

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CLASS CAUCUS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Class Caucus Review Committee met October 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. CT in a telephonic meeting with members present as follows.

NSAA Board of Directors Chairperson – Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central
Class A – Pat Gatzmeyer, Lincoln High
Class A – Andy Wane, Omaha Northwest
Class B – Jeff Gross, McCook
Class B – Odell Santos, South Sioux City
Class C – Nate Larson, Logan View
Class C – Jeff Ellis, Broken Bow
Class D – Mike Barrett, Weeping Water
Class D – Missy Koenen, Creek Valley

Ex-officio members included NSAA Executive Director Jay Bellar; Associate Director Jennifer Schwartz; Assistant Directors Nate Neuhaus, Jon Dolliver, Ron Higdon, Jeff Stauss, and Dan Masters.

Norvell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Norvell reviewed the responsibilities of the Class Caucus Committee as defined in NSAA Bylaw 1.5.4. The purpose of the committee is to take action and review each proposal to determine if it meets the following criteria:

1. The proposal does not affect student eligibility.
2. The proposal does not materially affect NSAA or member school finances.
3. The proposal does not affect another class.

If the proposal does not meet the criteria, the proposal shall be returned to the submitting Classification Caucus. The Classification Caucus may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15, 2019.

The submitted proposals were discussed. (See pages 2-24 for results.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The Class Caucus Review Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	Class A District Play Production Seeding		
Author:	Pat Gatzemeyer		
School:	Lincoln High		
NSAA District:	1		
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class A		
Activities Affected:	Play Production		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2020-08-01		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> Page 8	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u> 7
Summary:	MANUAL: IN CLASS A will be assigned to the districts USING THE PAIRING DIAGRAM so that no district runner up and champion from the previous year shall meet in the same district. MANUAL: REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: District A-1 will consist of: Previous District 1 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A2, A3 District A-2 will consist of: Previous District 2 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A3 District A-3 will consist of: Previous District 3 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A2 All remaining class A schools will be randomly assigned.		
Rationale:	The current wording is locking the district runners-up into the same district every other year. Assigning the runner-up team randomly (but making sure they do not hit the same district champion the following year) creates more varied competition.		
Pros:			
Cons:	None		

On a motion by Larsen, seconded by Wane this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion Carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	Class A District Speech Seeding		
Author:	Pat Gatzemeyer		
School:	Lincoln High		
NSAA District:	1		
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class A		
Activities Affected:	Speech		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2020-08-01		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> Page 6	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u> 6.6.2 #2
Summary:	<p>CHANGES/ADDITIONS:</p> <p>--MANUAL: In Class A, schools will be divided in four districts. The first eight schools will be seeded according to the previous year's district results. District A1- A4 champions will be assigned to separate districts. District runners up will be assigned to the districts USING THE PAIRING DIAGRAM so that no district runner up and champion from the previous year shall meet in the same district.</p> <p>-MANUAL: REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:</p> <p>District A-1 will consist of: Previous District 1 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A2, A3, A4</p> <p>District A-2 will consist of: Previous District 2 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A3, A4</p> <p>District A-3 will consist of: Previous District 3 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A2, A4</p> <p>District A-4 will consist of: Previous District 4 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A2, A3</p> <p>All remaining class A schools will be randomly assigned.</p>		
Rationale:	The current wording is locking the district runners-up into the same district every other year. Assigning the runner-up team randomly (but making sure they do not hit the same district champion the following year) creates more varied competition.		
Pros:			
Cons:	None		

On a motion by Koenen, seconded by Gross this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **ADD Class A Program Oral Interpretation (POI)**

Author: Pat Gatzemeyer

School: Lincoln High

NSAA District: 1

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: Speech

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2019-09-30

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:	Page	Article	Section
	63	6	6.5
	64	6	6.8

Summary: THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO OBTAIN A WIDE KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF VARIOUS FORMS OF LITERATURE. WITH A SPOTLIGHT ON ARGUMENTATION THROUGH LITERATURE, PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION FOCUSES ON A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO COMBINE MULTIPLE GENRES OF LITERATURE CENTERED AROUND A SINGLE THEME. SELECTIONS USED IN PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION SHALL BE CUTTINGS FROM A MINIMUM OF TWO GENRES OF LITERATURE CONSTRUCTED TO CREATE A THEME OR ARGUMENT. THE MATERIAL MAY BE HUMOROUS, DRAMATIC OR COMBINE BOTH TONES, AND BE TAKEN FROM THE FOLLOWING:
 *DRAMA WHICH INCLUDES PLAYS, SCREENPLAYS OR MONOLOGUES
 *POETRY WHICH INCLUDES LITERATURE WRITTEN IN VERSE AND FREE-VERSE.
 *PROSE WHICH INCLUDES FICTION OR NONFICTION, AND MAY BE TAKEN FROM BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NOVELS AND SHORT STORIES; JOURNAL, MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLES; RESEARCH FROM GOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS; AS WELL AS ESSAYS, SPEECHES AND BLOGS.

RULES. INTERPRETATIONS SHALL BE NO MORE THAN TEN (10) MINUTES IN PERFORMANCE INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY AND TRANSITIONAL MATERIALS. THERE IS NO MINIMUM TIME LIMIT. THE INTERPRETATION MUST BE DELIVERED VIA MANUSCRIPT. THE STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO USE THE MANUSCRIPT AS A PROP TO ENHANCE BLOCKING AS LONG AS THE MANUSCRIPT IS IN THE STUDENT'S PHYSICAL POSSESSION THROUGHOUT THE PERFORMANCE. NO COSTUMES OR PROPS OTHER THAN THE MANUSCRIPT SHALL BE PERMITTED. THE INTRODUCTION SHALL BE MEMORIZED. ALL TITLES AND AUTHORS USED IN THE PERFORMANCE MUST BE CITED IN THE INTRODUCTION.

