

NORTH BAY LEAGUE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013
DATE OF MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013
LOCATION: SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL
TIME: 3:30 PM

Facilitator: Laurie Fong, President
Recorder: Jan Smith Billing, Assistant Commissioner

AGENDA TOPIC		Athletic Director Recommendation	PURPOSE	DISCUSSION LEADER	ACTION
I.	ROLL CALL Call to order and roll call		Information	Laurie Fong	Roll call and introductions were conducted by president Laurie Fong.
II.	ADOPT AGENDA		Review, Discuss, Action	Laurie Fong	M/S/P to adopt the agenda as posted on the NBL website and presented to board members.
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES		Review, Discuss, Action	Laurie Fong	M/S/P to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
IV.	PUBLIC COMMENTS Pursuant to Ed Code 33353.2(c), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda or comment on the policies of the NBL will be heard at this time.		Opportunity for Public Input and Comment	Laurie Fong	No member of the public wished to speak on any item on the agenda or to comment on the policies and practices of the North Bay League.
V.	SAC CIF DISCUSSION ITEMS				
	A. Limitations on practice		Information, Discussion	Jan Smith Billing	
	B. CIF Bylaw 600		Information, Discussion	Jan Smith Billing	
	C. Energy Drinks		Information, Discussion		
VI.	SAC NCS ITEMS				
	A. Adjustment of badminton divisions	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the proposal to adjust the badminton divisions
	B. Amendment bylaw 24.00H to allow for a warning in tennis	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the proposal to allow for a warning in tennis
	C. Formation of competitive divisions in basketball	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Rick O'Brien	M/S/P to approve the proposal to establish competitive divisions in basketball beginning in 2014 - 2015.
	D. Adjustment to amend NCS Bylaw 1203	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the proposal to amend NCS Bylaw 1203, guidelines for officials
	E. Establishment of a penalty for teams not in compliance with NFHS soccer uniform rules.	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the penalty proposal for teams not in compliance with the NFHS uniform rules

VI.	NCS New Business					
	A.	Amendment of bylaw 504(H)f	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the proposal to require all teams to have compiled specific records for entry to NCS Championships
	B.	Class A Track & Field Proposal; NCS Area Track meet proposal	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Jan Smith Billing	M/S/P to send the NBL delegates to SAC uninstructed on this item
	C.	Badminton team tournament	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Marie Sugiyama	M/S/P to approve the team tournament as long as it is in addition to the current badminton championship format.
	D.	Adjustment to start of season in baseball and softball	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Jan Smith Billing	M/S/P to approve the proposal to move the start time for baseball and softball to February 3, 2014.
	E.	Change in criteria for at-large teams in NCS Baseball Championships	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss, Action	Jan Smith Billing	M/S/P to approve the proposal for change in the criteria for baseball at-large berths.
VII.	NBL Old Business					
	None					
VIII.	NBL New Business					
	A.	NBL Constitution proposal		Review, Discuss	Jan Smith Billing	First reading item; constitution will be voted upon in October.
	B.	Proposal to move the boys' soccer season to the winter	Support Unanimously	Review, Discuss	Laurie Fong	First reading item; constitution will be voted upon in October.
	C.	NBL Budget		Review, Discuss, Action	Laurie Fong	M/S/P to approve the budget, with an increase of \$1000 in the amount budgeted for conferences
	D.	Appropriate cheering		Review, Discuss	Laurie Fong	Discussion
IX.	Staff Reports					
	A.	Commissioner				
	B.	Assistant Commissioner		Information		Written
X.	Adjournment			Action	Laurie Fong	Meeting adjourned
	Next Meeting Monday, October 14					

MINUTES
September 4, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Roll call and introductions were conducted by President Laurie Fong

**II. ADOPT AGENDA
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The agenda was adopted as posted on the NBL website, posted at Montgomery High and as presented to Board of Managers in advance of the meeting.

Motion: Stefan Owens, Casa Grande
Second: Chris Vitrano, Windsor

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting previously emailed and posted on the NBL website.

