

The following are the preliminary minutes from the May 20, 2011, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Conference Call Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 9, 2011, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES (May 20, 2011)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special conference call meeting on May 20, 2011. President Dave Gray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Dave Gray, president; Steve Keller, vice president; John Ault; Tom Farbizo; Tony Mantell; Jenny Penn; Steve Zimmerman; Tom Rutan (ex-officio), and Matt Shomper (ex-officio). Board member Jose Hernandez joined the conference late. **Board Member Not Participating:** Mike Rotonda.

**Administrative Staff Participating:** Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring associate commissioner; Dale Gabor, OHSAA cross country and track & field sport coordinator, and Brenda Murray, staff.

### A. 2011-12 Cross Country Tournaments Format/Division Alignments

The OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors in April that, in the sport of cross country, school enrollments for boys and girls be combined, total enrollment be divided in half and then both the boys and girls teams would be placed in the same division according to the dividing lines within the three-divisional tournament formats. This would allow boys and girls teams to be placed in the same division and for both of those teams to be placed into the same district (and, should there be qualifiers, regional tournaments).

The Board was also provided with the traditional separate boys and girls division alignments along with representation.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Tony Mantell to **approve** the traditional separate boys and girls cross country division alignments and representation as presented.

Motion passed 6-1 (Steve Keller dissented; Jose Hernandez and Mike Rotonda absent).

Division alignments and representation will be as follows:

#### Boys Cross Country

Division I, 190 teams (338 males or more from October 2010 enrollments)

Division II, 190 teams (177 to 337 males)

Division III, 189 teams (176 or less males)

569 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; Northeast and One East School 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 8; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 8; Northwest 24; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

In Division I, East schools assigned to the Central District are Dresden Tri-Valley and Zanesville and Southeast schools assigned to the Central District are Chillicothe, Logan, Marietta and Vincent Warren. Also, the East school New Philadelphia is assigned to the Northeast District.

#### Girls Cross Country

Division I, 169 teams (331 females or more from October 2010 enrollments)

Division II, 168 teams (168 to 330 females)

Division III, 169 teams (167 or less females)

506 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and Southeast 16; Northeast and One East School 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 4; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 20; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12.

In Division I, Southeast schools assigned to the Central District are Chillicothe and Marietta. Also, the East school New Philadelphia is assigned to the Northeast District.

### B. Fall Sports Representation

At its regularly scheduled May 12 meeting, the Board of Directors approved divisional alignments for the fall sports of golf, girls tennis, soccer and volleyball. At this meeting the Board was presented representation as follows:

#### Boys Golf

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:**

Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 4; Combined Northwest and 10 Northeast Schools 2, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Combined Central and East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2; **Division III:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 2; Northwest 4, and Southwest 2.

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In Division I, East and Southeast Districts to combine for sectional competition to be hosted by the Central District. District qualifiers are as follows: Central 12, Combined East/Southeast 3. In Division II, Central and East Districts to combine for sectional competition to be hosted by the East District in 2011 and Central District in 2012. District qualifiers are as follows: Central 6, East 6. In Division III, Central, East and Southeast Districts will host their own sectional tournaments with qualifiers advancing to the District Tournament to be hosted by the Southeast District in 2011 and the Central District in 2012. District qualifiers are as follows: Central 4, East 3, Southeast 5.

### Girls Golf

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Central and One Southeast school 2; Northeast and Two East schools 5; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3.

In Division I, the Southeast school assigned to the Central District is Logan. Also, the East schools assigned to the Northeast District are Dover and New Philadelphia. In Division II, the Central, East and Southeast Districts will host their own sectional tournaments with qualifiers advancing to the District Tournament to be hosted by the East District in 2011 and the Southeast District in 2012. District qualifiers are as follows: Central 5, East 5, Southeast 3.

### Boys Soccer

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 3; Northeast 4; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

### Girls Soccer

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Central and One East school and One Southeast school 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division III:** Central 1; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 5.

### Girls Tennis

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Central, One East school and Two Southeast schools 4; Northeast and One East school and One Southeast school 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

In Division I, the East schools assigned to the Central District is Zanesville and the Southeast schools assigned to the Central District are Chillicothe and Logan. Also, the East school assigned to the Northeast District is New Philadelphia and the Southeast school assigned to the Northeast District is Marietta. In Division II, the East and Southeast Districts will host their own sectional tournaments with qualifiers advancing to the District Tournament to be hosted by the Southeast District. District qualifiers are as follows: East 2, Southeast 6.

