

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Minutes of October 4, 2017

The Committee on Classification met on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Grand Island. Jay Bellar, NSAA District III Board of Director, chaired the meeting.

Committee members present were Mark Novell, Fillmore Central; Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Jeff Johnson, Papillion-LaVista South; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek; Ed Akins, South Sioux City; Dave Barrett, Adams Central; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Jon Davis, Alma; Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; Gus Brown, Valentine; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Dr. Jim Tenopir, Jennifer Schwartz, Jon Dolliver, Ron Higdon, Jeff Stauss and Nate Neuhaus. Stu Pospisil from the Omaha World-Herald was also in attendance.

Dr. Tenopir and members of the NSAA staff presented information to the committee on classifying sports using gender specific enrollment counts, determining classes based on enrollment ranges and ratios, the enrollment size of schools with state championship success, and revenues realized from Class D2.

After much discussion, the committee decided to submit a legislative proposal to classify softball, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, wrestling, girls and boys golf, girls and boys tennis, girls and boys soccer, and baseball using gender specific enrollment counts.

The committee also discussed the number of classes in each sport and activity, in addition to classifying all sports and activities every two years. The consensus of the committee was to leave the number of classes the same and to continue to classify all sports and activities, with the exception of football, on a yearly basis.

The committee determined that further study would need to be done on of the number of schools in each class for wrestling and track and field in as it relates to the enrollment ranges and ratios.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Jennifer Schwartz, Assistant Director