Motion: Robert Stefan, Rancho Cotate
Second: Kimberly Clissold, Montgomery

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No person from the public wished to speak on any item on the agenda or to comment on the policies and practices of the North Bay League

V. SAC CIF DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Statewide practice guidelines
- B. CIF Bylaw 600
- C. Energy drinks

V. NCS ITEMS

- A. **RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE NCS BADMINTON DIVISIONS AS INDICATED BELOW.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Motion: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo
Second: Jerry Bonfigli, Cardinal Newman

Division 1 (1401 and above)

Alameda	Dougherty Valley	Newark Memorial
American	Hayward	Pinole Valley
Arroyo	Irvington	Richmond
Berkeley	James Logan	San Leandro
Carondelet	Maria Carrillo	Santa Rosa
Casa Grande	Mission San Jose	Washington
Castro Valley	Montgomery	Windsor
De La Salle	Mt. Eden	

Division 2 (1400 and below)

Analy	Encinal	Piedmont
Athenian School	Hercules	Piner
Chinese Christian	International	Quarry Lane
Covenant of the Sacred Heart	JF Kennedy, Fremont	Roseland University Prep
De Anza	JF Kennedy, Richmond	San Demenico
Drew School	Lick Wilmerding	SF University
El Cerrito	Moreau Catholic	Stuart Hall
Elsie Allen	Petaluma	Tennyson

- B. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT OF NCS BYLAW 24.00H TO INCLUDE A WARNING BEFORE THE POINT PENALTY SYSTEM TAKES EFFECT.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Motion: Graham Rutherford, Cardinal Newman
Second: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo*

- C. MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL DELEGATES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VOTE TO SUPPORT COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS IN BASKETBALL, BEGINNING WITH THE 2014 – 2015 SCHOOL YEAR.
MOTION FAILED**

*Motion: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo
Second: Robert Stefan, Rancho Cotate*

The SAC Sub-Committee to Develop a Proposal for Competitive Divisions in the NCS Championships is recommending competitive equity adjustments with the following parameters:

1. Competitive equity adjustments based on a five-year period of competition in the NCS Championships.
2. Requirement of teams to move up one division if their competitive equity average is equal to or greater than 8.0 over a five-year history.
3. Opportunity for teams to move down one division based on a set of criteria that balances the movement of teams.
4. Allowance of teams to petition to a division of higher enrollment.
5. Opportunity for a team required to move up a division to move down after one year based on the same criteria that determine the movement of other teams down a division.
6. Current proposal to only include the sport of basketball.
7. Movement of the petition process to the end of the basketball season.

- D. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE TO CHANGE THE NCS CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL BYLAWS 1203 GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS TO REFLECT CURRENT PRACTICES.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Motion: Robert Stefan
Second: Graham Rutherford*

A. Officials Associations

1. Accredited Officials Associations

The NCS shall forward names of the officials associations that have been accredited by the State Accreditation Team to its member leagues.

2. Use of Accredited Officials

- a. All competition hosted by an NCS member school, league or the Section in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball, water polo and wrestling shall be officiated by persons who have been certified and assigned by officials' associations that have been accredited in the respective sport by the State Accreditation Team.
- ~~b. NCS shall honor the terms of the current status of officials' associations that have received accreditation from the NCS. The State Accreditation Team must accredit associations at the end of the current terms.~~

~~Note: Officials' associations that were accredited by NCS, but have not been accredited by the State Accreditation Team, are not eligible to nominate officials for State C.I.F. regional or state championships.~~

3. Identified Officials

When there is not an officials association available to service a league in one or more of the above sports, the league will identify persons who have met the State Accreditation Team guidelines for certifying game officials in the respective sport. These identified persons may officiate contests hosted by member schools of the league.

4. League Authorization

The referee or primary event official for badminton, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis

or track shall be authorized by the league for intra-league competition.

5. **Criteria for League Authorization of Officials**

The criteria for certification of referees or primary event officials when there is no officials association available to service a league will be established by the league after input from individual officials and league representatives (e.g. league commissioner, athletic directors, and coaches).

6. **Survey of Officials Fees**

The NCS office shall distribute a survey of officials fees paid by NCS leagues and adjacent C.I.F. sections to NCS leagues and accredited officials associations which service NCS member schools for informational purposes. NCS will distribute the survey at the fall Board of Managers meeting. By December 1st, each association or league that wishes a change in its game official's fee structure for the following school year must submit in writing its proposal to the NCS commissioner and the respective official's association president or league commissioner(s).

