

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met April 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Ozzie Ahl, Dr. Shawn Johnson, Mike Beasley, Dr. Kathy Coleman, Maureen Tiller, Patrick Finneran, Josh Trahan, Dan Matthews, Anna Miller, Karen Radcliffe, Ryan Brown, John Tindal, Dr. Rechelle Anderson, Ray Cooper, Dr. Marty Conner and Michael Stone.

Ozzie Ahl called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve minutes from March 11, 2019, by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Finneran, passed.

Appeals

- Bishop England High School student eligibility appeal denied.
- Greenwood High School transfer appeal denied.
- Legion Academy at-large membership request tabled for later date (TBA) for school administration to provide more information.

Activities

- Proposal to eliminate the current rule beginning in the 2019-20 school year that limits basketball teams to two school nights of competition (Monday – Thursday) during the regular season. Basketball is the only sport where this rule applies, and we feel that removing this restriction will put it in line with all other sports. APPROVED
- Proposal to adjust the number of swimmers participating on an outside swim team involving their coach (under the current 75% rule) from three to twelve. APPROVED
- Proposal to adjust the number of football players allowed to participate on an outside team involving their coach (under the current 75% rule) from eight to sixteen. DENIED
- Proposal to add the NFHS Course “Protecting Students from Abuse” as a required course for the 2019-20 year. APPROVED
- Proposal for the minimum suspension for an ejection that occurs during post-season play **may** be one contest. Motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Finneran, to add “may” instead of “will” in wording of rule. APPROVED
- Proposal for ejections that subject a player to next contest suspension may result in a minimum of 3 contests for the sports of baseball, basketball, softball, soccer depending on the nature of the ejection. APPROVED
- Proposal that a coach’s ejection may result in a minimum of 2 contests (in addition to the \$300 fine) in all sports depending on the nature of the ejection. APPROVED
- Proposal that the 75% number for Track & Field be increased from three to thirteen. APPROVED
- Wrestling proposals:
 - In the 16 dates that schools are allowed to compete in for varsity, 3 of those dates may be used to enter up to 20 wrestlers in an individual tournament. DENIED

- Schools that offer varsity wrestling will get 16 dates, with an opportunity to enter girls in three event dates that will not count against the original 16 dates. APPROVED
- Move the date of the two-pound growth allowance to December 26. APPROVED

Personnel & Finance

- Proposed 2019-20 Budget approved.
- League staff to solicit RFPs for State Playoff Venues approved.
Football, Basketball and other select championships.
- NFHS Annual Summer Meeting (June 28 – July 3, 2019)
Executive Committee financial allowance approved.

Motion by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Tindal, seconded by Mr. Matthews, to return to open session passed.

Dr. Johnson exited meeting.

- Staffing flexibility granted to Commissioner Singleton approved.
- SCHSL Staff Evaluation & Compensation approved.
- Commissioner's Evaluation & Compensation approved.

For Information Only:

- Skip Lax provided update on the Basketball Tournament scheduled for June 21-23.
- 2019-20 Executive Committee goals set:
 - League staff to develop another funding source and provide financial clarity to membership.
 - League staff to develop an application or clear process for entities wishing to join the SCHSL to include public and private schools.
 - Review SCHSL hardship appeals process for possible improvement.
- Exiting Executive Committee members were recognized and presented a certificate.

The next Executive Committee meeting is set for August 6, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.