

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
Friday, April 11, 2025

Chairperson Darren Tobey called the 2025 NSAA Representative Assembly to order at 9:58 a.m.

It was reported by District I Board of Director, Kara Graham, that all 53 delegates were present and would require 32 favorable votes to pass a proposal and a simply majority vote would require 27 favorable votes.

The following delegates were in attendance:

Dade McDonald, McCool Junction, Board of Director
Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast, Board of Director
Dr. JJ Toczek, Lincoln Public Schools, Chairperson
Matt Uher, Lincoln Northeast, Vice Chairperson
David Davis, Fairbury, Secretary
Pat Gatzmeyer, Lincoln High
Zach Limbach, Lincoln East
Jenny Wagner, Centennial
Jeremy Schroeder, Lincoln Standing Bear
Randy Kort, Meridian
Tyler Herman, York
Dr. Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun, Board of Director
Thomas Lee, Omaha Westview, Board of Director
James Shada, Arlington, Chairperson
Dr. Dan Schinzel, Creighton Prep, Vice Chair Alternate
Chad Holtz, Bellevue East, Secretary
Josh Siske, Platteview
Marissa Ringblom, Omaha Duchesne Academy
Deondre Jones, Omaha Benson
Jeff Govier, Papillion-La Vista
Sara Fjell, Elkhorn
Robert Barry, Wahoo
Derrik Spooner, Mount Michael Benedictine
Lance Smith, Millard West
Josh Lynch, Yutan
Justin Royal, Syracuse
Aaron Hoeft, Palmyra

Kandee Hanzel, Humphrey
Terry Hickman, Mead
Clint Williams, Ralston
Dr. Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie, Board of Director
Jeff Bellar, Norfolk Catholic, Chairperson
Mike Sanne, Boyd County, Vice Chairperson
Brad Hoesing, Wausa, Secretary
Nate Larsen, O'Neill
Corey Uldrich, Hartington-Newcastle
Darren Tobey, Broken Bow, Board of Director
Phil Truax, Lexington, Chairperson
Alan Frank, Adams Central, Vice Chairperson
Seth Ryker, Gothenburg, Secretary
Rick Petri, Kearney Catholic
Scott Jorgensen, Paxton
Nathan Dietz, Amherst
Robert Drews, Arapahoe, Board of Director
Jarod Albers, Cambridge Chairperson
Jon Davis, Alma, Vice Chairperson
Craig Newcomb, Bertrand, Secretary
Les Roggenkamp, Southwest
Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance, Board of Director
Rick Barry, Chadron, Chairperson
Bec Ray, Thedford, Vice Chairperson
Mo Hanks, Crawford, Secretary
Blake Beebout, Valentine

Tobey presented the Caucus Committee report.

Jennifer Schwartz presented the Executive Director's report.

Delegates were presented with one proposal from the floor for consideration to be added to the agenda. Voting results are on the following pages.

Voting results for all proposals on the agenda are also on the following pages.

The NSAA Representative Assembly adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Hardship Eligibility Criteria**

Author: NSAA Board of Directors

School: **Motion by Bellar,
seconded by Lynch.
NSAA District: Motion Carried, 53-0.**

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	49	1	0
District 2	82	0	2
District 3	54	0	0
District 4	53	1	0
District 5	22	0	0
District 6	26	0	0

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: None

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

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	3	0	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	

Implementation date: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:

Page	Article	Section
18	1	10.3.11

Summary: *1.10.3.11 - The following shall be considered by the Executive Director and/or the Board in determining if a hardship waiver is to be granted:*

a. There must be unique conditions existing that concern the student's educational, physical, or mental health which were caused by circumstances beyond the control of the student and his/her parents or legal guardian. The Executive Director and/or Board will consider the steps taken by the family, school, and others to address and support the student's needs prior to the request for a hardship waiver. Hardship waivers are a last resort when all other reasonable steps have been taken to support the student.

b. The circumstances must be totally different from those that exist for other students and families who are confronted with similar situations and choices. Usual maturation problems and family situations ~~do not cause physical harm~~ do not constitute a hardship.

This proposal would add language requiring documentation of what steps the family, school or others have taken regarding a students' mental healthcare, when the student's mental health is the basis of a hardship waiver request.

Language regarding consideration of only physical harm was removed.

Clarifies the process of member schools and NSAA staff collaborating on hardship requests and appeals and clarifies the family must provide as much documentation as possible at the time of the request.

Language regarding academic deficiencies, transferring for activities purposes, deficiencies in a school's activity offerings and loss of eligibility not constituting a hardship remains in Bylaw 1.10.3.11.

*This proposal would also update language in Bylaw 1.10.3.12 regarding the methods used to communicate the determination eliminating the requirement for certified mail.

Rationale:

This proposal removes language about causing physical harm and adds language about mental health, prioritizing the need to address the students' mental health prior to a request for a hardship waiver. The proposal also removes the need for the determination to be delivered via Certified Mail.

Pros:

With mental health concerns on the rise for students, this updated language emphasizes the importance of mental health care and support for students.

