



TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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Region 5 Meeting – May 14, 2020

Dr. Susan Elza/Brian Polk: UIL Update

- boy's basketball tournament: teams will get virtual recognition
- physicals: if you have an incoming 7th grader without PPE, then they have to get one. No matter what age: if they don't have one currently, they have to have one.
- if they have a physical on file that is a few years old, it is up to your discretion on if they have to get a new one
- the commissioner has to sign it for the information to be posted
- summer S&C: potential start date in June
- sports specific training: used to be 2hrs/week. Now it is looking like each kid would get 1.5 hr/day, with no more than 60 min being in one particular sport. Still looking at Mon-Thurs in June, then looking at Mon-Fri in July (still 2 hrs of S&C and 1.5 hrs of sport specific)
- will be additional regulations from governor about sanitation, etc.
- fall: once school starts, everyone will have up to 60 min of S&C outside the school day (in or out of season). Would not count towards the 8 hours if in season.
- will revisit the dead dates in July
- when are we going to start? Trying to give everyone 3-4 weeks to plan for regulations. May start as outdoors only, no equipment. Still in discussion with TEA/governor. The earliest we would start is June 8th. The latest could be June 15th. The phases will not be public from the UIL (in the case that they could change). Biggest concern is preparation.
- UIL's goal is to send out information in the next 5-10 days. No school athletic facilities can be used (should be going out on Monday).
- school facilities: people out there training (non-school coach)? You can tell them to train on a non-school field.
- officials committee on Monday: there was a lopsided pay scale for sub varsity basketball that will go to the Legislative Council for a \$5 increase overall.
- eligibility: won't have anything out on it until July because waiting for all of the scenarios. There will be grace with it. (but still only 4 years of eligibility)
- CCP postings: made an agreement with TGCA/THSCA that they would be held until after their clinics. Want to keep it as in face certification as much as possible.
- everyone is planning on having in person clinics, so get coaches registered. Support the associations that support you.
- not having radical conversations about fb/vb seasons. Do realistically recognize that fans may be reduced at games. The Friday night broadcasting rules may be relaxed, but the decision will not be made right now.
- DEC loading: typically are not loaded until after Legislative Council. Should have more info after a call with RMA. Goal is to have it around the first of June.



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- year-round calendar: Socorro ISD is one that uses it right now, not many Superintendents are in favor of it. It would be longer breaks (like the whole month of December off). We don't have any gut instinct that it is going to happen. Socorro still participates in UIL activity when they are shut down.
- Legislative Council in June: it will be virtual on June 16-17. General session then committee meetings on first day. No public hearings, they will be turn in through writing. Policy committee will be on the 17th. Only action item in athletics is the 1204 for sub varsity pay and scrimmage fee increase.
- Would you advise on creating eligibility calendar with school years possibly changing? Would move forward with it personally. Consult with admins in your school district.

State Sponsors: NFHS Network, Home Town Ticketing, RFS Sports

Committee Reports

Membership: Scott Moehlig

- 1,152 members, right around 300 in Region 5, Region 3 is 400. Encourage campus coordinators to join and continue to make sure they are members. Membership is good through July 31st.

TAAC: Ron Jackson

- 2019-20 TAAC videos are available on the website. It cannot be used for TAAC credit, only as information.
- conference agenda schedule is online. There will be 7 sessions with panels. Please encourage members to review the agenda and to submit any questions for the panels. Any questions can be submitted to Ron. Make sure any panelists, presenters, and moderators are reporting if they are still attending conference.

Athletic: Andre Walker

- Elza/Polk covered all of it!

