



TO: Superintendents and NSAA Contact Person

FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director

SUBJECT: Proposals

DATE: November 2, 2018

Included with this transmission are the proposals submitted by member schools within your respective NSAA legislative district to be acted upon at your first NSAA District Meeting.

At the NSAA District Meetings, each member school shall be entitled to one vote. Voting will be conducted utilizing a clicker system in which each school's vote will be recorded on each item in which a vote is taken. The administrative head of the school or any school official so designated shall be considered the authorized voting representative of the member school. All legislative proposals receiving a majority vote at the first District Meeting in each district are to be forwarded to the NSAA to be distributed to all member schools prior to the second District Meeting in January. A copy of the proposals for the second NSAA District Meeting will again be forwarded to school administrators who are encouraged to share those proposals with the school's entire governing board.

[Proposed changes in NSAA Bylaws](#), must successfully pass through the legislative process. (I.e. November District Meeting, January District Meeting, Legislative Commission, Representative Assembly and if required a ratification of member schools) to be enacted.

[Proposed changes in NSAA Approved Rulings](#), rest in the final approval of the Board of Directors.

[Class Caucus proposals](#) are included for your information and are not acted upon at district meetings.

A paper copy of the proposals will not be provided at the NSAA District Meeting. Please print a copy of the proposals for your reference at the meeting.

District 2 Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Boys Town Conference Center

9:00 a.m.

A. This proposal is submitted by: Courtney Moore. Cornerstone Christian

The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 1,2 Section: 1.9.2, 2.2.1 Page: 6, 12

Activities Manual: Cross Country (Participation-2.), Football (Participation), Basketball (Team/Student Membership Requirements-2.), Swimming & Diving 2.2.1, Wrestling (NSAA Eligibility), Track & Field 2.2.1 **Page:** 5, 22, 4, 2, 19, 5

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

Yearbook 1.9.2 A member school shall engage in an interschool event only with the following:

- a. Member school(s) within the state.
- b. A school from another state that is a member of that state's athletic or activities association.
- c. A school from another state that is not a member of that state's athletic or activities association provided the school would qualify for membership if permitted to join.

D. AN APPROVED SCHOOL.

SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE NSAA, AND WHICH ARE NOT UNDER SUSPENSION FROM THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE ASSOCIATION, MAY BE PUT ON AN "APPROVED SCHOOL" LIST AND MEMBERS OF THE NSAA SHALL BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE WITH SUCH APPROVED SCHOOLS. APPROVED SCHOOLS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN NSAA-SPONSORED DISTRICTS OR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. COMPETITIONS BETWEEN MEMBER SCHOOLS AND APPROVED SCHOOLS SHALL COUNT AS AN OFFICIAL CONTEST FOR PURPOSES OF NSAA LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS IN EACH SPORT/ACTIVITY, BUT SHALL NOT OTHERWISE COUNT IN WILD CARD POINTS OR DISTRICT AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING.

Yearbook 2.2.1 (Approved Ruling and Interpretation 1.): To be a participant in any NSAA activity at either the varsity or non-varsity levels of competition FOR A MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL, an individual must be a bona fide student of (a) SUCH member high school. Exempt-school or home-school students, unless enrolled in a minimum of twenty credit hours of schoolwork in the member high school, are not eligible to represent a member school in NSAA activities, regardless of the level of participation or competition.

(The same change is requested to the Activities Manuals referenced above.)

See proposed Approved School Application, attached.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: Occasionally, NSAA member schools desire to compete against non-member schools or organizations (for example, teams comprising home-schoolers). Many smaller NSAA member schools struggle to fill their schedules, and often are forced - in order to fill their schedules - to schedule more long-distance competitions than they want, which imposes excessive travel burdens (time, costs, etc.). If NSAA member schools had the option to schedule some competitions against local Approved Schools, it would lessen these scheduling difficulties and travel burdens, and enable them to fill their schedule completely.

Approved Schools would NOT be eligible for district and state competitions, and competitions against Approved Schools would not count in member schools' wild card/point standings for district seeding.

This rule change would allow NSAA member schools to compete against alternative types of schools and organizations that they do not currently compete against, which would further diversify and broaden NSAA schools'/students' educational experience. As competitors and coaches learn to interact effectively with students and coaches from an even broader array of ethnic, cultural and

religious characteristics, they will be prepared to participate in an increasingly complex and pluralistic society.

This rule change would model the "Approved School" structure in Kansas, which was adopted several years ago and has successfully enriched the extra-curricular experience for students in that state. See <http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/General/WhatIsAnApprovedSchool.cfm>.

Cons: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020 School Year

B. This proposal is submitted by: Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town and Thomas Lee, Omaha Northwest, Board of Directors

The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 1 Section: 4 Page: 1

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions strike through.

1.4.1 For the purpose of effecting equitable representation in the government of the Association, the State shall be divided into six basic districts. The boundaries of these districts shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. NSAA district boundaries will be reviewed every four (4) AT LEAST EVERY TEN (10) YEARS, AND MORE FREQUENTLY IF THE NEED EXISTS, by a formal review committee comprised of eight (8) member schools and two members of the Board of Directors.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: Allows a review time frame if the need arises.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020

C. This proposal is submitted by: Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town, Tom Kerkman, Omaha Westside, Ruben Cano, Omaha South; District 2 Transfer Committee Members

The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 7, new subsection 9 Page: 24

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

PROPOSED NEW BYLAW 2.7.9 Transfer to Home School District. ANY STUDENT ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER PROMOTION FROM GRADE EIGHT WHO DID NOT INITIALLY ENROLL IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE STUDENT'S PARENTS HAVE THEIR DOMICILE, OR A STUDENT WHO TRANSFERS BACK TO A HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE HIS/HER LEGAL PARENT(S) HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR DOMICILE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR NINETY SCHOOL DAYS.

Other NSAA Bylaws and Approved Rulings affected: 2.6.3, 2.6.0.3, 2.7.2.3, 2.7.3, 2.7.4.1, 2.7.4.2

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? YES

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: Currently students can enroll in any school, regardless of the legal parent(s)' domicile, as an incoming 9th grader and be immediately eligible for varsity competition. In addition, students who do not attend the school district of the legal parent(s)' domicile may transfer to that school district at any time and be immediately eligible for varsity competition. The purpose of this proposed bylaw is to continue to allow an incoming 9th grader to attend the school of his/her choice, but if that school choice is not the school in which the legal parent resides, then transferring to the resident district would require a 90-school day ineligibility period. This new bylaw would eliminate student's ability to "return home" and be immediately eligible.