7. **Coordinating Committee**

~~There shall be an officials association coordinating committee for each sport composed of at least one representative from each officials association which services the sport. The committees are charged with addressing the following responsibilities:~~

- ~~a. develop a common section-wide training program for officials of the respective sport,~~
- ~~b. select a section rule interpreter for the respective sport,~~
- ~~c. provide a method of funding the approved expenses of the interpreters,~~
- ~~d. develop and update a model instrument for the evaluation of officials.~~

- B. 1. Any officials' association that does not send representation to its respective sport Coordinating Committee meetings will be ~~subject to disqualification~~ **disqualified** from participating in the respective NCS Championship series event during the respective school year. **These associations are also not eligible to nominate officials for State CIF Regional or State Championships.** NCS staff will determine the eligibility of the officials association in question after considering the following criteria:

- ~~a. Attendance at previous meetings~~
- ~~b. Circumstances of missing a meeting. Example: Acts beyond the control of the representative from an officials association that did not allow a them to attend the meeting.~~
- ~~c. Accreditation status with the State Accreditation Team.~~
- ~~d. Distance and cost of traveling to the meeting.~~

E. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE TO ACCEPT THE NCS STAFF RECOMMENDATION A LOSS OF HOSTING RIGHTS IN THE SECTION PLAYOFFS FOR TEAMS THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NFHS SOCCER RULES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Motion: Stefan Owens
Second: Robert Stefan*

New rules for soccer uniforms went into effect fall 2013.

NFHS 4-1-b states *"The home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks."*

NFHS 4-1-h states *"When an illegally uniformed team is unable to correct the situation or cannot verify state association approval of the uniform, the game shall be played. The referee must, however, notify the state association following the game."*

No penalty was written into the NFHS soccer rules for non-compliance of the uniform rule. An appropriate penalty must be established or there is no way to enforce the rule. NCS staff recommends a loss of hosting rights in the section playoffs for teams that are not in compliance with the NFHS soccer uniform rules. There is no way to penalize the offending team as is done in other sports without severely impacting the outcome of the game.

Examples of other sports and uniform rule non-compliance:

Basketball – 2 technical free throws

Football – 15 yard penalty

Volleyball – 1 point penalty

VI. NCS NEW BUSINESS

**A. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND SPORTS & GENERAL RULINGS BYLAW 504H(F)
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion: Danielle Valente, Santa Rosa

Second: Kimberly Clissold, Montgomery

~~In the sport of basketball, girls' and boys' volleyball, lacrosse, team tennis, water polo, softball and baseball, a team shall have compiled either an overall winning record for the season, or a winning record against teams in its own division/class, or a winning record in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships.~~ In the sports of **baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, and soccer, softball, team tennis, volleyball, and water polo**, a team shall have compiled either an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses, or an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses against teams in its own classification, or an equal number of wins and losses against teams in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships. (*Board of Managers, 1/18/08*)

Description of the Proposal:

See above: ~~strike through~~ eliminated, **bold** is added.

1. All sports should be treated equally. We have segregated out football because it plays fewer games; we have segregated out soccer because there are ties. We can probably make an argument for segregating out other sports for other reasons. This is simply not fair. All sports should be treated equally.
2. "Competitive equity" has increasingly become a factor in alignment. While it's always been listed as one of two factors in making alignment decisions, in reality geographic proximity was the primary factor. This past realignment however, a majority of the schools in both the Marin/Sonoma Conference and the Bayshore Conference realigned with an emphasis on competitive equity. This means more schools with tough league schedules. Many NCS leagues in many sports are extremely competitive and it's not unusual for quality teams to have losing records in their own league, making it also difficult to achieve an overall winning record (two Valley Conference leagues are composed almost entirely of D-! schools). Do we want to encourage schools to schedule "patsies" in preseason to ensure NCS qualification? The NCS should not be doing anything that would discourage schools from making scheduling decisions that emphasize challenging schedules.
3. The NCS is expecting teams to schedule challenging non-league opponents for their optional games as this is an important factor in committee seeding decision. I believe there was a team that went to the state basketball championships that had a losing record in its own league. I believe there was another basketball team ranked in the top 25 by local media in November and December that did not qualify for the NCS playoffs because it only had an "equal number of wins and losses." It had a challenging non-league schedule and challenging league schedule. We should not be encouraging teams to schedule easy opponents for non-league games just to qualify for NCS playoffs.
4. Some NCS brackets in many sports remain unfilled. There are frequently openings in the 16-team brackets, giving some top-rated NCS teams a slight advantage over other top-rated NCS teams. This proposal would fill SOME of those openings.
5. The wording of #504 h (f) has changed frequently over the years as NCS playoffs have evolved. Originally the item mandated an overall winning record; then winning record in your division was added; then, even-even record in football was added; then even-even record in soccer was added; then winning record in your league was added. We need to continue to tweak the rule.

