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NSAA CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Grand Island School Administration Building—123 Webb October 28, 2015--1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order Jay Bellar, NSAA Board Chairman
- II. Introduction of Committee Members
- III. Approve Minutes of July 29th Committee Meeting
- IV. Discuss and Approve Agenda
- V. Narrow the Focus of the Committee and Discussion of Topics
 1. Ratio of Enrollment Numbers from Large-to-Small in Each Class
 2. Numbers of Classes per NSAA Activity
 3. Classification by 9-11 Total Enrollment or Separate Boy/Girl Enrollment
 4. One or Two-Year Terms for Classification
 5. Placement in Classes: Set Number of Schools per Class (top 28 in Class A; next 32 in Class B etc.) or Assign Classes by Set Enrollment Numbers (e.g., Enrollment over 900, Class A; over 400 Class B; etc.)
 6. Football Classification Issues
 7. Opting Up in Classification
 8. Public/Private Issues
 9. Other
- VI. Next Steps
- VII. For the Good of the Order
- VIII. Next Meeting

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Minutes of July 29, 2015 Meeting

The Committee on Classification met on Wednesday July 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Kearney. Jay Bellar, NSAA District III Board of Director, chaired the meeting. The mission of the committee was to establish a purpose of the committee and to formulate goals and a plan of action.

Committee members present were Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East; Tim Alyward, Lincoln Pius X; Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; Jeff Johnson, Papillion-LaVista South; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Dr. Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie; Todd Strom, South Sioux City; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek; Mark Skillstad, North Platte St. Pats; Dave Barrett, Adams Central; Jason Alexander, Ord; Dr. Dennis Shipp, Bertrand; Jon Davis, Alma; Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; Gus Brown, Valentine; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney. Ex-officio members included Rick Moses, NDE Liaison; NSAA Staff, Debra Velder, Jennifer Schwartz, Jon Dolliver, Sarah Sasse-Kildow, Ron Higdon, Nate Neuhaus, Dan Masters, and Jeff Stauss. Stu Pospisil from the Omaha World-Herald was also in attendance.

The Committee discussed a variety of issues in regard to classification and identified the following points to move forward:

1. Ratio, particularly in Class B.
2. Classifying. Use a female count for female sports and use a male count for male sports. An idea was presented to classify each school within a city to be classified in the same classification of the largest school population. (*i.e. Norfolk Catholic, Lutheran High NE would be Class A as Norfolk High School is Class A.*) Also addressed was to establish an east and west division in Classes C & D based on enrollment.
3. Utilizing a 2-year classification period for all activities, not just football.
4. Establishing a break-off number in each class. (*i.e. All schools with an enrollment of 1,000 or greater would be classified Class A, etc.*)
5. Decreasing the number of classes from 6 to 5 in the activities in which there are currently 6 classes. Other options presented were to increase the number of classes to 7 or restructuring the current 6 classes.
6. Study a multiplier/success factor.
7. Opting Up. A school would need to declare their intention to opt up prior to the release of enrollment numbers for the upcoming classification period.

At the request of the committee, the NDE has been contacted requesting enrollment numbers by a boy count and a girl count. A request has been made to the NFHS for information in regard to states who currently use a multiplier/success factor in calculating enrollment number for classification; states that have had a multiplier/success factor in the past and no longer utilize this method; and which states are currently studying classification. Committee members will be provided this information prior to the next scheduled meeting as well as any additional information committee members bring forward.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Classification Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 in Grand Island.

