

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22911

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA MAY 2009

TIME: Wednesday, May 6, 2009

11:00 a.m. Foundation Board Meeting – VHSL Office

3:00 p.m. Personnel and Operations Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel – Montdomaine A (Owen (Chair), Campbell, Harris, Stowers, Bradshaw, Moran, Simpkins)

3:00 p.m. Finance Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel -- Montdomaine B (Arnold (Chair), Koste, Turner, Bowman-Scott, Lyons, Francis, Tata, Simpkins)

3:00 p.m. Technology and Communications Committee – DoubleTree Hotel – Albemarle A (Stemple (Chair), Rowland, Checkosky, Kohl, Thornton, Kotulka, Miller, Simpkins)

3:00 p.m. Policy and Programs Committee – DoubleTree Hotel -- Albemarle B (Lane (Chair), Wigand, Brads, Fogliani, Whiting, Watson, Brinsfield, Simpkins)

4:30 p.m. Joint Meeting of Personnel and Finance Committees

Thursday, May 7, 2009

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

PLACE: DoubleTree Hotel
990 Hilton Heights Road
Charlottesville, Virginia

- I. **Roll Call:** Nelson Simpkins, Bill Owen, Rob Arnold, Mike Lane, Tony Francis, Lawrence Whiting, Gene Kotulka, E. G. Bradshaw, Cynthia Watson, Pete Koste, Jim Stemple, Mike Campbell, Vanessa Wigand, Charles “Mike” Harris, Charles Turner, Elaine Fogliani (alternate for Rusty Fairheart, Superintendents Region III), Keith Rowland, Dan Lyons, Anthony Brads, Don Stowers, Jim Thornton, Raymond Kohl, Dan Checkosky, Judy Brinsfield, Clay Moran, Denise Bowman-Scott, Bob Tata, John Miller and Ken Tilley.

VHSL Staff: Tom Zimorski, Jim Garman, Joyce Sisson, Lisa Giles, Tom Dolan, Hannah Catherine Munro, Mike McCall and Lora Bickley.

Elaine Fogliani, Superintendent in Westmoreland County, will be the new Region III Representative on the VHSL Executive Committee. She has agreed to attend the May 2009 meeting since Rusty Fairheart has a scheduling conflict. We welcome Elaine to the committee.

- II. **Agenda Approval:**

- III. **Minutes:** The February 18, 2009, Executive Committee Minutes have been mailed to the Executive Committee members and posted on the VHSL web site.

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- IV. **Announcements and Call for New Business:**

- A. Chairman/Chairman-Elect: Bill Owen recently made the difficult decision to retire from his position as principal at Windsor High School on June 30, 2009. Thus, he will not be able to serve as Chairman of the League for the 2009-10 school year. Staff and legal counsel advise the committee to exercise authority at the May meeting to select a new chairman in accordance with 12-3-1, “The Executive Committee may take such emergency action that it deems necessary as a result of legal exigencies or other significant extenuating circumstances.”

One option would be to select Jim Stemple, who would be completing his fourth year and would be next in line based on rotation. No other Group A member would be eligible next year since all four principals would be in their first year. Other options can be considered if they are forthcoming from the committee.

- B. Committee schedule and procedures
- C. Other announcements
- 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. As of April 20 we have received no requests.

VI. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance:** Chairman Rob Arnold will report findings and recommendations.

1. VHSL Financial Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through March 31, 2009.

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2. Proposed FY 2010 Budget will be provided prior to the meeting.
3. Team travel reimbursement rate for FY2009; **staff recommends** full reimbursement.
4. Pete Koste will present an update relative to the Admissions and Pass Policy Study Committee.
5. VHSL Foundation, Inc., Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through March 31, 2009.