### Volleyball

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2011 and 2012 would be: **Division I:** Central, One East school and Two Southeast schools 3; Northeast 7; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

In Division I, the East school assigned to the Central District is Dresden Tri-Valley and the Southeast schools assigned to the Central District are Chillicothe and Logan.

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by John Ault to **approve** the fall sports representation as presented.

Motion passed 7-0 (Jose Hernandez and Mike Rotonda absent).

## C. Ice Hockey Ejection Proposal for Scrimmages

The Board was presented an addition to OHSAA General Sports Regulation 11. — Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation). The proposal is as follows:

“In the sport of ice hockey, any player ejected for unsporting conduct during a scrimmage or preview shall be ineligible for all scrimmages or previews for the remainder of that day. If a scrimmage occurs prior to the season, the player shall also be ineligible for the first regular season contest (previews are only permitted prior to the first regular season contest). If a scrimmage occurs after the first regular season contest, the player shall be ineligible for the next regular season or OHSAA tournament contest. In addition, any second ejection in a scrimmage, preview, regular season contest or OHSAA tournament contest will result in the student being suspended for the remainder of the season.”

Motion by Steve Keller, second by John Ault to **approve** the proposal as presented.

Motion passed 7-0 (Jose Hernandez and Mike Rotonda absent).

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### D. Golf Non-Interscholastic Competition Exception for International Competition

The Board was presented a revision to the OHSAA Golf Regulations that would add an exception to the regulation on non-interscholastic competition for international competition. The proposal is as follows:

#### New Golf Regulation 5.2

“An athlete who has participated for the school in the sport of golf in that season but has been invited to/qualified for the Junior Ryder Cup for boys and girls and/or the Junior Solheim Cup for girls may be granted a waiver/exemption to participate in those competitions without jeopardizing eligibility provided written permission is obtained from the OHSAA Commissioner's Office. If applicable, the student granted such a waiver/exemption may return to participate in OHSAA tournament competition so long as tournament regulations regarding entry/participation are adhered to.”

#### New Addition to End of General Sports Regulation 15. Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date

“**Note:** See Golf Regulation 5.2 for an exception to this regulation.”

Motion by Jenny Penn, second by Tony Mantell to **approve** the proposals as presented.

Motion passed 7-0 (Jose Hernandez and Mike Rotonda absent).

### E. Approval of Chief Financial Officer in OHSAA Office

Commissioner Dan Ross recommended that the OHSAA office add a Chief Financial Officer effective August 1, 2011, and that Jeff Jordan, director of finance program services with the Ohio Department of Education and former ex-officio member of the OHSAA Board of Directors, be selected for the position. Among the items Mr. Jordan would have oversight of: 1.) Tournament management issues, including turnkey tournament operations; IRS employee/employer relationships, and analysis of all OHSAA tournaments; 2.) Internal operations and technical assistance, including review of OHSAA practices with District Athletic Boards; thorough review of the OHSAA budget, and development of a more detailed Association budget; 3.) Work with the OHSAA staff and District Athletic Boards to evaluate the OHSAA's accounting system to ensure it is providing the required reports so that the best financial decisions can be made; 4.) Serve as the primary staff liaison with the company conducting the OHSAA's audit, and 5.) Serve as the financial advisor for the OHSAA Foundation.

Dr. Ross said he and Board President Dave Gray interviewed Mr. Jordan for the position.

Motion by Tony Mantell, second by Jose Hernandez to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 7-1 (Steve Keller dissented).

### F. Discussion Item — OHSAA Competitive Balance Referendum Item

Commissioner Dan Ross informed the Board that a conference call was conducted the day before (May 19) with 18 members of the Competitive Balance Committee to review the results of the referendum issue on competitive balance (the issue failed, 332 to 303) and to obtain feedback on what direction to go with the proposal. The consensus of the committee was that a professional be hired whose specialty is conducting surveys, and that that person would survey high school principals in the fall on options regarding the competitive balance proposal. Since one of the committee members worked with this person before, the suggestion was to hire Paul Fallon, who is based in Columbus. Mr. Fallon would meet with the OHSAA staff initially, would provide a draft of the survey, would then reconvene with the Competitive Balance Committee to obtain additional feedback, and would then provide a final draft of the survey to the OHSAA staff and Board. The initial work on the survey would begin over the summer so that final meetings with the Competitive Balance Committee and OHSAA staff and Board could take place after August 1 in order for the survey to be sent to the membership in the fall when school reconvenes.

After explaining the procedure, the Board gave approval to the Commissioner to move forward with this recommendation.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

