

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22911

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA DECEMBER 2009

**TIME:** Tuesday, December 1, 2009

- 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Foundation Board Meeting – **Western Albemarle HS** (Koste, Simpkins, Stemple, Bradshaw, Jarrett)
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Personnel and Operations Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel – Montdomaine A (Bradshaw (Chair), Harris, Simpkins, Lee, Brinsfield, Bishop, Stemple)
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Finance Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel -- Montdomaine B (Koste (Chair), Francis, Beckey Gallamore, Lyons, Turner, Jarrett, Tata, Stemple)
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Technology and Communications Committee – DoubleTree Hotel – Albemarle A (Kotulka (Chair), Rowland, Checkosky, Grounard, Miller, Golding, Sturgill, Bechtol, Stemple)
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Policy and Programs Committee – DoubleTree Hotel -- Albemarle B (Campbell (Chair), Brads, Wigand, Fogliani, Barnett, Wagner, Horn, Stemple)

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. -- Full Executive Committee convenes

**PLACE:** DoubleTree Hotel  
990 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

- I. **Roll Call:** Jim Stemple, Pete Koste, Mike Campbell, Susan Bechtol, Tony Francis, Gene Kotulka, E. G. Bradshaw, Chuck Wagner, Steve Barnett, Dante Lee, Mike Sturgill, Arthur Jarrett, Vanessa Wigand, Charles "Mike" Harris, Charles Turner, Elaine Fogliani, Keith Rowland, Dan Lyons, Anthony Brads, Chuck Bishop, Daniel Grounard, Harold Golding, Dan Checkosky, Judy Brinsfield, Tom Horn, Beckey Gallamore, Bob Tata, John Miller, Nelson Simpkins, and Ken Tilley.
- VHSL Staff: Tom Zimorski, Jim Garman, Joyce Sisson, Lisa Giles, Tom Dolan, Hannah Catherine Munro, Mike McCall and Lora Bickley.
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
- III. **Minutes:** The September 23, 2009, Executive Committee Minutes have been mailed to the Executive Committee members and posted on the VHSL web site. -- [Post Minutes](#)
- IV. **Announcements and Call for New Business:**
- A. New Executive Committee Members – Harold Golding, Carroll County Schools, replacing Raymond Kohl as the school board representative and Beckey Gallamore replacing Denise Bowman-Scott as the PTA representative.
  - B. Room arrangements -- March
  - C. Committee schedule and procedures
  - D. Call for New Business
- V. **Concerns from the Public:** The Executive Committee provides this agenda item at each of its meetings for the purpose of receiving citizen input on the operation of the League. Complete Guidelines for Public Comment Before the VHSL Executive Committee may be found on pages 187-88 of the 2009-10 Handbook, a key excerpt of which follows: In order to allow the Committee sufficient time for its other business, the total time allotted to public comments will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. (12-05) Individual speakers and/or groups will

be limited to three minutes. There will be no discussion by the Executive Committee during this time. Individuals and/or groups will provide the VHSL with information regarding their presentation in advance in writing. Presentations will be included in the agenda.

As of November 16 we have received no such requests.

## VI. Committee Reports:

### A. **Finance:** Chairman Pete Koste will report findings and recommendations.

1. The VHSL Budget Timeline stipulates that at the December meeting staff will inform the Finance Committee of known variances in next year's budget that significantly deviate from historical trends and will provide salary **and benefit proposals as well as projected** revenue to meet such costs. A first draft of the FY2011 budget will be provided to the Finance Committee at the February meeting for their review and feedback.

2. VHSL Financial Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through October 31, 2009.

[Attach Reports](#)

3. VHSL Foundation, Inc., Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through October 31, 2009.

[Attach Reports](#)

4. Audit – Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates audited the financial statements of the Virginia High School League, Inc., for the year ended June 30, 2009, and issued their report. The auditors issued an unqualified (clean) audit report and expressed their opinion that the financial statements presented a fair statement of the financial position of the Virginia High School League. Copies of the audit will be distributed to committee members.

5. Request for waiver for the late payment penalty for membership dues for Jamestown, Lafayette and Warhill High Schools.

[Attach letter](#)

6. **Transfer of Funds – Staff recommends that the \$23,603.88 net income from FY2009 be transferred to the Contingency Fund and that such fund be managed by Davenport instead of SunTrust.**

7. Jamboree Financial Report Form: Under the allowable expenses for jamborees, schools have been deducting hospitality and meal expenses prior to the 80-20 split.

**Staff recommends** that hospitality and meals should be deducted from the 80% portion of the participating schools.

8. **Building Project – Discuss status of responsibility that the Finance Committee will develop a plan to fund proposed and future building projects.**

9. Review Strategic Planning Finance Critical Issues:

#### **2009-10**

- Review admission and pass policies and ticket price structure and modify as appropriate.

### B. **Personnel and Operations:** Chairman E. G. Bradshaw will report findings and recommendations.

1. Review Goals of Executive Director:

- Increase efforts and initiatives to build Foundation and corporate support.
  - Involve students in projects to enhance League programs and raise awareness of VHSL.
2. Prepare mid-year report on evaluation of Executive Director.
  3. Review Strategic Planning Operations and Personnel Critical Issues:

**2009-10**

- Enlist consultants to work with staff and Executive Committee to accomplish necessary building projects.
- Provide orientation, education and mentoring for officials, coaches and activities directors.
- Educate school personnel to maintain consistency in interpretations and enforcement of VHSL rules and regulations.

C. **Policy and Programs:** Chairman Mike Campbell will review the committee's findings and recommendations.

1. **Coaches Education:** Review of October 6 Coaches Education minutes attached. -- [Post minutes](#)
2. **Legislation:** Review legislative proposals as appropriate.
3. **State Events for 2010-11**

**2010-11 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (11-30-09)**

SPORT/ACTIVITY	GROUP AAA	GROUP AA	GROUP A
Cheerleading	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Cross Country	<b>Great Meadow</b>	<b>Great Meadow</b>	<b>Great Meadow</b>
Field Hockey – Staff recommends all groups be together	<u>National Training Center –Virginia Beach or Monticello High School - Charlottesville</u>	<u>National Training Center –Virginia Beach or Monticello High School - Charlottesville</u>	<u>National Training Center –Virginia Beach or Monticello High School - Charlottesville</u>
Football – Staff recommends <b>deferring Group AA until February</b>	<b>UVA</b>	<u>Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)</u>	<b>Salem Stadium-(Host Salem)</b>
Golf – Staff recommends Eastern Region site TBD for Group AAA and Piankitank River Golf Course for Group A	<u>Eastern Region will host – Several sites being considered</u>	<u>Old Trail, Western Albemarle OR Course TBD Blacksburg Country Club, Blacksburg High School,</u>	<u>Piankitank River Golf Course, Middlesex</u>
Girls Golf	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>
Volleyball	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Basketball	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Gymnastics – Staff recommends Central region Site TBD	<u>Central Region will host – Site TBD</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>
Indoor Track – Staff recommends <b>deferring Group AA until February</b>	<u>Rotation - Northwest</u>	<u>Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)</u>	N/A
Swim & Dive	<u>Rotation – Central</u>	<u>Rotation – Region IV/D</u>	<u>Rotation – Region IV/D</u>

