

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 12, 2013**

The District 9 Committee held a special meeting to deal with tournament seeding on June 12, 2013 meeting at Aiello's Cafe, Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, and Bonnie Wolbert. Bill Howard was welcomed as a visitor.

Two business items were passed:

The following recommendations for the District IX Committee's consideration of future golf championship sites are listed below.

2013

Pennhills Golf Club – Boys'	September 23 and 28
Coudersport Golf Club – Girls'	September 30

2014

Punxsutawney Golf Club – Boys'	September 22 and 27
Pine Crest Country Club – Girls'	September 29

2015

Bavarian Hills Golf Club – Boys'	September 28 and October 3
Pine Acres Country Club – Girls'	October 5

2016

Pine Crest Country Club – Boys'	TBA
Punxsutawney Country Club – Girls'	TBA

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to accept the recommendations for future golf championship sites. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Tony Flint to extend the contract for the District 9 Website to Tom Elling for 2013 – 2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Two items from the May Board of Directors meeting were mentioned. The "close down week" was defeated. Fans must wear shirts at indoor venues. The use of body paint has become a problem at many sites and has added to the cost of renting facilities. The rule dealing with "body paint" will be sent to District 9 schools.

Thoughts about seeding that were discussed:

1. In all sports, count all games played for seeding purposes.
2. Ask school to commit at an earlier date to enter tournaments but give the school the option to back-out of tournament after their final game. May help schools with a .500 rule.
3. The .500 rule is rule established by the local school board. District 9 and the PIAA does not govern this policy.

4. Use of the power rating for all sports.
5. Recognize league champions as top seeds. Then seed the remaining teams.
6. Establish a method that will get the best District 9 teams in the state championship brackets.
7. Use pre-determined brackets.
8. Reward success of winning and not rewarded for scheduling teams of a higher classification. (Reduce schedule points)

Possible New Power Rating System:

5 Points for a win plus:

4 Points for beating a team with 20 – 22 wins

3 Points for beating a team with 17 – 19 wins

2 points for beating a team with 14 – 16 wins

1 point for beating a team with 11 – 13 wins

0 points for beating a team with less than 11 wins

9. Seed by committee of knowledgeable people
10. Need to consider teams that participate in many tournaments.
11. Count only games played with District 9 schools.
12. Establish a date to stop counting games for seeding purposes.
13. Winning percent vs. power rating.
14. Concerns about forfeitures:

At times schools have forfeited games or refused to play to gain an advantage for seeding.

Schools must have a signed contract.

If both principals agree in writing, schools can “opt” out of a contract.

If one school refuses to play, the other school receives a forfeit victory and the school that refuses to play receives a loss.

Should there be greater consequences to the school that refuses to play.

Agenda items for the August District 9 meeting:

Future consideration must be given to the request for a cooperative sports agreement in baseball between Ridgway Area High School and Johnsonburg Area High School. This will be an August agenda item.

Sports chairman are to submit their method of seeding and cut off date for games to count for seeding purposes prior to the August District 9 meeting. The formats will be rejected or passed at the August meeting. The seeding information will be included in the Quick Fact (that is sent to District 9 schools) and will be on the District 9 Website.

The value of schedule points for “AAA” football will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

The date for the August District 9 Meeting has not been determined. The meeting date, time, location, and agenda will be mailed prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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District 9 Secretary