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<b>COMMITTEE:</b> Baseball  <b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Michael Jackson, Chair, Hanover; Mark Cherbonneau, Supervisor, Derry; Jeff Cloos, Winnisquam; Jeff Delois, Mascenic; Greg Fillion, Littleton; Stan Jurkoic, Newmarket; David Ryan, Nashua North  <b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b> John Lord, Gilford    <b>OFFICE STAFF:</b> R. Patrick Corbin, Executive Director; Kerrin Randall, Sports Secretary		<b>DATE:</b> Tuesday, November 9, 2010  <b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b> 9:02 a.m.  <b>TIME ADJOURNED:</b> 10:13 a.m.  <b>NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b> Tuesday, March 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	VOTE	FOLLOW UP NEEDED
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Mr. Fillion and seconded by Mr. Delois to approve the June 14, 2010 minutes as presented.	5-0-1 Motion Carried	Ms. Randall will email the approved minutes to the Baseball Coaches Association.
Introduction of New Committee Members	Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Ryan to the Committee.		
Review of Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Adamakos' Resignation from Committee Mr. Corbin stated Mr. Adamakos is now the president of the NHSPA and resigned his position on the Committee.</li> <li>➤ Composite Bats Press release Mr. Corbin stated this was emailed to the Committee and stated the NFHS has banned composite bats based on research conducted. Mr. Corbin stated this information will be in the NHIAA Newsletter, and distributed to member schools.</li> </ul>		

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Review of Correspondence (Continued...)	<p>➤ Diamond Flyer</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated a flyer for Diamond baseballs was circulated, and advised that schools can use any brand of baseball during the regular season, but Spalding baseballs must be used in the tournaments.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired on the length of the Spalding contract. Mr. Corbin stated the contract is for five (5) years, and the NHIAA is in the second year of the contract.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired what the process is when the contract expires. Mr. Corbin stated the ball contract will go out for bids. He stated the Finance Committee and Council will discuss the bids, and decide on the tournament balls.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired if the ball contract had to be done with the same sponsor across the board, or if individual sports could have different contracts.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated this could be done if the individual contracts are comparable to an overall offer for all sports across the board.</p>		
Review, Change, and Approve Policies and Procedures Manual	<p>Mr. Jackson stated the play-in games have been added to the tournament dates. Mr. Jackson explained that the last regular season game for Division III schools will be used as a play-in game for the tournament. He stated this will give all teams in Division III an opportunity to qualify for the tournament. He asked that information regarding the format for the play-in games be added to the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p> <p>Mr. Cloos stated that Division III just completed soccer and used the play-in format and explained that the first nine (9) teams received a bye, and the others utilized the play-in for their spot.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired if the schools had the option to not play the play-in if they chose. Mr. Cloos answered yes, school have the option not to play.</p>		

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<p>Review, Change, and Approve Policies and Procedures Manual (Continued...)</p>	<p>Mr. Cherbonneau stated at the assigning meeting, schools were wondering who assigned official for the play-in game, as it is considered part of the tournament. Mr. Corbin clarified that schools are required to pay officials at the regular season rate. However, the officials are assigned by the Assignor through the NHIAA Arbiter.</p> <p>Mr. Cloos stated that this was not the process that occurred for soccer. He stated the NHIAA assigned the officials for soccer. Mr. Corbin stated this process was incorrect.</p> <p>Mr. Jurkoic inquired how parings for the play-in games affected the final tournament bracket; i.e. were there any surprises as a result of the pay-in games?</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated there were one or two surprises as a direct result of the play-in games, but that the final teams were the top four teams entering the tournament.</p> <p>Mr. Jurkoic inquired if the parings for the play-in games were compiled differently than normal seeding procedures. Mr. Cloos stated the seedings for the play-in games were done the same as normal practices, with the play-in game being held on a Friday, and the pairings for the tournament coming out on Monday.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated the NFHS Guidelines for Management of Concussions has been added to all Policies and Procedures Manuals.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated the finals are later than last year as this is the first available date that the venue has, following the Fisher Cats season.</p>		

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<p>Review 2010-11 Tournament Dates, Sites, and Times</p>	<p>➤ Discuss Future Venue for Division II: Memorial Field Excessive Light Fees</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated the fees at Memorial Field are becoming excessive to turn on the field lights. He inquired if the Committee had any thought on a different venue.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan stated there is a week and a half between the semifinal games and the finals. He suggested moving the semifinal games as an alternative to changing venues to save costs.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the time in between the semifinals and finals in all divisions and the possibility of holding the semifinals on two separate days to avoid light fees for later games.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Jurkoic to move all semifinal games in all divisions to Thursday, June 9, 2011 and Friday, June 10, 2010 with the lower bracketed teams playing on Thursday and the higher bracketed teams on Friday with the current venues listed.</p> <p><b>DIVISION I</b></p> <p>Semis: Thurs. 06/09/11 Holman Stadium 4:00 p.m. (bottom bracket)</p> <p>Semis: Fri. 06/10/11 Holman Stadium 4:00 p.m. (top bracket)</p> <p><b>DIVISION II</b></p> <p>Semis: Thurs. 06/09/11 Memorial Field, Concord 4:00 p.m. (bottom bracket)</p> <p>Semis: Fri. 06/10/11 Memorial Field, Concord 4:00 p.m. (top bracket)</p>	<p>6-0 Motion Carried</p>	<p>Ms. Plumb will confirm the changes and update.</p>