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6. Approval of rebate on pre-sale tickets for football and basketball state championships for 2009-10; **staff recommends** maintaining rebate. Participating schools generated \$5969.00 in pre-sales in football for 2008-09. Basketball pre-sales have yet to be reported, but are expected by May 6.
7. Approval of League contribution to the Foundation; **staff recommends** contributing 100% of Benefit Game income (\$27,560.53).
8. Projected dues structure for 2010-11. Staff recommends no increase in dues, activity fees or insurance premium.
9. Admission Fee for First Day of AAA Indoor Track Meet: This is a recommendation to adjust first day event admission from \$5 to \$8 for the AAA Indoor Track Meet based on the addition of four hours of competition to the Friday schedule. The schedule change has been initiated to better manage the overall size and scope of the event. Meet administration, coaches and spectators have all asked for this time change. It was implemented this year at the Boo Williams Sportsplex and with some minor adjustments will be the standard for future such events (**Staff recommends approval**).
10. Old Business:
 - a. VHSL banners for each member school to display in their gym at a projected cost of \$31,200.
 - b. NFHS Licensed Product Pilot Program has been reviewed by legal counsel, who finds no problem with the proposal (**Staff recommends approval**).
11. Gear Clean Corporate Sponsor Proposal (**Staff recommends approval**).
12. Dominion Power Foundation is granting the VHSL a contribution for the Student Leaders program.
13. Review Strategic Planning Financial Critical Issues.

B. **Personnel (and Operations):** Chairman Bill Owen will report findings and recommendations.

1. Conduct evaluation review of the executive director with the executive committee. In accordance with the executive director's contract, his evaluation is to be placed on the May agenda. The League Chairman, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, will meet with and evaluate the executive director annually, no later than May 15. The evaluation shall be in writing, using the VHSL Performance Assessment for Executive Director. The Personnel Committee shall report the results of the evaluation to the executive committee in closed executive session. The evaluation includes a determination of how successful the executive director has been in meeting goals that were established in September.

2. Review and recommend salary adjustments for 2009-10.
3. Review Emergency Legislation proposal #2 relative to Executive Committee membership and officers.
4. Review Strategic Planning Operations/Personnel Critical Issues.

C. Policy (and Programs): Chairman Mike Lane will report findings and recommendations.

1. Group A Division Play for baseball/softball/volleyball.
2. Any proposals from Group A for breakdown in classification.
3. Coaches Education: The following information was received from the Kentucky state association regarding the recent court case involving a coach indicted for reckless homicide for causing the death of a player.
 - House Bill 383 was signed into law recently by Kentucky Governor Steve Brashear. Key aspects of the bill include:
 - KHSAA and the Kentucky DOE are to facilitate a formal “work group” to examine the status of high school sports safety in Kentucky.
 - Beginning in 2009-2010 “at least one person who has to have completed the course shall be at every high school athletic practice and competition.” This course is in addition to the current coaching requirement and will include an end-of-course examination.
 - The legislation also states that **all** high school coaches will have to complete a sports safety course including achieving a required score on an examination.
 - Due to the aggressive legislative timeline the Kentucky Medical Association is assisting the KHSAA with an initial course until the larger “study group” can complete its work and thoroughly review all of the sports safety programs available.

As you can see Kentucky is in a very reactionary position regarding coaches education. The Virginia High School League, now more than ever, needs to be proactive. ASEP, which has provided an opportunity for administrators to review their program, is one of the few programs that require a graded testing mechanism in order to gain certification. Other coaches education programs will surely follow suit, but in the meantime Virginia is in an ideal position with its proposed legislation and on-line offerings.

[Post Coaches Ed Newsletter](#)

4. Review minutes from the April 1 SMAC meeting.

[Post SMAC Minutes](#)

5. Review legislation.
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7. Review unresolved and recommended playoff sites for 2009-10.

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Volleyball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Basketball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Gymnastics	<u>Rotation – Northwest</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>
Indoor Track	<i>Boo Williams Sportsplex</i>	Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)	N/A
Swim & Dive	<i>Princess Anne Rec Center -</i>	<u>Rotation C, D, III or IV</u>	<u>Rotation C, D, III or IV</u>
Wrestling	<i>Robinson Secondary</i>	Salem Civic Center	Salem Civic Center
Lacrosse	Westfield H.S. (w/Jubilee)	Westfield HS	Westfield HS
Spring Jubilee	Westfield H.S.	Radford University	Radford University
Outdoor Track	<i>Sports Backers and VCU</i>	<u>Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
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Bold – Sites Approved

Italics – Sites with Proposals and Staff Recommends

Underlined – Sites Pending or No Site

Staff Note: Discussion is encouraged relative to the State Basketball Tournament Format.

