

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Minutes of May 4, 2016

The Committee on Classification met on Wednesday May 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Grand Island. Jay Bellar, NSAA District III Board of Director, chaired the meeting. The mission of the committee was to re-cap previous committee discussion and information and to formulate direction for potential proposals.

Committee members present were Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East; Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; Jeff Johnson, Papillion-LaVista South; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Dave Barrett, Adams Central; Jon Davis, Alma; Gus Brown, Valentine; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney. Ex-officio members included: NSAA Staff, Dr. Jim Tenopir, Debra Velder, Jennifer Schwartz, Jon Dolliver, Nate Neuhaus, Dan Masters, and Jeff Stauss. Stu Pospisil from the Omaha World-Herald was also in attendance.

Dr. Tenopir shared several options which addressed classifying football as done currently with the boy-girl enrollment count; classifying football based on boys enrollment count only; adjusting the number of schools in each class to modify the high enrollment ratio in Class B; adding a fifth class in football to moderate enrollment ratios based on boy-girl enrollment count; having 5 classes of 11-man football with the top 24 registered schools in Class A, the next 20 registered schools in Class B1, the next 20 registered schools in Class B2, the next 41 registered schools in Class C1 and the next 42 registered schools in Class C2; the next option presented was to have 5 classes of 11-man football where classes had a ratio of roughly 2:1, but in which each class had at least 24 schools, placing the top 25 registered schools in Class A, the next 24 registered schools in Class B1, the next, 37 schools registered in Class C1 and the remaining 37 registered schools in Class C2; and classifying 11-man football schools based on an enrollment cutoff number for each classification (e.g., Class A – 800+ students, Class B – 300-799 students, Class C1 – 140-299 students, and Class C2 – 139 students and below based on boy-girl enrollment.).

The options presented brought about considerable discussion with the majority in agreement that football classifications should remain at 2-years and that all other NSAA activities classified yearly. In moving forward, the committee was challenged to the cut-off numbers for 8-man and 6-man football.

The recommendation was to formulate a legislative proposal to classify football on a boys-only enrollment count. The committee also asked the NSAA staff to fine-tune a proposal for a football classification system that was based on enrollment cutoff parameters.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Classification Committee is tentatively scheduled prior to Administrator Days in Kearney.

Debra Velder, Associate Director