

RECONSIDER THE JANUARY 2008 BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICIALS' FEES REPORT

(requires majority vote for approval)

AMENDMENT ADM-5a – INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE BUFFER

(Jefferson County)

____ Amend the Officials' Fees Report to read:
yes no

IV. OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION

Note 1: For the 2009-2010 school year the Jefferson County (except Conifer, Elizabeth, Evergreen and Summit), Denver, Continental, Skyline (except Fort Lupton), Front Range (Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Lake County and Middle Park), Metropolitan and Centennial leagues will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of \$2 \$4 to each official between league cities. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of \$2 \$4 to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.

D. Individual Mileage Buffer

No mileage will be paid to an official whose town of residence is 20 miles or closer to the host school. Full mileage (including first 20 miles) will be paid to officials who travel over 20 miles. This does not apply to the metro area officials described above that receive the \$2 \$4 travel stipend. ~~for 2009-2010. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.~~

Explanation: As most school districts face not just freezes but major budget cuts, it is hard to approve increases at a time when we are faced with reductions. These are difficult financial times for all of us and all parts of the system need to share in the solution. We approved the travel stipends in January 24, 2008 at a time our financial picture looked much different than it does today.

*This change will be noted in the Board of Control January 22, 2009 Tournament & Playoff Finance and Officials' Fees reports.

Pros:

- Our state and school district budgets are a moving target. Unfortunately most of us are being asked to cut our budgets with no end in sight.
- Gas prices are down from the \$4 per gallon in 2008.
- IRS has increased the standard mileage rate for business miles (second job-you can deduct the cost of traveling from their day job to a part-time evening job like officiating) to 58.5 cents per mile.
- We are asking to freeze not reduce the \$2 travel stipend.

Cons:

- We do have a shortage of officials and we do appreciate the job they do and believe they should be fairly compensated.