

PSAC SID Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018 – 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call

- Representatives from Bloomsburg, California, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Gannon, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Mercyhurst, Pitt-Johnstown, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, West Chester, PSAC

Baseball Tournament

- Review of 2018 Baseball Tournament was discussed, including structure of tournament and late-night contests. While the group feels that these concerns will need to be addressed by coaches and administration, SID's expressed considerations be made for video broadcasting capabilities when looking into future site bids.

PSAC Awards Voting

- Discussion regarding voting for All-PSAC teams, specifically one that resulted in a nominee not voted All-PSAC, but went on to earn All-Region accolades. The PSAC shared its history of nominating and voting, while other schools shared similar instances of qualified student-athletes not earning postseason awards.

Concerns over current tennis All-PSAC requirements were discussed, with the PSAC and PSAC Awards Committee taking note for future discussion.

One area of recommendation was addressed, regarding unique logins for coaches to nominate and vote for All-PSAC. Current structure does not supply unique logins and leaves opportunity for potential concern. PSAC shared that it has capability to change passwords, and will work with SIDEARM to create unique logins for all coaches, and including SIDs as "keepers of logins" for each school.

PSAC Network

- Discussion on Year 1 of the PSAC Network, and concerns moving forward into Year 2. The group felt that specific features of current contract needed to be addressed, including but not limited to: producing in-game highlights, social interaction, continued work to improve live stats, mobile adaptability, inability to scroll backward/forward in live broadcast, video archive timelines, and archives not always showing in HD.

PSAC shared concerns over mandating a universal graphics package. SIDs provided specific school info on software use, as the PSAC expressed willingness to purchase licenses to get to a high-performing uniform software.

PSAC informed members of a 4-year contract with current provider. PSAC asked SIDs to put together listing of concerns. The Streaming Committee would work to resolve issues with the current provider.

- PSAC Blueprint review: discussion rose regarding the inclusion of events shown "exclusively" on the PSAC Network. The PSAC feels that the goal of the Network should be "exclusivity", but not

expected in 2018-19, or until concerns have been met by service provider. After discussion, the PSAC will table "exclusive" until after 2018-19.

Regarding broadcasting, when scheduling conflicts arise, institutions can choose to only supply broadcasters for one event. SIDs asked PSAC to include official verbiage in Blueprint to address course of action when scheduling conflicts arise.

PSAC's goal is to have video coverage at championship events - SIDs brought up concern of HD-capable internet connections at facilities, specifically those off campus, and asked if internet capabilities can be brought up in site bid coverage. Structure of provided PSAs was discussed.

- Greg Knowlden (ESU) led a discussion regarding the mandating of non-conference events, providing dated information regarding the number of non-conference volleyball and basketball games scheduled by institutions, with discussion geared around finances. Discussion closed with clarification that the PSAC will note in Blueprint that schools only are required to broadcast PSAC mandated events on the PSAC Network.

The PSAC took additional suggestions regarding campus-wide support that it will present to university presidents on Tuesday.

Reporting Structure for SIDs

- Dave Leisering (Bloomsburg) took poll on reporting structure across the league (public relations vs. athletics), and will report finding to SIDs.

Mandated Conference Games on Sundays

- First-year review of mandated Sunday games in men's and women's soccer. Conversation blossomed into the group's stance on the controversial item regarding basketball games between Dec. 29 and Jan. 2. Schools have already begun scheduling games, including splitting men's and women's doubleheaders into two dates.

Swimming Athlete of the Week

- Discussion regarding the first swimming athlete of the week of the season, usually encompassing a team's first 3-4 events of the year. The PSAC detailed its structure for determining when to release its first Athlete of the Week, and has agreed to "comfortably adjust" when yearly schedules are produced.

Photography at PSAC Championship events

- Discussion regarding issues with photography not available for PSAC Champion-Scholar and PSAC Championship photos, and asked if the PSAC could put in assurances that photos will be taken. The PSAC agreed and mentioned the possibility of the league office investing in a camera and working with league SIDs to get photos taken.

"Of the Week" Awards

- PSAC provided info from other D2 conferences with regard to Defensive & Freshman of the Week awards. With potential changes to divisional and award formats in multiple sports. SID group agreed to continue with the current structure and discuss as necessary in the future.

Heaslip Awards Nominees

- SIDs spoke on respective nominees for George Heaslip Media Award. PSAC gathered additional candidates and will send ballots out to SIDs at a later date.

D2 National Championships in Pittsburgh

- Jon Holtz (ROCK) informed group about XC site changes for 2018 Regionals and National Championships, moving to a site off campus.

ECAC-SIDA & CoSIDA

- Reminders to register ASAP for both. Encouraged all to pass along feedback on information on regional or national level. Recommendation of NCAA Regional Rankings be emailed out to SIDs on a weekly basis.

Video Production Support

- PSAC mentioned the possibility of having video seminars in early August, including broadcasters and technicians. More details will be provided at a later date.

InGenious Sports (new stats software)

- Info provided on new stats software, InGenious Sports', new partnership with the NCAA. Basketball updates are scheduled for launch in 2018-19, with additional sports slated for future years.

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