CLASSIFICATION STUDY

1. Frequency of reclassification?
 - Arkansas—every two years
 - Colorado—every two years
 - Iowa—every year, except for football
 - Minnesota—every two years
 - Missouri—every two years
 - Nebraska—every year, except football
 - New Mexico—every two years
 - North Dakota—every year, except football
 - Oklahoma—every year, except football, baseball, softball and dual team wrestling
 - Oregon—every four years
 - South Dakota—every two years
2. Frequency of football reclassification?
 - Arkansas—every two years
 - Colorado—every two years
 - Iowa—every two years
 - Minnesota—every two years
 - Missouri—every two years
 - Nebraska—every two years
 - New Mexico—every two years
 - North Dakota—every two years
 - Oklahoma—every two years
 - Oregon—every four years
 - South Dakota—every two years
3. Use student enrollment? Source of enrollment count?
 - Arkansas—yes; Department of Education
 - Colorado—yes; directly from schools (auditable)
 - Iowa—yes; Department of Education
 - Minnesota—yes; Department of Education
 - Missouri—yes; public schools from Department, private schools just report
 - Nebraska—yes; Department of Education
 - New Mexico—yes; schools provide (auditable); private schools subject to 1.3 multiplier
 - North Dakota—yes; Department of Education
 - Oklahoma—yes; public—Department of Education; private—accrediting agency
 - Oregon—yes; Department of Education
 - South Dakota—yes; Department of Education
4. Classify each sport/activity separately?
 - Arkansas—No; 3-year average of grades 9-11 enrollment
 - Colorado—No; team sports use basketball classifications; individual sports divided evenly into classes
 - Iowa—yes, each activity is classified separately
 - Minnesota—yes
 - Missouri—yes
 - Nebraska—yes
 - New Mexico—no
 - North Dakota—football has four division; two classes in all other activities
 - Oklahoma—yes

- Oregon—no
 - South Dakota—no
5. Predetermined number of schools per class or total enrollment cut-off levels?
- Arkansas—predetermined number of schools
 - Colorado—determine number of classes and equalize number of schools per class
 - Iowa—Predetermined number of schools
 - Minnesota—predetermined number of schools per class
 - Missouri—football and basketball predetermined numbers per class; other sports equal breaks per class
 - Nebraska—predetermined numbers per larger classes; equal division in smaller classes
 - New Mexico—three largest classes each have 24 schools; three smaller classes divided evenly
 - North Dakota—football predetermined number of schools per class; other activities evenly divided into two classes
 - Oklahoma—predetermined number of schools per class
 - Oregon—enrollment cut-off levels; philosophy is to try to have no greater than 2:1 enrollment ratio per class
 - South Dakota—enrollment cut-off

6. Classes with championships?

	BA	SB	BBB	GBB	XC	FB11	FB8/9	SOC	SW	TEN	TR	VB	WR
• AR	7	7	7	7	6	6	NA	4	2	6	7	5	2
• CO	5	3	5	5	5	5	1	3	2B/3G	2B/3G	5	5	4
• IA	4	5	4	5	4	5	1	3	1	2	4	5	3
• MN	4	4	4	4	2	6	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
• MO	5	4	5	5	4	6	1	4	1	2	5	4	4
• NE	2	3	6	6	4	4	2	2	1	2	4	6	4
• NM	5	4	6	6	5	5	1	3	1	3	6	6	3
• ND	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
• OK	7	7	7	7	5	6	2	3	2	3	6	4	4
• OR	5	5	6	6	4	5	1	4	3	3	6	6	5
• SD	0	0	3	3	3	3	4	2	0	1	3	3	2

7. Classification/number of schools/enrollment range?

	Class	# of Schools	Enrollment Range
<u>Arkansas</u>	7A	16	2440.33 – 1403.33
	6A	16	1303 – 836
	5A	32	823 – 502
	4A	48	492 – 297
	3A	48	294 – 186
	2A	48	184 – 134
	1A	56 or rest	133–32 (no football)
<u>Colorado</u>	6A	32	2301–1387
	5A	32	1383 – 760
	4A	64	756 – 265
	3A	64	264 – 154
	2A	64	154 – 96
	1A	96	96 – 22

Iowa

IA FB	4A	46	713-2140	(700 and larger class)
IA Football	3A (next 64)	56	315 – 639	
IA Football	2A (next 64)	56	200 – 310	
IA Football	1A (next 64)	56	158 – 199	
IA Football	A	62	93 – 157	(remaining 11-player teams)
IA Football	8-player	64	46 – 121	

Iowa X-C	4A (largest 48)	48	624 – 2140
	3A (next 64)	60	307 – 599
	2A (next 72)	72	183 – 303
	1A (remainder)	136	25 – 183

IA Basketball	4A (largest 48)	48	624 – 2140
	3A (next 64)	64	297 – 599
	2A (next 96)	97	100 – 296
	1A (remainder)	155	27 – 158

IA Swimming	One Class	48	321 – 2140
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IA Wrestling	3A (largest 64)	64	482 – 2140
	2A (next 96)	96	205 – 473
	1A (remainder)	118	67 – 205

