

WBB Minutes for 3/26/12 conference call

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1. Officials

- a. Quality** – discussion ensued about increasing quality
- b. Pay** – next year we are scheduled to pay \$210 per official/per game; willing to pay more, but only if we get BETTER officials. Current agreement expires after 2012-13.
- c. Rating** – request that PSAC use a 1 – 5 rating scale for officials throughout the season and in the post-season.
- d. Selection of officials during regional play** – sentiment was that PSAC should go further into the pool to ensure that the same official is not working a game with the same teams in the post-season.

2. Game Day procedures

- a. Game clock to start at 60:00 and run down** – this was agreed to last year, but was inadvertently left out of the operating code. It will be sent out to the SIDs and Athletic Administrators for next year.
- b. Game timing sheet** – same as above
- c. Honoring Senior Day** – discussion regarding what is and isn't appropriate for pre-game honor ceremonies. It will not be legislated, but coaches and administrators are encouraged to use their best judgment in limiting such ceremonies to 5 minutes, and to even pursue a break from the normal timing sheet, to allow more warm-up time after such a ceremony.

3. GTE/Video guidelines

- a. Complete games**
- b. Score of games throughout**
- c. Film shot to include entire half-court**

All of the above is contained in the basketball operating code under section 2.4.1. If institutions are receiving downloaded games that do not meet these guidelines, please inform the Commissioner, who will address the issue.

d. Sound

- i. Mute or reduce conversation, especially bad language of filmer** Coaches want to continue to have sound on the game film, but strongly urge the filmer (student) to limit all personal conversations and bad language, in particular.

4. Tournament

a. If 12 team tournament is approved

- i. First round to stay divisional, with highest seed to host
- ii. Engage crossover on the quarterfinal weekend

Two tournament options were discussed:

- 1) Saturday – Thursday – Friday – Saturday
- 2) Saturday – Tuesday – Friday – Saturday

MOTION: Option 1 was approved by a 9-7 vote.

Discussion ensued regarding when the crossover would take place. Saturday will definitely be a divisional game at the highest seed. Thursday of the tournament (all 8 remaining schools at one site) could be a crossover, or could remain divisional. If the crossover occurs, there is the possibility that the teams in the final four would not equally represent East and West. No decision was made, as the vote was tied, 8-8.

b. If 12 team tournament is NOT approved, or if it is

i. retain equal access to the tournament (4 or 6 East division; 4 or 6 West division)

If the tournament stays at 8 teams, or increases to 12 teams, equal access to the tournament will continue.

ii. and base tournament bids on divisional games only

A vote was taken to go back to counting divisional games only for determining tournament bids. The motion failed 7-9.

5. Post Season Rule concerning CARA and the National Championship – Bylaw 17.1.6.2.1 (e)

MOTION: The coaches unanimously support having the Commissioner pursue a co-sponsor for legislation for the 2013 convention that would allow out-of-season activities to begin as soon as the championship season is complete *for that team* (last game). Current rule prohibits any activities from the end of your season through the championship game.

6. Other business

Men's basketball agenda:

1. **Elimination of mandated crossovers.** A vote was taken and it failed 7-9.
2. **Discussion making sure that we keep the integrity and composition of the PSAC East & West divisions.** Discussed within the WBB agenda.
3. **MOTION: Expansion of the playoff system to 16 teams.** A vote was taken and it passed, 11-5.