**B. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSAL TO REFORMAT THE NCS CLASS A TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE AREA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE AFTER WEIGHING THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSAL AND ITS EFFECT ON THE LEAGUE.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo

Second: Graham Rutherford, Cardinal Newman

1. 25.401H Class A Championships
The Class A meet will be held on ~~one~~ **two days** at a ~~single~~ site(s) **to be determined by NCS staff** and will conduct all running events as timed finals. ***Trials will be conducted on the first Saturday of the Class A championships and the finals will be conducted on the succeeding Saturday of the Class A Championships.*** All Class A schools (which enter competitors) must provide personnel for officiating the meet and assist the Class A Track Committee/Meet Director with the conduct of the meet.
2. 25.404H ~~Area~~ **Divisional** Championships
Authorize NCS staff and the Track and Field Advisory Committee to develop criteria that would change the area meets to divisional meetings that categorize team championships to be awarded by size of schools. The ~~Area~~ **Divisional** Championships would be a one-day format held on Saturday.
3. Authorize the NCS staff to change all sections and wordings of the Track General Sports Rulings to reflect these adjustments.
Purpose:
 1. To change the North Coast Section Track & Field Championship Playoff Structure so that the Meet of Champions trials and finals are on separate weekends.
 2. To change the NCS Track & Field Bayshore, Redwood Empire, and Tri-Valley meets to divisional championship meets.

Rational:

By reformatting the NCS playoff structure, athletes will:

1. have a greater change to achieve maximal results
2. have a greater change to qualify on to the state championships
3. achieve greater results while at the state meet
4. reduce risk of overuse injuries
5. more teams will be in contention for overall team championships
6. Athletes will no longer miss a day of class instruction because all championship meets will be held on Saturday

Currently, the NCS is one of the last sections to structure its playoffs to include a two-day, back-to-back final "Meet of Champions." This format, designed to mimic the CIF Championship Meet, is outdated and now hinders NCS teams and athletes from performing their best. Just recently, the NCS was stripped of one of its automatic state meet berths, going from four automatic bids to three. In essence, potentially 44 NS athletes [14 individual events, 8 relay members x 2 (boys and girls)] or 25% of athletes who formerly would have participated in the state championship meet now will not. The rationale used was that the performance of the fourth place NCS athlete was sub-par when compared to the first non-qualifier from the Southern Section. While this may be true, the fact that under the section's current two-day, back-to-back system, an NCS athlete must run the full compliment of his/her events on Friday and then, often less than 24 hours later, be prepared to equal or exceed those performances. The results are often that athletes suffer from fatigue (which leads to injury), athletes competing in multiple events cannot duplicate their performances and do not qualify, qualifying athletes performances suffer and they get disadvantageous lanes, flights, and heats at the state meet and/or athletes who may have been able to achieve an "at-large" standard do not because, again, they are too fatigued. Lastly, the current playoff format does not allow competitive equity amongst schools of similar sizes. Teams competing past their league meets are placed in geographic regions that do not account for school size. Thus, most of the team titles won in the Tri-Valley, Bayshore, and Redwood Empire meets have been won by larger schools.

