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TO: Class Caucus Review Committee

FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director

DATE: January 14, 2019

The Second Meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee is scheduled **AS A TELEPHONIC MEETING**, Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m ET. Megan Huber will be providing you with instructions on how to dial in and access the meeting.

Included in this transmission are the proposals to be considered.

If there are any additional materials you would like to have prepared for the meeting, please let me know.



**Classification Caucus Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. – TELEPHONIC MEETING**

NSAA Board of Director Chairperson, Dr. Troy Unzicker

Class A – Dan Schinzel, Omaha Creighton Prep

Class A – Clayton Heath, Lincoln Northeast

Class B – Odell Santos, South Sioux City

Class B – Jeff Gross, McCook

Class C – Nate Larson, Logan View

Class C – Tyler Herman, Gothenburg

Class D – Lance Howitt, Leyton

Class D – Joe Tynon, Lourdes Center

I. Address Proposals for Approval/Disapproval

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.

II. Future Class Specific Meeting Dates – Monday, July 22, 2019 in conjunction with the NCA Clinic

IV. New Class Caucus Representatives for 2019-20

Class A – Replacements for Clayton Heath and Dan Schinzel

IV. Representative Assembly Report

V. Adjournment

### 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**

It was moved by Dan Schinzel, seconded by Clayton Heath, to take action on the proposal with the proposal amended that a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild card system AFTER GAMES OF MONDAY OF WEEK 43. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

### 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.

E. THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' TEAMS WINNING THE DISTRICT FINAL WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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#### Plaques and Awards

4. In classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 district finals, plaques FOR THE RUNNER-UP AND CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE DISTRICT FINAL DIRECTOR.

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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).

**IF THE TWO TEAMS INVOLVED ARE MORE THAN 120 MILES, and Monday, February 25, 2019 or Tuesday, February 26, 2019 (WEEK 35) IF THE TWO TEAMS INVOLVED ARE LESS THAN 120 MILES. THE NSAA WILL DECIDE WHICH GAMES ARE PLAYED ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY IF THEY MEET THE CRITERIA OF BEING LESS THAN 120 MILES APART.**

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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.

**CONS:** None

**PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** 2019-20 season

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