Wrestling – Staff recommends Salem Civic Center for Group A/AA	<b>Robinson Secondary</b>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>
Lacrosse – Staff recommends Westfield	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>
Spring Jubilee – Staff recommends Westfield for Group AAA and Radford for Group A/AA	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>Radford University</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
Outdoor Track – Staff recommends Radford University for Group A	<u>Sportsbackers/VCU OR Todd Stadium</u>	<u>Harrisonburg H.S. OR John Handley H.S</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
Theatre – Staff recommends Dickinson for Group AAA and MLK for Group A/AA	<b>Dickinson Center</b>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>
Scholastic Bowl – Staff recommends W&M for all levels	<b>William &amp; Mary</b>	<b>William &amp; Mary (A/AA/AAA)</b>	<b>William &amp; Mary (A/AA/AAA)</b>
Forensics – Staff recommends Harrisonburg for all levels	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>
Debate – Staff recommends Liberty for all levels	<u>Liberty University</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>

**Bold – Sites Approved**  
Underlined – Sites Pending or No Site

4. **Review Strategic Planning Policy and Programs Critical Issues:**

**2009-10**

- Review admission and pass policies and ticket price structure and modify as appropriate.

D. **Technology and Communications:** Chairman Gene Kotulka will review the committee's findings and recommendations:

1. **Update on MVP:** Joyce Sisson will expand upon this item.

2. **Review Strategic Planning Technology and Communications and Presence/Advocacy Critical issues:**

**2009-10**

- Develop and execute comprehensive public relations campaign, including preliminary plans to recognize the League's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in **2012-13**.
- Build greater parent and community awareness of and support for VHSL activities.
- Pursue expanded broadcast delivery of VHSL events.

3. **VHSL Awards – Five (5) individuals were nominated for Lifetime Achievement or Torch of Honor Awards. Staff recommends Jack Baker of Maury High School for Lifetime Achievement.**

**Attach letter**

E. **Redistricting and Reclassification Committee:** Ken Tilley will present an oral report on behalf of the R&R Committee, which met November 17. Committee recommendations have been posted online— **Attach**

- F. **Calendar Committee:** This committee met on November 19, and Joyce Sisson will present a report for information purposes.

[Attach Calendar](#)

VII. **Legal Report:** Executive Director Tilley will make an oral report.

VIII. **Consent Agenda:**

A. **March Meeting Schedule:**

**Tuesday, March 9**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>
11:00 a.m.	D3 Girls
1:00 p.m.	D3 Boys
3:00 p.m.	D3 Girls
5:00 p.m.	D3 Boys
7:00 p.m.	D4 Girls
9:00 p.m.	D4 Boys

**Wednesday, March 10**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
11:00 a.m.	D4 Girls
1:00 p.m.	D4 Boys
3:00 p.m.	AAA Girls
5:00 p.m.	AAA Boys
7:00 p.m.	AAA Girls
9:00 p.m.	AAA Boys

**Thursday, March 11, Holiday Inn Select, Richmond**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast/Registration
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
9:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Group Boards

**Thursday, March 11**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
11:00 a.m.	D1 Girls
1:00 p.m.	D1 Boys
3:00 p.m.	D1 Girls
5:00 p.m.	D1 Boys
7:00 p.m.	D2 Girls
9:00 p.m.	D2 Girls

**Friday, March 12**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast/Registration  
8:45 – 10:30 a.m. Membership Meetings

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
11:00 a.m.	D2 Boys
1:00 p.m.	D2 Boys
3:00 p.m.	D1 Girls-Final
5:00 p.m.	D1 Boys-Final
7:00 p.m.	AAA Girls-Final
9:00 p.m.	AAA Boys-Final

**Saturday, March 13**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
11:00 a.m.	D3 Girls-Final
1:00 p.m.	D3 Boys-Final
3:00 p.m.	D2 Girls-Final
5:00 p.m.	D2 Boys-Final
7:00 p.m.	D4 Girls-Final
9:00 p.m.	D4 Boys-Final

- B. **Approval of October 2009 Group Board Minutes:** Section 17-4-1 Duties (of Group Board) stipulates that, "Action of group boards shall be approved by the Executive Committee before it becomes final. **Staff recommends approval.**

[Attach Minutes](#)

- C. **Lacrosse:** Staff recommends the following conditions, which are unchanged from the 2009 state playoffs.

**VHSL Lacrosse Format in Conjunction with AAA State Jubilee**

2010 VHSL Boys and Girls State Championship

**Schools participating:** Boys and Girls teams from the Northern Region (30); Northwest Region (19); Region II (14); and James River (Midlothian) of Central Region; Culpeper County, Eastern View and James Monroe of Region I; E. C. Glass and Rockbridge County of Region III; Salem (Salem) of Region IV; and George Mason of Region B.

**Tournament dates:**

Year	District Deadline	Region Deadline	State Quarters	State Semis	Finals
2010	5/22	5/29	6/4 or 6/5	6/8 and 6/9	6/12

**Tournament bracket:**



**Officials:** Officials are assigned by the League Office. We will use officials that have completed all necessary requirements to officiate in a State Lacrosse Tournament.

**Team travel:** VHSL Team Travel policy consistent with other team sports will be implemented.

**Ticket prices and Directors fee:**

- \$8.00 for the Quarterfinals; \$10.00 for semifinals and finals
- Director's fee \$100.00 per game – Director is responsible for printing souvenir program.

IX. **Legislation:**

**Emergency:** The following proposals are presented as Emergency Amendments, requiring a three-fourths vote of approval, and would become effective immediately unless the Executive Committee incorporates into the legislation a later effective date.

The Executive Director requests Proposal #10 on page 11 be considered as Emergency Legislation. An explanation accompanies the proposal.

**Second-vote items:** Each of the following proposals received a majority favorable vote in September. To become effective in July, each shall require a two-thirds favorable vote in December.

1. **SECTION 58: Basketball (submitted by Cumberland District and Region D) (Recommended 21-5 as amended – amendment in red)**

**58-2-1 Thirty (30)-Point Rule-**The 30-Point Rule will be in effect for all regular season and District Tournament games. The 30-Point Rule provides that if at any time during the fourth quarter one team is ahead by 30 or more points, the clock shall continue to run except during free throws, time-outs, injuries, and the administration of technical fouls.

(1) By mutual agreement of both coaches, the 30-Point Rule may be used at any time during the second half.

(2) If at any time after the 30-Point Rule has been implemented a team's lead becomes less than 30 points, the clock will be run normally.

(3) When schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.

**58-2-2 Exception:**

(1) Prior to the start of the season, a district council may elect not to use the "30-point lead" for its regular season and/or District Tournament contests.

**58-2-3** The 30-Point Rule is not in effect for Region or State Tournament play.

**Rationale:** We have a "point/run" rule in effect for football, baseball, soccer and softball; therefore, a similar rule in basketball would be in order. Some schools will have to endure seasons where their basketball team(s) are outmatched and are getting beat by 30 points or more. When the score is lopsided, players/coaches get embarrassed, and that can lead to aggression resulting in injuries and possible ejections. Players/coaches, fans, officials, and schools would be better served if a rule of this kind were to be put in place.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **SECTION 66: Field Hockey (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 24-2 as amended – amendment in red)**

**66-1-1--Schedules and Practices** (leave as is)

**66-2-1--Regular Season Play** (leave as is)

Insert new 66-2-2

**66-2-2 Six-Goal Rule**-The Six-Goal Rule shall be in effect for all regular season and District Tournament games. The Six-Goal Rule provides that if, at anytime after the mid-point of the second half of play, one team leads by six (6) or more goals, the game shall be terminated.

