

Revised 10-1-09

Here is a summary of major action taken at the September 23 Executive Committee meeting. Please share this information with your region and constituents. The complete minutes will be posted on the VHSL web site later and will include a more complete account of the meeting, including specific language for legislative proposals, for the benefit of the membership and readers.

- Approved E. G. Bradshaw, principal of Patrick County High School, as the VHSL chair-elect.
- Approved the following goals as set by the Executive Director and League Chairman for 2009-10:
 - a. Increase efforts and initiatives to build VHSL Foundation and corporate support.
 - b. Involve students in projects to enhance League programs and raise awareness of VHSL.
- Approved the following appointments to VHSL Foundation Board of Directors: Jim Stemple, E. G. Bradshaw and Arthur Jarrett (by principals) and Bruce Bowen (by the VIAAA). 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, Bryant Stith, Tom Trevillian and Gene Corrigan (emeritus).

- Approved the following new VHSL sponsors

University of Phoenix
Field Turf USA, Inc.
Volleyball/Sportsmanship Initiative with support of Lily Richardson

- Authorized League staff to complete an agreement with GameDay to webcast state playoffs in football, basketball, baseball, softball and lacrosse for this school year.
- Approved updated contracts/agreements with Wilson and Cox Communications Hampton Roads.
- Approved the October Membership Meeting schedule as follows:

8:00 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 9:15	Group Boards
9:30 - 10:15	Breakout Sessions (Bowling as an Emerging Sport, Coaches Education, R&R, Financial and Accounting Procedures)
10:30 - 12:30	Membership

- Approved the following Crisis Management Committee for 2009-10:

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

Legislation

Emergency 27-13-6

Sportsmanship Rule – Penalty for unsportsmanlike ejection is applied to a contest rather than a scrimmage, jamboree or benefit game

Adopted 26-0

126-9-2

Scholastic Bowl – Toss-up Rounds NOTE
Corrects oversight to reflect designated response time.

Adopted 26-0

126-5-2	Scholastic Bowl Certification Corrects obsolete reference to Principal's Workbook.	Adopted 26-0
117-9-4	Debate —Clarifies specifically the requirement of student written speeches in Congress and establishes a penalty.	Adopted 26-0
<u>First-Vote</u>		
58-2-1 58-2-2 58-2-3	Basketball—Thirty (30) Point Rule Provides for running clock (unless district opts not to employ procedures) when score differential reaches 30 points. Amended to stipulate that when schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.	Rec. 21-5 as amended
66-1-1, 66-2-1, 66-2-2, 66-2-3, 66-2-4, 66-3-1, 66-3-2, 66-4-1, 66-5-1	Field Hockey—Six Goal Rule Provides for termination of game after mid-point of second half when score differential reaches six goals. Amended to stipulate that when schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.	Rec. 24-2 as amended
79-1-2, 79-3-2, 79-5-1 (3)	Softball--Ten-Run Rule Adjusts score differential rule from 15 to 10 runs. Amended to stipulate that when schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.	Rec. 24-2 as amended
78-3-1	Soccer—Eight-Goal Rule Alters the soccer score differential rule for a district from an opt in to an opt out option. Amended to stipulate that when schools play outside their district, the home district's policy applies.	Rec. 26-0 as amended
126-9-3	Scholastic Bowl—Interruptions For incorrect answers, reread will begin from the sentence when interruption occurs rather than in entirety.	Rec. 26-0
101-7-1 101-7-2	Theatre—Bases for Critic Judge's Evaluation Performances should be based on how students take and execute direction rather than an adult's actual direction.	Rec. 26-0
112-5-8 114-2-4	Forensics —Standardizing procedure so that all Time signaling is consistent.	Rec. 23-3
117-9-1	Debate —Change permits coach or student to submit legislation.	Rec. 26-0
117-9-1	Debate —The D-I-V-E re-write standardizes the Order of the docket to bring VHSL in line with other tournaments.	Rec. 26-0
117-9-5	Debate -- Clarifies number of judges in preliminary and super sessions respectively.	Rec. 26-0
27-7-2	Sports Season Rule/Waiver —To prevent sub-varsity teams from delaying the start of their season when the	Rec. 26-0

first official play date falls on Tuesday through Friday.