Specifics:

The NCS should revamp its playoff system in order to address the above stated concerns. Essentially, the new system would add a week to the playoff structure, instead of a structure that looks like:

League meet t(week 1) to area meet (week 2) to two-day Meet of Champions (week 3)

The new structure would look like:

League meet (week 1) to divisional finals (week 2) to Meet of Champions trials (week 3) to Meet of Champions final week 4).

The new structure mimics the system employed by the Central Coast Section, Sand Diego Section, and Southern Section. It essentially requires league meets to commence one week earlier than they currently do. For example, the TCAL meet is scheduled for May 9th and 11th. This new structure would require the TCAL meet to be contested May 2nd and 4th. Then, instead of an area meet based on geography, teams

participate in a divisional meet based on school size. Week 3 is the Meet of Champions Trials, which is the same meet that we currently use except that instead of being contested one day before the finals, it is contested one week before. Lastly, the Meet of Champions Final does not change.

Example:

Under the current system, School "A"

- Participates in their league meet (week 1) where 6 – 8 athletes qualify to their area meet (which are based on geographic location).
- From their area meet (week 2), 7 athletes qualify to the Meet of Champions Trials (week 3, Friday).
- From the Meet of Champions Trials, the top 8 advance to the Meet of Champions Final (week 3, Saturday).

Under the proposed system, School "A"

- Participates in their league meet (week 1, held a week earlier) where a specific number of entries are awarded into divisional finals, which are based on school size.
- From the divisional finals (week 2), a specific number of entries are awarded into the Meet of Champions Trials (week 3).
- From the Meet of Champions Trials, 9 entries are awarded to the Meet of Champions Finals (week 4). The top 12 performances in the 800, 1600, 3200, and all field events will advance.

Note: All qualifying meets under both systems utilize "at-large" entries except the Meet of Champions Trials to Finals.

Conclusion:

The new system accomplishes several things:

1. It promotes competitive equity and allows schools to compete for a division championship against schools of similar sizes.
2. It allows athletes the time to recover and put forth their very best effort in the Meet of Champions final, which may mean preferred lanes, flights, and heats at the state meet.
3. It allows athletes the time to recover and put forth their very best effort in hopes of achieving an "at-large" entry into the state meet.
4. It allows athletes the time to recover. A reasonable conclusion to this is that athletes are less susceptible to injuries, especially over-use related injuries.
5. Athletes will no longer miss a day of class instruction because all championship meets will be held on Saturday.

C. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING PROPOSE TO KEEP THE BADMINTON SINGLES AND DOUBLES TOURNAMENT AS CURRENTLY PLAYED AND ADD A TEAM TOURNAMENT AS DEFINED IN THE PROPOSAL. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo

Second: Stefan Owens, Rancho Cotate

A proposal to replace the present D1 and D2 badminton tournaments (14.301H) with badminton team tournaments, very much like the wrestling team tournaments (28.300H). Schools would be represented by their entire teams, not by individuals who qualify through a league tournament. Automatic berths would be apportioned out as they are not in other sports; at-large berths would be selected as they are in other sports.

Rational in Support of Proposal: Badminton is a team sport; the NCS tournaments should be team competitions, emphasizing team play.

D. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE TO MOVE THE START DATE FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TO FEBRUARY 3, 2014, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE SEASON TO BE THE SAME LENGTH AS IT WAS LAST YEAR. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: Chris Vetrano, Windsor

Second: Kimberly Clissold, Montgomery

Rationale:

1. *The start date for baseball and softball is based on the date of the CIF State track and field championships. This year, these championships are scheduled for June 6, 7, 2014. Last year, these championships were held on May 31 and June 1.*
2. *Last year, the season began on February 4 and ended on June 1, which created a 17-week season.*
3. *This year, the NCS season of sport begins on February 10 and the NCS Baseball and Softball Championships will be held on May 31, which will result in a 16-week season.*
4. *The start date for the baseball and softball seasons should be based on when the NCS baseball and softball championships are held so that the seasons are the same length from year to year.*

E. RECOMMENDATION TO INSTRUCT THE NBL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NCS SPORTS ADVISORY MEETING VOTE TO CHANGE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AT-LARGE TEAMS FOR BASEBALL ONLY.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: Danielle Valente, Santa Rosa

Second: Randy Burbank, Maria Carrillo

Rule 514H should be changed to eliminate any wording that requires teams to be over 500 over□all, in their league, or in their division. In baseball, where our situation is unique by having pitchers/line□ups change from game to game it creates an unfair tournament advantage for teams that receive a bye. Byes should be eliminated for all future NCS baseball tournaments.

