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| SSWA LOGO Transparent 3cm | **SCHOOL SPORT WA**  **MINUTES**  **SHS Country Delegates Meeting**  Thursday 28 Nov 2024 | SSWA LOGO Transparent 3cm |

**TIME:** 10:00am – 12:00pm

**PLACE:** SSWA Office, WebEx

School Sport WA

105 Banksia St, Tuart Hill

1. **Attendance:** Peter Smith, Alex McLennan, Robyn Brierley, Jason Reid, Andrew McWhirter, Stacey Harper
2. **Apologies**: Brett Landers
3. **Business arising from previous minutes [16 July 2024]**

* Fixturing issues – fixtures are needed 2 week prior.
* Webex Coaches meetings – well received for some sports. Continue in 2025
* Venue capacities – Basketball and Volleyball at capacity
* Behaviour at Basketball – issue has been dealt with by schools
* Touch – girls only grade? – Ask Touch Football reasons for this
* Touch drop offs for finals – allow rule change
* Update Indoor Cricket rules – need to be updated
* Speech and debating rules changes – 6 teams per grade. Needs further discussion with Denyse. Not all in favour of this.
* New sport suggestions – Agreed to trial Badminton in 2025. Badminton WA are keen to assist
* Timing of leadership forum – Agreed that Tuesday morning was better for this.
* Badminton Trial – agreed for 2025
* Agreed to consult more with regional delegates on grading requests from schools

1. **Discussion of 2024 online evaluations.**

See attached feedback file

1. **Regional reports**

Discussion on the length of closing ceremony. Needs to keep to the 45 minutes. Captains at front and keep presentations moving.

Discussion on Hockey Incident with boy charged by police.

When fixturing attempt to limit the time required at facility for schools. i.e all early games or all late games

Like the boys, schools are not permitted to bring Yr 8 & 9 girls to play AFL at country week.

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1. **Country Week 2024**
   * Balanced budget. Travel grant has been increased slightly for 2025
2. **Review of Website for 2025** – [will be completed following the meeting]
3. **Review of Admin Booklet for 2025** – [will be completed following the meeting]
4. **Strategic Discussions**
   * Venue capacities – second hub was discussed. Warwick Stadium is available. General feeling was to stay where we are for 2025 with reduced numbers allowed for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Option of moving all Volleyball to Warwick was considered.
   * Grading proposal from Bob Quinn was discussed but not deemed possible due to schools not being able to implement it.
   * Opening Ceremony capacity – agreed that larger schools will be told to limit numbers.
   * AFL Curtain raiser possibility was discussed but agreed that would not be possible for 2025.

BASKETBALL

**Basketball report for senior Country week July 2024:**

There were some outstanding features of this event but still needs some areas to be addressed.

Once again Sharon Spinner the referees coordinator did an excellent job in providing excellent

Quality referees.

**Recommendations for 2025:**

1. SSWA fixes all teams into divisions as we do for Athletics and swimming for the metro schools.
2. Using the system above will allow fixture to be circulated to schools a lot earlier.
3. Handbooks and fixtures were late this year making for a difficult start to competition.
4. To ensure a smoother transition to finals it will be necessary to have an extra person allocated to help

Enter results to ensure there are no mistakes made. If this is not instigated for 2025 I would consider

not participating.

1. Need to sort out Sports specific meetings prior to the start of the week. Maybe with a basketball

Newsletter sent to Basketball coordinators a week or 2 prior to the start of country week. Schools found

It difficult to do the online conference option.

1. There needs to be discussion and definitive explanations of Unsportsman like fouls and Technical fouls.
2. Also needs some strong words on supported conduct.

Cheers,

Murray Farr

HOCKEY

**Country Senior High Schools … Hockey Tournament …. COORDINATORS REPORT**

**VENUE**: UWA Super Turf and Grass Field at UWA Sorts Park.

Excellent .. the venues and support from UWA staff along with UWA Hockey Club was excellent

**UMPIRES** Coordinator Andy Mellor

Excellent …. Supply stretched at times. They were a capable and enthusiastic group. Andy did a super job.

**STUDENT CONDUCT**

Overall very good but a little down on previous years … there were a reported case of a homophobic comment and a racial comment. These were dealt with by the team coaches.

The possibility of mandatory penalties for such offences could be investigated. I suggest coach be diligent in helping to improve this.