Publications: Bernie Mulvaney

- still working on Newsletter for July
- if you have anything timely for now, you can send it to Bernie
- old Newsletters are on the THSADA website if you need some reading material

Awards: Rodney Saveat

- website has all the award winners
- you can still buy tickets for the Hall of Honor at Conference: July 13th at 11:30 am



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Policy: Vince Sebo

-any concerns/interest areas, contact Vince. Waiting for things to be announced from UIL

NIAAA: Sandra Mader

-just sent scholarship applications out
-section 6 meeting this past week for Texas
-offering classes/workshops through the NIAAA

Officials: Mike Bass

-presented to the SOC committee through the ADs on committee: \$5 fee increase across the board for sub varsity basketball. It will be presented to Legislative Council in June
-scrimmage fee increase and center points will also be going to Legislative Council
-THSADA's stance was a hold on the implementation of increase in fees for the next school year. Will be taken to the board before official stance is made in June at Council.

THSADA: Bob DeJonge

-all conferences are still on for July. Social distancing guidelines must be relaxed for them to happen. All 3 conferences' convention centers are closed as of right now. Hopeful that in the next couple weeks things will be relaxed to move forward. Will not make a call on Conference until mid-June. Talking with UIL/THSCA/TGCA to coordinate together on decisions.
-780 registrants on Spring Roundtable
-will adjust the date for the Summer Roundtable to Legislative Council
-Are your districts talking about not traveling this summer?
Travel restrictions: Katy for sure, waiting in lots of districts.

Questions Panel: Andre Walker (Houston ISD), Debbie Decker (Katy ISD), Debbie Fuchs (Clear Creek ISD), Troy Kite (Humble ISD), Ray Zepeda (Cy Fair ISD).

What strategies/priorities have been established in the past couple weeks/end the school year?

Walker: 3 of our athletic facilities are being used for testing facilities. Information sent out to his athletic coordinators: testing locations, food distribution centers to pass on to kids and to take care of themselves/families. Not pushing out a lot of athletic information right now. Made sure kids have gotten what they needed off campus and start preparing for next year by getting equipment from the campuses (helmets, etc.). Cleaning: having all facilities cleaned after testing is over. Waiting for testing to end so everything can be cleaned/athletic staff back in office.



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Decker: weekly coordinator meetings for the most up to date information. Organized each campus to get back equipment. High Schools let kids get stuff out of the lockers. Exercised social distancing, had masks, stayed 6-8 ft. away. Once they collected equipment from kids they let it sit for 7 days before laundered. In Middle Schools the coaches had bags with the kids stuff and they would put it in the trunk/kid would drop equipment off. Trying to do end of season meetings with spring sports and doing inventory for equipment.

Fuchs: Similar to Decker, did equipment pick up at HS last week. High return of kids returning things, did same thing at intermediate. End of season sport meetings just like if we were meeting face to face. Doing challenges with coaches each week: pay it forward (what can you do in your community?) Will be celebrating scholarship athletes virtually instead of a luncheon. Still setting it up.

Kite: doing budget things. Letting every department roll over any remaining budget to the next year. Hard to get equipment back on a normal year, even harder now. No punishments if things are not returned. Did equipment returns last week to determine what losses they will have equipment. Budget is a big concern.

Conditioning of helmets/to send them off or not?

Kite: High School not going to because want be able to get them back if we start on time. Did Middle School right after and in the process of getting it back.

Decker: some were already done and have gotten returned. Some have had shut downs so waiting on some to come back (stuck in an in between). System around the district of sharing with each other if needed.

Fuchs: sent them off already and got them back.

What have you done for the possible return of athletics for kids?

Kite: had a whole plan ready before UIL announcement today. No HS facilities are available to public. Had plan for open weight room, batting cages, etc. Had a detailed plan to get kids in weight room. Thermometer station, questionnaire, consent release, staggered the weight room to be less than 25%. Have gloves, masks for coaches and they would be doing the sanitization.

Walker: talked to superintendent about starting outside. As we continue to go and get more info hopefully move inside to the weight room.

Fuchs: same thing. Asking coordinators how many kids they can bring in and follow the guidelines and making plans for their campuses. Will be sent to asst. superintendent of athletics.