*Treats all transfers regardless of reason(s) similarly.

*Eliminates possibility of student playing for two different schools with in the same sport season.

*May 1st transfer list available rendering immediately eligible for the fall

*Hardship waiver can be filed for circumstances not within the control of the student

*Of the 201 member schools that responded to the survey, 102 schools (50.75%) felt there should be an ineligibility period for students "returning home"

*33% of survey respondents supported a 90-school day ineligibility period for students "returning home"

CONS:

*Penalty for transferring to school district where your legal parent(s) live

* Of the 201 member schools that responded to the survey, 99 schools (49.25%) did support students being able to "return home" and be immediately eligible

*Unintended consequences....?

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective beginning with the 2019-20 school year

D. This proposal is submitted by: Chad Jepsen, Gretna

The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 11 Page: 3

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through

3.11.2 – Baseball

3.11.3 - BOWLING

(3.11.4 – Cross Country)

(3.11.5 – Football)

(3.11.6 – Golf)

(3.11.7 – Soccer)

(3.11.8 – Softball)

(3.11.9 – Swimming)

(3.11.10 – Tennis)

(3.11.11 – Track)

(3.11.12 – Volleyball)

(3.11.13 – Wrestling)

2. The section/paragraph/sentence that needs to be added/deleted/changed would read as follows:

3.11.3 - Boys and Girls Bowling

3.11.3.1 - Boys and Girls bowling shall be conducted during the winter sports season.

3.11.3.2 – The bowling season shall begin with the first day of winter practice as permitted by NSAA rules, and end with the state championship.

3.11.3.3.1 – Competition will begin the third week after the start of the winter practice.

3.11.3.3.2 – State competition will be based on eight teams.

NSAA Bowling Proposal – Supplemental Information

This supplemental information is provided to help athletic directors assess the potential impact of adding high school bowling, as well as answer basic questions about the program.

A projected breakdown of the costs for fielding both a boys and girls team for the winter season;

Costs for One Team Costs for Boys and Girls Teams

Uniforms \$150-\$350 Uniforms \$300-\$700

Equipment* \$500 Equipment* \$1000

Transportation ** \$3,000-\$4500 Transportation ** \$3,000-\$4500

Lineage Fees*** \$1000 (max) Lineage Fees \$2000 (max)

Coaching**** \$1,000 – \$3000 Coaching*** \$1,000 - \$4,000

Total \$5650 - \$9150 Total for Boys and Girls Teams - \$7,300 - \$12,200

*Each bowling center has equipment available—free of charge—for any student athlete that requires it. The equipment costs are primarily for teaching and training aids.

**Boys and Girls teams compete at the same time and venue minimizing transportation costs. The meet schedule is determined based on bowling center availability. Most matches will take place on Saturday mornings, but some matches may take place after school or early evening during the week.

*** The Nebraska Bowling Proprietors Association has agreed to a five-year deal where a team(s) may use a facility for no more than \$1000/team. This is based on a varsity team consisting of six athletes, with three hours of practice on two lanes per week, as well as regular season match competition. District and state competition is not included in this amount.

****A salary range is offered because coaching salaries vary based on district, with coaching stipends often determined through the school districts' collective bargaining agreements.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? YES

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? YES

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? YES

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

1. During the 2017 Fall Season, there were approximately 900 student athletes competing in high school bowling competition during the season.
2. During the 2016-2017 season, 86% of participants in Nebraska High School Bowling Federation (NHSBF) competition were not involved in ANY other varsity sport activity at their school. Bowling provides an opportunity to connect schools with students otherwise not involved in extracurricular activities.
3. Bowling provides opportunities for athletic competition for students who may not have the ability to compete in other sports. Students can be highly competitive regardless of age, size, strength, or gender limitations.
4. No officials are needed for oversight.
5. Bowling proprietors across the state—as part of the Nebraska State Bowling Proprietors Association (NSBPA)—have agreed there will be no alcohol consumption allowed on the bowling center concourse during sanctioned high school competition. A signed agreement by the NSBPA is available upon request.
6. The NSBPA has also agreed that a maximum lineage charge of \$1000/team will be agreed to for five years, and covers all practice and match lineage, as well as shoe rental. A signed agreement by the NSBPA is available upon request.
7. There are currently 32 states that offer high school varsity bowling, including neighboring states of Iowa and Kansas.

CONS: Additional cost to schools that participate.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020

E. This proposal is submitted by: Chad Holtz, Bellevue East
The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section 11.7.2
Activities Manual: Softball Page: 49
ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

Softball 3.11.7.2. The softball season shall begin with the first day of practice permitted by NSAA rules and shall end with the state tournament.

PROPOSING THE NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SEASON BE LENGTHENED BY 2 WEEKS, STARTING WITH THE 2019 SEASON.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

- Lengthening the season will relieve unnecessary academic pressure that our student-athletes face every year. A large number of our female student-athletes are taking heavy advance academic schedules. Lengthening the season will lessen the number of classes they will have to miss during the season.
- It will bring softball in-line with our spring counterpart (baseball) which is already allowed to play 12 weeks for their season.
 - It will relieve the pressures of scheduling games on top of each other. It is policy of the NSAA that all efforts be made to reschedule contest that have been postponed. Lengthening the season will help provide each team with more dates to reschedule any rainouts.
 - It will allow for better competitions and reduce likelihood of injuries. The extended season will allow for more rest and skill development for our young athletes. Even some of our best athletes are still in a developmental phase. They need more opportunities to develop their fundamental skills.
- Lengthening our season by 2 weeks will also bring us in line with our surrounding states Missouri (12 weeks Aug 6th-Oct 27th), Kansas (13weeks Feb 25th-May 25th), and Colorado (11 weeks Aug 6th- Oct 20th).

CONS: NONE

F. This proposal is submitted by: Nate Larsen, Logan View
The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 11.3 Page: 49-50
Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 8
ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

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3.11.11.3 Match Limitations. No team representing a member school may participate in more than 16 matches, in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments from the date of the first permitted contest to the close of the state tournament. A team may not participate in more than five tournaments that have a competition point value of three or more, which includes the conference tournament. Participation in any volleyball tournament shall count as one match of the 16 matches permitted. No team may exceed 30 competition points prior to the district and state tournaments.

Competition points are assigned according to the following chart.

