

**Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.**

Meeting Minutes

I. Opening

A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chair Dr. Matt Donovan at 9:00 AM

B. Roll Call – Present – Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Jeremy Jeanne, Julie Knowles, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Dr. Josette McCullough, Mike Hart, Steven Oscar, Eric Stancell, Michael Tindall, Mike Wagner

DIAA Staff present: Donna Polk, Stephanie Mark, Michael Rodriguez, Laura Makransky, and Tanya Reed

Absent: Patrick Jones, Steven Oscar

C. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda by Jeremy Jeanne, the motion was seconded by Dr. Bradley Layfield. The motion carried with a vote of (11-Yes, Dr. Matt Donovan, Julie Knowles, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Dr. Josette McCullough, Mike Hart, Steven Oscar, Eric Stancell, Michael Tindall, Mike Wagner and 0-No).

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting on March 1, 2021. Mike Hart made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2021 Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting, the motion was seconded by Amanda Minutola. The motion carried with (8-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Julie Knowles, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, David Marvel, Dr. Josette McCullough, Patrick Jones, Dr. Bradley Layfield, and Mike Wagner 0-No and 3-Abstain Jeremy Jeanne, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall).

II. Regulation Feedback from Membership – for review and action

A. DATA & DSMAC Recommended Changes to Out of Season Conditioning and Coaches Health & Safety Requirements

B. Coaching out of Season (1008-7.6 & 1009-7.6) – Discussed highlighted changes that have been made to 1009.

Dr. Matt Donovan made a motion to vote on everything discussed with the exception of 6.5.1.1, 6.5.1.10, 6.9.3. The Motion was seconded by Julie Knowles. The motion carried with (9-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Julie Knowles, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Jeremy Jeanne, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall and 1-No Dr. Josette McCullough).

Dr. Bradley Layfield made a motion to amend 6.5.1.10 to say in addition to the requirements in 6.5.1.9 a dead period of two weeks immediately following the last day of spring sports also will be implemented. Also to remove all of the subsections of 10.2 and 10.3. Julie Knowles would also like to add that each

student athlete should have 12 weeks of rest of any given sport in any given calendar year. The motion was seconded by Mike Tyndall. The motion carried with (10-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Julie Knowles, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Jeremy Jeanne, David Marvel, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall and 1-No Dr. Josette McCullough).

Dr. Bradley Layfield made a motion to amend 6.5.1.1, to remove in the second line everything from sophomore to senior and then also removing the subsequent sentence that reads all informal instruction shall not be available to member school students prior to January 1st of their sophomore year, just opening it to all accepted and registered students. The motion was seconded by Mike Tyndall. The motion carried with (11-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Julie Knowles, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Jeremy Jeanne, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall and Dr. Josette McCullough).

Dr. Bradley Layfield made a motion to remove all of the language from section 6.9.3. The motion was seconded by David Marvel. The motion carried with (8-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Bradley Layfield, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall, 0-No and 3 Abstentions - Dr. Josette McCullough, Julie Knowles, and Jeremy Jeanne).

III. Regulation Changes – for review and action

A. Transfers (1008 & 1009 2.4)

Dr. Matt Donovan made a motion to Table transfers until next meeting, the motion was seconded by Dr. Bradley Layfield. The motion carried with 11-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Bradley Layfield, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall, Dr. Josette McCullough, Julie Knowles, and Jeremy Jeanne and 0-No).

B. Coaching Out of Season (1008-7.6 & 1009-7.6) – There was a lengthy review of the coaching out of season document. There was a review of the In Season and Out of Season Definition.

C. School and Team Competition (1008-5.0 & 1009-7.6)

Dr. Matt Donovan made a motion to table this agenda item. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bradley Layfield. The motion carried with (11-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Bradley Layfield, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall, Dr. Josette McCullough, Julie Knowles, and Jeremy Jeanne and 0-No).

D. Athletic Camps and Clinics Sponsorship, Commercial Camps and Clinics and Open Gyms, Conditioning Programs and Non School Competition (1008-6.0 & 1009-6.0)

E. Regulation 1011

IV. Fall Sport Season Practice and Competition Start Date

Dr. Bradley Layfield gave an update on this item, stating several schools are looking to make use of the week 0, including schools in the 2A and 1A division. Dr. Layfield thinks that with timing wise the member's schools backs were against the wall as far as fulfilling football schedules and acting where they were and not looking to provide them, he thinks most are going to the waiver process. Dr. Layfield thinks that perhaps committee should look to a permanent change to regulations as it pertains to the fall sports season.

Dr. Bradley Layfield made a motion to table Item IV, the motion was seconded by Dr. Matt Donovan. The motion carried with (11-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Bradley Layfield, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall, Dr. Josette McCullough, Julie Knowles, and Jeremy Jeanne and 0-No).

V. Next Meeting Date – The next Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021.

VI. Other Items for Discussion Only

VII. Public Comment

Ms. Trina Leclerc – Thanked the committee for all their time and effort to push things forward over the past several years. Ms. Leclerc gave a special thanks to Dr. Donovan as she realizes it's not an easy task to keep track of all the changes/strikethroughs and keeping everyone on focus. Ms. Leclerc echoed some of the things Mr. Jeanne stated as far as how difficult it may be for some of the AD's to manage this, if thought Covid was bad this could be even worse, she hopes they have some good databases to keep track of when athletes are coming in and out. In terms of enforcement, she believes there is a great idea around adjusting violations and it's good to see it is in there but given the complexity of some of the rules in the in school setting and given that couldn't enforce it in current environment and let those violations go through. She is interested in seeing how if this does pass, how it will be able to manage it, when was unable to manage doing nothing, and how will manage how many hours someone was in the gym. She stated it's interesting to see how holding people accountable will play out. She also thinks committee should consider how this gets managed and how athletes manage this along with their school work. Ms. Leclerc stated she is someone that manages the specialization pretty closely. Stated she can't kick kids out of her gym but she does tend to shut down a few months out of the year. She realizes some do not do that but she thinks it's important for them to get their rest and having her own experience with her own child. Stated she wanted to go back to concurrent resolution number 79, states if you look at that it does specifically speak to everything that resolution talks about, non-school teams not affiliated with a member school, that was where the resolution was sitting and for the record she thinks committee is getting a lot of pressure from the general assembly and seeing how you're putting it in a school setting from an equity perspective, thinks hind sight is 20/20 and possibly wouldn't be dealing with sunset etc. In terms of out

of season coaching she feels there definitely needs to be a change there, as a person that has advocated for out of season coaching for three years now, she will do everything she can to advocate for that and help support the committee in those efforts. She feels that now that can coach after this passes that you are allowed to coach a non-school team, feels it should also not matter if a coach is at a private school, public school catholic school, home school that there should not be an unfair advantage. Ms. Leclerc also feels the dead periods are going to push the kids into the club environment. She feels kids will go to outside organization and not go back to school sport. She is also concerned that committee didn't move some insurance pieces, when the coach is coaching and are not affiliated, you will have people out in the backyard, deciding they can teach the kids with no insurance or no coverage, and feels that will fall back to the school. Because the parent will state they are there because that's the school coach so she feels committee should be very cautious there.

VIII. Adjournment

Jeremy Jeanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Dr. Bradley Layfield, the motion carried with (11-Yes Dr. Matt Donovan, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Bradley Layfield, David Marvel, Amanda Minutola, Mike Hart, Eric Stancell, Michael Tyndall, Dr. Josette McCullough, Julie Knowles, and Jeremy Jeanne and 0-No).

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.