



TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

1322 Space Park Drive, Suite A258 – Houston, TX 77058

Region 6 Meeting – May 19, 2020

Dr. Susan Elza: UIL Update

- no parameters for youth camps/sports: TEA and youth sports have different guidelines
- TEA documents for summer programs says no indoor activities
- no answers right now, actively working on it
- summer S&C will start June 8th
- 2 new plans: 1 would be using indoor facilities at a reduced amount; the second would be completely outdoors
- goal is to have something out by the end of the week
- physical language got approved by the commissioner; available on the COVID19 page
- actively working on regional sites; first round of fall & winter are almost secured. Spring ones should be going out soon if not already
- schools will take on the full liability when they want to start back. Some people may not start participating in June and the month of July will become pivotal. If everything is 100% in July seasons should start on time.
- TEA document still says that school facilities are closed, nothing to give above what the TEA document says
- zoom call with RMA after this: typically don't do DEC loading until after Legislative Council. Will make a final determination on call and may make it available soon. Once it is available things will be sent out.
- CCP: not planning on posting that early because we like to give TGCA/THSCA live in-person opportunities. Will not be posted until late July
- plan to be at all conferences in July in person
- eligibility calendars: plan on giving grace. Not sure what it will look like yet. Grades: trying to collect that information from schools, everyone is doing something different. Our intention is to not keep kids from being eligible. Earliest it would be communicated is July.
- school facilities: there is no gatherings that should be happening right now. If there are non-school coaches on your field it is your obligation to get them off your field. Your school facilities are not open for anyone to be on. All subject to change.
- legislative council: June 16-17, 16th: committee meetings (athletic is at 1 pm via zoom). 17th: 9 am policy meeting and 11 am full council; there will not be a public hearing. If someone has a proposal for them to consider, they have to submit it online. Already have 11 written proposals.
- officials: full proposal is posted online right now. Sub varsity basketball will be \$5 increase overall.

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Committee Reports

Tawni Angel: Membership

- sign your coaches up for conventions in July!
- membership: 124 in Region 6. Total membership is 1160.

Jody Hormann: Awards

- award winners on our website
- HOH tickets are still available to purchase. HOH will be July 13th at 11:30 am

Johanna Denson: TAAC

- 2019 videos are available on the website
- speakers are set for July: we are looking for panelist questions. If you have any to submit, please email Johanna or Jerry Littlejohn.

Dwayne Weirich: Policy

- nothing to share for policy, Dr. Elza shared everything

Shannon Rideout: Publications

- always accepting articles for Newsletter, anything timely for COVID19.
- next Newsletter will be out in July

Leal Anderson/Todd Raymond: Athletic

- nothing new to add

Denise Vanlandingham: NIAAA

- did award scholarship winners for Texas
- working on getting an active database for the region

Jonathan Lamb/Dereck Rush: Officials

- SOC met and passed the proposal for a flat fee of \$55 for sub varsity basketball
- scrimmage fee will be \$25 increase
- everything will go to Legislative Council in June

Rusty/Bob: THSADA

- still planning on having State Conference as of right now. Been working with THSCA/TGCA on the conference statuses.
- summer roundtable will be June 18th with Dr. Elza coming on with a legislative council recap. 780 registered for spring roundtable.
- this Friday BOD will have their third call with the UIL staff. Our region directors will be able to get info out to members after the meeting



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Sam Tipton/Lee Grisham: TGCA

- planning on an in-person clinic: July 6-9. July 6th will be the Awards Banquet and still plan on having the all-star games. Only all-stars will be CC, basketball, volleyball & cheerleading.
- will not know until June on what we can/cannot do for conference
- added an invoice system so you can pay later
- satellite clinic: looking at Pflugerville Sept. 26th. Still want to do it but looking to members on if they feel comfortable to do it.
- will be making an announcement in June for the satellites

Questions Panel: Dwayne Weirich (Round Rock ISD), Leal Anderson (Austin ISD), Todd Raymond (Pflugerville ISD), Janice Williamson (Bryan ISD), Jason Dean (Georgetown ISD), Jody Hormann (Leander ISD)

How is your district handling the lettering of athletes who did not participate in sports?

Williamson: our plan is to letter all the athletes who would have qualified

Dean: same plan, if they were going to get pulled up from JV to letter on varsity we're not going to hold that against them

Pool: around the country: some said they would letter when they get uniforms, they would letter all seniors, letter all athletes who did community service if they did so many hours.

How are you preparing yourself for Summer S&C?