(1) Dual match – 1 point

(2) Triangular match – 2 points

- (3) Four-team one-day tournament, 2 set maximum – 2 points
- (4) Four-team round robin tournaments – 3 points
- (5) One-day tournaments of more than four teams – 3 points
- (6) Two or three-day tournaments – 4 points
- (7) THREE-TEAM DUAL/TRIANGULAR MATCH—1 OR 2 POINTS

The following school and student limitations apply:

- (1) In other than tournament competition, three schools playing two contests or playing two other schools OR ONE TEAM PLAYING TWO SCHOOLS AND TWO TEAMS PLAYING ONE SCHOOL in one session (night), counts as only one match.

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The NSAA shall permit a double-triangular in which there are 4-teams present and each team would play two of the other three teams present in a triangular format. The double-triangular must take place in one evening/session. The schedule shall be pre-determined as to which of the four teams will comprise each triangular. The double-triangular format in which each of the schools participates in two pre-determined matches shall count as one match. THE NSAA SHALL PERMIT A DUAL/TRIANGULAR, IN WHICH THERE ARE THREE TEAMS PRESENT AND TWO TEAMS PLAY ONE GAME AND ONE TEAM PLAYS TWO GAMES. THE DUAL TRIANGULAR MUST TAKE PLACE IN ONE EVENING/SESSION. THE SCHEDULE SHALL BE PRE-DETERMINED AS TO WHICH OF THE THREE TEAMS WILL COMPRISE THE DUAL AND THE TRIANGULAR. THE DUAL/TRIANGULAR FORMAT IN WHICH EACH OF THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATES IN ONE OR TWO PRE-DETERMINED MATCHES SHALL COUNT AS ONE MATCH

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: With the last week of the season dropped for next year we had a hard time scheduling our game for an open date. Our opponent was a conference team and close in proximity to us. They had a dual with another team on our date that worked for us. Team A had a dual with Team B. I had a 3 year contract drawn up. Team C hosts and plays A, then A plays B; 2nd year team B hosts C plays A then A plays B; 3rd year Team A hosts Team C plays A then A and B play. One team gets 2 games and two teams get 1 game. As the proposal states, the event would be 1 point for those playing 1 game and 2 for the team playing 2, which hasn't changed from what they were before, The event would be classified as one match out of your 16. This proposal helps team fit the last week game(s) into their schedule.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 2019

G. This proposal is submitted by: Andy Vrbka, High Plains Community
The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3.11.12 Section: 1.a Page: 52
ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

Girls Wrestling Proposal

Section 3.11.12

Article 1.a

Girls wrestling shall be added as a winter sport season beginning with the 2019-20 NSAA calendar year. The girls wrestling season shall begin with the first day of practice as permitted by NSAA rules and shall end with a girls state tournament, conducted at the same time as the boys individual state tournament.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: In Nebraska the opportunities for girls during the winter sports season is limited to Basketball and Swimming and Diving. Swimming and Diving has 41 schools involved out of 282 schools that have basketball. In 2018-19 we will have 229 schools that will have boys wrestling. We know people are going to say girls have the opportunity to wrestle they just have to wrestle boys. I would say to them if you are teaching a class and before it starts you have set most of your students up to fail how good of a teacher are you. That is what it is like with girls in boys wrestling. Our Nebraska girls deserve better than what we are giving them. We all know the more students we have involved in activities reduces some of the issues we have in school. Here are a few reasons we feel it is time to add girls wrestling.

â—• Girls and boys in wrestling deserve to compete against their own gender

â—• Girls should not be expected to shoulder the work of growing opportunities

â—• Increased opportunities for higher education number 49 colleges and universities across the country.

â—• Local, State, Collegiate, National, World and Olympic communities have embraced girls wrestling and we need the scholastic world to join them.

â—• State Interscholastic Associations are mobilizing and more are joining. It is a national effort and we want everyone to experience success in this process.

â—• We now have solid participation data and information to support creating a girls division and state championship

â—• The local, state and national numbers are continuing to grow. Girls' wrestling is not going away. Now is the time for member schools to work together to create fairness and opportunity for all their student athletes in wrestling.

Across our country, girls are wrestling on boys' teams. They are putting in the time at practice and the effort to learn new skills. Those skills are then put to a test by competing in a hand to hand combat sport against males. A small percentage are successfully on varsity positions, and even fewer still have qualified for a boys state championship. The educational mission is to provide equitable opportunities for boys and girls in high school. We must remember every student needs to have access to learn through the sport of wrestling

Girls Wrestling Survey Questions

This survey sent to all 2018-19 NSAA wrestling coaches 139 responses (59%)

1. Which position do you hold in your wrestling program?

Head Coach -136 Assistant Coach - 2 Volunteer Coach -1

2. Which class will your high school wrestling program compete in at the 2018 - 2019 state

championships?

Class A - 15 Class B - 33 Class C- 41 Class D - 50

3. How many girls have participated in your wrestling program in the last 3 years?

6-10 - 6 * 10 or more - 3

4. How many boys on your team have competed against girls in the 2017-2018 regular and postseason?

6 - 10 - 27 * 10 or more -2

5. In Nebraska, 125 girls took the Optimum Performance Calculator assessment for the 2017-2018 season. Would you be in favor of using OPC totals to track the growth and interest of girls participating in wrestling in Nebraska

Yes - 127 No - 12

6. The 2017 - 2018 NFHS participation numbers for the new states are as follows: Oregon (498), Georgia (239), Missouri (169)*, New Jersey (129), Massachusetts (103) and Maine (74). NFHS numbers for girls wrestling in Nebraska (125). Do you believe Nebraska's numbers support the creation of a girls division and state championship? * Missouri's number is from OPC data, Missouri does report to NFHS

Yes - 107 No - 31

7. Would you be in favor of creating a girls division and state championship?

Yes - 129 No - 9

8. Do you believe a proposal supporting a girls division and state wrestling championship should be submitted to the NSAA?

Yes - 118 No - 21

Note: For the first 3-5 years, we will keep a Girls Advisory Committee in place to adjust tournament specifics as needed. i.e. bracket size, qualifiers, weight classes, etc, so growth can be reviewed each year and make the necessary changes to support girls high school wrestling in Nebraska.