Cons:



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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Updated Due Process Procedure Bylaw 1.10

Title:

Author: NSAA Board of Directors

School:

NSAA District:

**Motion by Royal,
seconded by Barry.
Motion Carried, 53-0.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	49	1	0
District 2	82	0	2
District 3	54	0	0
District 4	50	4	0
District 5	22	0	0
District 6	25	1	0

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: None

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

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	3	0	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	

Implementation date: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 14 Article 1 Section 10

Summary: --Defines who can "Petition" the NSAA regarding alleged violations: *"Petitioner means the Executive Director of the NSAA or a member school superintendent or superintendent's designee of a member school alleging a violation by a Party of the Constitution, Bylaws, or Approved Rulings of the NSAA or requesting hardship waivers of eligibility rules. Only a Petitioner may report alleged violations or request hardship waivers of eligibility rules. Complaints, grievances, or other alleged violations received by the NSAA from anyone other than a Petitioner will be rejected."*

--Deletes all references to a hearing officer and formal due process hearing.

--Adds language about how anonymous communication and non-member school (parent, patron, student) communication will be handled: *"The NSAA does not investigate anonymous allegations. Allegations made anonymously will be reported to the member school. When an allegation is not anonymous but also not from a proper Petitioner, the NSAA will inform the member school, and the member school will determine if a violation occurred. Member schools will self-report violations to the Executive Director."*

--Updates the methods used to communicate a determination (eliminates the current requirement that determinations be delivered via certified mail).

Rationale: This proposal streamlines the due process procedures for member school violations by eliminating a hearing officer and clarifies who can file a complaint against a member school. It eliminates the ability of an anonymous person from triggering an investigation of a member school.

Pros: NSAA legal counsel assisted in modifying the language and due process procedure to be more efficient and understandable for member schools. Eliminates the potential for a costly legal proceeding. Clarifies NSAA staff will inform the member school of anonymous complaints but will not investigate them unless filed by an appropriate party.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eliminate From the Floor Proposals (All proposals must be submitted by the October date)

Title:

Author: Matthew Uher

School: Lincoln Northeast

NSAA District: 1

**Motion by Uher,
seconded by Schroeder.
Motion Carried, 39-14.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: None

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: 2024-08-09

Sections affected in
Constitution &
Bylaws:

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Section
5.3.5

Summary:

1.5.3.5

Add: The NSAA member schools shall consider ONLY proposals which are submitted and placed on the agenda for the November meeting by the October Deadline.

REMOVE:

New proposals may be submitted to the Representative Assembly if introduced as “other business,” and provided the proposals receive the consent of a majority of the members of the Assembly.

1.5.3.5.1. Proposals introduced as “other business” and approved by the majority of the members of the Assembly shall be presented in written form with sufficient copies for each representative. Such proposals shall be brought up for discussion immediately following the prepared agenda.

Rationale:

Removal of the “from the floor” proposals will eliminate the misinformation and proposals being submitted without proper discussion and evaluation. The “from the floor” proposals also fail to have ALL member schools being informed of the potential “new” legislation and undermines the true legitimacy of the process.

Pros:

Eliminate any misunderstandings or lack of knowledge regarding the “from the floor” proposal. Also will prevent information not being shared with all Member Schools. The October 1st Deadline will be the goal for everyone to allow for better discussion and deliberation.

Cons:

Replacing or suspending the current practice which most are familiar with.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	44	4	2
District 2	43	39	2
District 3	32	22	0
District 4	40	14	0
District 5	11	11	0
District 6	20	6	0

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	1	1	
District 6	2	0	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

District Meeting: Addition of a 3rd Meeting

Title:

Author: Matthew Uher

School: Lincoln Northeast

NSAA District: 1

**Motion by Kort,
seconded by Hanks.
Motion Failed 31-22.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: None

This proposal:

WILL increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL increase travel for participating schools
WILL NOT decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date:

2024-08-09

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:

Page	Article	Section
5:	1	1.5.1; 1.5.1.3, 1.5.1.5(a); 1.5.1.5

Summary:

The purpose of the early January Cohort Meeting would be to better inform and allow for productive discussion surrounding all proposed changes introduced by the member schools. Each District would be allowed to share, discuss, and hear the reasons why such proposals are being introduced. Using the October 1 date as our FINAL day for submission will eliminate the impromptu proposals from “the floor”. The majority of contentious/ill-informed issues come from late submissions. A deadline needs to remain a deadline.

Rationale:

This proposal would allow for better discussion and understanding of proposed Bylaw or Activity Manual changes. The insertion of another meeting would allow ADs who have submitted a proposal to discuss and debate potential proposals prior to the six districts voting to move proposal to the Delegate Assembly. This would also allow for ALL Districts to analyze potential changes since the prior January Meeting does not allow for any kind of amendments or changes to proposals introduced in November.

Pros:

Discussion allows for better more informed decisions being made; Provides more depth of knowledge as to why the proposals are being made and who it would impact. A Zoom Link could be an option for the schools NOT submitting a proposal. Discussing and implementing proposals that have been well thought out and discussed will provide for more effective and sustainable legislation.

Cons:

Finding a location; Adding another meeting to an already busy schedule. Potential Travel costs. Meeting a “hard” deadline.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	50	0	0
District 2	51	32	1
District 3	17	36	1
District 4	27	26	1
District 5	3	19	0
District 6	23	3	0

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	0	2	
District 4	1	1	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	2	0	



LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eliminate Legislative Commission and Representative Assembly

Title: **Assembly**

Author: Zach Limbach

School: Lincoln East

NSAA District: 1

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: All

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 6-10 Article 1.5 Section Legislative Procedure and Authority

Summary: This proposal is to eliminate 1.5.2 NSAA Legislative Commission and 1.5.3 NSAA Representative Assembly requirements of the NSAA Constitution 1.5 Legislative Procedure and Authority.

