

AHSAA Medical Advisory Board Meeting
February 26, 2017
MINUTES

Those Present: Dr. Lawrence Lemak, Dr. Jimmy Robinson, (Co-Chairmen); Stacey Harrelson (District 1); Drew Ferguson (District 5); Dr. A.E Joiner, (District 7); Pam Robinson (District 4); Dr. Jeff Dugas (District 5); Marshal Smith (District 2).

AHSAA Staff: Steve Savarese, Executive Director AHSAA; Ron Ingram, Assistant Director AHSAA; Kim Vickers, Assistant Director AHSAA; Alvin Briggs, Director of AHSADCA; Wanda Gilliland, Assistant Director AHSAA; Tony Stallworth, Associate Executive Director AHSAA.

Guests: Dragon Fly representatives: Kirk Miller, Brandon Wallace, Clint Sanders

Introductions and Welcome: Mr. Steve Savarese introduced the AHSAA staff and visitors and thanked the committee for its service and reminded them of their importance in helping establish health and safety policies for the AHSAA.

Topics of Discussion:

Dr. Jimmy Robinson: introduced representatives from Dragon Fly-a mobile athletic medical records platform for delivering all AHSAA forms for athletic health and safety (concussion form, pre-participation physical form, and injury report status.) Kirk Miller, Dragon Fly-outlined the basics of Dragon Fly MAX. Brandon Wallace of Dragon Fly-provided details of what Dragon Fly can offer the AHSAA. After much discussion of the pros and cons of the program, Dr. Robinson made a motion, Dr. Lemak seconded, that the committee table the incorporation of Dragon Fly until the committee has had more time to review and to evaluate options for inclusion with C2CSchools. A unanimous vote carried.

Dr. Robinson updated the committee on tele conferencing for medical issues in wrestling for the past year and reviewed the proposed rule change for the NFHS. Dr. Robinson made a motion that the AHSAA medical advisory committee submit a rule proposal to the NFHS at the next national medical advisory meeting. A unanimous vote carried. Ron Ingram will contact Bob Colgate of the NFHS to present this proposal. (add proposed rule here)

Dr. Robinson made a motion to amend wording on the current Medical Release Form for Wrestler Participation by adding a stipulation regarding molluscum contagiosum with "Upon appropriate treatment with curettage and hyfrecator, may cover bioocclusive and wrestle immediately" to the current medical release form for Wrestler to Participate with a skin Lesion. A second and vote carried the motion.

After discussing covering the cioclusive for a wrestler to participate because in regular season the referee is the one who evaluates the cioclsuive and determines if wrestler can compete to the sectionals and state championships where a medical doctor evaluates and makes the determination. A very subjective ruling because of lack of training. A motion was made to submit a proposal to the NFHS medical advisory board.

Ron Ingram provided an update on the new Pitch Count Guidelines and thanked the MAB for their leadership in advising the state of Alabama and for being a model that the NFHS followed. The new software APP will provide season to career data on how many pitches an athlete throws. Because of the data the reports can provide, the AHSAA and MAB can use the data to track injuries in the future. Mr. Savarese asked the MAB for help in getting pitch count guidelines out to the public and other organizations that students participate in such as recreational leagues, showcases, baseball leagues etc. Dr. Dugas will write an article for the February AHSAA update.

Mr. Savarese discussed a proposal submitted to the AHSAA to allow football players to participate in all-star programs and events outside the season. After some discussion Dr. Lemak made a motion that the MAB remain strongly against a proposal that would allow more contact and to stay focused on the mission of the MAB to decrease contact and not increase contact. A second and vote carried the motion.

Dr. Dugas asked if the AHSAA provides disclosures on behalf of the AHSAA. Mr. Savarese informed the board that at this time the AHSAA does not provide disclosures because the mission of the AHSAA is to always do what is right for the best interest and health of the student-athletes.

Dr. Robinson asked the board members to sign up for a month to provide a medical advisory article to the AHSAA to be printed in the monthly updates.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.