

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON SELECTING STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Minutes of September 14, 2011

The State Tournament Official Selection Committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the NSAA Office. Dr. Dallas Watkins chaired the meeting.

Committee members present Matt Uher, Tri County High School; Kim Carson, Lincoln Southwest High School; Todd Yorges, Official; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town High School, District II Board of Director; Roni Huerta, Omaha South High School; Tom Lee, Omaha Central High School; Richard Smith, Official; Ken Mar, Official; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek High School, District III Board of Director; Larry Wells, Official; Rocky Ruhl, Wayne High School; Jeff Schwartz, Official; Rick Petri, Kearney Catholic High School; Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton High School, District V Board of Director; and Pete Moreno, Official. Committee members unable to attend were Willie Beamon, Official; Dave Kuhlen, Wauneta-Palisade High School; Russ Pankonin, Official; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney High School. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff Dr. Steve Shanahan, Jon Dolliver, Nate Neuhaus and Debra Velder.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of a mandatory sit-out period for state basketball officials. It was moved by Larry Wells, seconded by Todd Yorges, that there be a 2-year sit-out period for state basketball officials that have worked 5 consecutive state tournaments (boys/girls or any combination of both) and that an official will only be contracted to work the district or state tournaments in the gender of which they have worked at least 5 regular season games of the 20 required high school varsity games. Officials will be selected as individuals and not as a crew.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Wells, seconded by Richard Smith, that for a basketball official to be considered to officiate the state basketball tournament, the official would be required to attend an official's clinic every 3 years. **Motion Carried, 12 For** (Uher, Carson, Yorges, Reznicek, Huerta, Lee, Smith, Mar, Wells, Schwartz, Petri, Moreno), **2 Against** (Bellar, Ruhl).

The committee also discussed recruitment and evaluation of officials as well as the need for a statewide Officials Advisory committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Debra Velder, Associate Director