NEW 1.5.2 Member School Vote. Proposals for change(s) in the Constitution and Bylaws passing three or more districts at the second district meetings shall be forwarded to each member school for a referendum vote. For a proposal to become a valid part of the Constitution and Bylaws, the following must occur:

1. The proposal must be ratified by a simple majority of the member schools taking part in the referendum vote.
2. Thirty-five percent of the total membership of the Association must take part in the referendum vote.

Rationale: --NSAA Constitution & Bylaw proposal changes, which are the fundamental foundations of the NSAA, would now require a majority vote of the membership.
--Allows each member school the ability to evaluate proposals and cast a vote based on what is best for their students (one school, one vote).
--With the efficiency of electronic voting, all NSAA member schools can participate in the final step of the legislative process.

Pros: Cost savings of \$30,000. Savings could be distributed to each of the six district managing committees to offset NSAA District Music expenses and/or to help fund other student-based programs.

Cons: Eliminates the ability to amend a proposal or bring a new proposal from the floor at Representative Assembly.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	37	10	3
District 2	46	35	3
District 3	5	48	1
District 4	49	5	0
District 5	1	21	0
District 6	8	17	1

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	0	2	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	1	1	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **180-Day Transfer Rule**

Author: Matthew Uher

School: Lincoln Northeast

NSAA District: 1 **Motion by Shada,
seconded by Larsen.
Motion Fails 26-27.**

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	21	29	0
District 2	45	37	2
District 3	15	39	0
District 4	32	22	0
District 5	8	14	0
District 6	16	10	0

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	1	2	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	1	1	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	1	1	

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: All

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: 2024-08-09

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:

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25:	2	2.5, 2.6, 2.7

Summary: This proposal is to address the current hemorrhage we have with parents/athletes abusing the purpose of the transfer eligibility guideline. The initial intent of the 90-day VARSITY ineligibility guideline was to encourage athletes/families to truly consider/weigh options of transferring to another school, and promote or maintain home domicile. However, 90 days is not phasing or even a worry for students and families moving from school to school after they have exhausted their May 1 transfer. The 90-day rule does not currently apply/impact the spring season.

Rationale: Implementing a 180-day ineligibility guideline may assist schools from losing students and families to the “open enrollment” policies of school districts. The idea of this proposal is to make the non-May 1 transfers or second/third transfers truly consider the purpose of the transfer and not make the move about athletics/activities. This 180-day proposal would bring back the original intent of the 90-day rule where families had to truly consider the true purpose of the transfer. The purpose of a transfer should not be to move to a school for athletic/activity gains.

Parents would have to “prove” a domicile change to void the 180-day ineligibility rule for VARSITY athletics/activities.

Pros: Potentially slowing the abundance of student transfers from school to school. Also making the transfer non-May 1 date more equitable as currently a transfer student who is a spring season athlete is NOT impacted by the current 90-day limit.

Cons: An issue as it has been with the 90-day rule is the verification of the domicile change. Schools will need to collaborate and work together in order for this to work effectively. The possibility of further loopholes will still be in existence.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Elimination of Conflict of Interest

Title:

Author: Dean Tickle

School: Loup City

NSAA District: 4

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: None

Activities Affected: None

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:	<u>Page</u> 12	<u>Article</u> 1	<u>Section</u> 6.2
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Summary: No sitting or acting NSAA Board of Director member may apply for, or be appointed as NSAA Executive Director.

Rationale: Eliminate an unintended bias should a sitting board member be interested in applying for the position of executive director when the position is open.

Pros: This proposed bylaw would eliminate any potential conflict of interest that may exist between NSAA Board of Directors and the NSAA Executive Director, who NSAA Board of Directors evaluate.

Cons: None

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	42	7	1
District 2	42	28	14
District 3	22	28	4
District 4	48	6	0
District 5	8	14	0
District 6	3	23	0

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	0	2	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Open Gym/School Facilities Skill Development During the School Year, Out of Season Period

Title:

Author: Zach Limbach

School: Lincoln East

NSAA District: 1

**Motion by Frank,
seconded by Davis.
Motion Failed, 27-26.**

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	31	19	0
District 2	49	33	2
District 3	34	19	1
District 4	29	25	0
District 5	4	17	1
District 6	5	20	1

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: All

This proposal:

WILL 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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in
Constitution &
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Article
3.2.6

Section
Open Gym

Summary:

3.2.6 - Open Gym & School Facilities. Students and coaches can be involved in NSAA activities during the “school year, out-of-season period”.

A) School facilities are open for training and skill development activities.

B) Schools can designate sport-specific times.

C) Coaching or instruction can be provided.

D) Student attendance shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication indicate that a student's attendance is a condition for team membership or will determine the level of team participation.

E) Participation by non-high school students (graduates, adults, or individuals not a 9-12 student of the member school) is not permitted.

Additionally, this proposal would replace the “Organized Practice” language with “Competition” such that high school coaches would continue to be limited to the sport-specific number of athletes they can coach in competitions.

For example:

High school volleyball coaches would be limited to coaching 4 high school volleyball players in club volleyball.

High school basketball coaches would be limited to coaching 4 high school basketball players in fall leagues.

High school track coaches would be limited to coaching 12 high school track athletes at an indoor track meet.

