



## LSC COUNCIL OF FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

October 7, 2014, via teleconference call

Those participating were:

**Angelo State:** John Wegner; **Cameron:** Keith Vitense; **Eastern New Mexico:** Dustin Seifert; **Midwestern State:** Paul Guthrie; **Tarleton State:** Bob Newby; **Texas A&M-Commerce:** LaVelle Hendricks; **Texas A&M-Kingsville:** Randall Williams (chair); **Texas Woman's:** Don Edwards; **West Texas A&M:** Dave Rausch; **LSC Office:** Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **I. CONSIDERATION OF ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS' RECOMMENDATIONS: DIRECTORS OF COMPLIANCE**

- a. **COMPLIANCE OPERATING CODE:** It was moved (TWU) and seconded (CU) to edit Bylaw 10.02 to include an institution's Senior Woman Administrator as an administrator that can report allegations from another Conference institution. *Compliance passed unanimously. CAA moved (MSU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. CAA passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed unanimously – moved by A&M-C, MSU.*

10.02 Reports of Allegations From Another Conference Institution

Prior to forwarding allegations to the Conference office, the institution shall determine if there is sufficient information to support the allegation. Allegations submitted to the Conference office by members of the Lone Star Conference shall be accepted from an institution's Director of Athletics or Senior Woman Administrator. Other individuals (e.g., coaches) who report information to Lone Star Conference staff shall be directed to contact the appropriate campus personnel for submission of the allegation(s).

#### **SOFTBALL (CAA passed unanimously as package, except for separate votes noted below – moved by ENMU, A&M-C)**

- b. **EQUIVALENCY LEGISLATION:** It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TSU) to recommend the LSC continue pursuing legislation to increase the maximum scholarship equivalency limit from 7.2 to 10.0 in the sport of softball. A committee was formed including Richie Bruister, Julie Mata, and Betsy Dean to revise the original proposal so that it has the best chance to be co-sponsored and present those revisions to the CAA. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (TWU) and seconded (TAMUK) to approve. CAA passed 8-1. CFAR supported CAA position, passed unanimously – moved by WTAMU, CU.*
- c. **2016 SCHEDULE:** It was moved (ASU) and seconded (WT) to approve the schedule as presented with a four-game series consisting of a single game Thursday, a doubleheader on Friday, and a single game Saturday. *Coaches passed 6-1-1. CAA took no action. CAA moved (TSU) and seconded (TWU) to approve proposed 2016 schedule with four-game series of a doubleheader Friday and a doubleheader Saturday. CAA passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed 7-1-1 – moved by MSU, TWU.*
- d. **INTERNATIONAL TIEBREAKER RULE:** It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to eliminate the international tiebreaker rule from regular-season conference competition. *Coaches passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed 6-0-1 – moved by CU, MSU.*
- e. **PRE-GAME DECORUM:** It was moved (CU) and seconded (ASU) to amend the pre-game decorum to add that the schedule is set by the home team for home and visitors warm-up. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA amended that the order (not schedule) is set by the home team for home and visitors warm-up. CFAR supported CAA position, passed 7-0-1 – moved by TSU, ASU.*
- f. **SCOUTING POLICY:** It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (TAMUK) to add a scouting policy: "No verbal or written reports or game tapes of Conference opponents shall be exchanged with non-conference opponents." *Coaches passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed unanimously – moved by A&M-C, WT.*
- g. **PARTICIPANTS:** It was moved (CU) and seconded (MSU) to submit a form for participants at the postseason tournament. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA moved (ENMU) and seconded (TSU) to approve. CAA passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed unanimously – moved by WT, CU.*
- h. **PASS LIST:** It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (MSU) to have the home team provide up to five general admission passes for opposing teams head coaches family and significant others. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA failed for lack of motion. CFAR took no action.*
- i. **BAT TESTING:** It was moved (MSU) and seconded (CU) to incorporate bat testing for the 2015 season. Discussion was for each team to purchase a SSL portable barrel compression bat tester (cost is \$850) and work with softball officiating supervisor to set protocol with umpires. *Coaches passed unanimously. CAA failed for lack of second. CFAR took no action and suggested that coaches continue to study safety issues and bring back up for consideration next year.*

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**CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD** (CAA passed unanimously as package – moved by TAMUK, TSU. **CFAR supported as package, passed 6-0-1 – moved by CU, TSU**)

