

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
1642 STATE FARM BOULEVARD  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22911

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA SEPTEMBER 2009

Additions/corrections noted in red (9-18-09)

TIME: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting – VHSL Office (Koste, Simpkins, Stemple, Bradshaw)
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. New Member Orientation – VHSL Office (Steve Barnett, Susan Bechtol, Chuck Bishop, Elaine Fogliani, Daniel Grounard, Tom Horn, Arthur Jarrett, Dante Lee, Mike Sturgill, Chuck Wagner)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Personnel and Operations Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel – Montdomaine A (Bradshaw (Chair), Harris, Simpkins, Lee, Brinsfield, Bishop, Stemple)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel -- Montdomaine B (Koste (Chair), Francis, Bowman-Scott, Lyons, Turner, Jarrett, Tata, Stemple)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Technology and Communications Committee – DoubleTree Hotel – Albemarle A (Kotulka (Chair), Rowland, Checkosky, Grounard, Miller, Kohl, Sturgill, Bechtol, Stemple)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Policy and Programs Committee – DoubleTree Hotel -- Albemarle B (Campbell (Chair), Brads, Wigand, Fogliani, Barnett, Wagner, Horn, Stemple)

Wednesday, September 23, 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, Raymond Kohl, Dan Checkosky, Judy Brinsfield, Tom Horn, Denise Bowman-Scott, 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 May 7, 2009, Executive Committee Minutes have been mailed to the Executive Committee members and posted on the VHSL web site. -- [Post Minutes](#)
- IV. **Appointment of Chairman-elect:** Because of the retirement of 2008-09 Chairman-elect Bill Owen, emergency action was taken at the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting under significant extenuating circumstances (12-4-1) to approve E.G. Bradshaw as chairman-elect for the 2009-10 school year. Below is E. G.'s letter of Intent and resume:

[Post Letter](#)

V. **Announcements and Call for New Business:**

A. **Introduction of new members:**

**Steve Barnett**, principal of Riverheads High School, appointed by Region B.

**Susan Bechtol**, principal of Churchland High School, appointed by Eastern Region.

**Chuck Bishop**, superintendent of Radford City Schools, appointed by the Region 7 Superintendents Group.

**Elaine Fogliani**, superintendent of Westmoreland County Public Schools, appointed by the Region 3 Superintendents Group.

**Daniel Grounard**, superintendent of Nottoway County Public Schools, appointed by the Region 8 Superintendents Group.

**Tom Horn**, director of athletics at George Mason High School, appointed by the VIAAA.

**Arthur Jarrett**, principal of Sussex Central High School, appointed by Region A.

**Dante Lee**, principal of Coeburn High School, appointed by Region D.

**Mike Sturgill**, principal of Chilhowie High School, appointed by Region C.

**Chuck Wagner**, principal of Jamestown High School, appointed by Region I.

- B. BoardDocs
- C. Chairman's letter
- D. Room arrangements (March, too); October meeting
- E. Travel Voucher
- F. Committee schedule and procedures
- G. Phone/email listing – [post for committee](#)
- H. Alternates (refer to Handbook Section 12-2-1)
- I. Call for New Business

VI. **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 page 184 of the 2008-09 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 September 2 we have received no such requests. However, a letter dated July 5, 2009, from Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Giles regarding an injury their son sustained in an out-of-season football activity was addressed to the VHSL Board of Directors. A copy of that letter and staff's response are provided for the Committee.

[Attach letter](#)

VII. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance:** Chairman Pete Koste will report findings and recommendations. Note the VHSL Budget Timeline that has been developed for the benefit of the committee members and the VHSL Income and Expense Summary for FY 2009.