High school 11-man football coaches would be limited to coaching 7 high school football players in a league.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	2	1	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	1	1	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	0	2	

Rationale:	This proposal would remove restrictions on coaches during open gym/facility time during the school year, out-of-season period. This will allow coaches to work on skill development with an unlimited number of students at one time. This could allow coaches and students to continue developing their team and skills within an education-based environment, focused on the well-being of students.
Pros:	<p>Provides equal access to coaching and skill development for all students at a member school.</p> <p>Allows coaches to stay connected to their students during the offseason.</p> <p>Saves time for coaches.</p> <p>Gives parents a choice - education-based instruction/development vs. for-profit youth sports organizations.</p> <p>This proposal prevents school teams from competing against other school teams. The organized practice rule is still in effect for any school year, out-of-season competition.</p>
Cons:	<p>Lack of facilities to hold open gym/facility time because facilities are in use by in-season activities (i.e. volleyball open gym during basketball season).</p> <p>Management of coaches and the time for multi-sport, in-season athletes will be the responsibility of each member school administration.</p>



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adding Eligibility for 8th Graders to Varsity Levels in Class D Schools

Title:

Schools

Author:

Barry Swisher

School:

Sioux County

NSAA District:

6

Proposal for:

Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected:

Class D

Activities Affected:

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Football
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:

2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:

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2.1.1
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2.6.4

Summary:

This proposal would allow class D schools with boy or girl enrollment numbers of 20 or less to use 8th graders on the varsity level in basketball, football and volleyball. This would be similar to NDE Rule 10 which allows 6th grade students to participate in middle school activities if the enrollment for boys or girls in 7th and 8th is 12 or below. Similar to South Dakota, the 8th grade students would be allowed to participate at both middle school and high school levels. This would help increase numbers so games are not being cancelled and more JV games can be scheduled.

Rationale:

We have extremely low numbers which has led to the cancellation of team seasons. If we had 8th graders we would be able to fulfill our schedules and compete at the high school level. It would also let our students who don't have enough for middle school teams to participate as an 8th grader.

Schools would have more players so they could compete in JV games which is a problem for small schools as far as playing time and scheduling.

Pros:

Games will not be forfeited or cancelled.
More JV games for schools.
Continued athletic programs for small schools.

Cons:

Less practice time for those who participate at the JH & HS levels.
Scheduling issues if games are on the same day.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	19	17	14
District 2	9	57	18
District 3	27	23	4
District 4	13	35	6
District 5	6	14	2
District 6	16	9	1

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	2	1	
District 2	0	3	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	0	2	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	1	1	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Basketball Contest Limitations

Title:

Author: Jason Palmer

School: Auburn

NSAA District: 2

**Motion by Royal,
seconded by Fjell.
Motion Carried, 42-11.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	24	7	19
District 2	51	15	18
District 3	35	11	8
District 4	26	11	17
District 5	9	10	3
District 6	20	4	2

Classes Affected: Class B
Class C

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:

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67	3	11.1

Summary:

Currently, the NSAA Basketball Manual says the following for contest limitations:

"No team representing a member school shall participate in more than eighteen games plus two tournaments, exclusive of the district and State Championship. Conference tournaments must be counted in those contest limitations. Schools may participate in eighteen games and two tournaments in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments (if a team participates in additional tournament other than the two allowed, then each game counts towards the eighteen game limit). Schools may also play nineteen games plus one tournament or twenty games and no tournaments.

A tournament is defined as a contest involving four or more teams in which the winner continues to advance and compete until a single winner is determined. Schools may participate in one triangular and this would count as one of the two tournaments. A triangular is defined as a contest involving three teams and a winner will be determined. (Typical round-robin events do not meet the definition of a tournament.) Schools are requested to send a copy of each tournament bracket to the NSAA.

The new proposal would change the manual to read: "No team is allowed to play in more than 24 total contests in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments. These contests can come from any combination of single games, triangulars, round robins, tournaments, etc... Teams who play in a tournament by seeding / bracketing that end up being required to play an extra game or "play-in" game will not be penalized as long as brackets are not decided prior to the date that basketball schedules are required to be submitted on the NSAA website."

This allows flexibility for schools in scheduling games. Schools who do not have two reliable "tournaments" (as defined above) are currently either forced to find two or play fewer contests. This proposal does not allow for any more contests than what is already allowed: $18 + 3$ (tournament 1) $+ 3$ (tournament 2) = 24.

Rationale:

This proposal would allow for more flexibility in scheduling, without adding any more total contests than what is already allowed. Teams that do not have two reliable tournaments each year will be able to add single contests or even play in shootouts where you could potentially play more than one game with no real bracket in place. Currently, if you do not play in the two tournaments you do not have much flexibility in finding replacement games. Shootouts are more common in other states and making a change would allow schools to find additional games to supplement their schedule without the need for something with a bracket.

Additionally, many of our surrounding states do not limit contests with tournaments as a part of their rules for contest limitations. Iowa allows 21 total contests with the possibility of 22 contests if the school is adding the 22nd game to assist another school in filling that school's schedule. Iowa does not allow games between Christmas and New Years. Missouri allows for 26 total contests. Kansas currently allows for 20 total contests with the possibility of 21 if a school participates in a tournament where they have to play four games. Kansas is said to be expanding to 23 total games beginning next school year.

In summary, this proposal allows schools to fill their schedule with any combination of games, tournaments, etc... so long as you don't exceed 24 games (exception of play-in game).

Pros:

Flexibility in scheduling.

Cons:



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Basketball Contest Limitations

Title:

Author: Austin Lewis

School: Sidney

NSAA District: 6

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class B
Class C
Class D

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
	67	3	11.1

Summary: Summary: Change basketball regular season contest limitations to 24 total contests. Schools may fill that contest amount to their liking with tournaments, shootouts, round robins etc. School just may not exceed 24 total contests in the regular season.

