

Action Item G
Timelines for Sports Advisory Committee

Issue – Some Committee Chairs feel that the Sports Advisory Committee should meet on a more regular basis.

Background Information- Some Chairs thought that if they presented their proposals to the Sports Advisory Committee differences in various aspects (fee for individual running the tournament, entry fees, protocol for seating schools at a central venue, ect.) of all guidelines could be worked out prior to presentation at the Executive Committee or the Board of Managers.

Proposed Changes
NSCIF Playoff Guideline Cycle

1. Playoff guidelines will be adjusted on a two year cycle using the following timeline.
2. The definition of even and odd number years is the Calendar year (for example December 2009 is in an odd year, January 2010 is an even year).
3. The Playoff Committee will be made up of the Playoff Chairperson (as appointed by the Section President) and the Chairperson of each of the Sports Advisory Committees.
4. The Playoff Committee will meet **at least** twice each year to evaluate the playoffs (school years starting with an even numbered year) and make recommendations for changes (school years starting with an odd numbered year).
5. The first meeting in the even numbered years (2010, 2012, 2014) must take place prior to December. The meeting should focus on the job of the committee, making sure new members are fully informed of the process and timeline for playoff changes, and a brief history of the direction of each Sport Advisory Committee. It is important to keep similar sports under as much of the same guidelines as possible to minimize confusion in the guidelines.
6. The second meeting of the even numbered years (initial year of the 2 year cycle) should take place sometime in April or May to allow Fall and Winter Sports Committees to evaluate the NEW playoff procedures which were adopted for that cycle. (Spring Sports committees will report out at the first meeting of the odd numbered year). Discussion should focus on potential changes to be proposed at the end of the second year. **NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN MID-CYCLE.**
7. During the odd numbered year, the first meeting of the year must be held prior to the 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee (November). The Spring Sports Committees will report out about the previous year and Fall/Winter committees should be ready to discuss planned changes for the next cycle.
8. Fall Committees and any Winter Committees who can, should plan to present their ideas at the January Executive Committee meeting and the February Board of Managers for approval.

9. All other sports will present their initial proposal to the Playoff Committee in February for approval at the May Board of Managers.

Discussion Points-

Is this doable?

Will it achieve the desired results?

Will everyone be able to leave school to attend?

Possibly tie the meeting to another already scheduled meeting such as Executive or Board of Managers.

Recommendation- None at this time. I look forward to the discussion.