



Nebraska School Activities Association

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FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director

RE: Proposals Submitted for Consideration

DATE: October 2, 2018

The Class Caucus Review Committee is scheduled to meet via teleconference on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. CT/9:00 a.m. MT. Megan Huber will be providing you with additional information on how to access the meeting telephonically.

Included in this transmission are the proposals submitted for Caucus Committee Review as well as the Bylaws that reference the Class Caucus Committee, specifically Bylaw **1.5.4.3.2.1** which defines what is to occur at the first meeting.

Thank you for your participation in this legislative process.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
CLASS CAUCUS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING  
Teleconference Call  
October 16, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. CT/9:00 a.m. MT

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order (Unzicker)
2. Purpose of this Meeting
3. Review and Take Action on Proposals
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment  
*Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 2019*

## 1.5.4 CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS COMMITTEE

- 1.5.4.1 Each classification of member schools established pursuant to this Constitution shall form a caucus made up of member schools in such classifications, which shall be referred to as a Classification Caucus.
- 1.5.4.2 **Meetings.** Each class shall hold a caucus meeting each year.
- 1.5.4.2.1 A Classification Caucus may initiate proposals for adoption, amendment or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings, provided that any such proposal shall not affect student eligibility or materially affect Association and member school finances.

Each such proposal shall include a cost and revenue analysis, and the proposed effective date of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of an Association Bylaw/Approved Ruling.

### **APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.2.1**

1. *The NSAA staff shall designate a late summer/early fall date, time and location for an initial meeting for each Classification Caucus to meet to discuss possible proposals to be considered in each class. Member schools shall be invited to such meetings, but attendance is optional for schools.*
  2. *“Materially affect finances” shall mean any expense in excess of \$500. Those making proposals through the Classification Caucus shall consider all costs, not the least of which includes trophies and medals; reimbursements to schools for participation in state events; programming costs to make the necessary NSAA software changes to accommodate the proposal; added member school travel, lodging and meal costs; added costs for Association or member school equipment acquisition or changes and added personnel costs. If such costs to the NSAA are projected to exceed \$500, such legislative proposals will need to be introduced through the normal NSAA District Meeting legislative process. If there is a question as to whether the added cost exceeds \$500, the executive director or Board of Directors shall make the final decisions as to whether such proposal can be introduced through the Classification Caucus process.*
- 1.5.4.2.2 All proposals for the adoption of, amendment to or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings must be submitted by a Classification Caucus Representative electronically to the NSAA no later than October 1.
- 1.5.4.2.3 After the October 1 deadline, the NSAA shall forward the proposals to the Classification Caucus Review Committee.
- 1.5.4.3 **Classification Caucus Review Committee**
- 1.5.4.3.1 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall be comprised of two representatives from each of the four (4) NSAA classifications representing Classes A, B, C and D qualified to serve under paragraph 1.5.1.4, and the Chairperson of the NSAA Board of Directors. The NSAA Executive Director or designee shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

### **APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.3.1**

- In the event that a representative is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the representatives of that respective class may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.*
- The terms of Classification Caucus members shall be three-year terms, and a rotation system shall be established to assure that each of the six NSAA Districts has representation on the Classification Caucus and to assure there is a systematic rotation of Classification Caucus members.*
- 1.5.4.3.2 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings each year. Minutes shall be taken of such meetings, and posted on the NSAA website. The first meeting shall be held in October and the second meeting shall be held in February.
- 1.5.4.3.2.1 At the first meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall:
- a. review each submitted proposal;
  - b. take action on each proposal submitted; and
  - c. return the proposal to the submitting Classification Caucus along with any adopted comments and recommendations. The Classification Caucus may consider the committee’s comments and recommendations, and may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15.

### **APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.3.2.1**

- The Classification Caucus members from each of the NSAA Districts shall make a presentation of the Classification Caucus proposals to their District’s membership at the annual November District Meetings where the membership can hear and discuss such proposals.*
- 1.5.4.3.2.2 At the second meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall consider all submitted proposals and any subsequent amendments thereto, and take action on all submitted proposals with amendments, if any.
- 1.5.4.3.3 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed Classification Caucus proposals for the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings. To be approved, all proposals must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the committee members present and voting on the proposal.
- Disapproved Classification Caucus proposals shall be referred back to the Classification Caucus submitting

same with a statement from the committee of reasons for such disapproval. Approved Classification Caucus proposals shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for action according to this article.

- 1.5.4.4 Each proposal approved by the Classification Caucus Review Committee will be posted on the NSAA website as an approved Classification Caucus proposal, and each such proposal shall be presented as an information item at the annual NSAA Representative Assembly meeting.
- 1.5.4.5 Following the annual Representative Assembly meeting, the Board of Directors shall direct the Executive Director to conduct a referendum on the Classification Caucus proposal that shall be submitted to the members of the Classification Caucus participating in the activity subject to the proposed Bylaw change. The Classification Caucus proposal shall be accompanied by a statement of the rationale for such proposal. Each Classification Caucus proposal must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the member schools voting in such referendum. If a proposal for the adoption, amendment or repeal of an Approved Ruling is approved by the members voting thereon, such Class Caucus proposal must then be ratified by the Board of Directors. The Classification Caucus proposal shall become a part of the Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings on the effective date set forth in the approved proposal.

## **Class A Proposal**

### **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 within two weeks prior to the first district. 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

### **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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### Plaques and Awards

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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:

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#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).

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### **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.

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