(1) When schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.

**66-2-3--Exception**

(1) Prior to the start of the season, a district council may elect not to use the Six-Goal Rule for its regular season and/or District Tournament games.

**66-2-3 66-2-4 Sudden Victory Overtime** (renumber but leave as is)

**66-2-2 66-3-1 Tournament Play**

**66-3-1 66-3-2 Interrupted Tournament Games**

**66-4-1 District and Regional Championships** remain the same

**66-5-1 State Championship** remain the same

**Rationale:** We have a "point/run" rule in effect for football, baseball, soccer and softball; therefore, a similar rule in field hockey would be in order. This provision would end a varsity game if a team is behind by six or more goals with 14:59 or less remaining in the game. The outcome of the game has been determined – a one-goal lead in field hockey is often jokingly referred to as an “insurmountable” lead. Games in which opponents are defeated by six or more goals often deteriorate to the point that nothing valuable is being learned by the participants. Districts could choose not to use the rule for regular season and/or District Tournament games.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **SECTION 79: Softball (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 24-2 as amended – amendment in red)**

**79-1-2 Fifteen-Run Rule Ten-Run Rule**-Each district council has the authority to adopt the Fifteen-Run Rule for its district competition. ~~The 10-Run Rule shall be in effect for all regular season and District Tournament games.~~ The ~~Fifteen~~ **Ten-Run Rule** provides that all games shall end after five innings if a team is behind by ~~45~~ **10** or more runs and has completed its term at bat.

(1) When schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.

**78-3-2 Exception** – Prior to the start of the season, a district council may elect not to use the Ten Run Rule for its regular season and/or District Tournament contests.

**79-5-1(3)** The ~~Fifteen~~ **Ten-Run Rule**, which is optional by district adoption for regular season and district tournament games, is not in effect for region and state tournament games.

**Rationale:** A fifteen run rule is more appropriate in slow-pitch softball. ASA run rule is 15 after three innings; and eight runs after five innings. NCAA run rule is eight runs after five innings. Ten runs after five would be consistent with our baseball rule.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **SECTION 78: SOCCER (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 26-0 as amended – amendment in red)**

**78-3-1 Eight-Goal Rule** ~~Each district council has the authority to adopt the Eight Goal Rule for its district competition. The Eight Goal Rule provides that a game shall end after 20 minutes of the second half have been played if a team is behind by eight or more goals. The Eight-Goal Rule shall be in effect for all regular season and District Tournament matches. The Eight-Goal Rule provides that if, at anytime after the mid-point of the second half of play, one team leads by eight (8) or more goals, the match shall be terminated.~~

(1) When schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.

**78-3-2 Exception** – Prior to the start of the season, a district council may elect not to use the Eight-Goal Rule for its regular season and/or District Tournament matches.

**Rationale:** As currently written, a District must “opt-in” if they wish to use this rule. Many districts do not do this, as they think that the rule is mandated. The re-write allows a District that does not want to use the rule to opt-out. By saying “mid-point” rather than “20 minutes,” the rule can easily be applied to sub-varsity levels of play.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee) (Recommended 26-0)**

**126-9-3 Interruptions (on toss-up questions only)**-If the question is interrupted, the quizmaster will stop reading the question at the point of an interruption. If an incorrect answer is given, a 5-point penalty will be assessed and the question will be reread ~~in its entirety~~ from the beginning of the sentence in which the interruption occurred for the opposing team. One person from the opposing team may then buzz in to give an answer, with no consultation with team members. If the question is interrupted upon reading the question to the opposing team, no penalty is assessed in the event that they give an incorrect answer. No points are awarded unless they are correct, and the quizmaster moves on to the next question.

**Rationale:** Re-reading from the very beginning disrupts the pace of the match, prolongs the competition and is unnecessary. Section 126-9-4 addresses math questions.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **SECTION 101: Theatre (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee) (Recommended 26-0)**

**101-7-1 Bases for Critic Judges' Evaluations**-The criteria for evaluation shall include, but not be limited to: execution of direction, acting and ensemble effect.

**101-7-2 Execution of** Direction shall include: casting, blocking, interpretation of dramatic values and realization of the playwright's intent.

**Rationale:** Rule 101-2-1 requires all members of cast and crew to meet eligibility requirements, which excludes adult director. Accordingly, the evaluation of the performance should focus on what students do, not what an adult director does. Directing is important, but what is more important is how students *take* and *execute* direction.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. SECTION 112: Forensics (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee) (Recommended 23-3)**

**112-5-8** A judge or person appointed by the judge will use a stopwatch to time each speech, indicating progress by either with hand signals. ~~or time cards~~. There is NO minimum time requirement, but the contestant must cover the subject adequately. The timekeeper will indicate time elapsed at the beginning of the ~~third~~ fourth minute of the speech, show the progression of minutes at five and six, 6:30 and mark time with 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining and at the end of the seventh minute indicate that time has expired. The speaker may finish only the sentence begun, but he/she must conclude the speech at the end of the seven minutes. The timekeeper will note for the speaker and judges the time for each speech.

**114-2-4** Timing begins immediately after the three topics are drawn. There is NO minimum time requirement, but the contestant must cover the subject adequately. The maximum time for preparation and speaking is seven minutes. The student may divide this time in any way he/she sees fit. The adjudicator is expected to provide the student with oral time signals, indicating the amount of time remaining elapsed at one minute, two minutes, etc. until the student begins speaking. The adjudicator should then provide the student with visual time hand signals, showing the progression of each minute, again at 6:30, and at the end of the seventh minute, indicate that time has expired. ~~of time remaining until the seven-minute period has expired.~~ The speaker may finish only the sentence begun, but he/she must conclude the speech at the end of the seven minutes.

**Rationale:** Judges time differently and students want signals differently. Some time up; some time down. Many judges shy away from adjudicating extemp and impromptu because of the stress in timing procedures and not wanting to make a mistake and hamper a student's performance. Standardizing the procedure so that all judges are counting up should help.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee) (Recommended 26-0)**

**117-9-1** ~~Each representative/senator~~ Bills/Resolutions must be electronically submitted ~~his or her bill(s) or resolution(s)~~ at least one week in advance of the regional and state tournament(s) via the Student Congress website.

**Rationale:** Change permits coach or student to submit legislation.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**9. SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee) (Recommended 26-0) *Advisory Committee has requested withdrawal for further amending.***

**117-9-1** Once the legislation has been approved, it is up to the students to determine the order of the docket; ~~however, legislation must alternate (domestic, international, economic and statewide)~~ among the topic areas in the following order: Domestic, International, Virginia, Economic.