There was one case of a serious physical assault during a game. This has been reported on thoroughly and hopefully is a once off aberration. The issue of a penalty extending over from Countryweek into Community fixtures has been raised.

**RESULTS** Jaro

I found the program had some glitches. It appeared to have difficulty dealing with fixture changes. I had issues when it reset everytime a result was saved – very time consuming. I did not have a mouse with the laptop – very time consuming.

**ASSISTANT** Mark Howard

I was extremely fortunate to have Mark Howard as my assistant. It helped things run smoothly.

Paul Forrestal .. Hockey Coordinator

INDOOR CRICKET

* Greater nominations allowed 2 divisions which made for a more balanced competition. Some teams, however, should consider the relative strengths of their playing group when nominating if the competition is retain multiple divisions.
* The 6-a-side, 12 over format was seen as an appropriate format for the games.
* Game time allowance of 75 minutes, under the current format, is too long and could be shortened to 60 minutes. This would reduce wait time between games and allow flexibility for schools to go to other venues to see fellow students playing.
* If the competition were to expand to 8-a-side, the format would need to change to 16 x 5 ball overs and the timeframe for games returned to 75 minutes per fixture. There was not a great appetite for an 8-a-side format from attending staff.
* The venue has more than enough space to cater for a larger competition. The venue has 3 playing areas available. Seamers indicated that they would be able to provide sufficient umpires to allow for an expanded event.
* Officials Handbook needs to be updated to reflect current status of Indoor Cricket as eligible for Champion Schools Awards.
* Need to tighten up the ‘rules’ and advertise beforehand in the handbook – some inconsistencies between Seamers rules, Cricket Australia rules and those used by centres outside Perth.
* After discussion with staff, recommendations for change are listed below:
  + Team of up to 8 players to be nominated for each game
  + 6 players to field/bowl
  + Each player to bowl 2 overs
  + 6 players to bat
  + Each batting pair to face 4 overs
  + Between innings a maximum of 2 changes may be made to the team
  + No changes may be made during an innings unless to replace an injured player
  + In the event that only 5 eligible players are available for a game/innings, the opposing captain is to select 2 players to bowl one extra over each and/or 1 player to bat a second time for 4 overs. A substitute fielder (from another participating team) is permitted, but may not bowl or bat.
  + Six (6) points will be awarded for a win, four (4) points for a draw and two (2) points for a loss. Behaviour points may be lost for unacceptable behaviour.
* A new ‘Team List’ sheet showing batting and bowling innings would need to be developed to allow player participation to be tracked.
* The final ranking system needs to be clarified and published in the handbook as it is for other sports.
  + Qualifying to decide final ranking:
    - Most number of points
    - Successful team in previous round (if there is a double round robin, scores from both games are aggregated as a ‘single’ game to determine successful team)
    - Percentage for participating teams
* Ladder differentiation needs to be clarified. Jaro has no capacity to enter a negative score. What do we do with these scores (ie add them as a positive to the winning team and award the losing team 0)?

Overall the event was deemed a success by the participating schools and worthy of continuation.

Peter Merritt

SPEECH & DEBATING

Notes from Speech Coach meeting held Friday 28 June 2024

1. Jaro not effective for many sports
2. Bendat stadium preferred to HBF stadium because there is much less of a thoroughfare, preventing intrusion of spectators who disrupt speakers and ruin the vibe of the week. At Bendat stadium, sport students have to make a conscious decision to watch a debate.
3. If using HBF the Champs Room is the preferred room because it is isolated.
4. If using Bendat, accept having to move to another venue during the week to be able to fit everything in. Denyse to investigate Rugby and Athletics buildings. NOTE 23 July - I have ascertained there is a room available in the Western Force bulding, but have been told it is highly unlikely we will be able to use it because that time of the year is very busy for rugby. I was advised to call back in February and, if available, I may be able to secure it. If it is available we could use Bendat and Western Force.
5. Continue with separate info booklets.
6. Leave PP and OC on Tuesday and Wednesday.
7. Landscape format for program a good idea. Suggested uploading program to google docs.
8. Suggest smaller rounds for speeches and then top ones feed to a final OR A div performances on different days to B performances
9. Speech finals wanted. Some students finished on Wednesday after PP sessions. Cap finalists at 6 students.
10. Demo debate is VERY useful. Topic this year was a better topic than last year.
11. Cross over debates wanted if can be fitted into the program, but must finish 3.30 each day
12. Suggest a friendly debate during the week could add some fun, especially if, like this year, A Div finished on Thursday. Coaches could be part of the teams.
13. Debate topics:

