

The University Interscholastic League  
Legislative Council  
Standing Committee on Athletics  
June 10, 2013

The summer meeting of the Standing Committee on Athletics convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013, at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Austin, Texas.

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Committee Members: Greg Poole, Chair; Todd Schneider, James Brewer, Jim Waller, Curtis Rhodes, Alfred Ray, Rod Schroder

UIL Staff Members: Dr. Mark Cousins, Dr. Charles Breithaupt, Dr. Jamey Harrison, Darryl Beasley, Peter Contreras, Traci Neely, Tony Timmons, Lisa Hughes, Kate Hector

Chair Greg Poole called the business meeting of the Standing Committee on Athletics to order at 6:03 p.m.

(A) Chair Poole announced that a quorum of the Athletic Committee was present. Committee members and UIL staff were introduced.

(B) Chair Poole announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the University Interscholastic League 2012-13 UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

(C) Chair Poole announced that the meeting would follow the printed agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

**Public Hearing (AA-CC)**

Chair Poole stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear proposals and consider recommendations to the Legislative Council, which meets in October. He outlined the procedures that would be followed during the public hearing. Individuals making presentations should register and indicate their affiliation. Presentations would be limited to five minutes each. Members of the committee or the chair could request information from those present and may ask questions after any presentation. The following persons made presentations to the Committee. The proposals are summarized from oral presentations.

Dr. Mark Cousins had welcome remarks and gave the charge to the Committee, explained that the full council will meet the following day.

**(AA) Scheduled Speakers**

D.W. Rutledge, Texas High School Coaches Association: Thanked the committee and UIL staff, introduced THSCA members present, reported on the THSCA online concussion course and professional development opportunities at coaching school this summer. Handed over to Johnny Ringo with a proposal concerning first round seeding in football playoff games for conferences advancing four teams to the playoffs, giving home field advantage to the higher seed. Handed over to Fred Armstrong with support for Track & Field scoring eight places instead of six.

Sam Tipton, Texas Girls Coaches Association: Thanked TGCA officers for attending; thanked committee and UIL staff for their commitment and hard work, reported on TGCA online concussion course and summer clinic; proposed to revise Track & Field meet restrictions as they pertain to start times for track meets.

Rusty Dowling, Texas High School Athletic Directors Association: Introduced THSADA officers and staff; proposed to allow football sub-varsity games on Wednesday during zero week if the varsity team plays on Thursday.

Tom Kennedy, Gulf Coast Scholastic Track Coaches Association: Supports Track & Field scoring eight places instead of six.

Trey Hayes, Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association: Introduced himself as president for the organization, introduced TISCA members; proposed a change in the definition of the school week for swimming.

Michael Fitch, Texas Association of Sports Officials: TASO supports the zero week proposal made by Rusty Dowling. Discussed lack of football officials in west Texas, STaRT program, TASO membership cards, and the potential for ending dispute with UIL.

Jerry Crumpton, Texas Association of Golf Coaches: Supports allowing golf coaches to coach their players during the entire tournament at all levels. Discussed venues for state tournament.

Barry Russell, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association: Introduced THSBCA director, Rex Sanders. Proposal to require conferences 4A and 5A play a two out of three playoff series in baseball, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Proposal to look at non-school issues in baseball.

Grant Brawith: Proposal to allow volunteer coaching at the high school level.

### **(BB) Unscheduled Speakers**

Brent Pohorsky: Voiced support for new venue for wrestling state tournament. Concerns with wrestling date changes.

Bobby Kleinecke: Proposal concerning spring tennis point allocation for the Lone Star Cup.

David Allen: Voiced support for officials travel reimbursement and support for Tony Timmons and UIL.

Marcus Evans: Opposed to reduction in golf tournaments.

### **(CC) Written Proposals**

Chris Smtih: A proposal concerning baseball mercy rule.

Greg Goecke: A proposal concerning basketball fingernail length.

Joan Chalkley: A proposal concerning diving six instead of eleven dives in championship meets.

Jamey Clark: A proposal concerning instant replay for football.

Leslie Klingensmith: A proposal concerning sandstorms.

Matt McNeme: A proposal concerning season change for soccer.

Dugan Walker and also Sherry Pfister: Two proposals concerning double first base.

Brad Corder: A proposal concerning religious beliefs.

Linda Dondarski: A proposal concerning excessive celebration.

Phil Kempson: A proposal concerning transportation over the summer.

Grant Brawith: A proposal concerning coaching junior high.

Hondo Schneider: A proposal concerning consideration of participation limits for students after making a donation of blood.

A proposal concerning AAU coaches.

### **After hearing presentations, staff reports and recommendations, the following actions were taken by the Athletic Committee.**

1. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning baseball mercy rule.
2. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning basketball fingernail length, would be a NFHS rule change.
3. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning diving six instead of eleven dives in championship meets.
4. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning instant replay, staff will continue to study this topic.
5. The proposal concerning sandstorms was **referred to the Medical Advisory Committee**.
6. Alfred Ray moved and Todd Schneider seconded to **reject** the proposal concerning a season change for soccer. Motion passes unanimously.
7. **No action** was taken on the proposals concerning double first base.

8. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning religious beliefs.
9. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning excessive celebration.
10. The committee directed staff to **study** the proposal concerning transportation over the summer.
11. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning coaching junior high.
12. The proposal concerning consideration of participation limits for students after making a donation of blood was **referred to the Medical Advisory Committee**.
13. **No action** was taken on the proposal concerning AAU coaches.
14. Alfred Ray moved and James Brewer seconded that the staff **draft the appropriate language** for consideration by full council regarding the proposal to add the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form to the list of required UIL forms for participation. Motion passes unanimously.
15. Jim Waller moved and Alfred Ray seconded that the staff **draft the appropriate language** for consideration by full council regarding the proposal that UIL expand safety requirements to cheerleading. Motion passes unanimously.
16. Rod Schroder moved and Jim Waller seconded that the staff **draft the appropriate language** for consideration by full council regarding the proposal to restrict football players to no more than ninety minutes of full contact practice per week during the football season. Motion passes unanimously.
17. Alfred Ray moved and Todd Schneider seconded that the proposal concerning 6<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts be placed on a **ballot**. Motion passes unanimously.
18. The committee directed staff to **monitor** the study item of requiring a student-athlete to serve a one game suspension after being ejected from a UIL contest.
19. Curtis Rhodes moved and Jim Waller seconded that the staff **draft the appropriate language** for consideration in October regarding the proposal to change the UIL scoring system for Track & Field championship meets. Motion passes unanimously.
20. The committee directed staff to **study** the proposal concerning allowing four teams to advance to the state meet in cross country and/or the top seven individuals on non-advancing teams.
21. **No action** was taken on the proposal to limit automatic qualifiers in track & field.
22. **No action** was taken on the proposal regarding headbands regulations in track & field.
23. The committee directed staff to **study** the proposal to allow golf coaches to coach their players from tee to green.
24. Alfred Ray moved and Jim Waller seconded to **survey** 1A superintendents on limiting the number of qualifying teams and individual to two teams and two individuals advancing from regionals to the state tournament in golf. Motion passes unanimously.
25. Alfred Ray moved and James Brewer seconded to **survey** regarding first round seeding in football playoff games for conferences advancing four teams to the playoffs, giving home field advantage to the higher seed. Motion passes unanimously.
26. The committee directed staff to **study** the proposal to revise track & field meet start time restrictions. Motion passes unanimously.
27. Alfred Ray moved and Todd Schneider seconded to **survey** regarding the proposal to allow sub-varsity football teams to play on Wednesday during zero week if the varsity team has a Thursday game. Motion passes unanimously.
28. The committee directed the staff to **study** the proposal to change the definition of the school week related to swimming.
29. Alfred Ray moved and Curtis Rhodes seconded to **reject** the proposal to require conferences 4A and 5A play a two out of three series in baseball playoffs, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Motion passes unanimously.
30. The committee directed the staff to **study** the proposal regarding non-school issues in baseball.

31. Todd Schneider moved and Jim Waller seconded to **reject** the proposal to allow volunteer coaches at the High School level. Motion passes unanimously.

32. The committee directed the staff to **study** the proposal to modify point allocation in spring tennis for the Lone Star Cup.

33. The committee directed the staff to **study** the proposal that reduced the number of tournaments in golf.

### (G) Announcements

Dr. Cousins gave committee members the results of the superintendents' survey, which reflected the desire to maintain regional tournaments in the team sports of basketball, soccer, and volleyball. The superintendent survey also noted the results of the 3-day evaluation period, outside of the school day, for sixth graders prior to end of their sixth grade year (55% favor, 45% do not favor)

Chairman Poole thanked the committee members and the UIL staff for their time and efforts.

### (H) Adjournment

Greg Poole adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

### Others in Attendance

D.W. Rutledge, THSCA  
Johnny Ringo, THSCA  
Fred Armstrong, THSCA  
Sam Tipton, TGCA  
Rusty Dowling, THSADA  
Tom Kennedy, GCSTCA  
Trey Hayes, TISCA  
Michael Fitch, TASO  
Jerry Crumpton, TAGC  
Barry Russell, THSBCA  
Grant Brawith  
Brent Pohorsky, THSWCA  
Bobby Kleinecke, TTCA  
David Allen, THSBOA  
Marcus Evans, Huntsville ISD  
John Rogers, Austin Basketball Officials  
Steve Warren, THSCA  
Kris Jones, TISCA  
Kevin Greene, Fort Worth ISD  
Lesa Master, Birdville ISD  
Sheila Henderson, Lockhart ISD  
Kari Bensed, TGCA  
Lee Grisham, TGCA  
Todd Vesely, Ector County ISD  
Rex Sanders, THSBCA  
Rodney Gee, TGCA  
Donna Benotti, TGCA  
Mitch Williams, TGCA  
David Kuykendall, Frisco ISD  
Rick Sherley, TABC  
Bob Wall, TABC  
Jerry Littlejohn, Frisco ISD  
Ronny Mullins, Prosper ISD  
Rodney Chant, Pasadena ISD  
Karen Funk, THSADA  
Debbie Fuchs, Clear Creek ISD

Steve Keasler, Midlothian ISD  
Lynn Pool, Austin ISD  
Earl Milner, Officials  
Russ Reeves, Rockwall ISD  
John Crawford, Coppel ISD  
Jerry Comalander, North East ISD  
Tanuya Worthy, Port Arthur ISD  
Mark Ball, Lubbock ISD  
Brad Thiessen, Amarillo ISD  
Brenda Marshall, Corpus Christi ISD  
Bob DeJonge, Keller ISD  
Cliff Odenwald, Garland ISD  
Bob Dubey, Richardson ISD  
Ray Baca, CCCA  
Bill Daws, Clear Creek ISD