[Budget Timeline and Summary](#)

1. VHSL Financial Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through June 30, 2009.  
[Attach Reports](#)

2. VHSL Foundation, Inc., Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through June 30, 2009. -- [Attach Reports](#)
3. Audit – An audit of VHSL's FY 2009 financial statements, internal controls, and compliance with accounting rules and regulations is in progress. The audit report will be available at the December meeting. A preliminary oral report will be made, including an update on the status of accounting procedures at the district and region levels.
4. An oral report will be made as to any outstanding FY2009 membership payments.
5. Foundation Board Appointments: Foundation Board of Directors appointments are made in part by the VHSL Executive Committee. Three directors are appointed by the principals on the committee (**staff recommends Jim Stemple, E. G. Bradshaw and Arthur Jarrett**); two directors are appointed by the superintendents (**staff will make recommendations**); one director is appointed by the VIAAA representatives (**staff recommends Bruce Bowen**) one director is appointed by the four members representing DOE, VSBA, PTA and General Assembly (**staff will make recommendation**). Other members of the Foundation Board are Ken Tilley, Bert Dodson, Carl Rosberg, Bob Dix, Dan Woolley, Edgar Baird, Jim Copeland, Wendell Dick, Dick Holland, Pete Koste, Benjamin Lambert, Betty Lee, Bill Owen, Lily Richardson, Nelson Simpkins, Byrant Stith, Tom Trevillian and Gene Corrigan(emeritus). In addition, an oral report will be presented by Hannah Catherine Munro.
6. New Sponsors: Staff will present updates on new sponsor prospects.
  - University of Phoenix, Inc. – [attach contract](#)
  - Cox Communications football agreement – [attach contract](#)
  - Field Turf
  - State Volleyball Tournament Sportsmanship Initiative
  - Wilson ball contract – [attach contract](#)
7. Highland Membership: Highland High School requests a reduction in their membership dues for the 2009-10 school year. The request is being made due to their limited number of sports and the fact that they do not sponsor football, which normally generates revenue to support and maintain programs.

[Post letter](#)

8. LRG Update: Licensing Resource Group, LLC (LRG) has found such a positive response nationwide to the school merchandising program which has been approved by the VHSL Executive Committee and a growing number of state associations that it now is offering the agreements as “opt out” rather than “opt in.” Ken Tilley and VHSL Legal Counsel Craig Wood will report on this matter.
9. Review of FY2010 Budget. [Post budget](#)
10. Review Strategic Planning Finance Critical Issues:  
2009-10 and 2010-11
  - Review admission and pass policies and ticket price structure and modify as appropriate.
  - Seek means to reimburse state playoff schools in all activities.

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

1. **Goals for Executive Director:** The Executive Director and League Chairman shall develop annual goals for the Executive Director, to be submitted and approved by the Executive Committee no later than October 1. Proposed goals for 2009-10 are as follows:
  - a. Increase efforts and initiatives to build Foundation and corporate support.
  - b. Involve students in projects to enhance League programs and raise awareness of VHSL.

- 2. Review recommendations for Executive Director from previous year. [Attach ltr.](#)
- 3. Personnel Manual review.
- 4. 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. **Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC):** Review of August 12 SMAC agenda and minutes attached. -- [Post minutes.](#)
- 2. **Coaches Education:** Review of August 20 Coaches Education minutes attached. -- [Post minutes](#)
- 3. **Swim & Dive Committee:** Review of August 27 Swim & Dive minutes attached. -- [Post minutes](#)
- 4. **Legislation:** Review legislative proposals as appropriate.
- 5. **State Events for 2009-10**

**2009-10 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (9-18-09)**

<b>SPORT/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>GROUP AAA</b>	<b>GROUP AA</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
Cheerleading	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Cross Country	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011
Field Hockey	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)
Football	UVA	<u>Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)</u>	Salem Stadium- (Host Salem) – through 2010
Golf	Waterfront Golf Club (Host-Franklin County)	Williamsburg National (Host-Jamestown)	Rotation – Region B Independence Golf Club –Strasburg will host
Girls Golf	Kempsville Greens (Host- First Colonial)	Kempsville Greens (Host-First Colonial)	Kempsville Greens (Host- First Colonial)
Volleyball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Basketball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Gymnastics	<u>Osbourn Park</u>	<u>Osbourn Park</u>	<u>Osbourn Park</u>
Indoor Track	Boo Williams Sportsplex	Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)	N/A
Swim & Dive	Princess Anne Rec Center (Host-Kellam)	Old Dominion-(Host-Lafayette)	Old Dominion-(Host-Lafayette)
Wrestling	Robinson Secondary	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	Sports Backers and VCU	<u>Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	Radford University
Theatre	Dickinson Center	MLK Performing Arts Center	MLK Performing Arts Center
Scholastic Bowl	William & Mary	William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)	William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)
Forensics	Harrisonburg H.S.	Harrisonburg H.S. (A/AA/AAA)	Harrisonburg H.S. (A/AA/AAA)
Debate	Liberty University	Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)	Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)