Raymond: started purchasing sanitizer, thermometers, wipes, cleaning stuff, etc. so if/when we are allowed to start we are prepared. Do not want to rely on custodian service.

Weirich: important to start having conversations with people in leadership positions: what will we allow as a district once things are released by the UIL

How are you handling sport specific camps this summer?

Hormann: planned on being closed all of June as a district, but will try to change now with the June 8th date. Nothing indoors for the camps, unsure of what it will look like. If indoors are not able to do it, should you let outdoors do it? Something to discuss as a district/with local areas.

Dean: equity part is important if indoors cannot have a camp. Have to be mindful of that until June 8th.



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Any concerns with 2021-22 budget?

Weirich: No, budget was increased with rule changes such as officials. Do not anticipate budget cuts at this time.

Raymond: finance department did a purchasing freeze at the beginning. Got that lifted to buy stuff for the fall. Trying to make sure the purchases are needed and not wanted. With respect to next year, I requested a budget increase and got the feedback that it would not be available at this point.

How are you preparing for school starting in August?

Williamson: looked at all of the proposals from TEA as a district and looked at eliminating some of the teacher workdays/in services and bringing kids back a week earlier. As for athletics, we're working with trainers to find out the best way to get kids in weight rooms, bought backpack foggers and stocked up on everything to keep the place clean. Superintendent is tied in close with A&M so anything they do will impact us.

Anderson: do know that once we start this fall it will be different. Different calendar scenarios if there's a resurgence. Thinking that there will be a piece of school online and waiting for direction from the governor. Are we able to get fall sports up? We are hopeful but know it will be different no matter what.

Dean: do not participate in adjusting the calendar so trying to see how it all plays out. Wanting to start sports on time. Summer workout plan will be different, have to think of: how are we handling water bottles?, other scenarios. Having to adjust and think about things we haven't thought about before.

If your school day is interrupted, how does athletics fit in to the school day?

Anderson: brainstorming right now, no decisions have been made because it is difficult. Not sure how all of it would work because if you're only with 25% what do you do with the other 75%? How do you travel with those restrictions? Still a lot of work of what needs to be done around that. Want our kids to participate and be engaged as much as possible. Have had our coaches reach out as much as they can online. Face to face is big in athletics and want to get back to that as soon as possible.

What do you do if coaches are apprehensive to return?

Raymond: have already had coaches help with equipment pick up. Have flipped it back on the coach and say what can we do on our end to get you up here and comfortable with the situation. Will be interesting to see what measures we will have to take.

Anderson: will not put our coaches in a situation where they must make a decision. If we can help them so they can be comfortable and be with the kids (masks, hand sanitizers, etc.) we will do everything we can to help them feel safe in their minds.



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What strategies/priorities have you taken in your department to close things out this year?

Dean: 2 weeks ago we had the equipment pick up: one campus per day and one sport at a time; an all day process. Communicated well with student/parents on the process. Only 2 kids in locker rooms at a time and had to wear masks/gloves, cleaned out lockers in 3 minutes. Good turnout, around 75% of students showed up. Closing out department: doing end of the year meetings online through zoom. Not the way we wanted to do it but necessary.

Hormann: we are not allowing any kids in school facilities so coaching staff cleaned out lockers. Worked with their principals to have a couple days to clean out lockers and pick up days for equipment are happening this week where kids are dropping off anything they need to return as well. Closing the year: really pushed for ordering to be completed before Spring Break so not much ordering once this started happening.

Williamson: process was like Hormann's; did a lot of things district wide. Athletics went yesterday/today and the coaches bagged up the lockers and put the bags in the parking lot and the kid turned their equipment in and picks up their bag from the lockers. The cloth goods will sit for 7 days and then will be washed on the highest temperature allowed. Fogged all of the locker & equipment rooms a few weeks ago. Very few have been allowed to go on campus. All coaches are working to help with the process. Closing the year: google meets have been done for coach evaluations. Helmet reconditioning was sent in early on around Spring Break once realized Spring Football would not be happening. Budget: looking at anything ordered right now very closely because once legislature meets and oil/gas money isn't there we want to be in a position where we can survive.

What is your district doing for physical requirements?

Hormann: following UIL exceptions, it is in our board policy for every kid to get a physical every year. Have to go through some things for the board to approve that.

Anderson: same boat. Still waiting on board approval to follow UIL exception.

Williamson: very similar, have been in contact with the board and do require a physical every year but decided will follow new guidelines this year.