JUDGING STANDARDS. PROGRAM INTERPRETATION IS REGARDED AS RECREATING THE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS OF THE AUTHOR IN THE MINDS OF THE AUDIENCE. ON ASSIGNING QUALITY RATINGS, THE CRITIC SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE MATERIAL CHOSEN BY THE STUDENT, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CUTTING AND ARRANGEMENT, AND THE ADEQUACY OF THE INTRODUCTORY AND TRANSITIONAL REMARKS WHICH UNIFY THE PRESENTATION. IN INTERPRETING THE PROGRAM FROM A MANUSCRIPT, THE MEANING SHOULD BE CONVEYED PRIMARILY THROUGH THE VOICE. APPROPRIATE BODY ACTION, EYE CONTACT AND OTHER MECHANISMS OF DELIVERY ARE ENCOURAGED. THE CONTESTANT SHALL BE OBSERVED FOR NATURALNESS AND EMOTIONAL RESPONSIVENESS. THE FINAL TEST OF GOOD PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION IS THE ABILITY OF THE CONTESTANT TO CAUSE AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO FORGET THEY ARE LISTENING TO A CONTEST.

Rationale: Program Oral Interpretation has become a regular event on the Class A circuit and is offered at all of the regular season competition. It has become a very popular event at both national tournaments and Class A would like to pilot adding it to the district and state tournaments

Pros:

Cons: Expense of additional medals (24 for districts; 6 for state). Slight increase in judging fees for district and state tournaments.

On a motion by Ellis, seconded by Wane this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 6 For (Gatzemeyer, Wane, Santos, Gross, Larsen, Ellis), 3 Against (Barrett, Koenen, Norvell).**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **CLASS A ORAL INTERPRETATION OF DRAMA [OID] TIME LIMIT**

Author: Pat Gatzemeyer

School: Lincoln High

NSAA District: 1

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: Speech

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
	67	6	6.8.7.2

Summary: The presentation shall be an interpretation of drama and not play production. Each member of the group shall possess a copy of the manuscript. The number of participants in each group shall be no fewer than three (3) or more than five (5). If the script calls for more than five characters, and it is impossible to omit additional characters, contestants may read more than one character. An introduction shall provide continuity for the cutting. FOR CLASS A, MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT SHALL BE TEN (10) MINUTES. FOR CLASSES B, C1, C2, D1, D2, Maximum time limit shall be fifteen (15) minutes.

Rationale: The current OID time limit makes it difficult to keep a tournament on schedule. Class A coaches would like to pilot the shorter time event at their invitational, as well as the district and state meets.

Pros:

Cons:

On a motion by Wane, seconded by Koenen this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Class A Summer Activities Bylaw Proposal**

Author: Andrew Wane

School: Omaha Northwest

NSAA District: 2

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: Baseball
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Cross-Country
Girls Cross-Country
Football
Boys Golf
Girls Golf
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Softball
Swimming & Diving
Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis
Boys Track
Girls Track
Unified Sports
Volleyball
Wrestling

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-05-26

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
	#42	3	2.7

Summary: Summer Activities from the Tuesday following Memorial Day to July 31. Attendance at summer activities shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend summer activities as a condition for membership on a high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

Allowable Summer Activities. During the summer a member school may organize the following:

Summertime School-Sponsored Camps/Clinics: A school may organize a camp or clinic in any sport from the Tuesday following Memorial Day through July 31.

a. Summertime school-sponsored camps/clinics include planned physical activities that are instructional and competitive in nature where actual games can be played or simulated by camp attendees.

b. Summertime school-sponsored camps/clinics shall be voluntary and open to all interested students from grades 9-12.

c. The use of school facilities and equipment is permitted in accordance with local school board policy.

d. If a summertime school-sponsored camp/clinic is held in football, contact shall be allowed with the use of hand held dummies only. The no-contact rule shall prohibit contact with mechanical or training devices, as well as with other players. The use of blocking sleds and other mechanical devices is prohibited. The no-contact rule does not preclude incidental or inadvertent contact, or the touching of a ball carrier with the hand(s). The only pieces of general football equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees and hand-held blocking dummies.

Summertime Conditioning Program. A member school may organize and supervise a summer conditioning program to include weight lifting, running, and exercising for its members.

Summertime Open Gym. It is permissible for students to be involved in NSAA activities of a school's open gymnasium program during the summer under the following conditions:

a. The gym is open for all individuals and all activities.

b. Permitting the participation by non-high school students (graduates, adults or individuals not a member of the school) shall be determined by local school board policy.

Summertime Regulations for Athletes and Coaches. From the Tuesday following Memorial Day or final day of school (whichever is later) until July 31, there shall be no restrictions on the contact between students and high school coaches.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS: The organized practice rule shall be in effect during the school year until Memorial Day, except in the case of organized teams (e.g., Legion baseball, USA softball, etc.). If a high school coach or other adult associated with the school program is also the coach of an organized non-school team, practice and competition involving the coach and athletes of that non-school team may begin at the conclusion of the state tournament of that activity or during Week 46 of the standardized calendar, whichever date is later. 2. If a high school coach or other adult associated with the school baseball program is also the coach of an organized non-school Junior or Senior Legion baseball teams that will practice and compete after July 31st in preparation for a qualifying state, regional or national Legion baseball tournament, that school must seek a waiver for the school-year, out-of-season Bylaw 3.2.2 (Organized Practice) from the NSAA Executive Director to continue their practice and competition through the completion of these tournaments.