Currently, the NSAA Basketball Manual says the following for contest limitations:

“Schools may participate in eighteen games and two tournaments in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments (If a team participates in an additional tournament other than the two allowed, then each game counts towards the eighteen game limit). Schools may also play nineteen games plus one tournament or twenty games and no tournaments.”

The new proposal would change the manual to read:

“No team is allowed to play more than 24 total contests in addition to the state sponsored series of tournaments. These contests can come from any combination of single games, triangulars, round robins, tournaments, etc... Teams who play in a tournament by seeding / bracketing that end up being required to play an extra game or ‘play-in’ game will not be penalized as long as brackets are not decided prior to the date that basketball schedules are required to be submitted on the NSAA website.”

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	37	5	8
District 2	48	7	29
District 3	42	10	2
District 4	43	8	3
District 5	17	5	0
District 6	21	5	0

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	3	0	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	

**Motion by Uldrich,
seconded by Hoelsing.
Motion Carried, 50-3.**

Rationale: This proposal would allow for more flexibility in scheduling, without adding any more total contest dates than are already allowed. Teams that do not have two reliable tournaments each year will be able to add single contests or even play in shootouts where you could potentially play more than one game with no real bracket in place. Currently, if you do not play in the two tournaments you do not have much flexibility in finding replacement games. Shootouts are more common in other states and making a change would allow schools to find additional games to supplement their schedule without the need for something with a bracket.

Pros: Flexibility in scheduling.
Teams without steady yearly tournaments can add single contests if they choose.

Cons:



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: Outside Participation for Boys & Girls Bowling

Title:

Author: Keith Maly

School: Millard North

NSAA District: 2

**Motion by Jones,
seconded by Siske.
Motion Failed, 22-31.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	8	18	24
District 2	28	23	33
District 3	19	11	24
District 4	3	23	28
District 5	13	3	6
District 6	2	2	22

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: Boys Bowling
Girls Bowling

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 62 Article 3 Section 5

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	1	2	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	1	1	
District 4	0	2	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	1	1	

Summary: Include a new bylaw to allow bowling athletes to outside participate in a similar manner that swimming and diving athletes do, but only in USBC certified bowling leagues and USBC certified singles and doubles tournaments. Bowling athletes may not participate in outside team-based tournaments.

Bowling Outside Participation. During the school sport season of bowling, a student may, after fulfilling all requirements, practices, and competitions of the school bowling team, practice and/or compete as an individual participant in an organized USBC youth certified bowling league, USBC youth certified singles or doubles tournament, and bowling-related skill clinics under the conditions listed below.

A) Priority shall be given to all school team practices and competitions. Should a non-school practice/competition be in direct conflict with the school scheduled practice/competition, the school practice/competition shall take priority. Prior approval by the school administrator may grant an exception to a student to participate in the non-school bowling league if in direct conflict with the school program.

B) No school time shall be missed to compete, practice, or travel to the site of such non-school bowling competition unless the absence is approved in advance by the school administrator.

C) A school shall not replace its bowling program with any non-school bowling program.

Rationale: With the increasing cost of lane rental for school practices, many teams have had to reduce the number of practices that they have each week.

There are students who are currently choosing to not bowl in NSAA High School Varsity Bowling due to the fact that they would have to give up league and tournament participation. This limits their potential to earn scholarship points for college and visibility to collegiate coaches.

Gives athletes the chance to increase their exposure to challenging lane conditions through Sport Shot Tournament participation.

Would allow the athlete to participate in collegiate showcases that are aimed at recruiting high school Junior and Senior bowlers.

Would allow athletes to participate in skill clinics lead by certified bowling coaches.

Would align our policy with adjacent states allowing opportunities for growth through participation in in-state and out-of-state competitions and clinics.

Pros:

- Bowlers would no longer have to sit out of high school competitions or choose to not participate in high school bowling due to current rules.
- There is an opportunity to bring in more bowlers (i.e. those sitting out because they want to continue to bowl leagues & tournaments).
- Leagues provide less expensive opportunities for practice & time on lanes. Leagues often cost around \$10-\$12 per week for 3 full games. Sometimes practice costs for lane time outside of league is often cheaper for a youth bowler in a league.
- Gives bowlers the opportunity to participate in tournaments & have exposure to challenging lane conditions (i.e. Challenge & Sport Patterns).
- Ability to earn SMART points in league & tournament participation to assist with advancement to college.
- Aligns with other surrounding states giving our bowlers the opportunity to compete with athletes in our region.
- Allows access to bowling clinics taught by certified coaches & bowling veterans.

Cons:

- Individual high school team coaches would have to monitor & administer making sure their athletes are not missing their practices or competitions & determine the individual athletes consequences for doing so.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

JH Golf Participants at High School Practice

Title:

Author: Corey Uldrich

School: Hartington-Newcastle

NSAA District: 3 **Motion by Larsen,
seconded by Uldrich.
Motion Carried, 40-13.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	31	9	10
District 2	36	37	11
District 3	50	3	1
District 4	33	12	9
District 5	11	8	3
District 6	23	3	0

Classes Affected: All

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

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	1	2	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	1	1	
District 6	2	0	

Implementation date: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page Article Section
p. 68 3.11.5 Golf

Summary: A school may permit 7th and 8th grade students to practice with high school teams, allowing for the sharing of practice times, locations, and coaches.

Rationale: This would give schools who struggle to find additional golf coaches for their students the ability to use the same coaches for students in both the junior high and high school.

Because of the non-contact nature of golf, having students in grades 7 and 8 would not put them in any kind of physical harm. This would fall in line with the 2023-2024 legislative change that track and field made.

