

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

The Class Caucus Review Committee met February 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CT in a telephonic meeting with members present as follows:

NSAA Board of Director Chairperson – Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central
Class A – Pat Gatzmeyer, Lincoln High
Class A – Andy Wane, Omaha Northwest
Class B – Odell Santos, South Sioux City
Class B – Jeff Gross, McCook
Class C – Nate Larsen, 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 identified in NSAA Bylaw 1.5.4.3. The second meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee is to consider the proposals and any subsequent amendments. For a proposal to advance, it must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the committee members.

The proposals were considered. (See subsequent pages for results.)

Norvell thanked Gross, Ellis and Koenen for their service on the committee due to term limits. Based on the district rotation new representatives will need to be selected by Class B from District 4, Class C from District 6, and Class D from District 5 for the next three years.

Class Caucus meetings are scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020 at the NCA Clinic.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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 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 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

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Summary: CHANGES/ADDITIONS:
--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.

-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, A4
District A-2 will consist of: Previous District 2 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A3, A4
District A-3 will consist of: Previous District 3 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A2, A4
District A-4 will consist of: Previous District 4 Champion and a random draw from runner-up in district A1, A2, A3
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 Santos, seconded by Ellis 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
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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 Koenen, 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 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

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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 Barrett, seconded by Gross this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**



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 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 Wildcard Qualifying Criteria**

Author: Andrew Wane

School: Omaha Northwest

NSAA District: 2

Amended

Proposal for: Activities Manual

Classes Affected: Class A

Activities Affected: **Boys Basketball**
Girls Basketball

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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	Basketball page 17		Qualifying for State #6

Summary: CHANGES/ADDITIONS:
--MANUAL: In Class A Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball 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 Gatzmeyer, seconded by Wane this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion failed, 4 For (Gatzmeyer, Wane, Ellis, Barrett), 5 Against (Santos, Gross, Larsen, 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 Barrett, seconded by Gross this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **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

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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 Larsen, seconded by Ellis 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

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Summary: 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.

- A. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final round.
- 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 .
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Rationale: 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.

Pros:

Cons:

On a motion by Gatzmeyer, seconded by Santos this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 8 for (Gatzmeyer, Wane, Santos, Larsen, Ellis, Barrett, Koenen, Norvell), 1 Absent (Gross).**



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

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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 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: **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:

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



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

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	Page	Article	Section
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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:

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



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

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
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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 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:	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 Koenen, seconded by Santos this proposal meets the Class Caucus criteria. **Motion carried, 9-0.**