Summer Leagues. High school coaches are permitted to coach students from their school in summer league competition and games.

a. All league fees and costs are to be paid by the athlete and/or his/her parents. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses or support for individuals participating in such leagues.

b. Team fundraisers may be used to finance summer league and camp activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for summer league or camp activities. Any athlete receiving money for summer league/camps must participate in the fundraising activity.

Summertime Use of School Facilities. Member schools may permit the use of their facilities in accordance with the school board rental policy.

Summertime Use of School Equipment. Member schools may permit the use of school equipment. **APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS:** Due to safety concerns, schools may permit the use of football helmets and softball and baseball protective equipment for summer leagues, camps, clinics, and other such summer activities.

Summertime College/Professional/Commercial Team Sport Camps/Clinics. High school coaches are permitted to accompany students from their school to college, professional, or commercial sports specialized team camps/clinics during the summer.

a. The purpose of a specialized sports camp/clinic/school is to give team members an opportunity to improve their skills in a particular activity.

b. The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses or support for individuals participating in camps, schools, and non-school competition.

c. Team fundraisers may be used to finance team commercial camp/clinic activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for camp activities. Any athlete receiving money for summer team camps/clinics must participate in the fundraising activity.

Summertime Individual Commercial Camps/Clinics. During the summer, students may attend any individual skill/technique camps or clinics.

a. The purpose of an individual camp/clinic/school is to give a student an opportunity to improve his/her skills in a particular activity.

b. The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses or support for individuals participating in camps.

c. Team fundraisers may be used to finance individual commercial camp/clinic activities. The AD/coach can hold money collected from fundraising in a school account until the money is needed to pay for summer individual camp/clinic activities. Any athlete receiving money for camps/clinics must participate in the fundraising activity.

Rationale: The Summer Activities rule places restrictions on high school coaches working with athletes. Many athletes are pushed towards their club teams in order to find additional instruction and access to facilities during the summer months. This creates a difficult situation for high school coaches, as they are forced to compete for time with club programs and coaches, who are under no limitations and often are not aware of school district philosophies.

Pros:

1. This proposal allows our high school coaches to spend more time with kids.
2. This proposal potentially reduces the influence of people outside of education on our student-athletes, parents and high school programs.
3. This proposal allows coaches to better maintain student-athletes physical, mental and emotional well-being when coaches have more contact with them.
4. This proposal would allow for a system to be in place for a school to monitor summer activities.
5. This proposal would formalize procedures for high school coaches in the same school to work with each other in the summer months.

Cons:

1. This proposal could create additional competition amongst athletic programs in the same school for the time of multi-sport athletes in the summer.

On a motion by Gatzmeyer, seconded by Ellis this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion failed, 3 For (Gatzmeyer, Wane, Santos), 6 Against (Gross, Larsen, Ellis, Barrett, Koenen, Norvell).**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Class A State Tennis Seeding**

Author: Pat Gatzemeyer

School: Lincoln High

NSAA District: 1

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

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Summary: Seed the Top 16 players in each of the four divisions of Class A. (Currently 12 players are seeded.) The remaining players will then be placed on the bracket according to their win/loss record along with consideration of the seeding guidelines. Consideration will only be given to the winning percentage from the division the player(s) are entered in. In effect, all players will be seeded.
Premise: The purpose of seeding is to separate top players from meeting each other in the early rounds of a tournament.
1. SEED THE TOP 16 PLAYERS IN EACH OF THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF CLASS A. THE REMAINING PLAYERS WILL THEN BE PLACED ON THE BRACKET ACCORDING TO THEIR WIN/LOSS RECORD ALONG WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE SEEDING GUIDELINES BELOW.
2. Evidence of potential for success underlies all seeding. This evidence consists of the following items or any other criteria that will help in evaluating the potential the player has for winning the tournament.
a. The current results are given the most weight.
b. Head-to-head encounters are more significant than indirect wins.
c. Who a player defeats and loses to is more important than the length of win/loss percentages of a record (the quality of the opposition is the most important factor). On the other hand, exposure must also be taken into account. Players with short records have not given other players an opportunity to possibly defeat them.
3. An upset loss of a top player should have a greater impact on raising the lower player than it does on lowering the top player.
4. All matches, being of either a pro-set of eight games or more, or two-out-of-three sets will carry equal weight for seeding.
5. An individual must have played a minimum of eight matches in singles to be considered for a TOP 16 singles seed.
6. Individuals must have played in a minimum of eight matches in doubles to be considered for a TOP 16 doubles seed.

Rationale: There are many times when players/teams that are being considered for a top 12 seed do not earn a seed and then end up drawing a seeded player/team in the 1st round. This proposal would ensure a more even distribution of talent throughout each draw as well as provide an accurate representation of a player's or doubles team's performance during the season.

Pros:

Cons:

On a motion by Wane, seconded by Larsen, this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Class A Wildcard Qualifying Criteria**

Author: Andrew Wane
 School: Omaha Northwest
 NSAA District: 2

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: Baseball
 Boys Basketball
 Girls Basketball
 Boys Soccer
 Girls Soccer
 Volleyball
 Wrestling

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

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	Softball page 19		Wild-Card Criteria #8
	Volleyball page 22		Qualifying for State #10
	Basketball page 17		Qualifying for State #6
	Baseball page 20		Wild-Card Criteria #8
	Soccer page 18		Wild-Card Criteria #9

Summary: CHANGES/ADDITIONS:
 --MANUAL: In Class A Volleyball, Softball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer, Baseball and Dual Wrestling, points will be deducted for Class A schools playing non-Class A opponents using the point-deductions prescribed below:
 1. In competition with schools one classification below yours, 2 points will be deducted.
 2. In competition with schools two classifications below yours, 3 points will be deducted.
 3. In competition with schools three classifications below yours, 4 points will be deducted.
 4. In competition with schools four classifications below yours, 5 points will be deducted.
 5. In competition with schools five classifications below yours, 6 points will be deducted.

