

## **PSAC SID Conference Call - December 10, 2013 - 10 a.m.**

**1. Roll Call** (All schools and PSAC office represented on the call): Will Adair, Caley Glasgow (PSAC); Bloomsburg; Cal U; Cheyney; Clarion; ESU; Edinboro; Gannon; IUP; Kutztown; LHU; Mansfield; Mercyhurst; Millersville; Pitt-Johnstown; Seton Hill; Ship; SRU; WCU.

**2. Welcome** – 16 of our 18 schools in the postseason in some form, congratulations

**3. Previous minutes** – Accepted

### **4. Postseason awards schedule - balancing calendar for Daktronics, coaches associations and Academic All-America (Matt Kifer)**

- Six postseason awards came out in one day during the fall. SIDs seeking balance or Daktronics calendar similar to the CoSIDA AAA calendar so SIDs have an idea of schedule.

- Bob McComas is going to take it to the D2SIDA board to formulate a calendar together between the organizations that will better give us an idea of dates.

### **5. PSAC athlete of the week schedule - Swimming (Bob Shreve)**

- Discussion took place regarding the first Athlete of the Week for swimming. Sport could benefit by honoring athletes earlier in the season.

\*Recommendation: The PSAC office add at least one more weekly honor in swimming. Ultimately, the conversation will be tabled until our spring meeting because no decision on this topic will make changes to this season.

### **6. Basketball Player of the Week**

- Discussion on number of teams playing to merit an award.

### **7. Roster uniformity (Ethan Hulsey / Chris Rossetti)**

- Hulsey suggested there be a uniform template for our rosters for all schools on the websites and in word documents and things that we share between ourselves. Bill Morgal suggested we should use the format that the NCAA uses, which is: Number, Position, Height, Weight, Year, Hometown, High School.

Recommendation: Use the NCAA format listed above, including listing the state after the hometown, even if the students are from Pennsylvania. State names would all be listed in AP style. Greg Knowlden (ES) and Caley Glasgow (PSAC) will work together on this document and make sure it is distributed to everyone.

Recommendation 2: Morgal mentioned the idea of creating a PSAC drop box account to store the guidelines and have everyone store their Word roster files in that.

### **8. Stat programs - Stat Crew legacy, next generation, and Presto Stats (Chris Rossetti)**

- SIDs were asked if anyone has tried the newest forms of statistical software. Hulsey noted that they used it for field hockey and soccer and experienced problems, particularly with importing files and data not transferring. General consensus is that very little has been done by StatCrew to actually get their new software up and running. Bob McComas mentioned he will bring it to the D2SIDA board to entice improvements by StatCrew.

### **9. Stat Crew roster names - uniformity for school abbreviations, and SIDEARM requirements (Chris Rossetti)**

- School name is determined by the first XML file that you load. You can now put an M or W on your roster (ROCK-M) to separate the sports. The stats are pulled from the school code (NCAA code). Greg and Caley will work on the document and get an updated version out to everyone.

#### **10. 2-deep exchange for football (Bob McComas)**

- Discussion took place regarding the need for an accurate and timely two-deep for game programs.

\*\*\***MOTION:** Football coaches be required to provide a 2-deep roster for offense, defense and special teams to their SID office by 10 a.m. Monday morning during the football season. (motion by Bob McComas, seconded by Rich Herman, motion carries unanimously).

#### **11. All-PSAC voting - regarding NCAA minimum requirements for inclusion on conference/national statistics lists (Jim Zuhlke)**

- Zuhlke wanted to know if there is a way to include a player's statistics on the conference stats site if the player doesn't make the NCAA category minimums. Rationale: Not appearing on the conference stats page could potentially hurt a player's chances of earning postseason awards. Glasgow mentioned the SIDEARM system would allow us to pull stats into the ballot, but she did not do it for football this year because she had some concerns about pulling all of that data. Steve Murray mentioned that adding the statistics to the ballot would make it very complicated and potentially overbearing for coaches. The suggestion to poll the coaches to find out what they think about the process was brought up.

Recommendation: Glasgow include the link to each team's stats page, instead of the PSAC stat page, in the email to the coaches about the voting ballot.

#### **12. Wrestling awards for Division I and Division II (Dave Leisering)**

- Leisering questioned whether or not it makes sense to have a D1 and a D2 Athlete of the Week honor for wrestling since there is a more defined split within the conference now. There was concern among some members in the league that that may hinder the quality of the award. Ultimately, no recommendation was made.

#### **13. PSAC Wrestling Championships (Doug Spatafore)**

- Discussion took place if there were any plans to change the format of the PSAC Wrestling Championships. Steve Murray mentioned that the school administrations remained supportive of the championships in their current format.

#### **14. Volleyball statistics - balancing box scores (Ethan Hulse)**

Hulse decided to table the discussion potentially until our spring meeting.

#### **15. Attendance listing in box scores - guidelines (Ryan Rebholz)**

- Rebholz mentioned that there might need to be some form of guidelines if we are going to list these figures. The NCAA policy does include that "estimates" can be made for the attendance figure that appears in box scores. General consensus is that people will continue to report as accurate of an attendance figure as possible.

#### **16. Officials names in box scores (Steve Murray)**

- Steve Murray wanted to make sure that the league SID offices are putting the officials names in box scores for all sports.

#### **17. Postgame press conferences (Kelly Dumrauf)**

- Dumrauf questioned the necessity for mandatory press conferences. Discussion on the topic ultimately came down to an institutional decision and something can be worked out and agreed upon on game day by the SIDs involved in each game.

#### **18. PSAC championship events - home game or conference championship game - expected game environment (Bob McComas)**

- McComas asked the PSAC office to clarify what the game environment should be at championship games. Steve Murray acknowledged that some PA announcers may be stretching the bounds of professionalism and perhaps there should be a set of guidelines in place.

- Another question was raised about music between plays and when it should be stopped before a play,

particularly during football. The end result of the discussion was that the PSAC officials will discuss this with institutional leadership.

#### **19. PCN championship events - promotional spots (Tom McGuire)**

- McGuire noted the need to identify the institutions in the championship promotions packages developed by PCN... even if there needs to be a second promo after the teams have qualified. The PSAC office will share concerns and work closely with PCN or others in the future.

#### **20. General PSAC discussion - volleyball crossovers, mandated scheduling (Doug Spatafore)**

- Spatafore decided to table this discussion for the time being.

#### **21. Daktronics Review**

- Greg Knowlden (MSOC), Jon Holtz (WSOC), Jim Zuhlke (FB), Doug Spatafore (VB) provided a brief recap of the Daktronics process from the fall. Ultimately, the league was very well represented in nominations and the voting process. A brief talk was had about the PSAC and MEC voting fairly and ethically. All four coordinators agreed that the PSAC does a good job of voting fairly and not voting for strictly PSAC players.

#### **22. Review of controversial items:**

- intra-conference transfer policy requiring 1-year residency for S-A who received athletic financial aid
- football 90-player squad size eliminated
- mandated conference games counted in PSAC/divisional standings

These items will be discussed during our spring meeting and at the PSAC Open Forum in May.

#### **23. XML Stats**

- Glasgow reminded everyone to let her know when we reload a game file if we have to make changes, particularly to team codes.

#### **24. Spring championships**

- The first weekend in May this year will include four spring championships, including two neutral site events, so the PSAC office may need assistance from institutional offices.

#### **25. Award of Merit**

- Adair is going to provide the Award of Merit nomination information for us. He would like to see the award grow over the next year.

Call was ended at 12:06 p.m.