**Bold – Sites Approved**  
*Italics – Sites with Proposals and Staff Recommends*  
Underlined – Sites Pending or No Site

**6. State Events for 2010-11**

**2010-11 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (9-18-09)**

<b>SPORT/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>GROUP AAA</b>	<b>GROUP AA</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
Cheerleading	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Cross Country	<b>Great Meadows</b>	<b>Great Meadows</b>	<b>Great Meadows</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	<b>UVA</b>	<u>Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)</u>	<b>Salem Stadium- (Host Salem)</b>
Golf	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>Old Trail, Western Albemarle</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	<u>Rotation – Central</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>
Indoor Track	<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	<b>Robinson Secondary</b>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>
Lacrosse	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>	<u>Westfield w/Jubilee</u>
Spring Jubilee	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>Radford University</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
Outdoor Track	<u>Sportsbackers/VCU</u>	<u>Harrisonburg H.S.or John Handley 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 &amp; Mary</u>	<u>William &amp; Mary (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>William &amp; 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>

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

2009-10

- Enhance district, region and state events, venues and experiences for all participants by creating incentives for hosting and for increasing attendance and sponsorship at those events.
- 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:** Mike McCall will expand upon the attached update. – [attach update](#)

- 2. **GameDay webcasting:** Mike McCall will present an overview of the attached proposal. – [attach](#)
- 3. **League Awards:** The following Torch of Honor and Regional Awards of Merit recipients are being presented to the Technology and Communications Committee for reference in making recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval.

Staff received one (1) nomination for Torch of Honor and four (4) nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award is presenting with recommendations for consideration to the committee. Staff received nominations for Regional Awards of Merit from all regions.

**2009 TORCH OF HONOR** -- Pending

**2009 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** – Pending

**Previous Torch of Honor and Lifetime Award Recipients**

***Torch of Honor***

**Principals**

Pete Koste  
 Don Bock  
 Lou Tonelson  
 Berkley Clear  
 Craig Barbrow  
 Joe DeVault  
 Jerry Deviney  
 Doug Hunt  
 Hugh Pendleton

**Athletic Directors**

Bruce Phelps  
 Dave Morgan  
 Jimmy Jones  
 Bruce Patrick  
 Diane Anderson

**Others**

Martha Akers  
 Larry Johnson  
 Dr. Tom Shortt  
 Carey Harvey cutter  
 Dr. Vito Perriello

***Lifetime Achievement Awards***

**Principals**

Bill Pugh, Stafford  
 Wayne Griffith, Potomac Falls  
 Charlie Ostlund, Oakton  
 Don Weinheimer, McLean  
 Don Clausen, Annandale  
 Jim Short, St. Paul  
 John Porter, T.C. Williams  
 Mike Campbell, Potomac  
 Bob Clark, Edison/Madison  
 Bobby Goulder, Colonial Heights  
 Tom Dye, Whitewood  
 John Gentry, Central (Lunenburg)

**Athletic Directors**

Joe Breinig, Sr. Briar Woods  
 Jerry Walters, Central (Woodstock)  
 John Wymer, Stonewall Jackson (Quicksburg)  
 Pat Laing, Fairfax  
 Bill Myers, Oscar Smith  
 Bill Strickland, Churchland  
 Ron Lindon, Handley  
 Al Crymes, Central (Lunenburg)  
 Lloyd Swelns, Manchester  
 Betsy Thomas, Lafayette  
 Roy Ammons, Kellam  
 Bert Harrell, Norfolk  
 Jim Sangston, Freeman  
 Chuck Tester, L.C. Bird

**Coach**

Drew Bright, Freeman  
 David Rasnake, Council  
 Ken Whitley, Norfolk  
 Linda Farmer, Powhatan  
 Jerry Sazio, Maury