**Rationale:** Interpretation of Handbook rule is not finite, but order previously followed at VHSL and most other competitions has been D-I-E-V. The D-I-V-E re-write standardizes the procedure and brings VHSL in line with other tournaments.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 26-0)**

**117-9-4** A parliamentarian will be chosen by the ~~tournament director~~ Clerk of Congress to preside over all sessions and will fill out an evaluation of each student. In preliminary sessions, two judges will evaluate each speaker using ballots provided by the League. In Super Sessions, three judges will be used. The judges will change...

**Rationale:** This change would be consistent with what is already practiced. Legislation as it exists was crafted before Congress participation numbers expanded to include Super Session chambers. In its sister event (forensics), two judges are used in preliminary rounds and three in finals. Super Session would be considered a final round. Accordingly, staff believes that's how the current practice began with Congress using three judges in Super Session, but the rule in the Handbook was never updated.

**Staff recommends adoption as emergency legislation.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**11. 27-7-2 Sports Season Rule/Exception (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 26-0)**

1. Sub-varsity contests may be conducted prior to the first official play date of a season, but no earlier than the week of the first official play date, provided participants have met all pre-season practice requirements.

Recodify (1) becomes (2).

**Rationale:** To prevent sub-varsity teams from delaying the start of their season when the first official play date falls on Tuesday through Friday.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**12. 54-6-4 Jamborees (submitted by Executive Director)**

**54-6-4** – A member school may participate in a baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, or wrestling jamboree if the following conditions are met.

(1) General Conditions:

- a. The jamboree must be sanctioned by the VHSL, Inc., and must be sponsored by ~~member schools only~~ a member school;
- b. Member schools may participate in two jamborees in each sport allowed with each jamboree being in lieu of a permitted scrimmage(s) or benefit game. ~~Jamborees are limited to a maximum of eight teams.~~
- c. A jamboree shall be played under game conditions including the wearing of game uniforms, use of registered officials and charging of admissions;
- d. Only those expenses as outlined by the Executive Committee and printed on the Jamboree Sanction Form may be included in computing net proceeds; and
- e. Eighty (80) percent of the net proceeds will be shared by the competing member schools and twenty (20) percent of the net proceeds will be deposited into the ~~VHSL~~ state League's treasury.

(9) Tennis-In lieu of one authorized scrimmage, a school may participate in one tennis jamboree with no player exceeding 35 games.

~~(9)~~ (10) Volleyball Jamboree-In lieu of one authorized scrimmage, a school may participate in one volleyball jamboree of eight (8) ~~games~~ sets.

~~(40)~~ (11) Wrestling Jamboree-In lieu of one ~~of the two~~ authorized scrimmages, a school may ...

**Rationale:**

- Adding "lacrosse" to 54-6-4 is editorial, since 54-6-4 (6) already provides lacrosse jamboree limits.

- Addition of tennis to the list of sports permitting a jamboree would seem to be consistent with having a wrestling jamboree. The 35 game per player limit is fewer games that a player would play in a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 regular season match.
- Volleyball and Wrestling would need to be renumbered (the list is currently alphabetical).
- Volleyball games are now “sets.” (Editorial)
- Deletion of “of the two” makes wrestling language consistent with the other items.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

13. **54-5-2 – Changes in State Tournament Format (submitted by Executive Director)  
(Recommended 26-0)**

Each group board may make changes in its state tournament format—such as ~~sports season~~, number of teams, number of participants, specific events in individual sports—or may drop a championship if the following provisions are met.

**Rationale:** Past experience tells us that the season in which a sport is played is of importance to the entire League, not just to a Group Board. Any proposed changes to a sport’s season should be carefully considered by the entire Executive Committee/Membership given that the court system has determined that each sport should be played in its “traditional season” (if one has

been determined); and that for sports that do not have a “traditional season,” while boys and girls do not have to play each sport in the same season, there must be alignment by gender.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

14. **56-4-1 (Baseball) Ending a Regular Season Game (submitted by Executive Director)  
(Recommended 26-0)**

**56-4-3 1—Ending a Regular Season Game** – If during a regular season game, darkness, rain or other cause interferes with play so that the game is called (ended) by the umpire, it is a regulation game if:

(1) five full innings have been played or if the team second at bat has scored an equal or greater number of runs in 4 or in 4 and a fraction of terms at bat than the opponent has scored in 5 terms at bat; or

(2) play has gone beyond five full innings. However, if play has gone beyond five full innings and the game is called before both teams have had an equal number of completed terms at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning; except that if the home team in its half of the incompleting inning scores a run(s) which equals or exceeds the opponent’s score, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called.

**~~56-4-1 2– Ending a Regular Season Game- Resolving Ties during the Regular Season~~**-If a Regulation called game ends in a tie score, the game shall be counted as one-half (1/2) game won, and one-half (1/2) game lost.

**56-4-2 3 Exception:**

(1) Prior to the start of the season, a district council may adopt<sub>1</sub> for their district games only<sub>1</sub> the VHSL suspended game rule which is published in the Policy Manual.

**Rationale:** Reordering and relabeling the sections for clarity.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**15. 70-1-1 Playing Rules (submitted by Executive Director) (Recommended 26-0)**

The golf rules set forth in the current rule book of the United States Golf Association shall govern all League golf matches and tournaments, except in those instances where the rules conflict with the special rules set forth in this section, in which case these special rules shall take precedence. Girls competing on the boys team, where there is no separate girls team, will play 85 percent of the distance from the men's tees. The course manager or pro will determine which holes and which tees are necessary to accomplish the 85 percent (or as close to as reasonably possible). It is the home team coach's responsibility to provide this information to opposing teams prior to the start of the match. If the course pro cannot determine the 85 percent factor, girls may play from the designated women's tee.

**Rationale** – Some golf courses have moved away from hiring a course pro and instead employ a course manager. This language eliminates the potential for a problem with who would determine the 85% yardage for the girls.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**16. SECTION 84: Track (Original proposal before amendment was submitted by Region I) (Recommended 26-0 as amended)**

**84-3-2** -- School Participation- A school may enter as many athletes in any individual event of a district, regional or state track meet as have met the qualifying standards for that meet. In state events of 200 meters or less, including hurdles, all fully automated timing (F.A.T. system) qualifying times will be seeded above hand held qualifying times.

**Rationale--** With the number of schools that use fully automatic timing systems today, I think there is a need to add the attached statement to the handbook. The main reason is over the last few years I've seen numerous athletes acquire state qualifying times with handheld time in the events mentioned in the attachment. However, when it is time to repeat those times in post season, they fall short of previous times vs. using F.A.T. I have seen athletes with hand held state qualifying times that can not qualify for the second round of district regional or state meets

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**17. SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee – also supported by 73% of coaches polled in fall 2008) (Recommended 18-8)**

**126-6-2 Tournament Format**—Each team advancing to the state competition will compete in a ~~double-elimination~~ round robin tournament within its own classification group (A, AA or AAA). The team that wins the ~~final championship game~~ highest number of matches in the tournament shall be declared the state champion, with the ~~losing~~ winning the second highest number of matches as runner-up. In case of a tie, the team with the highest total points in the tournament shall be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the winner shall be determined by head-to-head competition. Ties beyond second place will not be broken. Districts and regions may use either a double-elimination or a round-robin format.