CONS: Minimal state tournament expenses for medals, this will be offset by increased gate revenue.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020

Proposed Changes in NSAA Approved Rulings

A. This proposal is submitted by: Joe Tynon, Lourdes Central Catholic

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Basketball Page: 9, 10, 15, 16

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4. Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 schools are divided into twelve four- or five-team subdistricts on the geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south was used in some cases to decrease the distance between the schools within a district.

A. In Classes C1 and C2, D1 and D2 the boys' team and girls' team winning the championship in each subdistrict will advance to the district final. The boys' and girls' teams winning the district finals will advance to the State Championship.

B. THE NEXT FOUR (4) NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS WITH THE HIGHEST WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES WILL QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT FINAL. THE NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS QUALIFYING MUST HAVE PLAYED A MINIMUM OF 4 TEAMS/CONTESTS AT THEIR CLASSIFICATION OR ABOVE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT FINAL.

C. THE SIXTEEN (16) TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR THE DISTRICT FINALS WILL BE MATCHED UP USING A SERPENTINE METHOD BASED ON WILDCARD AVERAGES THROUGH SUB-DISTRICTS.

D. DISTRICT GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT CENTRALIZED, NEUTRAL LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE HIGHER SEED AND AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTICIPATING

SCHOOLS. IF THE TWO SCHOOLS INVOLVED CANNOT AGREE ON A LOCATION, THE NSAA WILL SELECT THE SITE.

E. THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' TEAMS WINNING THE DISTRICT FINAL WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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Plaques and Awards

4. In classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 district finals, plaques FOR THE RUNNER-UP AND CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE DISTRICT FINAL DIRECTOR.

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District Final Pairings

The pairings for the district finals are as follows and apply to Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2:

#1 SEED VS. #16 SEED

#2 SEED VS. #15 SEED

#3 SEED VS. #14 SEED

#4 SEED VS. #13 SEED

#5 SEED VS. #12 SEED

#6 SEED VS. #11 SEED

#7 SEED VS #10 SEED

#8 SEED VS. #9 SEED

Dates of District Finals Games

CLASS C1 AND C2 GIRLS, CLASS D1 and D2 GIRLS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 (WEEK 34)

CLASS C1 AND C2 BOYS, CLASS D1 and D2 BOYS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 (WEEK 34) AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 (WEEK 35).

CLASS C1 AND C2 BOYS, CLASS D1 and D2 BOYS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 (WEEK 34) IF THE TWO TEAMS INVOLVED ARE MORE THAN 120 MILES, and Monday, February 25, 2019 or Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (WEEK 35) IF THE TWO TEAMS INVOLVED ARE LESS THAN 120 MILES. THE NSAA WILL DECIDE WHICH GAMES ARE PLAYED ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY IF THEY MEET THE CRITERIA OF BEING LESS THAN 120 MILES APART.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Very little time to secure a site. With Sub-District finals on Thursday and all Boys District Finals Games on Saturday, it will be very difficult to secure sites in such a short period of time especially with so many games being played all on Saturday. It is no longer like the past where schools knew if they won Thursday that their District Final opponent was one of two schools in the opposite sub-district. Now there will be many possibilities. In the past you could line up a couple sites depending on who you knew you could play from the opposite sub. Also since these games are on Saturday, some sites wishing to host will have a difficult time getting workers for these games. And it will be difficult for some sites to get their crew of workers lined up in this shorter period of time. Some possible sites might have a team playing which would also cause a shortage of workers.

Many games on one day. On Saturday, February 23 there will be 54 boys' basketball games being played. There are 14 Class A first-round games and 8 Class B Finals. These games are at highest seeds gyms. This eliminates these gyms for the Class C1, C2, D1 and D2 games. There are 32

District Final games in C1, C2, D1 and D2. This is a total of 54 boys' basketball games played on Saturday, February 23.

Many officials needed for 54 games. These are the most important games of the season and instead of the best officials being able to work District Finals over more than one day, all of these games are being played on the same day. Some District Finals will not be officiated by the quality of officiating of past years.

Solution: Play these 32 C1, C2, D1 and D2 games over three days rather than all on Saturday. The rationale behind playing the sub-state finals on Saturday was to eliminate possible lost school time as many of these games could be played by two schools that are many miles apart. That makes sense but there will also be many games that are close in proximity like the District Final games that were played on Monday (C1 and C2) and Tuesday (D1 and D2) under the old method. This proposal would have games that have two schools 120 miles or more apart will be played on Saturday, February 23 due to the amount of travel. Games that have two schools less than 120 miles will be played on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26. To eliminate gamesmanship between schools, the NSAA will decide which games are played on Monday or Tuesday. By spreading out these 32 C1, C2, D1, D2 District Final games over three days, there will be more sites available to host and more quality officials to officiate. These games will still all be completed by the Tuesday of the week of the Girls State Tournament just like in the past.

Qualifying for State

3. In Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2, eight teams will qualify for the State Championship by winning the championship of their district tournament.

4. One additional team in Class A will be chosen as wild card qualifiers to complete the eight-team State Championship field.

CONS: none

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-20 Season

B. This proposal is submitted by: Dave Hiebner, Columbus

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Basketball Page: 12

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

Determination of Home Teams

1. In all championships, the HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM (~~top team of the paired bracket~~) shall be considered the home team and shall wear white jerseys

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: In post-season basketball there can be confusion by teams who believe that they are the higher seeded team and therefore should be the designated home team. This proposal would make post-season basketball consistent to other NSAA home team determination policies where the higher seed is the home team.

For reference here are the current NSAA Determination of Home Team procedures

VOLLEYBALL

· In all tournaments, the top team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team.

FOOTBALL

· For first round, quarterfinal and semifinal games, the higher seed will host.

SOFTBALL

· In all **DISTRICT** competition, the highest seeded team will be the home team for first-round games. Teams receiving first-round byes shall be the home team for their first tournament game. The remaining home teams will be determined by a coin flip.

· **STATE:** The highest seeded team will be the home team for the first-round game. For remaining games, home teams will be determined by a coin flip

BASKETBALL

· In all championships, the top team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team and shall wear white jerseys.

BASEBALL

· The highest seeded team will be the home team for all district games.

SOCCER

· The home team shall be the higher seeded team of each paired bracket.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020

C. This proposal is submitted by: Dave Struebing, East Butler

The proposal deals with: Football

The NSAA will form a committee to study the impact on classifications if indeed 9-Man football were added to the classifications for football.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? YES

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: The addition of 9-Man football would offer schools the opportunity to avoid ineligibility for the state playoffs.