Rationale: There have been several situations in recent years where Class A schools have played a majority Class B schedule. In a few of these cases, the schools playing the majority Class B schedule have finished in the top 8 in the final wild card standings and received the wildcard berth in the Class A state tournament. Many of these teams have under-performed in district tournament and state tournament play. Class A coaches and AD's believe this has meant the Class A state tournament doesn't always include the most deserving teams.

This proposal applies a point-deduction for Class A schools playing non-Class A schools. The point deduction is equivalent to the point bonuses that non-Class A schools receive for playing schools above their classifications. Similar to the point-bonus system, the point deductions increase for each level down a Class A team plays (ex. 2-point deduction for playing Class B, 3-point deduction for playing Class C-1, 4-point deduction for playing Class C-2, 5-point deduction for playing Class D-1, 6-point deduction for playing Class D-2).

Pros: 1. Encourages Class A schools to play Class A schools during the regular season.
 2. Creates equity within the wildcard point system.
 3. Allows for flexibility to schedule non-Class A schools.
 4. Less restrictive than requiring schools to play a Class A schedule in order to host districts and/or qualify for the wildcard.
 5. You can still qualify to host districts and/or qualify for state based upon your standing within the wildcard points.

Cons: 1. You will lose points for playing the classes below you.

On a motion by Koenen, seconded by Gatzmeyer this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion failed, 2 For (Gatzmeyer, Wane), 7 Against (Santos, Gross, Larsen, Ellis, Barrett, Koenen, Norvell).**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Basketball District Final Times**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

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Summary: Dates of District Finals Games
Class B Girls Saturday, February 22, 2020
Classes C1, C2, D1, D2 Girls Friday, February 28, 2020
Classes B Boys Saturday, February 29, 2020
Classes C1, C2, D1, D2 Boys Saturday, February 29
***In Classes C1,C2,D1,D2 Boys ONLY, if the two teams can agree, they have the option of playing on either Monday, March 2, 2020 or Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The NSAA office must be notified of the decision by noon on Friday the day after the subdistrict finals. If neither team can agree or the office is not notified by noon on Friday, then the game will default to the date assigned above.

1. In Class B, the higher seeded team will host the district final game. Game time shall be 7:00 P.M. for night games, unless teams mutually agree to a different time. Other games may be played during the afternoon with the approval of the NSAA Executive Director and the mutual agreement of the competing schools. However, if both schools do not agree on the afternoon game, it shall be played at 7:00 P.M. If the visiting team is required to travel 120 miles or more to the game site, the traveling team shall have the choice of playing the game in the afternoon or evening. Game time of afternoon games will be 1:30 P.M., unless teams mutually agree to a different time. When two high schools located in the same city use the same facility for home basketball games, qualify for the basketball district final and are designated home teams on the same date, one school shall play in the afternoon and the other during the evening. The afternoon game shall not begin prior to 1:30 pm and the evening game shall not begin after 8:00 pm. These times may be adjusted for emergency situations.

2. In Classes C1, C2, D1 & D2: The district final games will be played at a centralized, neutral location 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. As soon as these decisions are made, the NSAA office shall be notified.

Rationale: Establish game times for traveling schools modeled after football manual.

Pros: Avoid possibility of traveling teams paying for two motel nights. Helps AD's establish game times.

Cons:

On a motion by Gross, seconded by Ellis this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Basketball Qualifying**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-10-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	Page	Article	Section
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Summary: Class B schools seeded 17-32 will be assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a sub-district. The highest seeded team will host the sub-district game. Byes (highest seeded teams) will be used to fill the 32-team bracket. The winning team in each sub-district game will qualify for the sub-district final. If there are 24 or less teams in Class B the sub-district first round would not be played. The 9-16 seeded teams will host the sub-district finals. The winners of the sub-district game (or seeds 17-24) will be assigned on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a sub-district final. The eight sub-district final winners will qualify for the district final to be hosted by seeds 1-8. The eight sub-district winners qualifying for the district final will be seeded 9-16 based on wild-card point averages through districts. The district final will be bracketed 1 v 16, 2 v 15, 3 v 14, 4 v 13, 5 v 12, 6 v 11, 7 v 10, 8 v 9. The 8 winners of the district final games will advance to the state championship tournament.

Rationale: Winners advance. Allows top seeded home court while early rounds take geography into account.

Pros: Gives top seeds home court advantage. Eliminates losing teams from advancing and hosting district finals. Eliminates top seeds facing each other in sub-districts.

Cons:

On a motion by Gross, seconded by Larsen this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it materially affects NSAA and member school finances. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	Sub-District Girls and Boys Basketball		
Author:			
School:	Class Caucus Members		
NSAA District:			
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class B		
Activities Affected:	Boys Basketball Girls Basketball		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2021-02-16		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> 10	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u> 3
Summary:	<p>Previous Legislation for Class B Sub-District and District Play</p> <p>#3. Class B schools are divided into eight sub-districts. The schools were assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a sub district. The highest seeded team will host the sub-district.</p> <p>a. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.</p> <p>b. The next eight non-sub-district winners with the highest wild card point averages will qualify for the district final.</p> <p>c. The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wild-card point averages through districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final game. The winner of the district final game will advance to the state championship tournament.</p> <p>New Proposal Summary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to seek ways to get the best 8 teams to the state tournament by eliminating Sub District Basketball. 2. Eliminate assigning teams to a district. 3. After the conclusion of the season, the highest seeded 16 teams will qualify for the District Final round. 4. 1-8 seeds will host the 9-16 seeds. 5. Winners of the 8 District Finals will advance to the state tournament. 		
Rationale:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminate games that generally do not affect the 1-16 seeds that much. 2. Keep kids in school and off the roads traveling for 2 nights. 3. Eliminates games that typically have been played 3-4 times during the year. 		
Pros:	<p>Saves time, money, energy, resources.</p> <p>Rewards teams with their seed based on the quality of play throughout the season.</p> <p>Would ensure the strongest most consistent teams make the state tournament, after beating a quality (top 16) team.</p> <p>If a team is in a 3 to 4 team weak district, they still need to earn their way in the top 16. A weak district team will not have a spot.</p>		
Cons:	<p>NSAA will lose some money by not hosting Sub-Districts</p> <p>The team that earned the right to host the sub will lose some money for not hosting.</p> <p>A team that is on the 8/9 bubble at the conclusion of the regular season will not have the opportunity to possibly host.</p>		