8. VHSL Group A State Outdoor Track and Field Proposal: Group A proposes to eliminate the trials for the boys and girls 100 meters, girls 100 meter hurdles and boys 110 meter hurdles at the VHSL Group A State Outdoor Track and Field Meet.

Rationale: The State A meet is a one day meet with athletes competing in numerous events. Technological advances have made placing, scoring and timing literally error free and all athletes come to the state event through F. A. T. timed events. This ensures that times and places for all participants are fair and equitable.

The final heats would be seeded by time. Elimination of the sprint event preliminaries will allow the athletes to concentrate on the field events, limit injury risk and still place athletes in heats of comparable times.

This proposal was discussed at the 2008 state outdoor track and field coaches meeting and a significant majority of them voted to consider eliminating the trials. The coaches in turn asked for this proposal to be brought before the Group A Board.

This is an informational document. The Group A Board will be asked to consider this in October and, subject to their approval, the change will be brought formally to the Executive Committee for action in December.

9. Review Strategic Planning Policy/Programs Critical Issues.

D. **Technology (and Communications):** Chairman Jim Stemple will report findings and recommendations.

VII. **Consent Agenda:**

A. **Legislation: Second-vote items:** The following proposals received a majority favorable vote in February. To become effective in July, they shall require a two-thirds favorable vote in May.

1. **Coaches Rule (Recommended by Coaches Education Advisory Committee) (Recommended by a 21-1-2 vote (Whiting voting no; Turner and Campbell abstaining) of the February Executive Committee)**

27-2-5 Coaches Education Requirement – A VHSL-approved course in principles of coaching and sport first aid is required of all first time athletic coaches at a VHSL member school and those athletic coaches who are exempted through the VHSL Coaches Rule 27-2-2 (4). Coaches have three years in which to meet this requirement.

27-2-6 State and Local Knowledge Requirement – All coaches are required to complete a VHSL Component which familiarizes the coach with rules and regulations found in the VHSL Handbook as well as those found at the local level. Coaches have three years in which to meet this requirement.

27-2-7 Penalty – A school shall be fined \$50 for each coach per sport who does not complete this requirement in the prescribed time.

30-5-1 Specific Penalties (17) FINES:

\$50 - Use of a coach who has not completed the coaching education requirement in the prescribed time.

Note: Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

Coaches Education Fact Summary

- 42 of 50 states (84%) require some type of coaches education.
- Bus drivers have more required training in performing their duties than coaches.
- Several companies offer programs which will immediately satisfy the initiative.
 - o ASEP On-Line Course – Cost \$30 (includes Principles of Coaching, Sports First Aid and the VHSL Component).
 - o NFHS – Cost \$45 (includes Principles of Coaching).
- Some school divisions have developed acceptable programs which only need VHSL approval.
- CEU's may be available upon successful completion of this requirement.
- The VHSL office will publish a list of the coaches who have met the requirements.
- The VHSL plans to provide an on-line form for schools to record all coaches.
- The average time for completing the ASEP On-Line Principles of Coaching and Sport First Aid is six (6) hours.

- This proposal is consistent with the League's Philosophy and belief statement adopted in 2002: "The VHSL believes in providing the means whereby all coaches in VHSL schools are trained in fundamental coaches competencies."
- Superintendents and principals can access the ASEP On-Line program.

2. **30-5-1 Specific Penalties (13) (Recommended by a 24-0 vote of the February Executive Committee)**

A school whose substitute players or bench personnel enter the playing field/court during a verbal or physical altercation shall be subject to a fine as stated below- and an official VHSL Warning to that specific sports programs.

Rationale: During the winter season the following serious sportsmanship incidents have occurred:

- Five member school basketball teams in a total of three games have had bench personnel enter the court during an on-court altercation. By rule, these individuals were identified by contest officials or school personnel and ejected from the contest, assigned game suspensions and schools were assessed the prescribed VHSL fines.
- Numerous spectators entered the court during a basketball game when an on-court altercation occurred.
- In wrestling, there have been two incidents in which spectators have assaulted game officials following a contest.