9-Man football would enable those C-2 schools an opportunity to continue JV programs that are struggling to participate in 11-Man due to low participation numbers.

9-Man football could eliminate the potential forfeits that exist currently.

CONS: Could increase travel for participating schools.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall of 2020

D. This proposal is submitted by: Doug Goltz, Falls City Sacred Heart

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Football **Page:** 6

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through

1st Round Play-offs (D1, D2) ~~Week 17 Thursday~~ WEEK 16 THURSDAY

2nd Round Play-offs (D1, D2) ~~Week 18 Wednesday~~ WEEK 17 FRIDAY

Quarterfinal Play-offs (D1, D2) ~~Week 19 Tuesday~~ WEEK 18 FRIDAY

Semifinal Play-offs (D1, D2) ~~Week 20 Monday~~ WEEK 19 FRIDAY

Finals (D2, D1, A) Week 21 Monday

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

*8-man regular season scheduling of 8 games would all take place in the first 8 weeks of the season with no Bye weeks. This would allow for the completion of the 8-man regular season on the Friday of Week 16.

*This proposal allows for 8-man teams to have at least one week between playoff games, which should be a benefit for player safety because of increased recovery time. As a football season progresses, players need more recovery time, not less.

*Thursday was chosen as the opening round day to avoid conflicts with finding officials for the first round of the playoffs. Most Class A, B, C1, and C2 schools will be playing their 9th regular season game on the week 8-man begins their playoffs. Many officiating crews would already be contracted to work on Friday night for the regular season, so Thursday was a better choice to allow for quality officiating crews for the 8-man playoffs.

*Playing on Friday nights should help to alleviate some of the issues with scheduling games in the afternoon and missing school. Because schools would not be in session on Saturday, games could be played later on Fridays without fear of wearing down students for school the next day.

CONS:

*It is possible, that if 8-man (D1 & D2) have a combined number of teams that is odd, schools could end up with a 7-game schedule (unless an out-of-state opponent can be found).

*8-man teams would play on the Friday of state volleyball. However, Class D1 and D2 volleyball times are 9 and 11 in the morning, so being able to go to an evening football game should still be a possibility for school and community members.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2020

E. This proposal is submitted by: Chad Zimmerman, Millard North
The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Softball **Page:** 17-19

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

This proposal is to move the District Softball Tournament dates from Thursday and Friday of week 14 to Wednesday and Thursday of week 14 in class A.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

One additional makeup day for inclement weather. (which has been an issue the last two years). This will lower the possibility of districts needing to play a single elimination tournament. A single elimination tournament is a disadvantage to the top seeded team in a tournament.

- Lowers the chances of a tournament being completed on Monday of state tournament week. This rushes timelines for the NSAA along with schools/players/parents who need to prepare for the state tournament. Ex: students and classes, parents and work, hotel reservations.

CONS: N/A

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019 Season

F. This proposal is submitted by: Chris Raabe, Douglas County West

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Softball Page: 17-19

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District Assignment Procedures p.17

Class B and Class C SUB-district assignments are divided into TEN (10) GROUPS six (6) groups, are based SOLELY on geographic location starting west and moving east with consideration also given to north and south to reduce travel. ALL SUB-DISTRICTS WOULD BE FOUR (4) TEAMS IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASS B TEAMS IS DIVISIBLE BY FOUR (4). IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS IS NOT DIVISIBLE BY FOUR (4), THEN SUB-DISTRICTS OF FIVE (5) TEAMS WOULD BE CREATED FOR EXTRA TEAMS OVER THAT NUMBER DIVISIBLE BY FOUR (4). THE FIVE (5) TEAM SUB-DISTRICTS WOULD BE THE TEAMS THAT ARE FURTHEST EAST.

District Championships p.17

SUB-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS. IN CLASS B, SUB-DISTRICTS WILL BE DOUBLE-ELIMINATION WITH THE WINNER QUALIFYING FOR DISTRICTS.

District Championships. IN CLASS A AND C the district championships will be double-elimination with the winner qualifying for the state championship. IN CLASS B, THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL CONSIST OF THE TEN (10) SUB-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AND THE SIX (6) TEAMS (THAT DID NOT WIN A DISTRICT) WITH THE HIGHEST WILDCARD POINT AVERAGES FOLLOWING DISTRICTS. If due to weather the championship format is changed to single-elimination, all schools will be notified. The championship director and the Executive Director of the NSAA will make the decision. If a single-elimination tournament is played, the wild-card point system will be computed for the number of games played. For example, if District 1 has to play single-elimination and other districts play double elimination, no adjustment will be made in computing wild-card points.

District Dates on p. 17

District Dates. October 4-5, 2018. SUB-DISTRICTS CLASS B OCTOBER 7-8, 2019. DISTRICTS CLASS B OCTOBER 11, 2019

District Brackets p. 17

District AND SUB-DISTRICT Brackets –Teams shall be placed on brackets by the NSAA. All CLASS A AND C Districts AND CLASS B SUB-DISTRICTS will be scheduled over a two day period and per the following game schedule. IN CLASS B SUB-DISTRICTS, THE HIGHEST SEED WILL BE THE HOST UNLESS THEY CHOOSE NOT TO HOST. CLASS B DISTRICTS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON ONE DAY AND PER THE FOLLOWING GAME SCHEDULE. IN CLASS B DISTRICTS, THE HIGHEST SEED WILL BE THE HOST UNLESS THEY CHOOSE NOT TO HOST. Dates determined by the NSAA. *30 minute break in between each game (to include warm-ups)

A. A TWO (2) TEAM DISTRICT WILL BE SCHEDULES AS FOLLOWS:

DAY 1 – GAME 1 – HIGHER SEED HOME

GAME 2 – LOWER SEED HOME

GAME 3 (IF NECESSARY) – HIGHER SEED HOME

District seeding p.18

District AND SUB-DISTRICT Seeding. District competition shall be seeded based upon wild-card points. All Class A schools in softball are to be placed into seven (7) districts. The districts will be determined using a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild-card point system within two weeks prior to the first district.

