

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021

The Committee on Classification met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; Jason Ryan, Papillion-La Vista; Jeff Squier, South Sioux City; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Justin Anderson, Central City; Jon Davis, Alma; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; and Andy Pope, Chadron. Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood was absent. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Jay Bellar, Jennifer Schwartz, and Nate Neuhaus.

Cerny gave a brief history of this committee beginning in July of 2015.

The committee discussed the importance of ratios and the number of schools in a class. Specifically, the ratio in Class B and the Class A enrollment cutoff number of 850. The ratio in wrestling and track and field was also discussed.

The committee discussed the proposal by Hartington-Newcastle for 8-man football. The proposal calls for the 8-man playoff eligibility number to increase from 47 to 55.

The committee discussed classifying all activities in all classes on a two-year basis but decided it would not be supported by smaller schools.

It was mentioned that this committee needs to strategically look ahead as more schools open and continue to provide opportunities for students.

The committee decided not to bring forth any legislative proposals, but rather meet again after the Nebraska Department of Education provides the NSAA the enrollment numbers to be used to classify all 2022-23 NSAA activities.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next meeting will be December 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. CT in Grand Island and via Zoom.

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Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director