VHSL staff will re-emphasize to member schools the importance of reviewing the procedures they have in place to address these situations should they occur. These expectations should also be reviewed with coaches, players and parents. In the future expectations will be incorporated during the required individual rules clinics for coaches and contest officials. What further steps might be taken to get this point across? Region representatives are asked to make this a priority and topic of discussion at their next meeting. Ideas are welcome.

For further information purposes, the following reports describe incidents which involved warning to schools this year and last.

07-08 School Warnings:

- Wrestling – Institutional Control – Knowingly allowed a participant to participate in a non-sanctioned event.
- Wrestling -- Institutional Control – permitted an ineligible participant over two seasons.
- Volleyball – Excessive unsportsmanlike conduct at the State Tournament.
- Boys Soccer – Excessive and serious sportsmanship violations involving players and head coaches following a regular season contest.
- Sideline Cheer – Excessive and repeated unsportsmanlike conduct at the State Basketball Final.
- Wrestling – Excessive unsportsmanlike conduct by the head coach at the State Tournament.

08-09 School Warnings:

- Institutional Control – Permitted use of an ineligible participant in football in spite of questions raised by others.
- Institutional Control – Permitted dangerous violations of the wrestling Weight Control Program.

Four participating member schools at the VHSL Basketball Tournament Semifinal or Final round games at the Siegel Center received official Warnings. These Warnings were issued for prohibited player or student spectator behaviors prior to, during or following their contests.

Note: Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

B. **Approval of Group Board Minutes: Staff recommends approval** of the March Group Board minutes.

[Post Minutes](#)

- C. **Colonel Charles E. Savedge Scholarship / Virginia Student Journalist of the Year:** This is the only scholarship that is given from specially designated League funds (established in honor of Virginia’s legendary yearbook adviser). After reviewing 31 nominations, the scholarship selection committee unanimously recommends that Kendra Johnson of Varina High School be the recipient of this \$500 award. Kendra was singled out for professional writing and interviewing skills.

Staff recommends approval.

- D. **Appeals Overview:** An addition to the Independent Hearing Officer Appeal overview has been included to reflect the requirement for the appellant to submit a \$350 deposit prior to the scheduling of any hearing.

Rationale: There continues to be an increase in the number of delinquent or non-payment of the fees despite prior agreement by the appellants.

Staff recommends approval.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

VIII. **Legislation:**

- A. **Second vote item:** The following proposal received a majority favorable vote in February. To become effective in July, it shall require a two-thirds favorable vote in May.

- 1. **54-8-1 Contest Limitations (Recommended by a 16-8 vote (Simpkins, Koste, Bradshaw, Moran, Whiting, Watson, Brinsfield, Checkosky voting no) of the February Executive Committee)**

Volleyball - 20 dual matches, or 18 duals and one tournament or 16 duals and two tournaments. Tournaments may not exceed 20 "sets".

86-1-1 Volleyball schedules (Fall Season Volleyball Only – Fourteen days is the minimum...Each school team shall be limited to 20 dual matches, or 18 duals and one tournament or 16 duals and two tournaments. Tournaments may not exceed 20 "sets".

Rationale: In order to play volleyball in a tournament format conducive to rally scoring. The result will enable teams to play in tournaments that are played in a “set” format rather than “match” format.

Clarification: Starting in 2009-2010 the NFHS Volleyball Rule Book replaced the term “game” with “set.” The proposed VHSL Volleyball Legislation concerning contest limitations will enable schools to make choices when creating their schedules.

Volleyball is traditionally a sport that is played in tournament format. In order to conduct successful tournaments the traditional dual format is modified. Tournament formats may vary; however, most are usually 2 out of 3 or 2 sets with each team in a pool. The number of points played in each set may also vary but are never more than the maximum allowed by NFHS rule (25 points except to break ties).

The proposed legislation will give schools a choice in scheduling. They can choose to keep the 20 dual format if they do not schedule any tournaments. However, if they schedule one tournament they would only be allowed to schedule 18 additional dual matches. If a school schedules two tournaments they would then only be permitted to play an additional 16 dual matches. Tournaments may not exceed 20 sets (per individual team).