**126-10-1 Declaring the Winner**—The team with the highest number of combined points in the toss-up and team rounds will be declared the winner of that game as advancing teams move on to the next ~~level in the bracket~~ match in the tournament. If a tie exists at the conclusion of the final toss-up round, toss-up questions will be asked one at a time until the score changes, either because one team gets a correct answer or is penalized, thus breaking the tie. All rules applying to toss-up questions will also apply to tie breakers.

**Rationale:** Guaranteeing teams seven matches, instead of two, will not only provide students more opportunities to play, but it will also make them feel like they actually participated in the state championship experience. Luck of pairings would have less to do with the final outcome.

*Note: The Christopher Wren Association, which provides volunteer staffing and facilities arrangements at The College of William and Mary, has acknowledged the impact of this proposal on facilities, volunteer hours, food logistics and structure of award ceremonies; however, it feels it can adequately accommodate such a change.*

**NOTE:** This would not increase state tournament expenses.

**NOTE:** Based on more recent survey data from coaches, staff does not recommend adoption.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**18. SECTION 111: Forensics (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee) (Recommended 26-0)**

**111-8-3** In those events requiring the use of published work, selections shall be cuttings from published, printed ~~novels, short stories, plays or poetry~~ material. Recorded material or selections found on the Internet but which are not printed and published are prohibited.

**116-5-1 Serious Dramatic Interpretation Regulations** – Each contestant shall present one selection of a serious nature chosen from published, printed novels, short stories, plays or poetry material. Recorded material or selections found on the Internet but which are not printed and published are prohibited.

**116-6-1 Humorous Dramatic Interpretation Regulations** – Each contestant shall present one selection of a humorous nature chosen from published, printed novels, short stories, plays or poetry material. Recorded material or selections found on the Internet but which are not printed and published are prohibited.

**116-7-1 Duo Interpretation of Literature** – This two-person reading must be from a single published, printed play, fictional or non-fictional work, or a poem work. Recorded material or selections found on the Internet but which are not printed and published are prohibited.

**Rationale:** Material should not be restricted to a given format so long as it is published and in print form. For example, autobiography or even an editorial may contain serious or humorous elements that would be appropriate for competition, but under the current rules would be prohibited in both serious and humorous dramatic interpretation.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Vote:** The following proposals are first-vote amendments. If a proposal receives a majority vote of approval at any meeting, it would be adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote at the next scheduled meeting and would become effective July 1, 2010.

**19. 27-8-1 OUT-OF-SEASON PRACTICE RULE (submitted by Region IV)**

Allow regions to develop guidelines for out of season activities.

**27-8-1 OUT-OF SEASON PRACTICE RULE**— Allow regions to develop guidelines for out-of-season activities. No member school shall engage in any form of preseason or postseason practice or in any preseason or postseason interscholastic competition in any sport except under the conditions outlined below. Out-of-season participation shall not be mandated of any student.

**Policy Manual 27-8-1 (Appendix 6)**

**27-8-2 Interpretations:**

~~(1) Practice is defined as the involvement of individuals or group of individuals from a member school in any organized program of demonstration, instruction or participation conducted in part or in entirety by a person or group of people....~~

~~**27-8-3 Penalty:** Any school adjudged guilty of violating the Out-of-Season Practice rule shall be subject to a fine as stated in 30-5-1 and such disciplinary action, including ineligibility for district championship, as the appropriate district committee, interdistrict committee or VHSL Executive Director may impose.~~

Recodify remaining Handbook sections.

**30-5-1 Specific Penalties**

**FINES**

- \$200    Illegal Practice
  - Sunday restrictions
  - ~~Out-of-Season practices~~
  - Minimum practice sessions
  - Violation of equipment restrictions

**Rationale:** Inequalities exist across the state, which may prohibit or enhance a student athlete the opportunity to develop sports specific skills. Placing the responsibility of the out of season guidelines to the Region will allow the localities to determine availability of sports specific opportunities within the region as well as coaches involvement with athletes outside of the season calendar.

**Staff recommends sending this forward** for membership response.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

20. **27-13-6 Sportsmanship Rule (submitted by Beach District Principal’s Association)**

**27-13-6**—Players and coaches who are ejected from a contest, scrimmage, jamboree or Benefit Game for unsportsmanlike conduct and are ineligible for the team’s next scheduled event must be reported to the VHSL office on the form provided in the Principal’s Workbook. When a player or coach is ejected from a contest, the official making the call shall submit a written explanation for the ejection to the appropriate commissioner. The commissioner shall forward the report to the school principal of the ejected player within two (2) working days following the ejection. For engaging in fighting, biting, or aggressive physical conduct.....

**Rationale:** Due to the emphasis on sportsmanship and the severity of penalties associated with violations, clarification of the incident surrounding an ejection should be properly communicated to the school. If an appeal of an ejection is warranted, the explanation for the ejection, written by the official making the call, will provide more information to the school principals, officials commissioner, and the Virginia High School League Executive Director to make an informed decision in the case.

**Staff is neutral to this proposal.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

21. **SECTION 33: APPEALS (Submitted by Executive Director)**

**33-3-1 When Appeals Are Permissible**—Any decision involving a penalty or protest Rendered by a district committee, district council, Sportsmanship Committee or interdistrict committee adjudicating an interdistrict, intergroup or nonmember dispute, or one which a district

committee was unable to adjudicate, or any rules interpretation rendered or upheld by a district committee, may be appealed by any principal whose school is directly involved in the penalty, protest or rules interpretation...

**33-2-2** The appeal is filed when it is submitted in writing by special delivery or registered mail or delivered personally to the executive director or deputy director.

**33-3-1 Reviewed by Executive Director or Deputy Director**—The first level of appeal after review by the district committee shall be to the executive director or deputy director. Any student affected by the decision, his/her parents or a member school principal may request a review by the executive director or deputy director....

**33-4-1 Executive Committee Review**—No appeal shall be heard or acted upon by the Executive Committee unless the appellant within five working days after receiving the decision of the district committee or the executive director or deputy director files a written application....

**33-5-2 Appellant's Premeeting Procedures**—No appeal shall be heard or acted upon by the independent hearing officer unless the appellant within five working days after receiving the decision of the Executive Committee files with the VHSL Executive Director or Deputy Director a written application for appeal containing a digest of the facts pertinent to the case....

**33-6-1 Hearing Notice**—The executive director or deputy director shall notify the League chairman, the appellant and the principal of all schools concerned in the appeal of the date, place and hour set for the hearing....

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

22. **SECTION 54: ATHLETIC PROGRAM. (Proposed by Region A)**

**54-5-3 Group A Division Playoffs:** As approved by the Group A Board and Executive Committee, in all sports where division playoffs are conducted, divisions will be determined by dividing the state at the 50 percent point of the total number of schools that sponsor that sport and that are eligible for the playoffs, forming two divisions within Group A. Divisions will be established every other year prior to the opening of schools for a two-year period corresponding with the Alignment Plan based on grades 9-12 of a school's average daily membership as reported to the State Department of Education on March 31 of the odd calendar year. (Exception: The Executive Director is authorized to make exceptions when it is found that the Department of Education membership figures do not reflect complete information to place a schools in its appropriate division).