IA Soccer	3A (largest 48)	48	714 – 2140
	2A (next 48)	48	354 – 713
	1A (remainder)	53	45 – 340

IA Track	4A (largest 48)	48	624 – 2140
	3A (next 64)	64	298 – 599
	2A (next 96)	96	160 – 298
	1A (remainder)	141	32 – 160

IA Baseball	4A (largest 48)	48	624 – 2140
	3A (next 64)	64	298 – 599
	2A (next 96)	96	160 – 297
	1A (remainder)	138	35 – 160

Kansas

	6A	32	2301 – 1387
	5A	32	1383 – 760
	4A	64	756 – 265
	3A	64	264 – 154
	2A	64	154 – 96
	1A	96	96 – 22

Minnesota

MN Baseball	AAAA (top 64)		
	AAA (next 64)		
	AA and A (remainder divided equally)		

MN Basketball AAAA (top 64)
AAA (next 64)
AA (next 128)
A (remainder)

MN X-Country AA (enrollment 527+)
A (enrollment 0-526)

MN Football 6A (largest 32)
AAAAA (next 48)
AAAA (next 48)
AAA (next 54)
AA and A (divided evenly)
9-Man

MN Soccer AA (largest 64)
A (remainder)

MN Softball AAAA (largest 64)
AAA (next 64)
AA and A (divided equally)\

MN Swimming AA (largest 64)
A (remainder)

MN Track AA (enrollment 527+)
A (enrollment 0-526)

MN Volleyball AAA (top 96)
AA (next 128)
A (remainder)

MN Wrestling AAA (top 64)
AA (next 128)
A (remainder)

Missouri

MO Football Class 1 (smallest 64)
2 (next smallest 64)
3 (next smallest 64)
4 (next smallest 64)
5 (remainder of schools between Classes 4 and 6)
6 (largest 32)

MO Basketball Class 1 (smallest 128)
2 (next smallest 128)
3 (next smallest 128)
4 (next smallest 96)
5 (remainder of largest schools)

Nebraska

Sport	Classes	Breakdown	Total Teams
Baseball	2	27 A, 29 B	56
Basketball (B)	6	28 A, 32 B, C1, C2, D1, D2 split	284
Basketball (G)	6	28 A, 32 B, C1, C2, D1, D2 split	285
X-Country	4	30 A, 22 B, 43 C, 105 D	
Football	7	28 A, 32 B, 47 C1, 48 C2, 54 D1, 54 D2, 18-6-man	
Soccer	2	28 A, 39 B	
Softball	3	29 A, 40 B, 41 C	
Swimming	1	38-boys, 39-girls	
Tennis	2	Boys-A 29, B 26; Girls-A 31, B 30	
Track	4	A 32, B 60, C 88, D 104	
Volleyball	6	A 38, B 32, C1, C2, D1 and D2 split evenly	
Wrestling	4	A 32, B 48, C 64, D 77	

New Mexico

Class	# of Schools	Enrollment Range
6A	24	2421 – 1345
5A	24	1344 – 760
4A	24	785 – 322
3A	30	321 – 141
2A	30	135 – 66
1A	30	66 – 12

North Dakota

A	21	352 – 2067
B	119	29 – 323

Oregon

6A	51	1258 – 2530
5A	33	676 – 1257
4A	40	675 -- 331
3A	39	330 – 191
2A	44	190 – 90
1A	78	89 – 12

South Dakota

Basketball	AA	17	450 enrollment +
	A	55	90-449
	B	84	89 and below
X-Country	AA	17	450 enrollment +
	A	55	90-449
	B	83	89 and below
Track	AA	17	450 enrollment +
	A	55	90-449
	B	88	89 and below

Volleyball	AA	17	450 enrollment +
	A	55	90-449
	B	86	89 and below
Soccer	AA	17	450 enrollment +
	A	13	499 and below
Football	11AAA	9	400 enrollment +
	11AA	at least 8	225 – 399
	11A	9	100 – 224
	11B	23	56 – 99
	9AA	26	Top third enrollment of 9-man teams
	9A	27	Middle third of 9-man teams
	9B	26	Bottom third of 9-man teams
Tennis	One Class	22 G, 23 B	
Wrestling	A	32	225 enrollment +
	B	57	224 enrollment and below