On a motion by Ellis, seconded by Barrett this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it materially affects NSAA and member school finances. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	District Baseball		
Author:			
School:	Class Caucus Members		
NSAA District:			
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class B		
Activities Affected:	Baseball		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2020-05-01		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> 16-18	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
Summary:	District Tournaments. The district tournaments will be single-elimination with the winner qualifying for the state championships. District tournament dates will be May 8, 9, 11, and 12 (rain date). Class A: District tournaments for five teams will be held on Friday and Saturday of week 44. District tournaments for four teams will be held on Saturday of week 44. Rain out dates include: Monday & Tuesday of week 45. CLASS B: DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS FOR FIVE & SIX TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF WEEK 44. DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS FOR FOUR TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY OF WEEK 44. RAIN OUT DATES WILL BE MONDAY & TUESDAY OF WEEK 45. Thursday of week 44 could also be considered as a potential district tournament date for Class B if the NSAA feels it is necessary for the tournament format.		
Rationale:	Brings both Class A and Class B into consistent formats for the district tournament. Lessens the possibility of travel & missed class time for schools. Finishing on Saturday and Monday at the latest ensures that all schools will be equal in terms of pitching / pitch counts for the state tournament should they qualify. Eliminates for the most part who the host site is for the duration of the tournament - there is no changing of sites if a top seed loses.		
Pros:			
Cons:			

On a motion by Gatzmeyer, seconded by Larsen this proposal is to be sent back to the Class B Caucus for clarification on whether or not Thursday of NSAA Week 44 is to be included in this proposal. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **State Golf Inclement Weather**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Golf
Girls Golf

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

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Summary: The State Golf Championship is to consist of two days, 18 holes per day, for a total of 36 holes. However, if weather (rain, snow, thunderstorms, hail, etc.) prevents play from being completed on day 1 of the golf tournament:
If no play happens on day 1, then there is an option that day 2 may consist of 36 holes, with options of two shotguns, 36 continuous holes, or any other format decided on by the tournament committee to ensure completion based on the timeframe allowed.
If play is started but not finished by all players in the field, then round 1 will be finished during the morning of day 2, followed by tee times or a shotgun for round 2, whichever would be best to ensure completion.
The tournament committee consisting of the golf director from the NSAA, the representative of the NGA, and the head golf pro of the site course shall have the authority to make decisions in the best interest for the players involved to do everything possible for a 36 hole event.

Rationale: Removing the stipulation requiring 50% of the field to complete 18 holes gives the tournament directors more latitude to ensure a 36 hole state tournament.

Pros:

1. Allows for a 36 hole tournament without requiring an additional day.
2. No additional travel time or lost instructional time.
3. This proposal is the same language being proposed by Class A.

Cons:

1. The potential exists that golfers may have to play 36 holes in one day.
2. Does not provide for a strategy should Day 2 be unplayable.

On a motion by Ellis, seconded by Koenen this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it materially affects NSAA and member school finances. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Golf Schedule Input and State Qualifying**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Golf
Girls Golf

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-08-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	Page	Article	Section
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	17	State Qualifying	

Summary: **MANDATORY INPUT FOR VARSITY SCHEDULES (CLASS B)**

1. All Class B Varsity golf teams will be required to enter their complete regular season schedule by the respective deadline:
Girls Class B Varsity Golf Schedules – Due: Thursday of Week 6
Boys Class B Varsity Golf Schedules – Due: Tuesday of Week 36
2. Once the golf season has begun, schools CANNOT add contests to their regular season schedules.
3. All Varsity scheduled contests shall be played with a Varsity team. Postponed contests shall be rescheduled by all participating schools if possible.
4. If your varsity team does not compete in an event on your schedule due to reasons other than weather postponements or cancelation, the respective school will be required to provide reasoning for non-participation.
5. Contest results for ALL contests on your varsity schedule are to be entered through the NSAA website in a timely fashion. Only events played on courses with official Nebraska Golf Association course ratings will be considered in the differential program.
6. Class B schools hosting regular season meets shall report to the NSAA office the following results within 48 hours of the competition:
 - a. the name of the golf course played,
 - b. the names of each team including individual team members with individual and team scores,
 - c. the course rating (for holes on the correct side) played from the tee box used for the competition.

*Reports are submitted on-line from the AD's or golf coaches' personal page at www.nsaahome.org.
Note: Some teams that play junior varsity (JV) teams in varsity events will lower their placement as far as district ranking if those teams are listed as varsity teams. To avoid this, coaches should list these teams as JV teams when entering a varsity tournament. Only varsity team scores should be reported to the NSAA office for seasonal differential team tracking.