Pros: Golf coaches could more easily coach at both the JH and HS level by having them all together at one time. The expertise of the high school coaches could be used over potentially having to use volunteers or community members during JH golf.

Cons: None



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Proposed update of NSAA Bylaw 7.7.2 part F and 7.7.10**

Author: Jon Mauro

School: Bellevue West

NSAA District: 2

**Motion by Barry,
seconded by Bellar.
Motion Carried, 53-0.**

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	47	0	3
District 2	68	5	11
District 3	51	3	0
District 4	47	3	4
District 5	19	3	0
District 6	26	0	0

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: Music

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

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	3	0	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	

Implementation date: 2025-07-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 92-94 Article 7.7 Section Sections 7.7.2 & 7.7.10

Summary: Proposed: Replace 7.7.2, F, 3 with:

Digital (iPad) and hard copies are permitted for the accompanists and directors use as long as the pianist and director have 2 original copies at the piano.

See 7.7.2, C. Copying shall not substitute for the purchase of books, publishers reprints, or periodicals. Additionally, this shall apply to 7.7.10

Digital (iPad) and hard copies are permitted for the accompanists use as long as the pianist has an original at the piano. Judges perusal copies must be originals or have the required permissive documentation.

Rationale: Accompanists and directors have come to rely on the ease and practicality of iPad use in the classroom, on the stage, and at District Music Contest. Music on the iPad is copied music. District Music Contest authorities have permitted the use of iPads.

Our proposal does two things:

- 1) Makes digital copying and Ipad use legal for District Music Contest
- 2) Equates digital copying with hard copying (for use in ring binders). Accompanists may then use either format as they choose.

Pros: Ease of page turning for accompanists
Use of written notes for directors

Cons: None



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Student Managers at Volleyball Practice

Title:

Author: Dallas Sweet

School: Malcolm

NSAA District: 1

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class C

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 59 Article 3.11.11.4 Section Volleyball

Summary: Adds 'Class C1 and C2' to section 3.11.11.4

During the season of sport, the only persons allowed to participate in any practice session, drill, or scrimmage, are the team members and designated team student managers. A manager is defined as a 7th or 8th grade **female** student in good academic standing who carries out duties for their high school team on a daily basis. These individuals will need to have an Athletic Physical and NSAA Consent Form on file with the school. Any other adult, college student, or alumni are not allowed to participate in any practice session, drill, scrimmage, game, or contest in which a school team or individual who is a member of a school team is involved. a. This does not prevent a coach from being involved for the primary purpose of teaching and demonstrating skills, methods, or techniques.

***Student Mangers who are enrolled in that school's Junior High which assist the team each day be allowed to participate in practice drills and practice scrimmages. Coaches shall determine if a manager is too small in stature to participate in order to keep everyone safe.

Rationale: Make volleyball similar to basketball, and allow managers to have a more effective role in practice and warmups. Many schools are likely currently having managers do things that are technically a violation of the rules.

Taken from last years proposal for class D volleyball, which passed: Allowing a junior high student manager to fill this role will allow full scrimmages and effective drills as part of a practice.

Pros: May allow smaller rosters to conduct scrimmages and drills more effectively

Cons: Coaches will have to determine if a manager is too small in stature to participate in order to keep everyone safe.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	28	2	20
District 2	No Motion		
District 3	46	5	3
District 4	39	4	11
District 5	16	5	1
District 6	23	1	2

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	0	3	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Volleyball Competition Points

Title:

Author:

Corey Uldrich

School:

Hartington-Newcastle

NSAA District:

3

**Motion by Uldrich,
seconded by Ray.
Motion Failed, 31-22.**

Proposal for:

Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected:

All

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:

2025-08-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:

Page
p.71

Article
3

Section
11.11.3

Summary:

This proposal would change the competition point values for "TWO OR THREE DAY TOURNAMENTS". It would split "TWO OR THREE DAY TOURNAMENTS" into two smaller subsets.

"TWO OR THREE DAY TOURNAMENTS (3 or less matches)" would have a point value of 3 for scheduling purposes.

"TWO OR THREE DAY TOURNAMENTS (4 or more matches)" would have a point value of 4 for scheduling purposes.

Rationale:

In an 8-team conference tournament, schools could be scheduled to play one match a day for 3 days of their tournament. They are required to count those 3 matches as 4 scheduling points simply because they are played over multiple days. If they played those same 3 matches over 3 different days outside of a "tournament" format, their scheduling points would be counted as 3 points. Schools are not gaining any advantage playing in a 2/3 day tournament that plays 3 matches or less (and only using 3 of their competition points). Some 2/3 days tournaments play 5+ matches, but one that plays just 3 matches should not be counted in the same bucket of competition points.

Pros:

Brings consistency to scheduling points and matches played.

Cons:

None

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	42	8	0
District 2	No Motion		
District 3	49	5	0
District 4	51	2	1
District 5	19	3	0
District 6	26	0	0

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	0	3	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice

Title: **Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice**

Author: Erich Warner/Tyler Siecke

School: Blair

NSAA District: 2

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: Boys Wrestling
Girls Wrestling

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: 2025-11-01

**Motion by Davis,
seconded by Jorgensen.
Motion Carried, 44-9.**

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	35	8	7
District 2	51	22	11
District 3	44	8	2
District 4	45	6	3
District 5	13	8	1
District 6	22	3	1

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 59 Article 3.11.12.7 Section Wrestling

Summary: Add 3.11.12.7 During the wrestling season, the only persons allowed to participate in any practice session, drill or scrimmage, are the team members and designated team student managers. A manager is defined as a 7th or 8th grade student from the same school district in good academic standing who carries out duties for their high school team on a daily basis. These individuals will need to have an Athletic Physical and NSAA Consent Form on file with the school. Any other adult, college student, or alumni may not participate in any practice session, drill, scrimmage, game, or contest in which a school team or an individual who is a member of a school team is involved.

