



COACHES ASSOCIATION

NJCAA SPORTS GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2025

1. **Call to order.** Darin Monroe called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM EST.
2. **Roll call.**

Present: Darin Monroe, Ron Riggle, Dean Myrick, Alison Mohr, Sadiia Jones, Rob Nielson, Rod Lovett, Anthony Taylor, Rob Chaney, Melissa Grau, Marci Henry, Mary Young and Derrick Worrels

Absent:

Other staff in Attendance: Andrew Givens, Lauren Pritchett
3. **Proposal A: Separation of handbooks.** The proposal was amended to include non-divisional language and was subsequently approved without any further modifications. There was a query regarding whether a two-thirds vote was required for quorum. The Dean clarified that a simple majority, defined as 50% plus one of the eligible divisional voters, is sufficient instead of the two-thirds requirement. Darin will revisit the language once a decision is reached and will incorporate the 50% plus one stipulation.
4. **Proposal B: Ejection Policies.** Darin in favor of leaving proposals with ejections to still require reporting. It is uncertain whether a change is necessary if there is no strong conviction regarding a particular stance. Darin modified the language to indicate that ejection reports are mandatory during scrimmages. Additionally, provisions were included to address the removal of facilities because of an ejection. In the future, discussions will be necessary regarding the presence of certified officials at scrimmages. For any ejections occurring after the commencement of official games, the NJCAA ejection policies will be implemented to assess potential suspensions. Ron Riggle proposed a motion, which was seconded by Dean to pass unanimously for a language change.
5. **Proposal C: JV, Prep, Cub, Non-Member Contests in Team Sports.** The language regarding the level of competition has been modified to permit its inclusion, although statistics will not be accepted based on the level of play. Additionally, the academic standards language has been revised to incorporate sportsmanship standards.
6. **Proposal D: At Large Determination.** Eliminating all district and regional limitations and establishing criteria based solely on merit was proposed. Rob indicated that Division I might accept this change, but Divisions II and III would likely oppose it. Both Dean and Saadia expressed the need to review the distinct handbooks before any approval of this measure. Darin explored the possibility of differentiating all divisions to align with proposals D, E, and F, allowing each division to make independent decisions rather than acting collectively. Brett recommended setting implementation dates, which were subsequently adjusted to August 1
7. **Proposal E: Forfeiture of Games.** Minor language changes made
8. **Proposal F: Pre-Season National Polls.** Ron Riggle proposed a motion to retract the district rankings and to remove paragraphs 2 and 3. Dean supported this motion. The group ultimately decided to eliminate the pre-season poll and to advance the timing of the poll by two weeks.

9. **Proposal G: Sport Committee Members with teams in consideration for at-large or seeding tournament.** The content in the second paragraph was eliminated after determining that it is already being addressed. An additional language has been incorporated into the proposal's title and justification. All new languages passed unanimously.
10. **Proposal H: Sports Gambling.** No issues or major changes with proposal, some language added
11. **Chair Tucker Post-Season Qualification.** No changes will be made for updates or clarifications. We will eliminate the language and inform Chair Tucker that this has been discussed, and the decision has been made to retain the current wording.
12. **Tier System Points.** This was discussed to give to Tiered Sanctions
13. **Allowable Meals.** The language has been modified, and certain elements have been eliminated. The updated language currently emphasizes the provision of snacks and nutritional support; however, the committee plans to review this matter again during the meeting in March.
14. **Travel out of State/ out of area for practices with no scrimmages or games.** Dean proposed a motion for deletion, which was seconded by Ron. The group agreed to engage in a more detailed discussion in March after a vote. Dean, Rob, and Ron expressed their support for deleting, whereas Jake, Alison, Melissa, Derrick, and Mary believed that further discussion was necessary.
15. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM EST