

TISCA Water Polo
North Texas Region Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at GCISD Swim Center 6:30-8:30pm

Attendance

- Joe Linehan (DWPC)
 - Chris Cullen* (Denton ISD)
 - Daniel Jau (GCISD)
 - Stephanie Klocke* (GCISD)
 - Tabitha Burrus* (Irving HS),
 - Kris Jones* (Plano ISD),
 - Dan Snow (Flower Mound HS)
- * denotes North Texas Region Committee Members*

Topics

1. New high school teams for 2012 season, email joelinehan@earthlink.net
2. This meeting is for discussion with NTRC meeting again via conference call for final decisions. An email will be sent to all schools by the end of the school year with updates/changes for 2011-2012 school year.
3. Success of North Texas Championship season
 - Push for more officials- encourage graduating high school seniors to referee, and any freshman or sophomore can officiate 12&U games, any junior or senior can officiate 12&U and 14&U games
 - Possible New TISCA website- reformatting for Spring 2012
 - State championships successful and more competitive teams at that level, NT teams did well contributing to the competitive atmosphere
4. TISCA Water Polo and Region Rotations at State Tournament in 2012
 - Chris Cullen to present to TISCA board by May 31
 - Bylaws & Proposals available online
 - Proposals for changes to TISCA Water Polo (via Chris Cullen) by May 31st
 - TISCA Water Polo Annual Meeting on Friday, September 9th at TISCA Convention in Austin (North Texas meeting same day at conclusion of TISCA WP Annual meeting in Austin).
 - Water polo headliner at conference for speaker; possible water polo track of speakers (similar to diving and swimming)
 - NT Meeting: September 9, 2011 after TISCA meeting
 - NT Spring 2012 Meeting: February, 6 2012
6. 2012 Schedule
 - TAKS/STARR testing conflict with State Championships date; possible move up or back one weekend (TBD by TISCA WP Board).
 - NT Region Committee Meeting on February 6, 2012- at The Colony or GCISD? Location TBD in September.
 - March 2-3 Weekend- FM Tournament, DWPC Masters Tournament, Referee issues?

- Tournament style- Thursday, Friday and Saturday? Hosts can decide format. Keep the format the same as previous years or expand and invite teams for specific championship style tournaments.
- Model Houston's style of tournament format to expand tournaments
- More Tournaments as more teams want to expand their seasons. Can have multiple tournaments (3-4) on a given weekend.
- JV Championships tournament- separate weekend (Saturday before Easter, April 7). Will try in spring 2012 and adjust in future seasons.
- JV and Varsity separate rosters, exception back-up goalie? Use honor system for sportsmanship to prevent varsity starters starting for JV

7. Varsity Districts and Regions

- Set districts for 2 years
- North Texas Region Committee will decide districts in May 2011
- Coaches within their district are to schedule district qualifier games either on weeknights or within a tournament before April 16, 2012
- Top four teams from each district advance to regions
- Additional teams that come in by the deadline of February 15 will be added to a district. Those adding the sport after the deadline will play in the consolidate boys/girls Region Championship.
- Makes districts more competitive
- Regional format- double elimination with a backdoor to quarter-finals
- Possible Region Champs format: Two districts (boys and girls) on Thursday night 3-9 at Denton, Other Two districts (boys and girls) Friday night 3-9 at FM-The Colony, and Saturday Championship format at Southlake.
- Consolidated, non-Region qualifiers, and non district teams can play in consolidated championships on Region Champ Saturday.
- All-Region voting ballots- coaches can submit up to 5 players eligible for all region consideration (cheat sheet) due at time of roster submission

8. Officiating

- Positive first year with new referees and coach/referee interaction
- First year for evaluators at all events (system in place for development)
- Continue/build upon positive environment for coaches/athletes/spectators for asking questions & not interfering with the growth of officials in area
- Getting parents/people involved in officiating- clinic sometime in May TBA

9. Miscellaneous

- Date changes for State Championships due to TAKS/STAAR Testing- propose later date and facility change
- Bid packet for change of venue- TISCA board- pick a date first then find a location available to host
- State Tournament hosted by the North Texas Region Committee?
- Region Committee duties