**Others**

Marian Suter, Spotswood  
 John Harocopos, Washington-Lee  
 Roy Stanley, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke  
 Ann Gregory, St. Paul  
 Harry Ward, Mathews  
 Lou Martin, Richmond  
 Dr. Frank Sellew, Norfolk

**2009 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT**

**Group A**

**Region A**

**Administrator: Bill Owen, Windsor**

**Coach: Al DeWitt, Mathews**

**Contributor: Ed Gray, King William**

**Region B**

**Administrator: Charlie Bennett, Nelson County**

**Coach: Larry Hull, Riverheads**

**Contributor: Dr. George E. Nolley, Campbell County Schools**

**Region C**

**Administrator: Steve Reedy, Chilhowie**

**Coach: Becky Selfe, Patrick Henry-Glade Spring**

**Contributor: Carl Cardwell, Northwood**

**Region D**

**Administrator: Larry Compton, Haysi**

**Coach: Richard Stan Wilson, J.I. Burton**

**Contributor: Donald Baker, Clintwood**

**Group AA**

**Region I**

**Administrator: Joe May, Nottoway**

**Coach: Dick Ingram, Nottoway**

**Contributor: Jasper Brooks, Spotsylvania**

**Region II**

**Administrator: Billy Haun, Monticello**

**Coach: Garwin DeBerry, Charlottesville**

**Contributor: P. Wendell Dick, James Wood**

**Region III**

**Administrator: Jim Whorley, Brookville**

**Coach: Jeff Highfill, William Byrd**

**Contributor: Von Fossen, R.E. Lee-Staunton**

**Region IV**

**Administrator: Dennis Layman, Hidden Valley**

**Coach: Bill Worrell, Carroll County**

**Contributor: Victor Williams, Patrick County**

**Group AAA**

**Eastern**

**Administrator: Art Brandriff, Western Branch**

**Coach: Jack Baker, Maury**

**Contributor: Dr. Douglas Conkwright, Frank W. Cox**

**Central**

**Administrator: Tommy Daub, Varina**

**Coach: Gene Bazzrea, Highland Springs**

**Contributor: Dr. Joel Ashworth, Varina**

**Northern**

**Administrator: Rhonda Dumont, Fairfax County Public Schools**

**Coach: Vaughn Lewis, Thomas Edison**

**Contributor: John Morris, Falls Church**

**Northwest**

**Administrator: Dottie Bohannon, Albemarle**

**Coach: Roger Dallek, Gar-Field**

**Contributor: Rod Camden, E.C. Glass**

**4. 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 2013.
- Build greater parent and community awareness of and support for VHSL activities.
- Pursue expanded broadcast delivery of VHSL events.

**E. Redistricting and Reclassification Committee:** Executive Director Tilley will make an oral report.

VIII. **Legal Report:** Executive Director Tilley and VHSL Legal Counsel Craig Wood will make an oral report. Legal counsel will address the committee concerning their responsibilities in regard to appeals.

IX. **Consent Agenda:**

A. **October Meeting Schedule:**

- 8:00 - 8:30 Register
- 8:30 - 9:15 Group Boards
- 9:30 - 10:15 Breakout Sessions (including Finance Meeting with Treasurers)
- 10:30 - 12:30 Membership

B. **Approval of 2009-10 Crisis Management Committee:** 12-3-1 of the Policy Manual indicates there "shall be a standing committee to include the three Group Board chairmen, the League chairman, one VIAAA representative and three at-large members of the Executive Committee. The committee is empowered to act on behalf of the full Executive Committee to deal expeditiously with any potential crisis that may have statewide implications. The following are committee members for 2009-10:

VHSL Chair	Jim Stemple
A	Steve Barnett
AA	Tony Francis
AAA	Pete Koste
VIAAA	Tom Horn
At-Large	Mike Harris
	Ray Kohl
	Vanessa Wigand

C. **UVa Contract:** In a mail ballot last spring, the Executive Committee was polled regarding the previous action to approve UVa as the site for the 2009 Division 5 and Division 6 State Football Championships. The original request and staff's recommendation was for the 2009 and 2010 championship, and the ballot vote was in favor of that arrangement.

