

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Meeting Minutes December 16, 2021

The Committee on Classification met on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Grand Island. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 p.m. by Dr. Jon Cerny, NSAA District III Board of Director, who chaired the meeting.

Committee members present were Dana Wiseman, Sutton; 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. Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town, Jason Alexander, Beatrice and Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood were absent. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Jay Bellar, Jennifer Schwartz, and Nate Neuhaus.

Cerny reviewed the discussion from the previous meeting.

The strategic priority of this NSAA committee is to continually review classification procedures to provide equitable opportunities for all students of all abilities to compete while keeping student safety at the forefront. It is the current belief of this committee that using ratios to establish classifications contributes to providing safe and competitively balanced opportunities for all student participants.

Committee members discussed feedback from the membership. Using boy enrollment and girl enrollment counts to determine classifications has received positive support. The committee discussed the NSAA-approved NDE 2022-23 enrollment numbers.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of the proposal submitted by Hartington-Newcastle for 8-man football. The proposal calls for the 8-man playoff eligibility number to increase from 47 to 55. Concerns were expressed about the adverse effect on 6-man football.

The committee discussed the Class A enrollment number of 850 and above. The committee also discussed the opening of 5 new schools in the eastern part of the state and their projected enrollment.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The committee will meet again as needed.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director