Rationale: New girls wrestling programs, small schools, and light athletes in larger schools have a difficult time finding partners to practice with. Allowing 7th and 8th grade managers to participate in practice may allow teams to have adequate numbers of students to have effective practice sessions, drills and scrimmages.

States such as South Dakota and Minnesota currently allow 7th and 8th graders to participate on high school wrestling teams with no increase in injuries to their athletes compared to states that only allow high school students to participate.

Where there may be a large difference in size of members of the high school team, schools may allow junior high managers who are closer in size to the high school participants to participate in practice which would result in safer practice partners.

Pros: Improve the safety of the student athletes by providing partners of similar size and allow adequate number of students to practice.

Cons: Some junior high managers may not be physically able to practice at the same level as high school students. Schools should determine if the use of student managers for practice is appropriate for their school.



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice

Title:

Author: Nick Brost

School: South Platte

NSAA District: 6

NO MOTION

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: Class D

Activities Affected: Boys Wrestling
Girls Wrestling

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: 2025-08-01

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws: Page 72 Article 3.11.12 Section Wrestling

Summary: Add 3.11.12.7

During the wrestling season, the only persons allowed to participate in any practice session, drill or scrimmage, are the team members and designated team student managers. A manager is defined as a 7th or 8th grade student in good academic standing who carries out duties for their high school team on a daily basis. These individuals will need to have an Athletic Physical and NSAA Consent Form on file with the school. Any other adult, college student, or alumni may not participate in any practice session, drill, scrimmage, game, or contest in which a school team or an individual who is a member of a school team is involved.

Rationale: Due to decreasing participation numbers in some schools, many teams have limited numbers of players out for sports which make it difficult to have enough high school participants to practice. Allowing 7th and 8th grade managers to participate in practice may allow teams to have adequate numbers of students to have effective practice sessions, drills and scrimmages. Especially in wrestling where there may be a large difference in size of members of the high school team, schools may allow junior high managers who are closer in size to the high school participants to participate in practice which would result in safer practice partners.

Pros: Allows adequate number of students to practice and appropriate size differences between practice participants.

Cons: Some junior High managers may not be physically able to practice at the same level as high school students. Schools should determine if the use of student managers for practice is appropriate for their school.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	20	6	24
District 2	25	11	48
District 3	43	6	5
District 4	39	2	13
District 5	14	6	2
District 6	25	0	1

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Title: **Wrestling Specific Workouts**

Author: Tyler Siecke

School: Blair

NSAA District: 2

Proposal for: Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected: All

Activities Affected: Boys Wrestling
Girls Wrestling

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: 2024-09-30

Sections affected in Constitution & Bylaws:	<u>Page</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
	52	3	2.4B

Summary: Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, boys and girls wrestling coaches are permitted to increase the number of offseason practice participants from 4 to 8 (57%) wrestlers for sport specific training (drilling, situations, live). This increase would bring the boys and girls wrestling teams closer to the current percentages allowed for other sports.

For example,

- Football/Soccer (11 players make up an offensive/defensive team) can work with 7 (63%)
- Softball/Baseball (9 players make up a team) can work with 7 (78%)
- Basketball (5 players make up a team) can work with 4 (80%)
- Wrestling (14 athletes make up a team) can currently work with only 4, which is 29%, the lowest among these sports.

Rationale: The goal is to keep to keep the emphasis in wrestling on the school program as much as possible by allowing more opportunities for our coaches to work with student-athletes. We feel that the limit of 4 participants is an arbitrary number assigned to wrestling and does not reflect the same percentage of a team as it does for other sports.

Pros: We would continue to follow the organized practice rule but simply increase the number of athletes allowed at off-season workouts, aligning it more closely with the percentages of other sports. This change would encourage athletes to train with their high school teams and coaches rather than turning to clubs. Additionally, high school coaches do not currently have enough time to work with all athletes when limited to only four at a time; this proposal would enable them to work with more athletes during offseason practices.

Cons: None.

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	35	6	9
District 2	75	1	8
District 3	45	5	4
District 4	47	4	3
District 5	18	3	1
District 6	21	2	3

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	3	0	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	2	0	
District 6	2	0	



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN NSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Additional Tournament dates for schools opting out of state duals

Title:

Author:

Nick Brost

School:

South Platte

NSAA District:

6

**Motion by Ryker,
seconded by Hoelsing.
Motion Carried, 40-13.**

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	34	5	11
District 2	33	23	28
District 3	34	13	7
District 4	34	7	12
District 5	2	19	1
District 6	25	0	1

Proposal for:

Constitution & Bylaws

Classes Affected:

All

Activities Affected:

Boys Wrestling

This proposal:

WILL NOT increase costs to the school
WILL NOT increase costs to the NSAA
WILL increase travel for participating schools
WILL decrease a student's or coach's instruction time

Implementation date:

2025-08-01

Sections affected in Activities Manual:

Page
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Article
3

Section
11.12.3, 11.12.4

Summary:

Allow teams that are unable to fill 8 weight classes (class D) or 10 weight classes (Classes A, B, C) to schedule additional tournaments and opt out of qualifying for state duals.