Rational for the change:

1. Pitching changes from game to game. Giving an advantage to bye teams in round two and four being able to throw their number one pitcher against another team two. Baseball is unique and should be handled differently than other sports. Line□ups in other sports remain the same throughout tournaments therefore keeping the playing field even.
2. Quality teams have been left out of the tournament by current criteria. For example in 2012 a quality Amador Valley team who was 12□12 and very capable was left out creating a bye and the one team with the bye won the tournament.
3. The criteria also allows for teams with a losing record to get in by virtue of the over 500 in their division. Teams have had big losing records over□all in their league, but are two or three and one in their division and are playing
4. No other section plays baseball tournaments with byes. The pre□established 8 or 16 best teams in the Division are selected, regardless of record, and all teams must play every round using pitching to keep the playing field even.
5. All previous years where there have been byes the championship has been won by a team with a bye. When the tournament was filled, teams from many different seeds have won.
6. This is simply fixed by having the committee fill the tournaments with the 8 or 16 best teams in the division regardless of any records.

VII. NBL OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. NBL NEW BUSINESS

A. NBL Constitution adoption

Review of the proposed NBL Constitution (pages 1 – 15). This item will be voted upon at the next meeting.

B. Discussion of the proposal to move the boys' soccer season from the fall to the winter. This was a first reading. This item will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Rationale:

1. *The MCAL boys' soccer schedule is moving to the winter season, so there will be 9 leagues or conferences playing in the winter.*
2. *The move would eliminate the possibility of local teams playing against each other over and over again, as has happened in the past.*
3. *More referees would be available as they would not all be concentrated in one season.*
4. *Girls' soccer would remain in the fall, allowing them to move their games to Tuesday and Thursday to avoid conflicts with football games and dances.*
5. *With the boys and girls having a different season of sport, more practice facilities would be available for the teams as there will be fewer teams sharing the available practice facilities.*

6. *If the CIF establishes a State Soccer Championship, it would be played in the winter, which is the official CIF season of sport.*
7. *Club soccer programs would adjust their break period from the current fall season to the winter season if this proposal is approved.*

**D. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE NBL BUDGET FOR 2013 – 2014 WITH THE ADJUSTMENT OF ADDING \$1000 TO THE AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CONFERENCES.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Motion: Gordon Oslund, Ukiah
Second: Brad Coscarelli, Santa Rosa*

**E. Discussion of appropriate student section cheering and sportsmanship.
*Student representatives from Montgomery, Windsor, and Santa Rosa were present.***

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Commissioner
- B. Assistant Commissioner

WRITTEN REPORT

X. ADJOURNMENT

**RECOMMENDATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 PM.
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 3:30 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL.**

Motion: Brad Coscarelli, Santa Rosa
Second: Kimberly Clissold, Montgomery

SCHOOLS AND REPRESENTATIVES

<p>Cardinal Newman High School Graham Rutherford, Principal Jerry Bonfigli, Athletic Director</p>	<p>Rancho Cotate High School Robert Steffan Angie Scardina, Assistant Principal</p>
<p>Casa Grande High School Stefan Owens, Assistant Principal Rick O'Brien, Athletic Director</p>	<p>Santa Rosa High School Brad Coscarelli, Principal Danielle Valente, Assistant Principal Kathy Hower, Athletic Director</p>
<p>Maria Carrillo High School Randy Burbank, Assistant Principal</p>	<p>Ukiah High School Gordon Oslund, Principal</p>
<p>Montgomery High School Kimberly Clissold, Assistant Principal Laurie Fong, Principal</p>	<p>Windsor High School Chris Vetrano, Vice Principal Jeff Hardie, Athletic Director</p>
	<p>STAFF: Maria Sugiyama, NBL Commissioner of Athletics Jan Smith Billing, Assistant NBL Commissioner</p>