QUALIFYING FOR NSAA CHAMPIONSHIP (CLASS B)

1. The first two teams and the first ten individual places plus ties in each district will qualify for the NSAA Championship, using medal play.
2. Playoffs will be used in case of ties for first or second place.
3. The four schools with the lowest season-average differentials after all Class B districts have been contested that did not place first or second at their district will also qualify for the NSAA Championship.
 - a. The district tournament is included in the season average differential.
 - b. In the case of a tie for the final spot at the NSAA Championship: The team with the lowest district tournament differential will qualify.
 - c. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will determine the qualifying team.
4. Schools that do not finish as one of the top two teams in the District or did not qualify as one of the four lowest differentials cannot qualify for team honors at the NSAA Championship, even though that school may have qualified at least four individual golfers through individual placement at Districts.
5. A school which qualifies for the NSAA Championship may play any five eligible players at the championship. They do not have to be the same people who played at the district tournament. Any roster changes to the State Championship team should be communicated to the NSAA office to reflect such changes and ensure scorecards, scoreboards and tee times will be accurate. Any substituted player will be assigned the same tee-time of the player being replaced.

Rationale: This gives teams who do not finish in the top 3 in highly competitive districts an opportunity to compete at the state tournament. Since travel is a concern in Class B, this allows for a regional qualifier while still giving an opportunity for teams who play well throughout the season to compete in the state tournament. This proposal was sent to all Class B boys golf coaches and was supported by a majority of those who responded.

Pros:

1. Provides meaning/value to the regular season.
2. No additional travel time or lost instructional time.

Cons:

1. Requires differential tracking by teams and host schools

On a motion by Barrett, seconded by Gatzmeyer this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	Soccer Sub-District Format		
Author:			
School:	Class Caucus Members		
NSAA District:			
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class B		
Activities Affected:	Boys Soccer Girls Soccer		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2020-04-01		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> 22	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
Summary:	<p>Class B schools will be placed into eight districts composed of boys' teams and eight districts composed of girls' teams. Both the boys' and girls' districts will be composed of either four-team districts or five-team districts. The winner of each district will qualify for the district final round. The schools will be assigned to districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south directions were used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. The highest seeded team will be given first choice to host the district. Class B sub-districts will be SATURDAY OF WEEK 43, MONDAY & TUESDAY OF WEEK 44 - WEDNESDAY IS A RAIN DATE. The District final is Saturday of Week 44.</p> <p>A. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final round.</p> <p>B. Eight additional teams will also qualify on the basis of the wild card selection procedure AFTER ALL CLASS B SUB-DISTRICT CONTESTS ARE COMPLETE .</p> <p>C. Sixteen teams will be seeded according to NSAA wildcard points and play a district final game at the highest seed. The eight winners of district final matches will advance to the state tournament.</p> <p>D. Using a sixteen team bracket, the previously approved NSAA wild card point system and wild card point system tiebreaker will be used to seed the 16 qualifying teams.</p> <p>E. According to the point system and point system tiebreaker rules, the eight remaining teams will be re-seeded after the district final round for the state tournament.</p>		
Rationale:	<p>Given the fact that there will likely be an odd number of teams in Class B (as there has been every year) some districts will need 3 days to play all sub-district matches. Beginning play on Saturday allows for a 3-day tournament to be completed by Tuesday and arrangements for travel can be made. The current format does not allow 5-team sub-districts to finish play until Thursday which means destinations for district finals are not decided until Friday morning.</p>		
Pros:			
Cons:			

On a motion by Gross, seconded by Ellis this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Softball Sub-District Format**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: None

Activities Affected: Softball

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-09-23

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Summary: Classification of Schools. Girls' softball will have three classes for competition. Schools registered for softball with a total enrollment of 850 and above will be placed in Class A. The remaining schools will be divided evenly into Class B & Class C (2.13.2 & Approved Ruling For 2.13.2). If there is an uneven number of schools, the larger number of schools will be in Class C. NO MORE THAN 40 SCHOOLS WILL BE PLACED IN CLASS B. Schools have the opportunity to petition to play up a class in all activities. No replacement is made in that class vacated (no team will move up to fill that void).

Class B sub-district assignments are divided into ten (10) groups, are based solely on geographic location starting west and moving east. All sub-districts would be four (4) teams if the total number of class B teams is divisible by four (4). If the total number of teams is not divisible by four (4), then Class B sub-districts will be SINGLE elimination with the winner qualifying for the district FINAL. The highest seed will be the host FOR SUB-DISTRICTS unless they choose not to host.

Class B district championship assignments will consist of the ten (10) sub-district champions and the six (6) teams (that did not win a sub-district) with the highest wildcard point averages following sub-districts. The districts will be a one day, best of three (3) series with the higher seed hosting the district unless they choose not to host. Pairings for districts will be based on wildcard point averages following sub-districts (1 v 16, 2 v 15, 3 v 14, 4 v 13, 5 v 12, 6 v 11, 7 v 10, 8 v 9).

Class B: SUB-DISTRICTS MONDAY OF WEEK 14, TUESDAY OF WEEK 14 RAIN DATE, 2019 DISTRICT FINAL FRIDAY OF WEEK 14, SATURDAY OF WEEK 14 RAIN DATE.

Rationale: The double elimination format in sub-district play will likely take 2 days to play in the current structure. Many schools in Class B do not have access to multiple fields so playing over 2 days and interrupting instructional time is quite possible. Plus an additional day of travel will be needed to complete the format from at least one school. Moving to a single elimination sub-district tournament decreases all of these things and eliminates pressure on schools hosting in terms of facilities as a maximum of 3 games would be played. Designating Monday as the sub-district day and Tuesday as the rain date provides clear direction on when games can be played and also gives teams qualifying for the district final time to plan for the rest of the week. Lastly, no other sport has a double-elimination sub-district tournament. With the district final set as a best 2 out of 3 there is minimal need for a double-elimination format to be used twice in the same postseason. This change brings softball in line with most every other team sport in Class B postseason play.

Pros:

Cons:

On a motion by Gross, seconded by Santos this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it affects another class. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **State Track Qualifying Proposal 1**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Track
Girls Track

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-04-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
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Summary: Class B. There will be six Class B district meets.

