



## **South Dakota High School Activities Association**

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### **SDHSAA E-Sports Advisory Minutes March 3, 2026**

The SDHSAA E-Sports Advisory met on March 3, 2026 over Zoom. The following members were present- Michael Kroll- Warner, Dawn Seiler- Aberdeen Central (arrived late due to previous commitment), Michael Oberg- Dakota Valley, Thomas Hill- Flandreau, Connie Kaltenbach- Lakota Tech, Josh Jensen- Aberdeen Central. Beau Vogeli- Douglas and Edward Clark- Baltic were absent excused. Fenworks also had representatives at the meeting as our ESports provider.

Dan Swartos called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Motion by Kaltenbach, Second by Jensen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Reports from Committee Members:

- Administrator- Beau Voegeli, Douglas (e-mailed report)- No issues to report.
- Administrator- Michael Kroll, Warner- No issues to report.
- Athletic Director- Dawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central-
- Coach- Michel Oberg, Dakota Valley and Thomas Hills, Flandreau- Clarification on first practice dates, discussion on additional titles/title changes. Some things to work through on the Fenworks platform regarding communication.
- Native American School Rep- Connie Kaltenbach, Lakota Tech-.
- Technology Director (Josh Jensen)- No issues to report.
- Fenworks- Gave a general update on the season/numbers/etc.

Discussion on Committee Makeup- We have added two coach reps to replace to administrative reps who changed jobs and now have a committee makeup similar to other activities. When/if we switch to two classes, we will look at class specific members as members roll off.

Discussion on Future Dates/Sites- The committee recommends keeping the event on President's Day weekend moving forward.

#### Proposals:

**Proposal #1-** Update the SDHSAA ESports Handbook Chapter I Section 4 to specify team vs. individual titles as being identified as varsity (team) vs. open (individual) titles by Fenworks prior to the season and to change the team title language to reflect that the highest scoring team per school earns the team points rather than having to identify the team prior to the competition.

**It was moved by Jensen, second by Hill to approve Proposal #1. Motion carried 5-0.**

The committee had discussions on better defining the start of the season. We talked through options that schools have in order to make sure technology is sorted out. We will continue to work with Fenworks on this. No changes recommended.

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Assistant Director – Mr. Randy Soma  
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Title Selection- No recommendations on title changes were made at this time. We will revisit as a committee after receiving feedback from students and schools.

Classification- The committee visited regarding when to split into two classes. They feel it's best to wait another year to see where numbers end up at as schools come on and teams grow.

Having no further business, Swartos declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Swartos, Ed.D.  
SDHSAA Executive Director