D. **Certify vote on change of date for Group AAA Golf:** On June 24, the VHSL office sent out an email to the Executive Committee requesting to change the Group AAA Golf date due to an unexpected change in course availability, Franklin County High School, the host for the 2009 VHSL AAA Boys State Golf Championship, requested a date change from October 12 and 13 to October 19 and 20 at the Waterfront Golf Course in Franklin County. There were no objections to this change from three of the four Group AAA committee members (and no response from the fourth). The vote was 15-1 to change the date.

E. **Forensics (Submitted by: Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**114-2-3 (Impromptu Speaking)**--The contestant shall prepare a speech without consultation and without reference to prepared notes or research materials. The student may make limited notes on both sides of one note card not exceeding 4" x 6" in size and provided by the adjudicator.

**112-5-4 (Extemporaneous Speaking)** –The speaker shall be allowed to use both sides of one note card not exceeding 4" X 6" in size and provided by the tournament ~~and may use both sides of the card for notes.~~

**Rationale:** The change provides editorial consistency among categories.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

X. **Legislation: Staff recommends approval of proposals 1-23.**

**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.

1. **27-13-6 Sportsmanship Rule--(submitted by staff)**

Players and coaches who are ejected from a contest, scrimmage, jamboree or Benefit Game are ineligible for the team's next scheduled ~~event contest~~...For engaging in fighting...a player shall be ineligible for the team's next two scheduled ~~events contests~~ and a coach for... the teams' next two scheduled ~~events contests~~. Coaches ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct...with the team at that next scheduled ~~event contest~~. Any player assessed two technical fouls...must sit out the next ~~event contest~~. The decision to eject and therefore suspend from the next scheduled ~~event(s)-contest(s)~~ may be appealed...

**Rationale:** Any ejection is a serious violation of the Sportsmanship Rule; therefore, the penalty should apply to a contest rather than a scrimmage, jamboree or benefit game.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **SECTION 58: Basketball (submitted by Cumberland District and Region D)**

**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.

**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.

September Executive Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_

3. SECTION 66: Field Hockey (submitted by staff)

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.

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~~ 66-2-4Sudden 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.

September Executive Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_

4. SECTION 79: Softball (submitted by staff)

~~79-1-2 Fifteen-Run Rule~~ Ten-Run Rule-Each district council has the authority to adopt the ~~Fifteen-Run Rule~~ Ten-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.

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.

September Executive Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_

5. SECTION 78: SOCCER (submitted by staff)

~~78-3-1 Eight-Goal Rule~~-Each district council has the authority to adopt the ~~Eight Goal Rule~~ 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.

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by staff)**

**126-9-2 Toss-up Rounds** - Fifteen questions will be asked in each toss-up round...

**NOTE:** Only the first answer to a question may be accepted. If a participant gives an answer with two or more parts in an attempt to "hit upon" the correct answer, the quizmaster, with the assistance of the judges, should determine that part of the response that constitutes the first answer. The remainder of the response may not be considered. Each correct answer is worth 10 points. There will be no penalty for an incorrect answer on an uninterrupted question. The opposing team shall have the remainder of the original 40-second designated response time for one person to buzz in and respond after the original answer has been ruled incorrect. If time is up, the other team must give an immediately answer.

**Rationale:** This was an oversight. During the 2008-09 school year, legislation was passed to vary the amount of response time between 10 and thirty seconds. Response time will not always be 10 seconds.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by staff)**

**126-5-2 Certification**-Only entries submitted on the official entry form (~~included in the Principal's Workbook~~), properly certified by the school principal and postmarked not later than the deadline date for entry shall be accepted.

**Rationale:** The Principal's Workbook is obsolete.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. **SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl (submitted by Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee)**

**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~~ for the opposing team from the beginning of the sentence in which the interruption occurred. 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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

9. **SECTION 101: Theatre (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

10. **SECTION 112: Forensics (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

11. **SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

12. **SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

13. **SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by staff)**

**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:** The change clarifies what is already practiced.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

14. **SECTION 117: Debate (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**117-9-5 (recodify) (Student Congress)**--All speeches shall have been written by the competing student during the school year in which the contest is conducted and not contain an excess of directly quoted material, nor shall the speech be a mere paraphrase taken completely from one source. The student shall acknowledge the sources of any quotations used. Penalty for a plagiarized speech is disqualification.