27-12-2	Sunday Rule Exceptions —To eliminate perceived contradictions between Handbook and Policy Manual.	Withdrawn
54-6-4	SECTION 54: Jamborees —Adding lacrosse and tennis to permitted jamborees; revising volleyball and wrestling jamborees terminology.	Rec. 26-0
54-5-2	SECTION 54: Changes in State Tournament Format —Clarified that changes in sports season must be carefully considered and decided by Executive Committee.	Rec. 26-0
56-4-1 56-4-2 56-4-3 Exception	SECTION 56: Baseball – Reorder and re-label ending -- and resolving ties in -- regular season games	Rec. 26-0
70-1-1	SECTION 70: Golf – Clarified that course managers as well as golf pros may determine yardage adjustments for female golfers.	Rec. 26-0
84-3-2	SECTION 84: Track –In state events of 200 meters or less, including hurdles, all fully automated timing (F.A.T) system qualifying times will be seeded above hand held qualifying times.	Rec. 25-1 as amended
126-6-2; 126-10-1	SECTION 126: Scholastic Bowl – Guaranteeing teams seven matches (round robin format) instead of two at the state tournament will provide more opportunities to compete.	Rec. 18-8
111-8-3; 116-5-1; 116-6-1;116-7-1	SECTION 111: Forensics – Material must be from published, printed work.	Rec. 26-0
<u>Editorial</u> 114-2-3 112-5-4	Forensics: Student/speaker may use both sides of a 4" x 6" note card.	Adopted 26-0

- Approved requests from Haysi and **Clintwood** to move to Division 1 in football for the 2009 and 2010 seasons under provision allowed by VHSL regulations.
- Approved a request from Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) to seek affiliate membership with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) conditional upon annual approval being granted.
- Approved the following Policy Manual change:
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.~~
- Approved the following interpretation to address ties in football games with West Virginia teams (when the games are played in West Virginia) and rider points for West Virginia games ending in a tie until legislation can be presented and voted on in the regular cycle.
AAA - 18 points for a tie; 1.5 points for each game won by the tied opponent; 1 point for each game lost by a tied opponent
AA -- 14 points for a tie; 1.5 points for each game won by the tied opponent; 1 point for each game lost by a tied opponent
A -- 10 points for a tie; 1.5 points for each game won by the tied opponent; 1 point for each game lost by a tied opponent

- Approved for the next three years money to be budgeted to provide all members schools with a flag commemorating the League's 100th Anniversary.
- Recommended that the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee present more specific suggestions on ways to honor Vito Perriello.
- Recommended that the Pass Policy Committee reconvene to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- Approved moving the 2009 Allstate/VHSL Group AA Football Championships from Liberty University to Virginia Tech as a result of renovations.
- Certified that the Allstate/VHSL Group AAA Football Championships contract with UVa was for two years (2009 and 2010).
- Certified the vote to change the date for the VHSL Group AAA Golf from October 12-13 to October 19-20 due to facility conflicts.
- Denied the new "opt-out" option in the LRG contract. Recommended that staff mail to superintendents information describing this program. Also to resend the information to all member schools and to present a session at the VSBA Conference in the fall. All efforts are designed to increase school participation.
- Denied a request from Highland High School to reduce its membership and activity fees by 50%.
- Denied a request from Bethel High School to be placed in Division 6 in football for the 2009 and 2010 seasons.
- Denied a request from VSDB seeking permission to allow 7th graders and 19-year-old students on its teams.
- Lacrosse: Concerns surrounding the current formula for inclusion in lacrosse were discussed. Participation numbers since 2006 were provided and several options were presented. League staff, with input from the lacrosse committee and members schools, will bring forward a proposal for consideration in December.