

# 2010 SOCCER COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

**Present:**

Stacey Bollan, Warren  
Jen Brown, Monroe  
Jim Brown, Adrian  
Chris Corteg, Shelby Township  
Aaron Dean, Grand Haven(MHSCA)  
Jim Flore, Williamston  
Doug Guenther, Saginaw  
Jason Petrella, Marine City  
Roger Rush, Leroy  
Brian Samuel, Stevensville

John Thompson, Brighton (MIAAA)  
Jerry Weesies, Kalamazoo

**Absent:**

Dotie Davis, Ann Arbor  
Diane Thompson, Grant  
Jason Heerema, Wyoming

**Staff Members Present:**

Tom Minter (Recorder)

The committee members introduced themselves and were reminded of the functions of the various MHSAA committees and of their relationship to the MHSAA. The committee expense form that requires agreement of the committee member on committee work product issues and on disclosure of individual committee member conflict of interest from committee work was explained.

## SPRING SPORTS PRACTICE START DATE

The committee opposed delaying the start of practice for all spring sports. Concerns were for the difficulty in scheduling and completing the girls soccer season due to weather, school spring breaks and national holidays. One committee member indicated their seniors graduate on May 21 this year and a shorter season would complicate the situation further. Some indicated the delay might work if the pre-season down time regulation was shortened. It was stated that the time period now between the start of spring sports and the end of winter sports was sufficient.

## 2009 COMMITTEE MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Last year's committee's minutes were reviewed; no recommendations had been forwarded to Council.

## OVERTIME PROCEDURES FOR REGULAR SEASON & MHSAA TOURNAMENTS

The staff proposal would have had different lengths of field play in the overtime periods between regular and tournament games. The committee felt they should be the same. The golden goal overtime favors the one team who might have a wind advantage. Having 2 full overtime periods is more equitable and encourages attacking play styles rather than defensive play. Some favored keeping the golden goal. Recommendation to Council will be for 2 full overtimes of 10 minutes each with no golden goal, then current shootout procedures for MHSAA tournaments. Recommendation for regular season would be the maximums of the MHSAA tournament overtime procedures but allow for any combination of fewer minutes, golden goal instead of full, shootouts or not. To be determined by leagues and conferences or prior mutual agreement of teams when playing non-conference games.

## FOUR EQUAL DIVISIONS FOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT PLAY

The committee strongly recommends that four equal divisions be created for boys soccer and for girls soccer. Eliminate current policy of having Division 4 be only 20% of the schools having soccer teams. Current structure now has inequity for Division 3 schools with the smaller enrollments.

## PROPOSALS TO REDUCE SCHOOL COSTS FOR MHSAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT

MHSAA staff proposals for reducing costs were reviewed. Allow 2 basketball games on a Saturday. Do not allow more multi-team events per season in lacrosse and soccer. Do not reduce the out of state travel mileage limitation, or the number of interscholastic scrimmages. Prohibit out of state travel for

practice. Because of expectations of payees under pay to play requirements, do not reduce the number of allowed games for sub varsity teams. Keep prohibition on charging for scrimmages. Continue to allow direct or indirect booster club expenses for out of season or summer activities. Proposals to reduce the number of officials for MHSAA tournaments were not supported. Soccer already incorporates other proposals.

### **SEEDING OF SOCCER TOURNAMENTS**

Seed the districts with the number of seeds equal to the number of games played in the 1st round. Secret balloting of those present at the district draw would determine the actual seeds. Concern over allowing balloting with the submission of rosters and eligibility lists was the loss of anonymity. Using current MHSAA football playoff point system was examined for its application to soccer.

### **TIME REQUIRED FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENT GAMES TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL**

The committee agreed with the staff proposal of requiring 64 of the regulation 80 minutes of game time to be played before the score at the time of suspension would be the official result of the game if the game could not be continued. The current NF playing rule of 40 minutes would NOT be used for MHSAA tournament games but would be kept for regular season games.

### **MIAAA UNIFORM CONCERNS AND NEW NF 2012 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

Responding to a presentation by a representative of the MIAAA, the committee recommends that when uniform color conflicts occur, the officials shall determine which team's responsibility it shall be to change to a different jersey color. The committee also recommends that the Council delay until 2014 the new NF rule, starting in 2012, that the home team can only wear white jerseys. Soccer jerseys are used for 5 years before being given to sub varsity teams to wear. The 2012 implementation date would cause an unnecessary expense for schools for what is a rare problem.

### **2010-11 NATIONAL FEDERATION SOCCER RULES CHANGES**

The committee reviewed the high school soccer rules and editorial changes made at the recent NF Soccer Rules Committee's January 2010 meeting. Consensus was that most rules changes were of a minor nature, affected only officiating procedures and that the editorial changes were also minor.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

- a. Keep the current start for spring sports (do not delay one week). (12-0)
- b. Change the regular season (optional) and the MHSAA tournament (required) overtime procedures to two 10-minute overtimes with no golden goal conclusion; play the full overtimes. If still tied, then use current shootout (penalty kick) process. During the regular season, allow leagues and conferences to use any lesser combination of time or shootouts (e.g. two 5-minute full overtimes, or golden goal in overtimes, or no shootouts). (12-0)
- c. Implement four equal divisions for MHSAA tournament play (eliminate Division 4 being comprised of only the smallest 20 percent of teams). (12-0)
- d. Seed the MHSAA tournaments at the District level, with the number of seeds to be the number of first-round games, determined at the District draw meeting by ballot of those present or when submitting roster and eligibility information to the District manager. (12-0)
- e. Change the minimum requirement for an official game from 40 minutes (one half) to 64 minutes (80 percent) (TO BE ADDED: **FOR MHSAA TOURNAMENTS ONLY**). (12-0)
- f. Delay the National Federation rule change for white jerseys for host teams until 2014 (as opposed to 2012). (12-0)