Games through the Saturday before districts will be counted for seeding Classes A, B and C with tournament seeding announced the Monday before districts. GAMES THROUGH THE TUESDAY

BEFORE SUB-DISTRICTS WILL BE COUNTED FOR SEEDING CLASS B WITH TOURNAMENT SEEDING ANNOUNCED THE THURSDAY BEFORE SUB-DISTRICTS. In all district AND SUB-DISTRICT competition, the highest seeded team will be the home team for first-round games. Teams receiving first-round byes shall be the home team for their first tournament game. The remaining home teams will be determined by a coin flip. IN CLASS B, THE DISTRICTS WILL BE A BEST OF THREE (3) SERIES WITH THE HIGHER SEED HOSTING THE DISTRICT. PAIRINGS FOR DISTRICTS WILL BE BASED ON WILDCARD POINT AVERAGES FOLLOWING SUB-DISTRICTS. (1 VS 16, 2 VS 15, 3 VS 14, 4 VS 13, 5 VS 12, 6 VS 11, 7 VS 10, 8 VS 9)

State Qualifiers p. 19

State Qualifiers. Each district tournament champion qualifies for the state tournament. Other teams will qualify for the state tournament via wild cards IN CLASS A AND C. IN CLASS B, NO TEAMS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT VIA WILD CARD POINTS. Basis for selection will be a point average achieved by dividing the number of games played into the points accumulated by the following:

Wild-card criteria – All Classes p.19

ALL CLASSES

1. Seven teams in Class A and six teams in Classes B & C AND EIGHT TEAMS IN CLASS B will qualify for the state championships by winning their respective district tournaments.
2. One additional team in Class A and two additional teams in Classes B & C, which fail to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Reduction in travel for teams for sub-districts with small groupings of teams.

High seed hosts sub-districts – the season means something and hosting is earned.

Fewer teams in a sub-district allows smaller schools to host sub-districts with limited facilities.

This makes competitive balance stronger in Class B with more sub-districts and the ability for more teams to earn wildcards if there are imbalanced sub-districts.

More champions in sub-districts is what high school sports is all about.

A truly competitive system that still takes geographic location into consideration.

There are no wildcard births into state.

This is what sub-districts would have looked like for 2018

Scottsbluff - district 1

Crete - 6 (host)

Gering - district 1 (host)

North Bend- 6

Chadron - district 1

NEN- 6

Alliance - district 1

Pius X - 7

North Platte - district 2 (host)

Beatrice - 7 (host)

McCook - 2

Norris - 7
Gothenburg - 2
Waverly - 7
Lexington - 2
South Sioux City - 8
Holdrege - 3
DC West Concordia - 8
St. Paul - 3
Elkhorn - 8 (host)
Hastings- 3 (host)
Elkhorn South - 8
Adams Central - 3
Blair - 9
Northwest- 4 (host)
Bennington - 9
GICC - 4
Skutt - 9 (host)
Aurora - 4
Platteview - 9
York - 4
Ralston - 9
Columbus Lakeview - 5
Mercy - 10
Blue River (David City) - 5
Gross - 10 (host)
Fairbury - 5 (host)
Duchesne/Roncalli - 10
Seward - 5
Plattsmouth - 10
Schuyler - 6
Nebraska City - 10

Based on 2018 Wild Card points, we took the district high seeds as winners of each district and then added the 6 highest wild card point averages to configure what this system would have looked like for Districts in 2018.

District Championships for 2018 would have been:

Elkhorn would host Gering

Skutt would host North Platte

Beatrice would host Gross

Crete would host Seward

Waverly would host Blair

Bennington would host Fairbury

Hastings would host Norris

GI Northwest would host Elkhorn South

CONS: A couple teams may have to drive a great distance for the best of three game district final, but they would be doing this to play for the district championship and a trip to the state tournament. 16 teams would be playing a third day of postseason in order to finish districts (if they games are on Friday and not on Saturday.)

There are no wildcard births into state.

It is possible for a couple teams to have to get a hotel for the district championship.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 2019

G. This proposal is submitted by: Chad Holtz, Bellevue East

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Softball Page: 49

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

3.11.7.3.a Pre-season Jamboree Events

1) Prior to the first contest date for the fall sports season, only intra-squad games or intra-squad scrimmages are permitted. However, each school is permitted to participate in one scheduled Jamboree event to be held Monday through Saturday of Week 6 and Monday and Tuesday of Week 7 of the NSAA Calendar. If a monetary gate is held for the event, proceeds from the jamboree event are designated toward the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame, with the guidelines and financial report to be determined by the NSAA Executive Staff, as directed by the Board of Directors. PRE-SEASON JAMBOREE CONTEST FOR SOFTBALL. THESE PRE-SEASON CONTEST WOULD BE MEANT FOR SCRIMMAGE PURPOSES ONLY. NO OFFICIAL SCORE WOULD BE KEPT. THIS WOULD ALIGN SOFTBALL WITH VOLLEYBALL, BOY'S AND GIRL'S BASKETBALL. PRE-SEASON JAMBOREE

General Requirements:

- Only senior high schools may participate in the jamboree.
- The preseason jamboree shall consist of play against no less than two other schools and no more than three other schools.
- The preseason jamboree shall be officiated by NSAA registered officials.
- All game rules shall apply with the exception that coaches may be on the field to provide instruction.
- Additional game rule exceptions
- Free substituting.
- Each half inning will end after three outs or five runs, whichever comes first.
- Three or Four-Team Format Only:
- Maximum of 5 innings against each opponent 2) Maximum of 15 innings for each school participating
- Time Limit: Prior to the date of the scrimmage, the schools may to agree to implement a time limit per scrimmage. However, the scrimmage may not exceed the number of innings allowed, as described above.
- No official score should be kept.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? YES

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Increased revenue for the Nebraska Hall of Fame.

Opportunity for players to simulate game like conditions without it being an official game.

Opportunity to use different combinations of players in a game situation.

CONS: NONE

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-20 school year

H. This proposal is submitted by: Dave Hiebner, Columbus
The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 14
ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

Determination of Home Teams

1. In all tournament, the HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM (~~top team of the paired bracket~~) shall be considered the home team.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

In post-season volleyball there can be confusion by teams who believe that they are the higher seeded team and therefore should be the designated home team. This proposal would make post-season volleyball consistent to other NSAA home team determination policies where the higher seed is the home team.

For reference here are the current NSAA Determination of Home Team procedures

VOLLEYBALL

· In all tournaments, the top team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team.

FOOTBALL

· For first round, quarterfinal and semifinal games, the higher seed will host.

SOFTBALL

· In all **DISTRICT** competition, the highest seeded team will be the home team for first-round games. Teams receiving first-round byes shall be the home team for their first tournament game. The remaining home teams will be determined by a coin flip.

