NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION
Minutes of March 21, 2019

The Committee on Classification met on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in Kearney. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Jon Cerny, NSAA District III Board of Director, who chaired the meeting.

Committee members present were Mark Novell, Fillmore Central; Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Jeff Johnson, Papillion-La Vista South; Ben Ries, Norfolk; Dave Barrett, Adams Central; Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood; Jon Davis, Alma; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; Gus Brown, Valentine; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney. Committee members absent were Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; and Tracy Douglas, Hastings. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Jay Bellar, Jennifer Schwartz and Nate Neuhaus.

The committee reviewed discussion from the February 27th meeting and the results of the survey sent to the membership.

Based on discussion and the results of the survey, the committee is recommending the following changes to classifications in all athletics for the 2019-20 school year:
   A. Class A will be classified by using total (boy/girl) enrollment, and all other classes will be classified by single gender enrollment.
   B. The total number of schools specific to each sport in Class A and B will be split with Class A being determined by the total enrollment range of 850 and above. The remaining schools placed in Class B. The remaining classes will be classified by the existing classification system.
   C. Class A will be classified on a two-year basis, all other classes will be classified on a yearly basis.

The addition of a 9-man football classification was not supported. The eligibility number for 8-man football was discussed, but there was no recommendation from the committee for changing the number at this time.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The Classification Committee will reconvene in the fall of 2019 to discuss wresting and track and field classifications.

Jennifer Schwartz, Assistant Director