

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION**

Minutes of August 30, 2017

The Committee on Classification met on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Grand Island. Jay Bellar, NSAA District III Board of Director, chaired the meeting. Dr. Tenopir reviewed the past efforts of the Classification Committee and reminded the committee as they move forward that issues related to public and non-public competition was no longer a task for the classification committee.

Committee members present were Mark Novell, Fillmore Central; Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Dr. Dan Endorf, North Bend Central; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek; Todd Strom, South Sioux City; Dave Barrett, Adams Central; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Jon Davis, Alma; Kyle Hemmerling, Elwood; Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; Gus Brown, Valentine; and Mike Brockhaus, Sidney. Committee member absent was Jeff Johnson, Papillion-LaVista South. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Dr. Jim Tenopir, Debra Velder, Jennifer Schwartz, Jon Dolliver; Ron Higdon, Jeff Stauss and Dan Masters. Stu Pospisil from the Omaha World-Herald was also in attendance.

Committee members discussed track and wrestling classifications, two-year classifications for all NSAA sports and activities, and classification based on single gender enrollment. Mike Brockhaus shared data on restructuring classifications in track and wrestling pointing out ratio disparity in Class B. The questions was asked as to whether the current number of classes are adequate in each of the NSAA activities offered. It was agreed that administrators need to consider future enrollment projections when determining activity participation.

It was the consensus of the members present that the previous work done by the committee in regard to football focused heavily on safety, risk minimization and ratio and that competitive equity/balance becomes a factor in looking at all other NSAA activities.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Classification Committee will be scheduled in September.

Debra Velder, Associate Director