· **STATE:** The highest seeded team will be the home team for the first-round game. For remaining games, home teams will be determined by a coin flip

BASKETBALL

· In all championships, the top team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team and shall wear white jerseys.

BASEBALL

· The highest seeded team will be the home team for all district games.

SOCCER

· The home team shall be the higher seeded team of each paired bracket.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-2020

I. This proposal is submitted by: Jeremy VanAckeren, Papillion-La Vista South
The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 15
ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

2. **Brackets.** Teams shall be placed on brackets by the NSAA.

1. **A four-team sub-district/district will be scheduled on one day two days.**

Day 1: Match 1-Seeds 1 vs 4; Match 2-Seeds 3 vs 2, 30 minute break (to include warm-ups),

2. Day 2: Match 3 -Championship

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? YES

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? YES

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: This would allow teams to recover and perform at their best level in the District Final. Since we are not 3 out of 5, there is a potential disadvantage to having to play two matches per night especially when the matches are long. It would also generate another night of revenue and give players and fans time to hype up being in the finals and create a more competitive atmosphere for the final.

CONS: Travel and hosting two nights, however I would argue we do this for all other sports so it's time to make the move for volleyball as well.

Cost to school for travel for two days and cost for an additional day of officials and workers.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: August 2019

J. This proposal is submitted by: Jeremy VanAckeren, Papillion-La Vista South

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 21-22

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

1. In competition with schools one classification above yours, 2 bonus points will be awarded **vs 1st Division Teams, 1 point for 2nd Division Teams, 0 Points for 3rd and 4th Division Teams.**
2. In competition with schools two classifications above yours, 3 bonus points will be awarded **vs 1st Division Teams, 1 point for 2nd Division Teams, 0 Points for 3rd and 4th Division Teams..**
3. In competition with schools three classifications above yours, 4 bonus points will be awarded **vs 1st Division Teams, 2 points for 2nd Division Teams, 0 Points for 3rd and 4th Division Teams..**
4. In competition with schools four classifications above yours, 5 bonus points will be awarded **vs 1st Division Teams, 2 point for 2nd Division Teams, 0 Points for 3rd and 4th Division Teams..**

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: This should manage the increased number of teams playing outside their class grossly affecting wildcard point leaders. It seem appropriate for teams to be rewarded bonus points based on the caliber of opponent.

CONS: Cost to the NSAA for programming

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: August 2019

K. This proposal is submitted by: Jeremy VanAckeren, Papillion-La Vista South

The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 21-22

ADDITIONS are in all capital letters. Deletions struck through.

15. Wildcard points will be calculated for each set played, (i.e. if a team beats a 1st Division team 3-1, they will be awarded 50, 50, 50, 39). A team's point rating will be determined by dividing the total number of points by the number of contests sets played.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? YES

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS: This should make the wildcard system even more accurate by rewarding teams for competing with upper division teams. Currently it seems unfair for a team losing to a team 3-0 is awarded the same points as a team losing 3-2.

CONS:

The only potential con would be coaches not wanting to play subs in order to not drop sets even against weaker teams.

The cost to the NSAA would be programming

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019

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Purposes Only

No action is required at District
Meetings

CLASS CAUCUS
PROPOSALS UNDER
CONSIDERATION

Class Caucus Representatives:

Class A – Clayton Heath, LNE; Dan Schinzel, Creighton Prep

Class B – Odell Santos, South Sioux City; Jeff Gross, McCook

Class C – Nate Larsen, Logan View; Tyler Herman, Gothenburg

Class D – Joe Tynon, Lourdes Central Catholic; Lance Howitt, Leyton

*Questions and/or comments shall be directed to your Class Caucus Representative for
your respective class.*

Class A Proposal

A. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Soccer Page: 20

Class A schools will be divided into seven districts. The teams with the highest wild card point averages will have the opportunity to host districts. Class A districts will be Sat (week 43).- Wed (week 44) or Sat (week 43)-Thur (week 44). All seven districts will be determined using a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild card point system AFTER GAMES OF MONDY OF WEEK 43. The winning boys' team and the winning girls' team in each district will qualify for the State Championship. One additional boys' team and one additional girls' team will also qualify for the State Championship on the basis of the wild card team selection procedure. The top 14 teams will have the opportunity to host the first night of district competition. The district championship would be hosted by the highest remaining seed. District dates and times would be established before district competition starts. Top seeded team in each district would be responsible for in establishing district schedules.

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Rewards higher seed.

Reduces number of teams traveling,

Increase in attendance with more schools hosting.

CONS: More officials needed to cover sites.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-20

Class C Proposal

NSAA staff has been directed to communicate and re-visit with the original author of the proposal for an amendment to include pertinent implementation information within the proposal prior to the next scheduled meeting.

A. Activities Manual: Basketball Page: 9,10,15,16

4. Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 schools are divided into twelve four- or five-team subdistricts on the geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south was used in some cases to decrease the distance between the schools within a district.

a. In Classes C1 and C2, D1 and D2 the boys' team and girls' team winning the championship in each subdistrict will advance to the district final. The boys' and girls' teams winning the district finals will advance to the State Championship.

B. THE NEXT FOUR (4) NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS WITH THE HIGHEST WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES WILL QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT FINAL. THE NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS QUALIFYING MUST HAVE PLAYED A MINIMUM OF 4 TEAMS/CONTESTS AT THEIR CLASSIFICATION OR ABOVE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT FINAL.

C. THE SIXTEEN (16) TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR THE DISTRICT FINALS WILL BE MATCHED UP USING A SERPENTINE METHOD BASED ON WILDCARD AVERAGES THROUGH SUB-DISTRICTS.

D. DISTRICT GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT CENTRALIZED, NEUTRAL LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE HIGHER SEED AND AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. IF THE TWO SCHOOLS INVOLVED CANNOT AGREE ON A LOCATION, THE NSAA WILL SELECT THE SITE.

E. THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' TEAMS WINNING THE DISTRICT FINAL WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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Plaques and Awards

4. In classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 district finals, plaques FOR THE RUNNER-UP AND CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE DISTRICT FINAL DIRECTOR.

