Minnesota College Athletic Conference

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Greetings -

Hope all is well in Cloquet and your New Year is off to a good start.

On Friday, December 13, the Executive Committee of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference conducted its monthly EC meeting. One agenda topic was the recent announcement by FDLTCC of the need to cancel its 2019-20 women's basketball season due to roster size.

At the spring 2019 MCAC General Assembly, the members of the GA voted to place FDLTCC on probation in women's sports, because of repeated canceled seasons in volleyball, basketball and previously, softball. Such cancelations create significant hardship for MCAC member schools in terms of lost competition opportunities, transportation schedules, budgeting, staff and officials scheduling and related activities. While there are 'forfeit fees' associated with canceled or forfeited contests in MCAC, they are not always enough to cover associated costs and inconvenience.

In the December EC meeting, the committee took the following action:

- A motion was made and voted upon that MCAC member schools which were scheduled to play FDLTCC in 2019-20 will be compensated at 150% of the normal forfeit fee per contest; in women's basketball, this moves the per-contest fee from $500 to $750 per game. The motion passed by an 9-0 vote in favor of the motion.

Based on the group discussion, the primary rationale for the added penalty is the repetitive nature of the cancelations on a select group of institutions; the challenge being the inability to fill open dates at such a late juncture as well as financial impact to member institutions for travel and game costs.

The EC is scheduled to meet again in January on Friday, January 17 and in February on Friday, February 21.

If there is an interest on the part of FDLTCC to address this action with the EC, please respond by letter to our office; we will forward to the EC for our January call.

If there is not an interest on the part of FDLTCC to discuss this action with the EC further, please advise as such so that we can inform MCAC schools of this decision.

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