- j. **TRACK & FIELD: INDOOR OPERATING CODE:** The following changes to the indoor operation code were proposed. **RATIONALE:** Clarity of expectations for meet hosts.
6. All heat winners plus the next top times needed to fill the lanes of the track will advance to the finals. Field events will take the top eight (8) performers to the finals. On a track with fewer than eight lanes for any race under 600m competitors shall qualify to a two section final on the basis of time from the preliminary rounds. In the 800, if there are three preliminary sections or less, the top two from each section shall automatically advance with the remaining spots in the final filled based on top times from the preliminary rounds. If there are more than three preliminary sections in the 800, only the heat winners shall advance with the remaining spots in the final based on top times from the preliminary rounds. *Moved (WT) and seconded (TAMUK). Coaches passed unanimously.*
8. 200 and 400 dashes: Lane assignments in the 200- and 400-meter dashes to follow NCAA rules, whereby we would take 8 competitors to the finals in two heats, seeded left to right (e.g., 3-4-6-8 in first heat, 1-2-5-7 in second heat). NOTE: Preferred lanes at TTU are 5, 6, 4, then 3. *Moved (WT) and seconded (TAMUK). Coaches passed unanimously.*
10. Mile run: If there are 13 or more participants, the mile will be run in two sections with the top 12 times running in a 'fast' heat after the remaining participants run in a 'slower' heat. If there are 12 or fewer participants, the 1500-meter run will be run in just one heat. *Moved (WT) and seconded (TAMUK). Coaches passed unanimously.*
12. 1600m relay: If more than 6 teams are entered there will be a two section final with the four fastest seeds running in the last heat. *Moved (ASU) and seconded (TAMUK). Coaches passed unanimously.*
13. Opening Height and Progressions: In the Pole Vault, the opening height shall be at 15cm below the 8<sup>th</sup> seed on the meet entry list (or the lowest seeded mark if less than eight competitors), and the bar shall be raised in increments of 5 to 19 centimeters. In the High Jump, the opening height shall be at 5cm below the 8<sup>th</sup> seed on the meet entry list, and the bar shall be raised in increments of 3 to 7 centimeters. *Moved (TAMUK) and seconded (ASU). Coaches passed unanimously.*
- k. **TRACK & FIELD: OUTDOOR OPERATING CODE:** The following changes to the outdoor operation code were proposed. **RATIONALE:** Clarity of expectations for meet hosts.
27. All heat winners plus the next top times needed to fill the lanes of the track will advance to the finals. In the 800, if there are three preliminary sections or less, the top two from each section shall automatically advance with the remaining spots in the final filled based on top times from the preliminary rounds. If there are more than three preliminary sections in the 800, only the heat winners shall advance with the remaining spots in the final filled based on top times from the preliminary rounds. *Moved (TAMUK) and seconded (WT). Coaches passed unanimously.*
32. Opening Height and Progressions: The opening height for Pole Vault shall be started at 15cm below the 10<sup>th</sup> seed on the pole vault list (or the lowest seeded mark if less than ten competitors), and the bar shall be raised in increments of 5 to 19 centimeters. The opening height for High Jump shall be started at 5cm below the 10<sup>th</sup> seed on the high jump list, and the bar shall be raised in increments of 3 to 7 centimeters. *Moved (TAMUK) and seconded (WT). Coaches passed unanimously.*
- l. 2014-16 CROSS COUNTRY CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR: It was moved and seconded to appoint Zach Johnson (CU) as chair and Danielle Kholi (ENMU) as vice-chair of the LSC Cross Country Coaches. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
- m. 2014-16 TRACK & FIELD VICE CHAIR: It was moved and seconded to appoint Tom Dibbern (A&M-C) as vice-chair of the LSC Track and Field Coaches. *Coaches passed unanimously.*
2. **SOFTBALL UMPIRES:** It was moved (CU) to use a two (2) umpire crew in 2016. *CAA failed for lack of second. CFAR took no action.*
3. **LONE STAR FOOTBALL FESTIVAL:** It was moved (WT) and seconded (A&M-C) to finish contract with AT&T Stadium for 2015 Lone Star Football Festival. *CAA passed unanimously. CFAR supported CAA position, passed 5-0-1 – moved by TSU, WT.*

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4. **COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION:** Interim Commissioner Poerner reminded that group that the FAR meeting on November 24 will be a conference call. Consensus was to have the call at 1:30 p.m. He added that meeting space has been reserved at the NCAA Convention on Thursday, January 15, and the group agreed to meet from 10 a.m.-Noon. Poerner added that the LSC President's meeting will be Friday, January 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
5. **LSC STRATEGIC PLAN:** Randall Williams (TAMUK) asked Commissioner Poerner to provide the group an update on the LSC Strategic Plan that was presented at the July President's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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