Division championships are classified as follows:

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Division 2 (larger schools)</u>
	<u>Division 1 (smaller schools)</u>

When division schools in respective divisions:

(1) If there are an odd-number of schools in a division, the break pint will be established at the point to include the greater number in the small-school division.

(2) If the break point causes schools with the same membership to fall into separate divisions, all schools so affected shall be placed in the small-school division.

(3) If, due to consolidation, a school's membership changes to place it in a higher division, that school would be moved into the higher division but all other schools will remain where originally assigned.

(4) If a school is placed in a division and its enrollment is at least 50% smaller than that of the largest school in that division, the school could appeal its placement to the Executive Committee for assignment to the smaller division no later than September 1.

The Group A Board and Executive Committee will determine the playoff pairings and format. (Note: All subsequent references to division playoffs in Group A will be edited to be consistent with this language.)

Recodify 54-5-3 becomes 54-5-4.

**Rationale:** To satisfy the inequity that currently exists between regions in respect to determining divisional play in divisions I and II.

**Staff recommends sending this forward** for membership response.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

23. **SECTION 66: Football (Submitted by Executive Director; this interpretation was approved for 2009 season by Executive Committee in September)**

**68-6-1--Rating Scale**

~~(1) Beginning with the 2003-04 school year, to find the rating of a team, total the number of points it has earned in accordance with the following table and divide that total number by the number of games played.~~

	<del>Div. 6</del>	<del>Div. 5</del>	<del>Div. 4</del>	<del>Div. 3</del>	<del>Div. 2</del>	<del>Div. 1</del>
For winning from _____	<del>20</del>	<del>19</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>11</del>
For losing from _____	<del>10</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>1</del>
For each game won by a defeated opponent in ANY classification	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>2</del>
For each game won by a non-defeated opponent in ANY classification	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>

~~(2) (1) Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, to find the rating of a team, total the number of points it has earned in accordance with the following table and divide that total number by the number of games played.~~

	AAA	AA	A
For winning from	24	20	16
For losing from	12	8	4
For each game won by a defeated opponent* in ANY classification	2	2	2
For each game won by a non-defeated opponent* in ANY classification	1	1	1

\*VHSL rating scale recognized opponents

(2) To calculate ties in football games with West Virginia teams (when the games are played in West Virginia) and rider points for West Virginia games ending in a tie.

	AAA	AA	A
<u>For tying</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>For each game won by the tied opponent</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>For each game lost by the tied opponent</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**Rationale:** To determine the points VHSL schools would receive when they play schools in West Virginia since Virginia and West Virginia have different regulations in regard to breaking ties in football.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**24. SECTION 70: Golf (submitted by Executive Director)**

**70-3-1 GIRLS GOLF (12-05)** – Approved the following guidelines to establish a stand-alone girls golf program:

1. 18-hole (two 9-hole stipulated rounds) zone qualifiers will be used to determine entrants into the VHSL State Girls Open.

2. Qualifying will remain on an individual basis, with the possibility of team competition and/or championships at the zone level within zones where an adequate number of golfers from the same schools participate.

3. Suggested "zones" (~~as determined by past participation in the girls open~~) are as follows:

- ~~a. Zone 1 – Regions D, III, IV and NW~~
- ~~b. Zone 2 – Northern Region~~
- ~~c. Zone 3 – Regions B, C, II and Central~~
- ~~d. Zone 4 – Regions A, I and Eastern~~

a. Northern Zone – comprised of the Northern Region member schools.

b. Western Zone – comprised of member schools from the Roanoke Metro area and west.

c. Northwest Zone – comprised of member schools between the Roanoke Metro area to the Charlottesville-Lynchburg Metro areas, the Valley and Northern schools not included in the Northern Region.

d. Central Zone – comprised of member schools from the Richmond Metro area west to the Lynchburg and Charlottesville Metro areas.

e. Eastern Zone – comprised of member schools east of the Richmond Metro area.

4. The girls zone qualifiers will be conducted run between 10/2/06 and 10/12/06, and will not conflict with boys golf tournament dates. on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in between the VHSL State Boy's Tournament and the VHSL State Girls Open.

5. The number of golfers advancing to the State VHSL Girls Open from each zone qualifier will be based on the number of golfers entered; will be 30% 40% of the field in from each of the zone qualifier qualifiers will advance.

6. Exemptions will be offered to any girl who

a. participates in all rounds of her Region golf tournament as one of the top six players on her boys team; or

b. qualifies and participates in all rounds as an individual to the Region golf tournament

7. The expense of the Zone qualifiers will be borne by the host school's regions.

8. Girls ~~should~~ will be permitted to play on their boys golf teams until such time as a viable stand-alone program for girls exists.

9. In a situation where more than 72 golfers qualify for this event, the field may be cut, after day one, to the low 72 scores and ties.

**Rationale:** The zones as previously designed at times placed geographic hardships on participants. By adding an extra qualifier, as well as defined geographic locations, the problem should be significantly improved. The zone qualifiers need a specifically defined date structure that does not place them in conflict with regional and state boy's golf events. There was a significant increase in state open participants this year (94 – twenty two more golfers than the standard acceptable field). Lowering the percentage and stopping second day add-ins to the regional tournaments should stabilize the number and quality of participants. Allowing a potential cut will ensure the ability of the course and director, under normal conditions, to complete regular day two play and any playoffs which may result.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

25. **SECTION 70: Golf (Submitted by Executive Director)**

**70-6-1 Determining State Championships:**

(4) The tournament director will assign competitors on the basis of schools represented and scores reported on the entry form. On the first day pairings will be as follows:

- a. Pair the four regional championship teams together with No. 1 through No. 6 players respectively in each foursome and one from each region in each foursome.
- b. Pair the four regional runner-up teams together in the same manner.
- c. Pair the first through the sixth individuals from each region in the same manner.
- d. When possible, players will tee off, each day, from the front and back nine, with the best scores teeing off last. Tee times will be based on entries for day one and based on first day scores for day two. Second day foursomes will be assigned by using the first day's scores. Second day team pairings will be based on team score finish from day one without regard to region affiliation. Players from the same school may not be paired together. Players with best scores from the first day will play last.

**Rationale:** Team competitions, where possible, are meant to pit the top teams head to head. The current format of players from each region being represented in each team foursome means the best teams may not be competing against each other on the final day. Weather conditions and other intangibles may ultimately favor one team over another which is counter to the normal team competition procedures.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

26. **SECTION 70: Golf (Submitted by Executive Director)**

**70-6-1 Determining State Championships:**

(7) the USGA rules stipulate that "The Committee may make a local rule allowing players to use devices that measure or gauge distance only." For the purposes of satisfying this rule a

district council is determined to be "The Committee" for district play, a regional council is determined to be "The Committee" for regional play, and the Executive Committee is determined to be "The Committee" for state play.

**Rationale:** This clarifies who may determine use of a distance measuring device for all levels of VHSL competition.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**27. SECTION 70: Golf (Submitted by Executive Director)**

**70-8-1 Breaking Team Ties-**Team ties for district, regional and state champions and qualifiers for the next level of play, and for place finishers at the state tournament will be resolved in the following manner:

(1) The playoff holes for state golf events will be chosen based upon availability and the format of the final round. The VHSL representative with input from the VSGA and course manager will determine the appropriate playoff option. Competitors involved will be informed of the intended rotation prior to teeing off in the playoff. All playoffs are stroke play therefore NO concessions can be made and all shots of the winner necessary to finish play must be completed.

