

Girls' Athletic Association

The "V.I.A. Girls' Athletic Association Sponsors" wish to submit the following report to the V.I.A. Executive Committee.

On Saturday December the 4th, 1965 the coaches of Girls' sports met in room 114 of Foster Hall, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, with the purpose of organizing on a District and State level a Girls' coaches association.

The function of the group is to design a program of activities to be sponsored throughout the state in various high schools for girls. To incorporate this program, two specific methods were adopted - They are: (1) To sponsor activities for a "Play Day" on a non-competitive basis, engaging in team and individual sports, the sports being Soccer, Hockey, Speedball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, relays, Badminton, Table Tennis and Softball. (2) To sponsor activities on a competitive basis of which such sports as Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, Track and Field and Tennis or other sports according to the District and facilities of the school.

The group also recognized and discussed the physical structure of various schools to incorporate these sports, such as limited gym space and schools without a gym.

The conclusion reached on this issue was, that it would be left to each District to set up according to its facilities, the sports it would participate in on a competitive or non-competitive basis, and that a budget would be set up by respective districts for sports to be sponsored.

The names of coaches and schools represented at this meeting is as follow;

Mrs. Rachel P. Young	Edward W. Wyatt High School, Emporia, Virginia
Mrs. Emmaline M. Page	Hamilton Holmes High
Mrs. Dorena Jackson	Hamilton Holmes High Central, Sussex, Va.
Mrs. Margaret M. Higgs	Booker T. Washington, Suffolk, Virginia
Mrs. Julia Johnson	Thomas C. Walker, Gloucester, Virginia
Miss Brenda Carey	Thomas C. Walker, Gloucester, Virginia
Mrs. Marie Humbles	Mary N. Smith, Accomac, Virginia
Miss Verna Sutton	A. G. Richardson, Louisa, Virginia
Miss Ellen V. Walker	A. G. Richardson, Louisa, Virginia
Miss Brenda E. Ramseur	Thomas Hunter High, Matthew, Virginia
Miss Alma Thompson	East End High School, South Hill, Virginia
Mrs. Barbara T. Reese	Lunenburg High, Victoria, Virginia
Mrs. Rosie P. Riddick	Westside High, Smithfield, Virginia
Mr. Leroy Porter	Booker T. Washington, Norfolk, Virginia
Mrs. Masell W. Johnson	Hamilton Holmes High

It was called to the attention of the body that in many schools men sponsor Girl activities therefore the original title of VIA Girls' coaches Association should be changed to VIA Girls' Athletic Association Sponsors.

The slate of officers for the VIA Girls' Athletic Association are:
President----- Mrs. Rachel P. Young, Wyatt High School
Vice President--- Miss Alma Thompson, East End High School
Secretary-----Mrs. Margaret Higgs, Booker T. High
Assistant Sec'y---Mrs. Dorena F. Jackson, Central High School
Treasurer----- Mrs. Laureta Mathews, Carter G. Woodson High School
Reporter----- Miss Brenda Carey, Thomas C. Walker High School

* The next meeting date will be January 15, at 10:00 A.M. in Foster Hall, Virginia State College.

Respectfully submitted the VIA Girls' Athletic Association Sponsors.

Mrs. Rachel P. Young, Chairman

Mrs. Margaret M. Higgs, Secretary