- The winners of first place in each individual running event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next 18 fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- In the field events, the first place shall qualify for the state meet, plus the next 18 best marks of non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last spot, all those tied shall qualify.
- The winners of first place in the relay events qualify for the state meet, plus the 10 fastest times of the non-qualifiers regardless of place, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- Athletes placing first must have cleared 9' 6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault, and 6' 6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place is to mean that in relay events, any team who finished 2nd – 8th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state track meet if their time is one of the ten fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the 7 fastest of the non-qualifiers.
- Regardless of place would mean in the individual running events with preliminaries and finals, the next 18 fastest times of the non-qualifiers may come from "finals" competition only. This means in the events with preliminaries and finals, 2nd -8th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 8 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. In the individual running events that are run as "finals only", 2nd -9th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 18 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the 8 fastest of the non-qualifiers.

Rationale: We have made the change in other sports to so that the goal is to get the best participants to state. In years past, several athletes qualified that did not have better times or marks than the athletes who had not placed first- third in another district. This is to ensure fair qualifying for athletes regardless of district.

Pros:

Cons:

On a motion by Gross, seconded by Larsen this proposal and the next two track proposals meet the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **State Track Qualifying Proposal 2**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Track
Girls Track

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2019-10-01

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Summary: Class B. There will be six Class B district meets.

- The winners of the first two places in each individual running event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next 12 fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- In the field events, the first two places shall qualify for the state meet, plus the next 12 best marks of non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last spot, all those tied shall qualify.
- The winners of first and second places in the relay events qualify for the state meet, plus the four fastest times of the non-qualifiers regardless of place, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- Athletes placing first or second must have cleared 9' 6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault, and 6' 6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place is to mean that in relay events, any team who finished 3rd – 6th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state track meet if their time is one of the four fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.
- Regardless of place would mean in the individual running events with preliminaries and finals, the next 12 fastest times of the non-qualifiers may come from "finals" competition only. This means in the events with preliminaries and finals, 3rd-8th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 7 fastest time of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. In the individual running events that are run as "finals only", 3rd-9th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 12 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the 7 fastest of the non-qualifiers.

Rationale: We have made the change in other sports to so that the goal is to get the best participants to state. In years past, several athletes qualified that did not have better times or marks than the athletes who had not placed first- third in another district. This is to ensure fair qualifying for athletes regardless of district.

Pros:

Cons:

See page 18 for vote.



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **State Track Qualifying Proposal 3**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Boys Track
Girls Track

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-04-01

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Summary: Class B. There will be six Class B district meets.

- The winners of the first three places in each individual running event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- In the field events, the first two places shall qualify for the state meet, plus the next 12 best marks of non-qualifiers, regardless of place. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last spot, all those tied shall qualify.
- The winners of first and second places in the relay events qualify for the state meet, plus the four fastest times of the non-qualifiers regardless of place, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- Athletes placing first or second must have cleared 9' 6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault, and 6' 6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place is to mean that in relay events, any team who finished 3rd – 6th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state track meet if their time is one of the four fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.
- Regardless of place would mean in the individual running events with preliminaries and finals, the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers may come from "finals" competition only. This means in the events with preliminaries and finals, 4th-8th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. In the individual running events that are run as "finals only", 4th-9th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.

Rationale: We have made the change in other sports to so that the goal is to get the best participants to state. In years past, several athletes qualified that did not have better times or marks than the athletes who had not placed first- third in another district. This is to ensure fair qualifying for athletes regardless of district.

Pros:

Cons:

See page 18 for vote.



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Volleyball District Final Times**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Volleyball

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-10-01

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Summary: The higher seeded team will host the district final match. Game time shall be 7:00 P.M. for night games, unless teams mutually agree to a different time. Other games may be played during the afternoon with the approval of the NSAA Executive Director and the mutual agreement of the competing schools. However, if both schools do not agree on the afternoon game, it shall be played at 7:00 P.M. If the visiting team is required to travel 120 miles or more to the game site, the traveling team shall have the choice of playing the game in the afternoon or evening. Game time of afternoon games will be 1:30 P.M., unless teams mutually agree to a different time. When two high schools located in the same city use the same facility for home volleyball games, qualify for the volleyball district final and are designated home teams on the same date, one school shall play in the afternoon and the other during the evening. The afternoon game shall not begin prior to 1:30 pm and the evening game shall not begin after 8:00 pm. These times may be adjusted for emergency situations.

Rationale: Establish game times for traveling schools. Modeled after football manual.

Pros: Avoid possibility of traveling teams paying for two motel nights.

Cons:

On a motion by Larsen, seconded by Gross this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Volleyball Qualifying**

Author:

School: Class Caucus Members

NSAA District:

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class B

Activities Affected: Volleyball

This proposal: **WILL NOT** increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date: 2020-10-01

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Summary: Class B schools seeded 17-32 will be assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a sub-district. The highest seeded team will host the sub-district game. Byes (highest seeded teams) will be used to fill the 32-team bracket. The winning team in each sub-district game will qualify for the sub-district final. If there are 24 or less teams in Class B the sub-district first round would not be played. The 9-16 seeded teams will host the sub-district finals. The winners of the sub-district game (or seeds 17-24) will be assigned on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a sub-district final. The eight sub-district final winners will qualify for the district final to be hosted by seeds 1-8. The eight sub-district winners qualifying for the district final will be seeded 9-16 based on wild-card point averages through districts. The district final will be bracketed 1 v 16, 2 v 15, 3 v 14, 4 v 13, 5 v 12, 6 v 11, 7 v 10, 8 v 9. The 8 winners of the district final games will advance to the state championship tournament.