Decker: athletic trainers are working with asst. ADs for sanitation plans. Possibility doing outside weight rooms. We had MS track and fields open. Plan moving forward: 100 different scenarios, talked to coordinators yesterday about what if you only had 25 kids at a time.



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Zepeda: having to screen everybody who comes in now. We purchased the infrared thermometers for each campus and looking at supplies to make sure everyone is comfortable.

Kite: took the government parameters for public gyms (employees have to wear masks, etc.) TEA commissioner came in last week on his call and said if/when we get back to schools it would be 10 students to 1 teacher and we made a back up plan for that as well.

Zepeda: Susan mentioned that they will put out a lengthy Q&A from UIL to help everyone get back/up to standards.

Everyone's plans with physicals after emergency Legislative Council meeting?

Decker: May 26th we are going to the board to follow the UIL guidelines. 3rd week in July looking to use sign up genius and do an appointment type schedule. Start with coaches/bus driver physicals and as we get into August target middle school athletes.

Fuchs: have not set anything in stone because athletic trainers still want to have physicals annually. Visiting with superintendent and checking with local doctors to see if they can handle annual physical load.

Walker: everyone has to have new physicals. Have school based clinics and will be utilizing those

Kite: essentially the same thing as Katy ISD. Partner with Memorial Herman so they usually provide physical dates but staffing for that is not conducive right now. Have a list of places to go with the costs/who can handle it to send out to parents once everything is approved. If you have one on file from last year, we will use it this year.

Zepeda: 3 hospital systems that felt they couldn't service 17,000 athletes right now. Amended our policy to if you have a valid one on file and a successful questionnaire you do not have to get a new one.

Calendar: what the fall might look like/What you think it might look like?

Decker: direct supervisor started calling meetings once a week throughout the summer to discuss what it will look like. Possibility starting a week earlier, longer school days, longer break at winter, maybe kids come every other day, etc. We will fight to still have an athletic period for coaches/kids to connect.

Fuchs: similar to Katy. Possibility of a hybrid schedule: in class/online. Extended calendar with the breaks in the middle. Setting up a committee that will have a huge impact on decision making. Bringing in the community and experts that will make the decision in the next month.

Walker: same as Katy. Talked about virtual for summer school. Meet every Friday with supervisors to discuss all different kinds of possibilities: starting earlier, longer days, we will see.



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Kite: just like everybody else, superintendents are getting same information. 50% or hybrid could be very doable with athletics. 25% might be a little more difficult. The key for us is that we are very extra curricular driven. The safest way possible but getting the kids back to normal. Not seeing the year round calendar happening.

Zepeda: Local decision by everyone from my discretion. Our superintendent wants kids back on campus in the fall. But they are looking at plans for all virtual, blended model (every other day in school), as well as full participation. My concern on the blended model for athletics/the contact that comes with athletics.

Kite: if 6 ft is still a thing, sports as we know it may not happen. Have to prepare a lot of plans in advance.

Budget implications: what are you hearing about your 2020-21 budget/any cuts? What about 21-22?

Decker: spoke with CFO and he felt that we will be somewhat insulated next school year. But 21-22 will have significant cuts in education. At some point districts have stated tapping the breaks at expenditures. If they don't there will be a big break in the next year. Heard from Austin that plexi glass will be installed in the cafeteria, etc. but waiting to see. Fully think that athletic revenue will be reduced, over \$2 million last year will not happen.

Fuchs: similar to Decker, okay right now and fortunate moving into the next school year. Nervous about 21-22.

Kite: this year only essential things were brought forward in budget: officials got approved but that's about it. CFO is projecting 32-40 million operation deficit. A lot of that includes money we will not be spending next year. 21-22 could potentially be brutal. Trying not to hire anyone this year: last one in, first one out.

Walker: pretty much the same stuff. Will be fine this year but 21-22 could be rough. Will impact equipment, uniforms for the kids in the future.