* ADR too difficult
* Topics to be chosen so that they appeal to the audience
* Not enough differentiation between, A, B and C topics – C should be easy
* A div. final topic was easier than B div topic this year
* Appreciate the progression of topics but need to look at wording so that it is more easily understood by the students (write for high schools students, not uni students)
* RAC topics appreciated because they provide a broad focus. Safety focussed motions make the students think more than esoteric motions.
* Requests:
* a couple of joyful topics please, maybe on Thursday
* no topics around moral issues because too hard to argue against

1. WADL booklet had info on actor debates but no actor debates were given. If not going to give them, remove from booklet
2. Add to information booklet – NO intimidating of opposition or any other people in the competition
3. Suggest a coaches’ and student code of conduct to include expectations of coaches not commenting at topic release of the topic in any way, and students to not intimidate or verbally bully opposition at any time, especially at coin toss. Note 23 July - these are currently being written
4. Must impose penalties!
5. Yes to zoom in week leading up to CW to set the tone and discuss codes of conduct etc

VOLLEYBALL REPORT HBF Stadium

Generally a very successful week with some of the 2023 issues sorted and some the same.

Morning set up was improved with the help of Mark Howard who arrived by 6.30 each morning. On 3 mornings a UWA sport person ( who, thankfully was tall!) assisted with the nets also. Most mornings we had it done in just under an hour.

All equipment ( stationery box, flip boards, timing clock, box of vests) could be left over night at UWA safely, whereas in 2023 I transferred it to/from my car everyday.

The 2 referee stands were quite stable and easy to move around, if very heavy.

EasyPark App made paying for parking quicker. Thank you to Alex for his commitment to pay me and the referees for parking costs. Much appreciated by all however, it is important that the referees get paid as soon as possible as they are out of pocket quite a substantial amount.

Referees were mostly satisfactory and officiated to the standard of the lower grades.

Punctuality, however, was an issue. I was able to fill the gaps left by sickness and lateness. Would recommend Maddison and Zian most highly.

All school officials and teams were most helpful with the pack up each day. Thank you to all the duty teams who helped.

All schools completed their duty commitments and were punctual, except for one morning when the traffic was very bad.

Some schools were not happy to have to pay for parking and tried to look for alternative free parking areas.

Recommendation:

If UWA is used in the future, schools need to be made aware of the costs ( approx $3/ hour) and have the EasyPark App on their phones with a payment card attached. There is always plenty of parking space in front of the Rec Centre.

Fixtures and Results:

45 mins was more than adequate for all games, even the finals that went to 3 sets.

All teams had plenty of warm up time.

Jaro worked well - no problems

I am happy to assist with the fixtures in the future. I did volunteer but not needed (although could have taken some of the load off Alex)

Recommendation

Add to the Volleyball rules that the 12 sub rule applies to one player for one other.

Eg.Player #6 and Player # 1 can only sub for each other. Therefore #6 cannot come off for #1 and then go back on for any other player, only #1.

Teams did not understand this and some were still combining rotation through position 1 with substitutions.

Boys E Grade losing a team was unfortunate and finals organisation did not favour the last placed team who did not get to play on the last day. The fixtures gave the winner or 4th v 5th two games on Thursday and another on Friday.

Perhaps it would have been better to give the loser of 4th v 5th another game on Thursday instead?

Thursday

F1 4th v 5 winner = 4th

F2. 1st v 2nd = W =1st & L = 2nd

F3. 3rd v Loser F1 (5th) winner = 3rd loser = 5th

Friday

F4. 3rd v 4th

GF 1st v 2nd

5th does not play on the last day.

Or

4th v 5th winner = 4th

GF 1st v 2nd

3rd v 4th

Recommendation:

I could have had all furniture moved outside on Friday after the finals to facilitate pick up. Communicate regarding this in future, if necessary.

Triathlon time clock is brilliant. Keep using them.

We did not have enough mats for all courts, so could not put anything under courts 2 and 3 chairs.

Sports Medicine

Event Health were punctual and helpful. Agreed to tape FOC if students brought their own tape. No major injuries or incidents to report.

Thank you to everyone for a very enjoyable week. WELL DONE Alex & SSWA Office staff

I look forward to DHS at the end of September ;-)

Lynda Merritt

Volleyball Coordinator UWA REC CENTRE