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Review 2010-11 Tournament Dates, Sites, and Times (Continued...)	<p><b>DIVISION III</b></p> <p>Semis: Thurs. 06/09/11 Gill Stadium, Manchester 4:00 p.m.            (bottom bracket)</p> <p>Semis: Fri. 06/10/11 Gill Stadium, Manchester 4:00 p.m.            (top bracket)</p> <p><b>DIVISION IV</b></p> <p>Semis: Thurs. 06/09/11 Plymouth State University 4:00 p.m.            (bottom bracket)</p> <p>Semis: Fri. 06/10/11 Plymouth State University 4:00 p.m.            (top bracket)</p> <p>The Committee requested should the sites not be available due to the date change, that Mr. Corbin continue to search for alternative venues.</p> <p>➤ Jeff Cloos – Winnisquam</p> <p>Mr. Cloos expressed concern on the behalf of his baseball coach in regards to the amount of time between the play-in game and the preliminary rounds. He stated in Division III, a team who receives a bye for the play-in round could potentially wait 10 days before they play again.</p> <p><u>Example:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Division III Last Day To Play is May, 24, 2011</li> <li>➤ Preliminaries are June 2, 2011 (teams get a bye)</li> <li>Quarterfinals are June 4, 2011 (first round where teams with a bye play in the tournament)</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Cloos stated a team in Division III, with a bye, will not play a game from May 24, 2011 until June 4, 2011, equaling 10 days.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated this scenario was brought up when Division III proposed it, and those involved were aware that the gap in time could happen. He stated that the play-in format is occurring as a one year trial, and that concerns such as these should be brought forth when reviewing the format for possible future use.</p>		

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<p>Review 2010-11 Tournament Dates, Sites, and Times (Continued...)</p>	<p>Mr. Jackson stated all concerns and positive aspects of the play-in format should be recorded and reported to Mr. Fitzgerald, as he will report to the Council on the subject. Mr. Cloos stated the overall feelings about the play-in format for fall were positive.</p> <p>Mr. Fillion inquired how long the contract with Merchantsauto.com was for. Mr. Corbin replied that it is a ten year contract. Mr. Fillion inquired if there was a way to move the start of the baseball season in order to avoid large gaps of time in the tournament rounds. He inquired if once the date of the finals is received from Merchantsauto.com Stadium the NHIAA tournament dates could be set.</p> <p>Mr. Corbin stated the NHIAA has similar concerns with the Verizon Wireless Arena for ice hockey, as available dates for the finals are not given to the NHIAA until, at the latest, two months prior to the finals.</p> <p>Mr. Jurkoic stated moving the tournament around the availability of the venue is a good idea, however weather is always a factor, and should there be rain, having time in between rounds to reschedule games makes more sense.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding moving the seasonal start dates.</p> <p>Mr. Fillion stated in 2008-09 there were 12 days in between the semifinals and finals, and inquired how often will the Committee be facing this. Mr. Corbin stated there is no way to tell how often this could occur, as the dates are dependent on the venues.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired if the basketball season dates are scheduled backwards based on venue availability for the finals. Mr. Corbin replied, yes. Mr. Corbin stated the Committee can choose to schedule the baseball season similarly, but weather is a bigger factor in baseball than basketball in relation to game dates.</p>		

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Review 2010-11 Tournament Dates, Sites, and Times (Continued...)	<p>Mr. Fillion suggested waiting to set the 2011-12 tournament dates until the date of the finals is known from Merchantsauto.com Stadium.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson inquired when the NHIAA will receive notification from the Fisher Cats in regards to a date for the finals. Mr. Corbin stated he will investigate and report back to the Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Fillion stated as soon as the NHIAA receives notification on dates form Merchantsauto.com Stadium the Committee should meet, and that meeting should be held annually.</p>		<p>Mr. Corbin will update the Committee with a notification date.</p> <p>Ms. Randall will update the calendar when notification is given regarding the finals at Merchantsauto.com stadium.</p>
Other Business	<p>Mr. Jackson inquired if there was interest in holding the baseball finals over the course of two days, rather than having all games in one day. Mr. Fillion stated Division IV coaches would like have two separate days, as they do not enjoy always having to play the earliest game.</p> <p>Mr. Delois stated last year Division III played the first game. Mr. Corbin clarified that Division III played the first game due to conflicts with graduations.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding what divisions should play at what times for the finals.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Delois and seconded by Mr. Cherbonneau to rotate the times of the finals as follows beginning with the 2010-11 season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Divisions I and II will rotate times each year</li> </ul> <p><b>DIVISION I</b> Final: Sat. 06/18/11 Merchantsauto.com Stadium 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DIVISION II</b> Final: Sat. 06/18/11 Merchantsauto.com Stadium 7:00 p.m.</p>	6-0 Motion Carried	Ms. Plumb will update the dates, sites, and times.

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Other Business (Continued...)	<p>➤ Divisions III and IV will rotate times each year</p> <p><b>DIVISION III</b> Final: Sat. 06/18/11 Merchantsauto.com Stadium 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>DIVISION IV</b> Final: Sat. 06/18/11 Merchantsauto.com Stadium 1:00 p.m.</p>		
2010-11 Meeting Dates	<p>The 2010-11 meeting dates:</p> <p>➤ Tuesday, March 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>➤ <del>Monday, June 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.</del></p> <p>Mr. Jackson asked that the June 13, 2010 date be changed to Monday, June 20, 2010 as the tournament finals dates were moved a week later.</p>		Ms. Randall will check availability and update the Committee.
Adjournment	A motion was made by Mr. Cloos and seconded by Mr. Cherbonneau to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.	6-0 Motion Carried	