~~(1)~~ (2) Each coach will select 4 players to represent the school in the playoff.

~~(2)~~ (3) Playoff will start on a hole designated by the tournament director.

~~(3)~~ (4) A sudden victory format will be used. The aggregate total, after each hole, of the four-member teams, will count.

~~(4)~~ (5) Each coach must rank his/her players 1 through 4.

~~(5)~~ (6) In a two team playoff, the third and fourth ranked player from each team will be paired together in a foursome. In a three or four way tie, one player from each team will be paired with equally ranked members of each team.

~~(6)~~ (7) Play should be continuous. When the first group finishes the first hole, they should move directly to the second hole and continue play.

~~(7)~~ (8) Play will continue until all ties are broken.

~~(8)~~ (9) In the event a playoff cannot be completed, all ties will be broken using the acceptable method of matching cards as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

**Rationale:** There has been no consistent format for choosing playoff holes in a state event and this legislation clarifies process and procedure.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**28. SECTION 70: Golf**

**70-8-2 Breaking Individual Ties:**

~~(1)~~ In the event of a tie in a stroke play competition for medalist, a hole-by-hole playoff will be used to determine placement. ~~The hole or holes to be used should be designated prior to~~

~~the tournament or as soon as appropriate during the tournament. The playoff holes for state golf events will be chosen based upon availability and the format of the final round. The VHSL representative with input from the VSGA and course manager will determine the appropriate playoff option. Competitors involved will be informed of the intended rotation prior to teeing off in the playoff. All playoffs are stroke play therefore NO concessions can be made and all shots of the winner necessary to finish play must be completed.~~

**Rationale:** In all similar competitions ties for places other than first are generally not broken. This is also the formula by which most golf tournaments operate. Also playoffs in a VHSL event are always stroke play not match play thus all shots must be completed or penalties must be assessed.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

29. **SECTION 66: Field Hockey (Submitted by Executive Director)**

~~**66-2-1 Regular Season Play** If a tie exists during regular season play, the team shall play two 15-minute sudden victory overtimes as prescribed in 66-2-3. If a tie still exists, the game shall be recorded as a tie.~~

~~**66-2-2 Tournament Play** If a tie exists during tournament play, the teams shall play two 15-minute sudden victory overtimes as prescribed in 66-2-3. If a tie still exists after two sudden victory overtimes, the tie shall be broken by administering the Tie Game Procedure distributed in League publications.~~

~~**66-2-3 Sudden Victory Overtime:**~~

~~(1) Prior to the start of the sudden victory overtime, there shall be a 5-minute intermission. The officials shall meet with the team captains for a coin toss. The visiting team captain shall call the coin in the air and the winner of the toss shall choose whether or not to take possession of the ball. The first team to score during the 15-minute sudden victory overtime is the game winner.~~

~~(2) If a tie still exists, a second 15-minute sudden victory overtime shall be played. Teams shall change goals and the team not having possession to start the first overtime shall have possession to start the second sudden victory overtime. The first team to score is the winner. Substitutions may be made prior to the second overtime period, during the 2-minute intermission.~~

~~**66-2-1 Regular Season Play** If a tie exists during regular season play, the tie shall be broken by administering the Regular Season Tie-Breaking Procedures published on the League's website.~~

~~**66-2-2 Tournament Play** If a tie exists during tournament play, the tie shall be broken by administering the Post Season Tie-Breaking Procedures published on the League's website.~~

**Rationale:**

The purpose of this proposal is two-fold:

- (1) To remove the overtime procedure from the League's Handbook. The Handbook doesn't seem to be the appropriate place for coin tosses, officials' duties, length of intermissions, etc. Our member schools have been using a VHSL published "Tie Breaking Procedure" that describes the overtime procedures for regular season and tournament play with great specificity for a number of years now.
- (2) To propose a modification of VHSL's current tie-breaking procedures such that the penalty stroke aspect of tournament tie-breaking would be part of the regular season process. This

- (3) Would eliminate ties during the regular season, and would better position teams for post-season play. Proposed changes are as follows are included:

*If approved, the following will be included in the Policy Manual.*

## **VHSL FIELD HOCKEY OVERTIME TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

### **REGULAR SEASON (OT-PS-SVPS)**

1. 5-minute intermission
2. Captains meet with officials
  - a. Home captain calls the coin toss
  - b. Winner chooses possession or direction
3. 15-minute, **REDUCED PLAYER**, sudden victory overtime
  - a. Each team will designate **7 players** to begin the overtime. Each team must have a properly equipped goalkeeper. Any player suspensions or disqualifications carry over from one game period to the next, so it is possible that a team may play all or part of the OT with fewer than 7 players.
  - b. Any "eligible" player may participate in the overtime.
  - c. All rules governing the 11-player game will be used EXCEPT:
    - A maximum of **FOUR (4)** defenders may be behind the end line on penalty corners.
    - Neither team may request a time out.
  - d. Substitution during the 15-minute overtime period **will be allowed**.

~~If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime—~~

- ~~4. 2-minute intermission~~
- ~~5. Report lineup changes to the Official Scorer~~
- ~~6. Teams change goals~~
- ~~7. Team not having the center pass to start the first OT will have it to begin the second~~
- ~~8. Play a second 15-minute, **REDUCED PLAYER**, sudden victory overtime.~~

~~Regular season games that are still tied at the end of the second overtime are recorded as ties.~~

**If, after completion of the overtime period, the game is still tied, the procedure described below (PS-SV) will be followed.**

### **Penalty Strokes (PS)**

1. 2-minute intermission
2. Captains meet with officials
  - a. Visiting captain calls the coin toss
  - b. Winner of the toss chooses whether to stroke or defend first
3. Coaches provide an ordered list of 5 players (names and numbers) to the Official Scorer
  - a. Any "eligible" player may participate
  - b. Players must be listed in order, 1 through 5
4. Officials select the goal
5. Only coaches and remaining team members may be on the field, behind the 25-yard line (out of the goalkeeper's direct line of sight)
6. Teams alternate strokes
7. The game ends if one team has a goal advantage that cannot be overcome.

**If, after completion of the penalty stroke procedure above, the game is still tied, another set of "Sudden Victory (SVPS) penalty strokes will take place.**

### **Penalty Strokes – Sudden Victory (SVPS)**

1. 2-minute intermission
2. Coaches provide names and numbers of 5 players (as above in the PS procedure)
3. Any eligible player can be listed

4. Team that took the first stroke in the procedure above will defend first during the SV
5. First team scoring more goals after an equal number of strokes is the winner.

