

Executive Committee Meeting Summary  
April 22, 2015

1. Chairman Craig Hammer called the meeting to order and reviewed important dates found in the UHSAA Ready Reference Calendars (see [www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org)).
2. Mr. Brad Smith, State Superintendent, discussed many of the legislative bills regarding education. He said there were approximately 180 introduced and 161 bill education-related bills passed by the legislature.
3. The UHSAA staff reviewed music, theatre/drama and speech/debate activities.
4. Mr. Bart Thompson reviewed and discussed the 2015-2016 tentative calendar ([www.uhsaa.org](http://www.uhsaa.org)). Dates and sites for next year's UHSAA activities were confirmed by the Executive Committee. Refer to website for dates and sites.
5. Each classification committee chair (1A-5A) determined qualifiers and pairings for individual classifications for next year.
6. Spring sports will have Monday, February 29, as the beginning practice and team selection date and Monday, March 7, as the first contest or meet allowed date.
7. Action was taken and approved regarding 4A wrestling divisionals.
8. The Committee approved a dual wrestling tournament for the 4A and 5A classifications beginning next season.
9. The format for the 4A and 5A boys' basketball tournament has changed due to the state-wide ACT test for juniors. Two sites will be used on Monday and Tuesday and host four games each, rather than one site hosting eight games each day.
10. Mr. Ryan Bishop discussed coaches' certification. He reminded members that head coaches and assistant coaches need to complete the certification before having contact with students. Districts and schools shoulder the responsibility of training coaches and tracking those coaches who have certified.
11. A vote was taken by committee members regarding regular season rights. KJZZ had requested that regular season rights be included in the post-season rights contract with additional compensation to the schools. The motion failed.
12. Head acclimatization requirements were distributed and a reminder was given on restrictions for football during the spring and summer months.
13. Recommendations from the UHSAA Sports Medicine Committee were reviewed and sent to regions for feedback. The recommendations will be discussed again in the June meeting.

14. Ms. Kim Monkres discussed the UHSAA sportsmanship initiative and encouraged all schools and regions to support the initiative by increasing the awareness of good sportsmanship. Forms will be available on the UHSAA website for schools to apply for their 2015-2016 sportsmanship star to include on their sportsmanship banner. The applications are due to UHSAA by Friday, May 29, 2015.
15. The *Dare2Lead* Student Leadership Conference was discussed. The fourth annual UHSAA student leadership conference will be held at Murray High School on Thursday, June 18. The conference will include team-building activities, breakout sessions and a service project. The service project is in conjunction with Special Olympics Utah. Students will raise money for Special Olympics Utah in a bowl-a-thon and the conference will conclude with an excellent dinner.
16. Mr. Marc Hunter, UIAAA Executive Director, reported on the UIAAA Conference held recently in St. George. There were many training sessions, breakout sessions and workshops for participants. The dates for next year's conference are April 13-16 in St. George.
17. UHSAA Speech and Debate policies and guidelines were recommended by the Speech Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. Changes will be posted on the UHSAA website under the speech and debate page.
18. Mr. Rob Cuff provided an article from NFHS Today supporting the importance of education-based activities.