

**Agenda Minutes**  
**February 10 2007**  
**Northern Section Soccer Committee**  
**General Meeting**  
**And**  
**Seeding Meeting For Section Play-offs**

General Meeting-9:00

1. Call To Order-**9:16 on 2/10/07**
2. Roll Call
  - a. Eastern Athletic-**Not Present**
  - b. Northern Athletic- **Joe Curiel and Sue Romero**
  - c. Shasta Cascade-**Not Present**
  - d. Feather River-**Not Present**
  - e. Evergreen-**Jason Dell**
  - f. Butte View- **Jesse Barajas and Tim Milhorn**
  - g. Greater Mt. Valley-**Mike Owen**
  - h. Mid Valley-**Tim Nobles**
  - i. Sacramento Valley-**not present**
  - j. Soccer Committee Chair-**Troy Wellington**
  - k. Section Commissioner-**Liz Kyle**
  - l. Max Preps-**Kevin Askeland**
3. Old Business
  - a. Review Guidelines-**Representative read through guidelines**
  - b. **Review Duties of Representatives-briefly reviewed responsibilities with the representatives. They are to represent all the schools within their league and not just the school where they coach. They are to present all concerns and recommendations from within their league and also communicate all discussions, changes, and decisions made by the committee back to the member schools of their league. At seeding time they are to help place the schools in the brackets within each division using the approved section soccer guidelines. They are to do this without any favoritism**
  - c. Review Soccer League Alignments For 2006-2008-**Representatives review the league alignments sheet for soccer and verified that it was updated correctly. No changes recommended.**

#### 4. New Business

- a. **Shin guard Rule and Jersey Rule-Kevin Conners: Virtually all leagues had questions regarding the enforcement of the new shin guard rule which takes effect in the fall of this year. The big question is how to comply with the rule when the shin guards are not yet available. Kevin Conners, the head assigner for the officials and officials liaison to the nation officials association informed the committee that unofficially the enforcement of the rule may be delayed until the 2008 high school season. A vote at the national level will take place at February 19, 2007. This will make the delay official if it passes. Also, Mr. Conners indicated that the new shin guard should become available possibly as early as June according to manufacturers.**
  
- b. **Field size/Flow of game issues- Jesse Barajas: Jess Barajas brought to the committee's attention concerns regarding safety issues and flow of game issues. These concerns regard were shared by several other representatives from other leagues as well. The discussion centered around balls apparently being kicked out of bounds over fences intentionally in order to stall games, run the clock, waste time and give players a breather. Most of the conversation centered around a fence at Sutter that runs parallel to the sideline and is only 2.5 yards off the sideline. Fans stand in this space between the sideline and fence leaving virtually no safety space for players. Unfortunately, this is a league issue and enforcement issue by officials and needs to be solved at that level. Troy Wellington and Liz Kyle both strongly recommend that the representatives carefully research the rules regarding they play of the sport, bring the rules to the attention of their Athletic Directors/Principals, and then have this discussion regarding safety, sportsmanship, and proper rule enforcement at a league meeting. It must be an agenda item at their meetings. If there is failure to agree within the league about the enforcement of rules of soccer as set forth by the National Federation of High Schools then the Section Commissioner may need to intervene. Kevin Conners reviewed the rules for the representatives regarding these concerns. The following points are in the rule book and should be enforced by the officials and administration at the host school:**
  1. **There is to be a 10 foot (3.3 yards) set back area from the sideline to any type of obstruction like a fence.**
  2. **Fans need to be back 10 feet (3.3 yards) as well. There is to be a line on the field that marks the 10 foot (3.3 yards) set back space.**
  3. **By rule the host school is to have an administrator on duty or a teacher acting as an administrator to enforce the fan set back area.**
  4. **By rule the home team is to have ball shaggers to prevent game flow interruptions.**
  5. **Intentionally kicking the ball out of bounds, especially by the same player, for the purpose of**

**stalling can result in the carding of the coach. This should be enforced by the officials as well as time being added to the length of the game.**

- c. **Section Play-offs for Fall/Spring soccer-Jason Dell: Jason re-opened the issue of having section play-offs for the schools that compete in soccer during the fall and spring. Troy briefly reviewed the process of how this issue needs to be addressed and what the process entails for section play-off for fall and spring ball to become a reality. Troy and Liz also informed the committee of the brief history of fall and spring soccer. A discussion of the SoCal (LA and San Diego sections play-off) came up and Troy discussed the possibility of a Nor-Cal for the Sac-Jouquin, Northern Coastal, and Northern section. When the winter soccer league school reps were asked if they had an objection to section play-off for the fall and spring season they responded that they had no objection.**
- d. Other

5. Seeding Meeting

- a. **Review Seeding Criteria-Seeding Criteria was reviewed. Seed initially by power formula to establish standings between schools in different leagues then review league standings and make adjustments as necessary in order to come up with official placement with-in the brackets.**
- b. **Review Division Breaks Based on C-Beds-The group reviewed the schools within each division and made sure that that it schools were correctly placed in each division.**
- c. Seed Division 1 Boys and Girls

**DI Boys- seeded according to play-off points, no adjustments**

**DI Girls-seeded according to play-off points, Central Valley and West Valley Flip/Flopped due to league finish guideline. There was a question regarding several games that were deleted involving Central Valley due to shortened games by the officials. It was agreed by the committee that the games should be included because they were originally scheduled as full length games but were shortened by the officials on game day due to a number of issues. This was not with in the control of the teams involve. After reviewing the data, although it will not be entered until later, Kevin Askeland stated that even counting when counting the one game in questions it might Central Valley slightly ahead of a fellow league school Corning. However, due to league finish, Corning ahead of Central Valley, they would be flip-flopped anyway. Sue Romero, asked the Kevin Askeland make the correction on the play-off points even though it will not affect seeding outcome. This would just make it official.**

- d. Seed Division 2 Boys and Girls

**DII Boys-seeded according to play-off points, Colusa and Rio Vista flip/flopped due to league finish guideline.**

**DII Girls-seeded according to play-off points, no adjustments**

e. Seed Division 3 Boys and Girls

**DIII Boys-seeded according to play-off points, Hamilton was originally seed 5<sup>th</sup>. Delta was 7<sup>th</sup>. Delta finished ahead of Hamilton due to league finish. Bishop Quinn, in a different league cannot be bumped down. So Hamilton was placed below Delta. The result was Bishop Quinn went to 6<sup>th</sup> seed to 5<sup>th</sup> seed. Delta went from 7<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and made the play-offs. Hamilton, originally at 5<sup>th</sup> drop to 7<sup>th</sup> and is out of the play-offs. Justification was that the guidelines were followed as written. Delta and Hamilton split games during the season. Furthermore, Delta defeated fellow league rival Williams once (a number 3 seed) while Hamilton loss to Williams both time. Neither team won any pre-season games.**

**DIII Girls-seeded according to play-off points, Williams and Pierce flip/flopped due to league finish.**

6. Next Meeting- Scheduled For May 14, 2007. Meeting will be at Orland High School in Tim Milhorn's room at 4:00. Troy asked the league reps to go back and inform all of their league schools of discussions at today's meeting. He also asked them to discuss any issues at their league meetings and to bring them back for discussion at the next committee meeting in May. Any item that a school would like addressed can be placed on the agenda by the league rep by e-mailing it to Troy Wellington at [twellington@suhdsd.net](mailto:twellington@suhdsd.net).
7. Adjourn Meeting-12:15 pm