

## **ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING January – Agenda item 6.4**

### **Modified Committee Report**

**January 2011**

**Chairpersons: Adam Stoltman (Boys), Katie McGowan (Girls)**

Minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 Meeting

Katie McGowan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Present

Katie McGowan- Girls Representative

Steve Ferenczy- ECIC

Timothy McMullen- CCAA

Heather Ratka- NFL

Timm Slade- Executive Director

Absent with Notification

Adam Stoltman- Boys Representative

Jeff Roth- NO

- I. We reviewed the state modified minutes
  - a. Discussion from league and sectional approvals, Timm wanted clarification on what pilot programs were being done in the section.
  - b. Section 6 is participating currently in three pilot programs, softball, track and field and wrestling. Please fill out the surveys to see if the pilots are successful.
  - c. There was discussion about the fact that something is in the handbook does not mean that the section has approved it to be used. For example the mercy rule in baseball and softball, we are not using this rule. Yet, some of our leagues are using it without approval. If there is a discrepancy amongst the leagues and what rules are being followed please contact Adam Stoltman or Katie McGowan for clarification.
- II. Spring Sports Preview
  - a. The biggest concern was the pitching distance for softball because in the handbook there is no maximum for distance only minimum; one league has talked about moving the mound back for the modified level as well. Timm is going to get clarification from the state if it is going to be high school only even though there is no maximum distance.
- III. Budget Concerns
  - a. The majority of our discussion was based on the simple fact that programs have a high possibility of being cut and what do we have for some options so programs will survive the economic hardships. The discussion revolved around the concept of having a 7-8-9 modified "c" program with league approval and elimination of JV. Some of our smaller leagues are losing programs and this may help to secure a modified program for school district. This would help with cost cutting measures if some of the modified rules are altered from the state. Modified would travel with varsity, use referees at a less expensive rate and they would actually gain games as well. It was agreed upon that at the Spring Modified meeting in Albany that Katie would present this as an alternative with full understanding that the process could be very slow and not all of the leagues will follow suite. There was discussion that this way is just a way to get around selective classification and is it going to be safe? These are all items that will be discussed at the spring meeting.