**Rationale:** It has been presumed that speeches were to be student written; however, at the 2009 state tournament, one student read from a published article. This spells out specifically the requirement of student written speeches in Congress and establishes a penalty.

**September 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.

15. **27-7-2 Sports Season Rule/Exception (submitted by staff)**

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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

16. **27-12-2 Sunday Rule Exceptions: (submitted by staff)**

(2) State tournaments or state championships which have been postponed because of adverse weather, ~~graduation conflicts~~ or other emergency conditions may be played on Sunday with permission of the executive director in consultation with the League and/or Group Board chairmen and provided there is no local school board policy to prevent a participating school from playing on Sunday.

(4) District and/or regional tournament games which have been postponed by adverse weather, ~~graduation conflicts~~ or other emergency conditions may be played on Sunday with the permission of the District Council and/or Regional Council and the school or schools involved and provided there is no local school board policy to prevent a participating school from playing on Sunday.

**Rationale:** To eliminate apparent confusion and to eliminate the rescheduling of events for graduation conflicts to a new date when the dates for these events have been published at least one year in advance.

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

**300-17-2 Baseball and Softball** – All baseball/softball games will be held on the dates scheduled with the exceptions of postponements due to weather conditions, ~~scheduled graduations at either of the competing schools~~ or if postponement of regional contests (and/or state quarterfinal or semifinal contest) causes the team to travel the next day in excess of 250 miles to the next game site. ~~With the exception of graduation, No game will be postponed because of conflicts with exams, graduations, proms or other functions. Policy does not apply to Jubilee format for Friday/Saturday.~~

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

17. **54-6-4 Jamborees (submitted by staff)**

**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.

~~(10)~~ (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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

18. **54-5-2 – Changes in State Tournament Format (submitted by staff)**

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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

19. **56-4-1 (Baseball) Ending a Regular Season Game (submitted by staff)**

**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 incompleted inning scores a run(s) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called.

**56-4-4 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, for their district games only, the VHSL suspended game rule which is published in the Policy Manual.

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

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

20. **70-1-1 Playing Rules (submitted by staff)**

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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

21. **SECTION 84: Track (Submitted by Region I)**

**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. State qualifying times in events of 200 meters or less, including hurdles, must be accomplished in a meet with a fully automatic timing system.

**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

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 team~~ 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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

23. **SECTION 111: Forensics (submitted by Debate, Drama and Forensics Advisory Committee)**

**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.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

XI. **Action Agenda:**

A. **Football Division Appeals:**

- (1) **Region D Football Divisions:** The following Region D schools have requested to be assigned to Division 1 for the 2009 and 2010 school years based on their enrollment being at least 50% smaller than that of the largest school in that region's Division 2 (68-8-3 (4)): Haysi (283); Clintwood (319)

**Note:** Lee High School in Division 2 has 712.

**Attach letters and Group A Divisions**

**Staff recommends approving these requests.**

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- (2) **Bethel High School:** Bethel High School is requesting to be assigned to Division 6 in football instead of Division 5 as the school's ADM and VHSL Handbook prescribe.

**Attach letters**

**Staff does not recommend approving this request.** This introduces a totally new criterion for determining division assignment.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- B. **VSDB Request:** At the December 2004 Executive Committee meeting, the committee "waived the State Competition Rule so that VHSL schools may compete in athletics with...Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (Staunton)..." (Policy Manual 27-3-1). VSDB is now seeking permission to allow 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 19-year-old students on its teams.

Staff is not opposed to approving this request provided all VHSL schools and all out-of-state schools that VSDB plays are aware of these exceptions and can opt not to play against VSDB.

**Attach letter**

**Staff is not opposed to this proposal.**

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

- C. **VISAA Request for NFHS Affiliate Membership:** Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) is seeking affiliate membership with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). **See attached letter.** The NFHS constitution stipulates that:

**2.2 Affiliate Members**

Affiliate membership, with right of participation in meetings and activities, but without voting privileges or eligibility for elected or appointed offices or assignments, may be granted to organizations that meet any one of the following criteria:

(d) a state high school athletic/activity association for boys or girls that is recognized by the majority of high schools in its state as one of such state’s governing or coordinating bodies for interscholastic athletics, provided that the voting member of such state approves of such affiliate membership.