**The Sudden Victory (SV) penalty stroke procedure (above) is repeated until there is a winner.**

## VHSL FIELD HOCKEY TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

### POST SEASON (DISTRICT, REGION, STATE TOURNAMENTS) – (OT-OT-PS-PS-SVPS)<sup>1</sup>

**If the game is tied at the end of regulation, teams will play a maximum of TWO 15-minute, reduced-player, sudden victory overtime periods.**

1. The first OT will be played as detailed in the Regular Season procedure described previously.
2. If the game is still tied at the end of the first overtime, a second 15-minute, reduced-player, sudden victory overtime period shall be played.
  - a. 2-minute intermission
  - b. Report lineup changes to the Official Scorer
  - c. Teams change goals
  - d. Team not having the center pass to start the first OT will have it to begin the second
  - e. Play a second 15-minute, **REDUCED PLAYER**, sudden victory overtime.
3. If the game remains tied after 2 OT periods, teams shall proceed with the **Penalty Stroke (PS)** procedure outlined previously.
4. If, after completion of the first set of penalty strokes, the score is still tied, teams shall REPEAT the Penalty Stroke (PS) procedure. The following provisions apply:
  - a. 2 minute intermission prior to beginning this second set of penalty strokes
  - b. Coaches may change the players and/or order of players to take this set of penalty strokes
  - c. The team that defended first in the previous set of penalty strokes will stroke first for the second set.
5. If, after two sets of regular Penalty Strokes, the game remains tied, **Sudden Victory Penalty Strokes (SVPS)** will be used to determine a winner.
  - a. 2-minute intermission
  - b. Each coach provides an ordered list (names and numbers) of five players who will take the penalty strokes for her/his team
  - c. Team that went first in the initial set of penalty strokes will go first in the SVPS.

This procedure is repeated until one team has more goals after an equal number of strokes.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 30. SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by Executive Director)

**126-9-7 Questions Directed to Teams**...If a team fails to answer a directed question within the designated time, or answers incorrectly, the opposing team will be asked by the quizmaster to give an ~~immediate~~ answer within the remainder of the designated time or immediately if the buzzer has already sounded without having the question reread.

**Rationale:** Clarification of time remaining in this scenario.

<sup>1</sup> The post season tie-breaking procedure is unchanged from that used previously. Minor editorial changes have been made to clarify the process currently in use.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

X. **Action Agenda:**

- A. **New Schools Assignment:** Tuscarora and Woodgrove High Schools, in Loudoun County, will open in the fall of 2010 with approximately 1000 and 1009 students respectively.

**Attach letter**

**The executive director recommends** assignment to Dulles District, Region II, Group AA.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- B. **Request for Tuscarora and Woodgrove High Schools to be Eligible to Qualify in Region II Football as Wild Card Teams:** Tuscarora and Woodgrove High Schools are requesting that the Dulles District, Region II and the VHSL Executive Committee grant approval to be eligible to qualify as a wild card team for the 2010 Group AA, Division 3 football playoffs.

This request received unanimous support of the district and region at their September meetings. Permission was granted in 2006 for two other schools in the Dulles District to qualify under the same conditions.

**Attach letter**

**Staff recommends approval** of this request with support from the district and region.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- C. **Request for East Rockingham High School to be Eligible to Qualify in Region B Football as a Wild Card Team:** East Rockingham High School is requesting that the Shenandoah District, Region B and the VHSL Executive Committee grant approval to be eligible to qualify as a wild card team for the 2010 Group A, Division 2 football playoffs.

**Attach letter**

**Staff recommends approval** of this request with support from the district and region.

**December Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- D. **2010-11 Golf Calendar Dates (Requested by Seminole District and Region III):** Request schools be allowed to have August 2, 2010 as the first play date for golf, rather than the approved August 9, 2010 date. Schools in Region III begin classes as early as August 16 . Allowing Region III to begin their golf play date on August 2, 2010 will allow these schools to get in their 18 holes matches before the start of school. Schools in the region minimize the number of days students are allowed to miss classes to participate in school activities.

Allowing this change in the calendar will allow these schools to have their 18 hole golf matches and not miss class time.

**Staff recommends if this is approved it would be for all schools, not just Seminole District and Region III.**

**Staff is opposed in general to any calendar date change that is not necessitated by facility/site conflicts. Apart from that objection, staff is not opposed to this specific request.**

**December Executive Committee Vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

### E. 2010-11 and Subsequent Year State Golf Calendar Adjustment

Boys State Golf - unchanged. These golf events MUST be played the week of October 11 and 12 and on the corresponding dates in subsequent years. A course which must deviate from this schedule to host may not be considered.

Girls Zone Qualifier – October 18, 19 or 20. No qualifier may be conducted after Wednesday of the week prior to the State Open. The Zone Qualifier will be held during the corresponding dates in subsequent years.

Girls State Open – October 25-26. In subsequent years this championship will be conducted on the corresponding dates.

**Rationale:** The confusion with changing boys state golf dates and the window for zone qualifiers has created a significant issue in scheduling and participation for the girls events. This proposed schedule identifies specific windows for these competitions which do not overlap or create potential conflicts.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**December Executive Committee Vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

### XI. Discussion and Information:

- A. **2009-10 Crisis Management Committee:** The September Executive Committee approved the 2009-10 Crisis Management Committee. Since that time, Ray Kohl's term has expired and Harold Golding will be Ray's replacement on this committee.

VHSL Chair	Jim Stemple
A	Steve Barnett
AA	Tony Francis
AAA	Pete Koste
VIAAA	Tom Horn
At-Large	Mike Harris
	<b>Harold Golding</b>
	Vanessa Wigand

- B. **VSBA Conference Presentation:** Executive Director Tilley and Harold Golding will report on this item, which is scheduled for November 19.
- C. **VHSL Student Leaders Conference:** The proposed agenda for the 14th Annual VHSL Student Leaders Conference and Sportsmanship Summit on Apr. 16-17 at Dominion High School, Sterling will soon be posted on the web site. Another great program is planned, including keynote speakers Stephen Bargatze and Larry Bell. Region representatives are asked to encourage participation.
- D. **Appeals:** The matrix is attached.

[Attach appeals matrix](#)

- E. **Football Tie-Breaking Procedure Interpretation:** During the 2009 football season, the way VHSL breaks ties was challenged under the first procedure – a tie in the ratings. VHSL ratings that are released are carried out to the tenths, while the Handbook simply stipulates, "If two or more teams are tied in their percentage standings, .." VHSL contacted our programmer for an official interpretation as to how the ratings are calculated each week. The explanation follows:

"The ratings are currently being calculated in the background to 5 decimal places and being displayed by the report as one decimal place.

The formatting of the report is rounding the tenth decimal place up to the next number if the hundredth decimal place is 5 or greater. For example Hermitage's raw rating is 23.66667 and it is being reported as 23.7.

The formatting of the report is displaying the tenth decimal place unaltered if the hundredth decimal place is less than 5. For example Highland Springs's raw rating is 22.3333 and it is being reported as 22.3."

**Staff recommends** that these procedures be discussed by the Football Ratings committee with any recommended modifications to be reported at the February Executive Committee Meeting.

- F. **NFHS Executive Director Announces Retirement:** Bob Kanaby, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) since March 1993, has announced his plans to retire, effective May 2010.
- G. **Nominee Submitted for National High School Hall of Fame Award:** Staff has submitted a nomination packet for Dr. Vito Perriello as a candidate for consideration in the Class of 2010 of the NFHS Hall of Fame.

XII. **Consideration of New Business Items:**

XIII. **Business from the Floor:**

XIV. **Adjournment:**