Note: Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

- B. **Emergency vote items:** 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.

1. **Section 12: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (Submitted by VHSL Executive Director)**

12-1-1: Membership – The Executive Committee shall be composed of 28 voting members Each individual member of the Executive Committee must be a current member of the group or organization they represent and must be selected in accordance with procedures set forth in 12-1-2 through 12-1-9.

~~**12-1-2 Chairman** – On July 1 of each year, the chairman-elect shall become chairman of the League, chairman of the Executive Committee and president of the Virginia High School League, Inc. He/she shall be eligible to hold office only so long as he/she is the principal of a member school. He/she shall not be eligible to succeed him/herself.~~

~~**12-1-3 Chairman-elect** – At the first meeting after July 1 each year, the Executive Committee shall elect from among its principal members a chairman-elect of the League for a term of one year. Nominees for chairman-elect must have served on the Executive Committee for one year and secure the support for the position from their own regions. A selection committee of regional representatives who are not members of the Executive Committee but appointed by the Executive Committee will screen candidates and recommend the chairman-elect to the Executive Committee, using a rotation of Groups A, AA and AAA subject to there being an acceptable candidate from the appropriate group. The chairman-elect shall be the secretary of the Virginia High School League, Inc. He/she shall, in the absence of the chairman, preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and shall succeed to the office of chairman of the League and serve out the unexpired term in case the chairman vacates the office for any reason. Following completion of an unexpired term, the chairman would remain in office for his/her own term.~~

12-1-2--Twelve principals of member schools shall be selected each year by their respective regions. A principal may serve as long as he/she continues to be a principal of a member school belonging to the region that elects him/her and may be reelected by the region, but for no more than four consecutive years except as noted in 12-1-1.

Recodify: 12-1-4 through 12-1-10 becomes 12-1-3 through 12-1-9.

12-2-1--Alternates – As is.

12-3-1--Officers – The officers of the VHSL shall be a chairman and a chairman-elect, who shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its principal members. The executive director shall serve as permanent secretary-treasurer and shall perform such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

12-3-2--Duties of Officers – The chairman shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and Membership, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Executive Committee. The chairman-elect shall, in the chairman's absence, preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and Membership, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Executive Committee. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain the corporate records and the financial records of the VHSL; other duties of the secretary-treasurer are set forth in Section 15.

12-3-3--Term of Office – The chairman and chairman-elect shall each serve a one-year term from July 1 of the year entering office until June 30 of the following year, except as noted in 12-3-5 and 12-3-6 below.

12-3-4--Ordinary Succession to Chairman – Upon expiration of the chairman's term, the chairman-elect shall succeed him/her.

12-3-5--Extraordinary Succession to Chairman – If the office of chairman becomes vacant because of death, resignation, ineligibility or other emergency, the chairman-elect shall immediately succeed to the office of chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term and for the full following year's term.

12-3-6--Extraordinary Election of Chairman-elect – If the office of chairman-elect becomes vacant because of death, resignation, ineligibility or other emergency, or by extraordinary succession of the chairman-elect to chairman, then the Executive Committee, at its next regular or special meeting, shall elect a new chairman-elect from among the members of the Executive Committee with more than one (1) year remaining in his/her four-year term. If the new chairman-elect shall be eligible, he/she may be elected to a full term as chairman-elect.

12-3-7--Past Chairman – Upon expiration of his/her term, the chairman may remain a member of the Executive Committee, serving as past chairman, as a voting member if he/she remains eligible to represent his/her region, and as a non-voting member if he/she cannot represent his/her region.

Recodify 12-3-1 through 12-7-1 becomes 12-4-1 through 12-8-1.

Rationale: These changes are designed to clarify and allow for more flexibility in selecting Executive Committee officers.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

2. **SECTION 54: ATHLETIC PROGRAM (submitted by VHSL Executive Director)**

54-5-1 Adoption and Termination of State Tournaments—Each group board may adopt a state championship in a sport when fifty percent plus one of the schools and two regions within the same group sponsor that sport in the same season. The adoption must be made by June 30 of the preceding year. The Executive Committee is empowered to provide state level events for those activities which do not meet the criteria previously stated. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, any sport that does not meet the criteria above will be evaluated annually to determine if it will be continued.

Rationale: To clarify procedures for possible termination of state tournaments.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

3. **Determining State Championships (submitted on behalf of Group A Board)**

56-8-1 (Baseball) Determining State Championships—The state championships shall be determined by single elimination tournaments held no later than the dates specified on the Activities Calendar (inside front cover of the *Handbook*). By Group Board adoption, the state championships shall be an eight-team tournament including the regional champion team and the regional runner-up team. Only the executive director can authorize the postponement of state quarterfinal (if adopted by group board), semifinal or final games beyond the specified dates. Regional champions (and runner-ups by group board adoption) shall be matched in accordance with regulations adopted by each group board. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, Group A schools may use a two-division format.

79-8-1 (Softball) Determining State Championships—The state championships shall be determined by single elimination tournaments held no later than the dates specified on the Activities Calendar (inside front cover of the *Handbook*). By Group Board adoption, the state championships shall be an eight-team tournament including the regional champion team and the regional runner-up team. Only the executive director can authorize the postponement of state quarterfinal (if adopted by group board), semifinal or final games beyond the specified dates. Regional champions (and runner-ups by

group board adoption) shall be matched in accordance with regulations adopted by each group board. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, Group A schools may use a two-division format.

86-3-1 (Volleyball) Determining State Championships—Each classification shall provide a state championship on or before the date specified on the Activities Calendar if the criteria in 54-5-1 are met and the state tournament guidelines are approved by the Group Board. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, Group A schools may use a two-division format.

Staff has reservations and does not recommend approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

4. SECTION 58: BASKETBALL (submitted by VHSL Executive Director)

58-7-2 Pairings—Pairings and sequence of games shall be published in “League Notes” posted on the web site. The pairings shall be so arranged that ~~over a three-year period each regional representative meets a different regional representative in the semifinal game.~~ representatives from the same region will not meet before the state championship final.

Rationale: To avoid having teams from the same region face each other in the semifinals.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

5. 88-5-2 Wrestling Pairings (submitted by VHSL Executive Director)

~~**88-5-2 Pairings**—Pairings and bracketings of the various matches shall be made public to the League schools following the conclusion of each of the regional tournaments. Pairings shall be arranged in accordance with regulations adopted by each Group Board.~~

88-5-2 Pairings—Pairings will be determined using a rotation similar to all other VHSL activities. Each weight class will be drawn independently. At least a three-year rotation of pairings will be available on the VHSL website.

Rationale: Wrestling is the only activity that withholds pairings until less than a week before the event. Withholding pairings gives the perception that wrestling programs and member schools might otherwise attempt to manipulate pairings. Such perception does a disservice to member schools, coaches, the sport in general and implies a negative message to the public. Schools, school divisions, districts and regions often deal with issues of unethical behavior and wrestling pairings should not be part of a different standard.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

IX. **Action Agenda:**

A. **State Sites for 2009-10**

2009-10 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (4-14-09)

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Staff Note: Discussion is encouraged relative to the State Basketball Tournament Format.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

B. **Lacrosse Championship:** On September 4, 2008 the Lacrosse Committee met and unanimously agreed that the divisional playoff model was the best state tournament playoff format for Lacrosse. Further it was this committee’s desire to see this format implemented for the 2009-2010 school year. The Policy and Program Subcommittee members were made aware of the committee recommendation at their September meeting. The action item provided, which reflects the recommendation of that committee as well as staff, has been modified slightly removing references to divisional play and replaced with enrollment numbers which continue to show the same tournament make-up.

Small School Championship (1800 and Under)

Basics:

- Main Criteria – School size and geography
- Four Sections
- Two qualifiers from each Section
- Section A and Section B; Section C and Section D will play each other in State Quarterfinals but never will the semifinal feature two teams from the same section.
- **2009-10, 2011-12 Bracket**
A2 at B1 winner to play winner of C2 at D1
B2 at A1 winner to play winner of D2 at C1
- **2010-11, 2012-2013 Bracket**
A2 at B1 winner to play winner of D2 at C1
B2 at A1 winner to play winner of C2 at D1

Section Breakdown

Section A

Albemarle
Charlottesville
E C Glass
Monticello
Patrick Henry (R)
Rockbridge
Salem
Western Albemarle

Section B

Brook Point
Fauquier
Freedom-Woodbridge
James Monroe
Liberty – Bealeton
Kettle Run
Culpeper
Potomac
North Stafford
Stafford
Eastern View

Section C

Brentsville
Briar Woods
Broad Run
Dominion
Freedom-Loudoun
Heritage-Loudoun
Loudoun Co.
Park View-Sterling
Potomac Falls
Stone Bridge

Section D

Falls Church
George Marshall
George Mason
Hayfield
JEB Stuart
McLean
Mount Vernon
South Lakes
Thomas Edison
Wakefield
Washington-Lee

Large School Championship (1801 and larger)

Basics:

- Main Criteria – Geography
- Two Sections
- Four qualifiers from each Section
- #1 and #2 seeds from a section cannot meet until the finals
- **Yearly Bracket**
C4 at D1 winner to play D3 at C2 winner
D4 at C1 winner to play C3 at D2 winner

Section Breakdown

Section C

Annandale
Centreville
Chantilly
Fairfax
James Madison
Lake Braddock
Langley
Lee-Springfield
Oakton
Robinson

South County
T C Williams
T Jefferson S & T
W T Woodson
West Potomac
West Springfield
Westfield
Yorktown
Herndon

Section D

Battlefield
C D Hylton
Colonial Forge
Forest Park
Garfield
Osborn
James River (Midlo)
Loudoun Valley
Mountain View

Osborn Park
Stonewall Jackson
Woodbridge
Any Richmond
area addition in
next year

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

- C. **Field Hockey Quarterfinal Site:** In Group AAA the state quarterfinal games will be held at regional sites on Saturday prior to the weekend of the state semifinals and finals.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

- D. **Grundy High School Alignment Request:** Handbook Section 10-3-1 stipulates that, "Any school which wishes to change its district, region or group classification assignment for the second year of a two-year period must present its request in writing to the executive director no later than April 1 of the odd-numbered year. Copies of the request shall be forwarded to the chairman of each district, region and group classification directly affected by the requested move. The Executive Committee shall act on the request at its next regular meeting after April 1."

Grundy High School requests to be reclassified from Group AA, Region IV, Southwest District, to Group A, Region D, Black Diamond District, for the 2010-11 school year.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal provided the affected districts and regions are not opposed.

May Executive Committee vote: _____

X. **Legal Report:**

- A. Ken Tilley will report on the Annual NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting which he and Craig Wood attended on April 16-18. Agenda items included:
 - A summary of cases filed nationwide in 2008-09
 - Public-Private School Membership Litigation
 - Record Retention and Electronic Discovery
 - Upholding Sanctions
 - Dealing with On-court Violence
 - Issues Regarding Media Relations
 - Inappropriate Communication through the Internet
 - ADA Amendments
 - Catastrophic Sports Injuries

XI. **Old Business:**

- A. Term of executive committee and officers (see VIII. Legislation, Emergency vote item 1).
- B. Termination of state championships (see VIII Legislation, Emergency vote Item 2).
- C. Field Hockey quarterfinals to be hosted at home sites on Tuesday prior to the state championship rather than beginning the state tournament series on Wednesday at the state site (see IX. Action Agenda, Item C).

XII. **Discussion and Information:**

- A. **Achievement Awards:** One hundred ninety three (193) students from 85 schools were nominated to receive the League's highest individual honor. Below is a list of the state winners. Any Executive Committee member who can attend the May 11 luncheon in Charlottesville to honor these students should contact Mike McCall.

Group A

Female Athlete: Chelsie Kenley, Auburn

Male Athlete: Howard Ray, Appomattox County

Academic Activity: Claire Jackson, Madison County

Group AA

Female Athlete: Sarah Fisher, James Monroe

Male Athlete: Brock Hanna, Marion Senior

Academic Activity: Krystle Henninger, Harrisonburg

Group AAA

Female Athlete: Paige Johnston, Midlothian

Male Athlete: Chris Weil, Oakton

Academic Activity: Carlo Basilio, Ocean Lakes

Courageous Achievement Award

Kimberlee Anne Meyer, Mountain View

- B. **VHSL Student Leaders Conference:** Approximately 550 students and 100 adults from more than 40 schools registered to attend the Thirteenth Annual VHSL Student Leaders Conference and Sportsmanship Summit at Denbigh High School on April 24-25. An oral report will be given and conference materials will be available.
- C. **Appeals:** Matrix of appeals cases heard to date is attached.

[Post matrix](#)

- D. **VIAAA Conference:** VHSL staff was involved in the 37th Annual VIAAA Conference, "The Shining Stars of the Past, Present and Future," on March 26-31, 2009, in Roanoke. Joyce Sisson is the VHSL liaison to the VIAAA. Ken Tilley, Joyce Sisson, Tom Dolan and Mike McCall gave a VHSL Q&A Update. The 38th Annual VIAAA Conference will be held on March 23-27, 2010, in Norfolk at the Waterside Marriott.
- E. **Hall of Fame:** The selection committee will meet on May 4 to choose the Class of 2009 (to be honored in October) to the Virginia High School Hall of Fame. The formal announcement will take place later this spring and will be included in Weekly Update.
- F. **VASSP Summer Conference:** This year's conference is scheduled at the same time as the NFHS Summer Conference, so no VHSL session will be offered.
- G. **Creative Writing:** Down from 48, a total of 46 schools entered the state championship in creative writing this year, representing 12 of 95 Group A schools, 14 of 87 Group AA schools and 20 of 130 Group AAA schools. Five schools entered for the first time (at least since data has been collected in 1997) and they are Battlefield, Patrick Henry-Roanoke, Matoaca, Princess Anne and Waynesboro: The folders have been delivered to judges at the University of Virginia and results are anticipated early May.

H. Tentative Sites for 2010-11 State Events:

2010-11 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (4-14-09)

SPORT/ACTIVITY	GROUP AAA	GROUP AA	GROUP A
Cheerleading	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Cross Country	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011
Field Hockey	<u>Rotation - Northern</u>	<u>Accepting Bids</u>	<u>Accepting Bids</u>
Football	<i>UVA, Norfolk State, ODU or VA Tech</i>	Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)	Salem Stadium- (Host Salem)
Golf	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>Rotation – Region III</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A</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	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Basketball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Gymnastics	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>
Indoor Track	<u>Rotation - Northern</u>	<i>Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)</i>	N/A
Swim & Dive	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>Rotation – Region I/A</u>	<u>Rotation – Region I/A</u>
Wrestling	<u>Rotation – Northwest</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>
Lacrosse	<u>Northern/II/B</u>	<u>Northern/II/B</u>	<u>Northern/II/B</u>
Spring Jubilee	<u>Accepting Bids</u>	Radford University	Radford University
Outdoor Track	<i>Sportsbackers/VCU</i>	<u>Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
Theatre	<u>Dickinson Center</u>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>
Scholastic Bowl	<u>William & Mary</u>	<u>William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)</u>
Forensics	<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	<u>Liberty University</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>

Bold – Sites Approved

Italics – Sites with Proposals and Staff Recommends

Underlined – Sites Pending or No Site

Staff Note: Discussion is encouraged relative to the State Basketball Tournament Format.

I. Articles on activities:

1. Salem Forensics:

- <http://ourvalley.org/news.php?viewStory=4061>
- <http://www.roanoke.com/wb/xp-199944>

2. Varina journalist:

[Post Article](#)

XIII. **Meeting Dates for 2009-10**

September 23, 2009	Executive Committee
October 5, 2009	Hall of Fame
October 6, 2009	Group Boards/Membership
December 2, 2009	Executive Committee
<i>February 17 or 24, 2010</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>
March 11, 2010	Group Boards
March 12, 2010	Membership
<i>May 5, 2010</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>

XIV. **Executive Committee Recognitions:** Rob Arnold, Mike Lane, Cynthia Watson, Bill Owen, Randy Thomas, Clay Moran, Chairman Nelson Simpkins and special recognition for Jim Whorley.

XV. **Business from the Floor:**

XVI. **Adjournment:**