The terms and conditions of such affiliate memberships shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Staff and legal counsel will address this matter.

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Officials Assignments for Baseball and Softball (Policy Manual)**

**300-14-4 Officials Assignment for Baseball and Softball Tournaments (5-94)** – For quarterfinal games, neutral officials will be used; ~~except in the case of emergency, local officials considered may be used.~~ For the semifinals and championship games, the assigned crew will include one official from the three different associations in softball. In baseball a pair of umpires from the two different associations will be used.

**Rationale:** The current policy brings into question the ethics of two specific officiating groups without any supporting evidence. Further the process of by-passing more local associations to gain neutrality is creating a financial as well as logistical issue. Also as the potential of division play expands the issues of finance and logistics will be magnified.

**Staff recommends approval.**

**September Executive Committee vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

XII. **Discussion and Information:**

- A. **NFHS Summer Meeting:** Ken Tilley and Mike Harris will make a brief report.
- B. **Hall of Fame:** The Banquet is scheduled for Monday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., and we encourage Executive Committee members to attend. The eight honorees are **Alma Blythe**, Oscar Smith and Great Bridge HS scholastic journalism adviser; **Ronald Curry**, Hampton HS basketball and football athlete (**attendance not confirmed**); **Kevin Denson**, Kempsville HS soccer coach; **Doug Hunt**, Maggie L. Walker Gov. Sch. administrator; **Steve Jolley**, Kempsville HS soccer athlete (**cannot attend; will be recognized with 2010 class**); **Cecil Maddux**, Powell Valley HS golf coach and administrator; **Dave Nelson**, Poquoson HS coach and administrator; **Bruce Phelps**, Virginia Beach City Public Schools administrator (**cannot attend; will be recognized with 2010 class**).
- C. **2009 NFHS National Student Leaders Conference:** Lisa Giles and Mike McCall accompanied nine (9) VHSL students (Michael Babineau, King’s Fork HS; Kiya Day, Dominion HS; David Hoye, Central—Woodstock HS; Kylan Kidd, Bland HS; Brooke Majors, Westfield HS; Taylor Rotsted, Matoaca HS; Caroline Sampson, Western Albemarle HS; Daniel Sanchez, Kempsville HS; Sharheem Taylor, Sussex Central HS) to this event which was a rewarding and worthwhile learning experience. It can be the bases for engaging more students in VHSL awareness and advocacy this year and beyond.
- D. **VASSP Conference:** The VASSP Conference overlapped with the NFHS Conference this year. We plan to resume our participation in the VASSP Conference next year.

- E. **Section 2 and Section 3 NFHS Meetings:** NFHS Section Meetings give staff a great opportunity to share ideas and compare programs with other state associations. Ken Tilley will attend the Section 3 (NC, SC, TN, GA, AL, MS, LA) meeting on September 6-9; Ken, Joyce Sisson and Tom Dolan will attend the Section 2 (VA, WV, DC, MD, DE, OH, PA) meeting September 27-29.
- F. **December Legislation – Field Hockey:** The following legislation will be on an agenda item for the December meeting, but staff wanted the membership to review and be aware of this upcoming legislation.

**SECTION 66: Field Hockey**

~~**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 would eliminate ties during the regular season, and would better position teams for post-season play. Proposed changes are as follows are included as an attachment.

**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.

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<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.

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.

- G. **Out-of-Season Practice Rule:** Staff suggests that membership may want to discuss the following concept regarding a change to the Out-of-Season Practice Rule. It has received a favorable initial response from several regions when presented this fall.

By the 2011-12 school year each region shall adopt and file with the VHSL office an out-of-season practice rule. Once an out-of-season document has been filed with the League office, all region schools shall operate under their out-of-season policy. Beginning with the 2011-12 school year the current out-of-season policy will no longer exist in the VHSL Handbook. Governance of a region's out-of-season policy would be the responsibility of each respective region council. The appeal of any penalty would follow existing VHSL policy.

- H. **VHSL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Staff will present oral report.

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

XIV. **Business from the Floor:**

XV. **Adjournment:**