the schools made their own schedule (times, locations, invitational vs. dual).

22.3.2 ~~When a Conference approves the master schedule, individual schools must participate in the master schedule to be eligible for the post season tournament.~~

22.3.2 In the absence of a master schedule, a school must have a regularly organized program to qualify for the post-season tournament. (See Article 12)

22.3.3

~~22.3.4~~ If scheduling difficulties occur, schedules may be increased by one. ~~The additional meet shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.~~

22.3.4

22.3.5 Junior varsity and freshman teams may schedule multiple meets.

~~22.4.3.1 Exception. 2A conference schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a runner to participate in 15 meets per season.~~

22.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

~~22.9.1 Region Tournaments~~

~~22.9.1 Regional qualifiers for the post-season tournament shall be determined by each Conference.~~

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22.9.2 Post-Season Tournaments

22.9.1.1

22.9.2.1 Dates and Sites

22.9.1.1.1
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~~22.9.2.1.2~~

22.9.1.1.3
~~22.9.2.1.3~~ No ~~regional~~ sectional meet or tournament shall be held at the same site on the same day as a post-season championship tournament.

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22.9.1.3.2
22.9.2.3.2

22.9.1.4
~~22.9.2.4~~ The top team and top runner shall be declared the ~~Conference~~ Division Post-Season Cross Country Champion Team and the Post-Season Cross Country Runner, respectively.

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~~22.9.5~~ Practice on Site – A Practice or competition on the site of the ~~Region~~ Sectional or Post-Season Championship Tournament, except for a regularly scheduled contest, is not permitted for seven calendar days prior to the Region Sectional or Post-Season Championship, except in the case of the host school.

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~~22.9.6.1~~

22.9.5.2
~~22.9.6.2~~

Sectional Meets:

Laura Sample mentioned that some coaches were concerned about the different dates and times of the Sectional meets. The coaches also wanted to know how the teams were assigned to the various sectionals and then how the numbers of teams were chosen. Dean Visser stated that the reason for different dates and times for the sectional races were based upon the sites availability.

Joe Hajek stated that it worked out better to have the slower runners at the sectional meet than to have to deal with those runners at the State meet. It was also discussed that at each of the sectional meets the coaches were trying to count the total amount of teams participating so they could figure out how many teams would make it to the State meet.

Brian Dempsey recommended that a certificate be given to the top 7 runners in each race as First Team all sectional, the next 7 runners as Second Team all sectional and then the next 7 runners as Honorable Mention. The members of the committee agreed.

Ivan Brown stated that if the cost of the sectionals couldn't be covered by charging the fans that maybe an entry fee could be charged to each school for participating. Maybe finding out the total cost of all the sectionals and divide the total by the amount of participating schools. Dean Visser will bring forward as a question to AIA staff.

The committee appreciated the online registration site called athletic.net and how quick they were to respond to questions. The only change that was recommended was for the site to be able to confirm their roster so coaches wouldn't have to call the sectional site director. The committee recommended that an informational template be used for all the sectional sites and then put on the AIA web site so schools and fans can find out all the race information.

The committee felt the qualifying criteria should not change for next year except that the top 25 runners advance to State instead of the top 20. All the committee members agreed to this change.

State Meet:

The State Meet course was praised as a fair but challenging course that has the ability to have compared times and actual course records. The coaches complemented the starting line official as very a very professional and organized crew. Elmer Yazzie wanted to make sure that teams are not allowed to huddle at the starting line as a group making it congested for the other runners.

Dan Nero recommended that if possible the schedule could be changed so the Division I race not followed by another Division I race, but have another Division race in between so coaches who coach both the girls and boys team could get back to the starting line for both of their teams. All the committee members agreed and Dean Visser said that the schedule can be looked at for next year.

Brian Dempsey asked why the medals given to the runners went from 28 to 14. And could it be increased to 21? Dean Visser stated that the awards committee for consistency came up with its recommendations.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned