

**2008 NFHCA ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**Division I Membership Meeting Action Items**  
**January 15-17, 2009**

Moderator: Sarah Catlin, Division I Group Representative

The Division I Membership discussed and took action on the following items during its January, 2009 meetings:

Voted to approve Action Items from the 2008 Convention.

In favor- 53

Opposed- 0

Abstention- 0

**NFHCA Coaches Poll**

Jennifer Goodrich noted to the membership that the 2008 NFHCA Coaches Poll was satisfactory in the number of coaches voting each week.

**Committee Reports:**

Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year Committee report was given by Julie Mazer, Lehigh University, the Chair of the Committee. It was noted by Mazer that the current Coach of the Year nomination form contains a timeline and a post-season record column. The voting for the Coach of the Year will happen following the completion of the Division I Final Four.

Player of the Year- Regional and National

The report was given by Becca Kohli, Quinnipiac University. It was suggested by Kohli that the Div I membership consider supporting a National Player of the Year in addition to the Regional Players of the Year, consistent with Div II and Div III practice.

Voted to not nominate National Player of the Year

In Favor= 31

Opposed= 21

Abstain= 1

National Academic Committee

The report was given by Ainslee Lamb, Boston College, Chair of the Committee. It was noted that all forms must be completed, signed by the compliance officer, and faxed. Also, the forms should be completed and emailed so that the data collection and entry is easier. New for 2009, 4 year award winners will receive special recognition.

### Senior All-Star Game

The report was given by Pat Rudy, Lock Haven University, Committee Chair. Rudy emphasized that coaches must tell athletes that it's a commitment. Coaches need to alert the student athlete to the expenses before nomination. There has been a problem with attendance that must improve. It has been suggested to move the game to an earlier time for improved temperature conditions and ease of attendance, by Amy Robertson, Indiana University.

Voted to have the NFHCA pay for the hotel rooms for the Seniors at the All-Star game.

In Favor= 32

Against= 0

Abstain= 0

The Div I membership discussed the following issues on the agenda as brought forth by the membership:

### **Recruiting calendar**

It has been discussed that having a quiet period improves quality of life for coaches and athletes. There are two ways suggested by other sports:

- A quiet period protects time of year for coaches and student-athletes
- "Countable days" levels the playing field for recruiting opportunities

Voted to have the discussion about a possible implementation of a recruiting calendar.

For: 36

Against: 12

Abstain: 0

The discussion points for implementing a recruiting calendar are: (1) it would help even the playing field for programs with a smaller recruiting budget (2) showcases would not be run during a dead period so students and coaches would have some time off.

The discussion points for against implementing a recruiting calendar were that limiting opportunities during vacation periods can hurt smaller programs that travel during that time already. Additionally it was noted that kids should have as many opportunities to play as possible.

Voted to keep the recruiting calendar as is.

In favor: 37

Opposed: 12

Abstained: 5

Voted to add a friendly amendment to not discuss the recruiting calendar till 2011

In favor: 7

Against- 39

Abstain- 2

## **Sport Viability**

The membership brainstormed possible programs that would be looking to add field hockey or a women's sport in the upcoming years. These programs include: Florida, Clemson, NC State, UNC Charlotte (probably in 2013), Colorado, Northern Colorado, Denver, Colorado College, Colorado State, Stony Brook, and Wisconsin.

The membership brainstormed possible field hockey spokespeople who could reach out to these institutions to encourage field hockey membership. These people include: Mike Tiner, Jim Johnson, Beth Beglin, Dr. Christine Grant, Pam Hixon, Christy Morgan, Carol Norris, Terry Walsh.

## **NCAA Committee Report**

Nancy Lyons on behalf of the Div I liaison D'Ann Keller met with the membership to go over NCAA issues. Lyons encouraged members to join committees and serve in volunteer positions when asked by the NCAA.

For the selection, 5 criteria are used: Win/loss record, strength of schedule, RPI, head to head, common opponents. It was noted that the cabinet agreed to change selection process for the NCAA tournament and devised calculation for strength of schedule for selection. The RPI is much more of a hard stat and now broken down in way for strength of schedule. In addition to the numbers the committee has seen teams play and the RPI shows how teams are playing.

As a reminder, the automatic qualifiers are set by the previous year conference RPI. In 2009, we are looking at a play in game for Tuesday Nov. 10, the first and second round on Nov 14-15 and on Nov 20-22 Championship @ Wake Forest (Fri. & Sun prior to Thanksgiving).

The NCAA official ball agreement with Penn Monto was extended and expires Aug. 31, 2011

## **Camp Names**

NFHCA President Amy Fowler reported on an NCAA interpretation update that there was a statement out earlier this year, you can now call your camp whatever you want. So calling it an Elite camp with no reference to selection based on talent when naming camp is fine. Information is posted on website and needs to be in compliance with NCAA.

## **Scouting Opportunity**

The membership followed up on a 2008 motion to receive scouting opportunities. In light of economic influences, the membership decided to craft an exception to the scouting legislation instead of trying to create new legislation that would imply increased institutional cost.

Exception: Institutional staff members are permitted to scout opponents in circumstances where no additional institutional expense is incurred. Exception applied to all scouting opportunities which may or may not occur in combination with travel provided by institution.

There was a vote to adopt the stated exception to the rule.

For: 55,  
Against- 2,  
Abstain: 2

## **Talentlink**

There have been frustrations with quality of the Player Information Guide at Festival and NFCs. There have been questions about the timeliness and accuracy of material. Pam Stuper is meeting with representatives of the USFHA and will bring up the issue with them.

## **Redefining the Coaching Box**

There was a vote to redefine the coaching box as the 25-50 yard line, 5 yards back from sideline with both feet on ground. Only communication from those coaches inside the box is allowed to players.

For = 40  
Against= 11  
Abstain= 9