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District Final Pairings

The pairings for the district finals are as follows and apply to Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2:

#1 SEED VS. #16 SEED

#2 SEED VS. #15 SEED

#3 SEED VS. #14 SEED

#4 SEED VS. #13 SEED

#5 SEED VS. #12 SEED

#6 SEED VS. #11 SEED

#7 SEED VS #10 SEED

#8 SEED VS. #9 SEED

Dates of District Finals Games

CLASS C1 AND C2 GIRLS, CLASS D1 and D2 GIRLS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 (WEEK 34)

CLASS C1 AND C2 BOYS, CLASS D1 and D2 BOYS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 (WEEK 34) and Monday, February 25, 2019 and Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (WEEK 35).

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Very little time to secure a site. With Sub-District finals on Thursday and all Boys District Finals Games on Saturday, it will be very difficult to secure sites in such a short period of time especially with so many games being played all on Saturday. It is no longer like the past where schools knew if they won Thursday that their District Final opponent was one of two schools in the opposite sub-district. Now there will be many possibilities. In the past you could line up a couple sites depending on who you knew you could play from the opposite sub. Also since these games are on Saturday, some sites wishing to host will have a difficult time getting workers for these games. And it will be difficult for some sites to get their crew of workers lined up in this shorter period of time. Some possible sites might have a team playing which would also cause a shortage of workers.

Many games on one day. On Saturday, February 23 there will be 54 boys' basketball games being played. There are 14 Class A first-round games and 8 Class B Finals. These games are at highest seeds gyms. This eliminates these gyms for the Class C1, C2, D1 and D2 games. There are 32 District Final games in C1, C2, D1 and D2. This is a total of 54 boys' basketball games played on Saturday, February 23.

Many officials needed for 54 games. These are the most important games of the season and instead of the best officials being able to work District Finals over more than one day, all of these games are being played on the same day. Some District Finals will not be officiated by the quality of officiating of past years.

Solution: Play these 32 C1, C2, D1 and D2 games over three days rather than all on Saturday. The rationale behind playing the sub-state finals was to eliminate possible lost school time as many of these games could be played by two schools that are many miles apart. That makes sense but there will also be many games that are close in proximity like the District Final games that were played on Monday (C1 and C2) and Tuesday (D1 and D2) under the old method. This proposal would have games that have two schools 120 miles or more apart will be played on Saturday, February 23 due to the amount of travel. Games that have two schools less than 120 miles will be played on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26. To eliminate gamesmanship between schools, the NSAA will decide which games are played on Monday or Tuesday. By spreading out these 32 C1, C2, D1, D2 District Final games over three days, there will be more sites available to host and more quality officials to officiate. These games will still all be completed by the Tuesday of the week of the Girls State Tournament just like in the past.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-20 season

Class D Proposal

NSAA staff has been directed to communicate and re-visit with the original author of the proposal for an amendment to include pertinent implementation information within the proposal prior to the next scheduled meeting.

A. Activities Manual: Basketball Page: 9,10,15,16

4. Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 schools are divided into twelve four- or five-team subdistricts on the geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south was used in some cases to decrease the distance between the schools within a district.

a. In Classes C1 and C2, D1 and D2 the boys' team and girls' team winning the championship in each subdistrict will advance to the district final. The boys' and girls' teams winning the district finals will advance to the State Championship.

B. THE NEXT FOUR (4) NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS WITH THE HIGHEST WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES WILL QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT FINAL. THE NON-SUBDISTRICT WINNERS QUALIFYING MUST HAVE PLAYED A MINIMUM OF 4 TEAMS/CONTESTS AT THEIR CLASSIFICATION OR ABOVE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT FINAL.

C. THE SIXTEEN (16) TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR THE DISTRICT FINALS WILL BE MATCHED UP USING A SERPENTINE METHOD BASED ON WILDCARD AVERAGES THROUGH SUB-DISTRICTS.

D. DISTRICT GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT CENTRALIZED, NEUTRAL LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE HIGHER SEED AND AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. IF THE TWO SCHOOLS INVOLVED CANNOT AGREE ON A LOCATION, THE NSAA WILL SELECT THE SITE.

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#8 SEED VS. #9 SEED

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CLASS C1 AND C2 GIRLS, CLASS D1 and D2 GIRLS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 (WEEK 34)

CLASS C1 AND C2 BOYS, CLASS D1 and D2 BOYS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019 (WEEK 34) and Monday, February 25, 2019 and Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (WEEK 35).

Will this proposal impact cost to the School? NO

Will this proposal impact cost to the NSAA? NO

Will this proposal increase travel for the participating schools? NO

Will this proposal impact a student or coach's loss of instruction time? NO

Rationale for the proposed change:

PROS:

Very little time to secure a site. With Sub-District finals on Thursday and all Boys District Finals Games on Saturday, it will be very difficult to secure sites in such a short period of time especially with so many games being played all on Saturday. It is no longer like the past where schools knew if they won Thursday that their District Final opponent was one of two schools in the opposite sub-district. Now there will be many possibilities. In the past you could line up a couple sites depending on who you knew you could play from the opposite sub. Also since these games are on Saturday, some sites wishing to host will have a difficult time getting workers for these games. And it will be difficult for some sites to get their crew of workers lined up in this shorter period of time. Some possible sites might have a team playing which would also cause a shortage of workers.

Many games on one day. On Saturday, February 23 there will be 54 boys' basketball games being played. There are 14 Class A first-round games and 8 Class B Finals. These games are at highest seeds gyms. This eliminates these gyms for the Class C1, C2, D1 and D2 games. There are 32 District Final games in C1, C2, D1 and D2. This is a total of 54 boys' basketball games played on Saturday, February 23.

Many officials needed for 54 games. These are the most important games of the season and instead of the best officials being able to work District Finals over more than one day, all of these games are being played on the same day. Some District Finals will not be officiated by the quality of officiating of past years.

Solution: Play these 32 C1, C2, D1 and D2 games over three days rather than all on Saturday. The rationale behind playing the sub-state finals was to eliminate possible lost school time as many of these games could be played by two schools that are many miles apart. That makes sense but there will also be many games that are close in proximity like the District Final games that were played on Monday (C1 and C2) and Tuesday (D1 and D2) under the old method. This proposal would have games that have two schools 120 miles or more apart will be played on Saturday, February 23 due to the amount of travel. Games that have two schools less than 120 miles will be played on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26. To eliminate gamesmanship between schools, the NSAA will decide which games are played on Monday or Tuesday. By spreading out these 32 C1, C2, D1, D2 District Final games over three days, there will be more sites available to host and more quality officials to officiate. These games will still all be completed by the Tuesday of the week of the Girls State Tournament just like in the past.

CONS: None

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2019-20 season