Rationale: Winners advance. Allows top seeded home court while early rounds take geography into account.

Pros: Give top seeds home court advantage. Eliminates losing teams advancing and hosting district finals.

Cons:

On a motion by Ellis, seconded by Koenen this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it materially affects NSAA and member school finances. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	Sub-District Girls Volleyball		
Author:			
School:	Class Caucus Members		
NSAA District:			
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class B		
Activities Affected:	Volleyball		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2020-08-02		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> 14	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u> 3
Summary:	<p>Current Legislative Proposal</p> <p>3. Class B schools are divided into eight sub-districts. The schools were assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. The highest seeded team will host the district.</p> <p>a. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.</p> <p>b. The next eight non-sub-district winners with the highest wild card point averages will qualify for the district final.</p> <p>c. The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wildcard point averages through districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match.</p> <p>The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championship.</p> <p>New Proposal</p> <p>1. Continue to seek ways to get the best 8 teams to the state tournament by eliminating Sub-District Volleyball.</p> <p>2. Eliminate assigning teams to a district.</p> <p>3. After the conclusion of the season, the highest seeded 16 teams will qualify for the District Final round.</p> <p>4. 1-8 seeds will host the 9-16 seeds.</p> <p>5. Winners of the 8 District Finals will advance to the state tournament.</p>		
Rationale:	<p>1. Eliminate games that generally do not affect the 1-16 seeds that much.</p> <p>2. Keep kids in school and off the roads traveling for 2 nights.</p> <p>3. Eliminates games that typically have been played 3-4 times during the year.</p>		
Pros:	<p>Saves time, money, energy, resources.</p> <p>Rewards teams with their seed based on the quality of play throughout the season.</p> <p>Would ensure the strongest most consistent teams make the state tournament, after beating a quality (top 16) team.</p> <p>If a team is in a 3 to 4 team weak district, they still need to earn their way in the top 16. A weak district team will not have a spot.</p>		
Cons:	<p>NSAA will lose some money by not hosting Sub-Districts</p> <p>The team that earned the right to host the sub will lose some money for not hosting.</p> <p>A team that is on the 8/9 bubble at the conclusion of the regular season will not have the opportunity to possibly host.</p>		

On a motion by Barrett, seconded by Larsen this proposal does not meet the Class Caucus criteria as it materially affects NSAA and member school finances. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



CAUCUS PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title:	35-Point Running Clock Change from All Classes to just 11 & 6-Man		
Author:	Missy Koenen		
School:	Creek Valley		
NSAA District:	6		
Proposal for:	Activities Manual		
Classes Affected:	Class D		
Activities Affected:	Football		
This proposal:	WILL NOT increase costs to the school WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA WILL NOT increase travel for participating schools WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time		
Implementation date:	2019-09-27		
Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u> Pg. 30	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
Summary:	<p>To have the following Changed: "35 POINT RUNNING CLOCK (ALL CLASSES 11-MAN & 6-MAN) ...A running clock will be used for varsity regular-season games, play-off games and State Championship games for six, and eleven-man football whenever a 35-point score differential is reached after the first half of play..."</p> <p>[New Heading and Language] "45 POINT RULE (8-MAN) ...In eight-man games, any time following the end of the first half of play, once one team has a 45-point differential in team score over their opponent, the game is ended. EXCEPTION: The administration or head coaches from the two teams may agree, before the game, to allow a continuous running clock for the remainder of the game after halftime and when a 45-point differential has been achieved. Only during officials' time-outs, team time-outs, end of the third quarter and for injuries will the clock stop. If the score drops below the 45-point differential, the clock will continue to run with the above exceptions. This exception does not apply to play-off games and State Championship games. Eight-man playoff games and State Championship games are subject to 45-point differentials."</p>		
Rationale:	<p>1) Player safety is an ever-growing priority for football. However, many injuries that occur in eight-man football games occur in the second half of games after a 45-point differential has been reached. Ending games after a 45-point differential has been reached, would improve player safety for the sport.</p> <p>2) There is a wide discrepancy in skill and ability among eight-man football teams in Nebraska. Many quality eight-man teams struggle playing a full eight-game regular season schedule because teams on their schedule must forfeit due to not having enough healthy players. By reducing second-half running-clock injuries, teams will be less likely to need to forfeit games due to not having enough healthy players.</p> <p>3) Due to limited participation of students in football in some eight-man schools, there is a wide discrepancy in the number of players from one school to the next. Therefore, during a second-half running clock, some teams can rotate multiple players at every position, while other schools are forced to play the same players for the duration of the game.</p> <p>4) When teams are getting beat by scores in the 50's, 60's, etc., the morale of their players goes down greatly. It is difficult to motivate players to continue playing aggressively when they are behind by so many points. Ending games after a 45-point differential has been reached, would improve players' morale going into their next week of practice and subsequent game.</p> <p>5) Teams are often not concerned about taking their best players off of the field even when having a first-half lead of more than 45 points. By re-instituting the 45-point rule, coaches will be encouraged to substitute in their JV players sooner, to avoid ending the game at halftime, so that the game will continue into the third and fourth quarters with a score differential of less than 45 points. This will also limit the likelihood of injuries since players of more comparable size and athletic ability will be playing against each other for a greater duration of the game.</p>		
Pros:	Improve player Safety since many injuries happen in 2nd half of running clock. Teams with lower numbers and struggle will less likely to have to forfeit. This will not cost schools or NSAA anything. Improve players morale of losing team.		
Cons:	JV players may not receive as much playing time if coaches do not sub properly. Teams may travel a long distance to not play a full game especially if the team up by 45 a lot of times. If a team in regular season has great team that beats a lot of schools by this rule will not play a full game until playoffs when face a more challenging team.		

On a motion by Barrett, seconded by Santos this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**