

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION
Meeting Minutes September 21, 2022

The Classification Committee met on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in Grand Island. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Jon Cerny, NSAA District III Board of Director, who chaired the meeting.

Committee members present were Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Jason Alexander, Beatrice; Dr. JJ Toczek, Lincoln Public Schools; Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun; Chad Zimmerman, Millard Public Schools; Luke Ford, Elkhorn North; Jeff Squier; South Sioux City; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Justin Anderson, Central City; Jon Davis, Alma; Craig Newcomb, Bertrand; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; and Chuck Lambert, Bridgeport. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Jay Bellar, Jennifer Schwartz, and Nate Neuhaus.

Cerny reviewed discussions from previous meetings.

Committee members discussed feedback from the membership.

Of particular concern was equity and safety as it relates to football. The committee discussed the importance of ratios, a specific number of schools in a class, travel, and the ability to opt up or opt down. The committee decided to study the impact of adjusting the 11-man football boy enrollment classification cut-offs. Specifically, moving Class A to 500 and above, Class B to 499-200, and then dividing Class C1 and C2 evenly.

The committee discussed increasing the 8-man playoff eligibility number from 47 to 50.

The committee also discussed moving the total enrollment number for Class A from 850 to 1000 in all other activities.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. CT via Zoom.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director