

CSFL League Meeting (1/22/18) minutes:

Meeting attendees: Matt Barry, Bill Wagner, Joe Newman, Willie Evans, Bobby Greo, Mark West, John Evans, Rashad Watson, Mike Pearson. Daryle Weiss, Jeff Polson, Matt Munnelly

Meeting began with greetings and introductions. Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas for their first year of participation.

The commissioner will reach out to the league athletic directors to seek nominations for a new commissioner for 2019.

Franklin Pierce announced that a vote will take place on January 29th with their Board of Trustees that would elevate their program to the Division II level in football.

Schedule

Schedule was discussed with the following requests coming in from members:

Cornell would like to have Mansfield on its schedule.

Post does not want to open against Army West Point and would prefer not to play Navy.

Mansfield requests a home game the first or second week of the season.

Caldwell requests a home game the second week of the year for its Homecoming.

Army West Point requests four home games, as they have had four away games the past two seasons.

It was agreed upon that there should be a bye week in the schedule. The weekend of October 5/6 accommodates the two Ivy League institutions for exam schedules while giving the league a break in the season for rest.

Championship Game

Tie Breakers for each division will be decided by the following criteria:

Head to head

Overall League Record

According to DII and III tie breakers

Hosting – several options. Pre-determined site in Canton, OH that Mark West is pursuing. Possibility of rotating throughout the league. Caldwell is interested in being this year’s pre-determined site. We need to collect details on the cost of hosting the event. League would give financial assistance.

Exploring sites such as Saratoga Springs, Pottstown, PA.

Fall back is to continue as we did for 2017.

Request for game to be played on Saturday afternoon.

Championship game script will be provided for 2018 with a trophy presentation from the designated league representative.

League will also have t-shirts provided for the champions.

Divisional Realignment

Divisional realignment will take place in 2019 with the possible departure of Franklin Pierce.

All League Voting

All will take place electronically for 2018.

Results and how coaches voted will be shared.

Game Film

Anyone that would like to dispute poor quality of game film must do so to the office of the commissioner no later than the Monday prior to game week.

Multiple occurrences will result in a one week suspension of receiving game films.

All 22 link on youtube on how to properly film games will be distributed.

The following schools reported problems with their own game filming:

Army West Point, Cornell – issues with their managers.

Proposed Rule Change

Caldwell requests that athletic scholarships are not allowed (Voted 9-1 – Franklin Pierce Opposed) beginning in 2019.

Headsets

Voted that headsets will be used for all games. Voted 9-1. (Cornell opposed).

Rule 16:

All coaches must remain on the field in the coaching area during the conduct of the game. The use of headsets in game is permissible. Each team (s) must submit the location of their coaches at each venue prior to September 8, 2018 and approved by the league. The maximum allowance of coaches in an elevated position is two. If there is a failure in the system used it must be verified by the referee and both teams must cease the use of the equipment and all coaches must return to the sideline until the failure is restored. The use of lifts is forbidden.

Contact Rule

Penn proposed contact rule for practices after first game. (Tabled as Penn is to provide the details of what it is that they are proposing).

Penn proposes that all kick offs occur from the 40 yard line. In favor – Penn, Cornell, CHC. Opposed – Army West Point, Navy, St. Thomas, Caldwell, Mansfield, Franklin Pierce.). Voted down.

6th Year Player

2017 Mansfield student-athlete Flexer was approved a 9-0 medical hardship for 6th year.

2018 Army West Point student-athlete Horton was approved a 6th year (discipline) 10-0.

League minutes will be sent to the league sports information director to have posted on the league website.