ADD: "No team opting out of state duals or girls team representing a member school may participate in more than 18 events" on 3.11.12.3, 3.11.12.4.

Rationale:

Schools that are unable to field a team that would qualify for the state dual meet are handicapped by not scheduling duals. For example, a school that has 4 wrestlers on their team, may choose to not schedule dual meets. Currently, teams with few wrestlers are required to add duals to maximize their schedules, but the teams are not able to be competitive in dual format events.

Pros:

Schools with small wrestling programs have the potential to compete in as many events as schools with larger wrestling programs.

Cons:

None

	For	Against	Abstain
District 1	3	0	
District 2	2	1	
District 3	2	0	
District 4	2	0	
District 5	0	2	
District 6	2	0	

Type of Proposal: Speech Manual

Class Affected: A

Activities Affected: Speech

Will the proposal:

- ☐ Increase cost to school?
- ☐ Increase cost to the NSAA?
- ☐ Increase travel for participating schools?
- ☐ Decrease a student's or coach's instruction time?

This proposal could increase travel to some schools depending on the district host site.

Implementation date: August 2025

Sections Affected

Page: 24, number 4 and number 5

Vote to add to agenda:

Moved by Smith, seconded by Graham.

Motion Carried with simple majority.

Vote on proposal:

Moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Uher.

Motion Carried, 51-2.

Proposal Summary

Change Class A districts from four districts to three, allowing the top 6 in each event to qualify for the state competition. District placement will be determined first by placing the top 6 state finishing teams in separate districts, then teams will be divided based on district entry sizes from the previous year.

Rationale for the Proposal

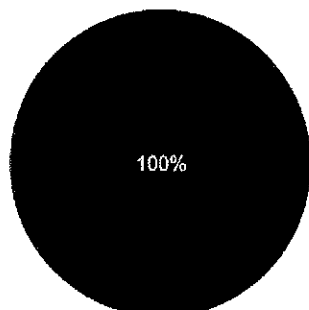
Modifying our districts from four class A districts to 3 allows the NSAA to equalize entry numbers between districts and qualify the same number of students to state as Classes B-D2.

Pros:

- District entry numbers are equalized—it avoids districts that are overfilled with entries and districts that go straight to finals.
- Class A State qualifiers will increase from 16 to 18 total qualifiers (which would match all other classes)
- Creates equal sections at State, strengthening current tie-breaking methods for finalists.
- Class A coaches were surveyed about redistricting the class and using the top six finishing teams at state to equalize the district competition.
- Response Ratio: All 34 Class A coaches were surveyed, 20 responded—the charts below reflect what 58% of the Class A coaches support.

Do you support creating 3 NSAA Districts in Class A of instead the current 4 district system?

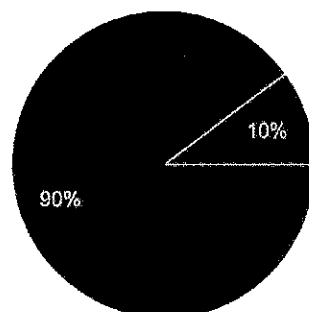
20 responses



- Yes, create 3 districts and qualify the top 6 in each event to state.
- No, keep 4 districts and qualify the top 4 in each event to state.

NSAA Class A districts should be seeded based on the top 6 team placements at state from the previous year.

20 responses



- Yes, seeding should be based on the top 6 team finishes at the previous year's state tournament
- No, seeding should not be based on the top 6 team finishes at the previous year's state tournament

Cons:

- Travel costs

	Vote for Proposal #1 Hardship Eligibility Criteria	Vote for Proposal #2 Updated Due Process Procedure Bylaw 1.10	Vote for Proposal #3 Eliminate From the Floor Proposals	Vote for Proposal #4 District Meeting: Addition of a 3rd Meeting	Vote for Proposal #5 Eliminate Legislative Commission and Representative Assembly	Vote for Proposal #6 180-Day Transfer Rule	Vote for Proposal #7 Elimination of Conflict of Interest	Vote for Proposal #8 Open Gym/School Facilities Skill Development During the School Year; Out of Season Period	Vote for Proposal #9 Adding Eligibility for 8th Graders to Varsity Levels in Class D Schools	Vote for Proposal #10 Basketball Contest Limitations - B&C	Vote for Proposal #11 Basketball Contest Limitations - B, C & D	Vote for Proposal #12 Outside Participation for Boys & Girls Bowling	Vote for Proposal #13 JH Golf Participants at HS Practice	Vote for Proposal #14 Proposed update of NSAA Bylaw 7.7.2 Part F and 7.7.10	Vote for Proposal #15 Student Managers at VB Practice	Vote for Proposal #16 Volleyball Competition Points	Vote for Proposal #17 Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice Warner/Sieck (Blair)	Vote for Proposal #18 Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice	Vote for Proposal #19 Wrestling Specific Workouts	Vote for Proposal #20 Additional Tournament Dates for Schools Opting Out of State Duals	Vote for Proposal #21 Speech Class A - 4 to 3 Districts
District / Rep / School																					
1 Davis Fairbury	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N O M O T I O N	Yes	No	Yes
1 Gatzmeyer Lincoln High	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Graham Lincoln Southeast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Herman York	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Kort Meridian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
1 Limbach Lincoln East	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 McDonald McCool Junction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Schroeder Standing Bear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Toczek Lincoln Public Schools	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Uher Lincoln Northeast	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
1 Wagner Centennial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Barry Wahoo	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Fjell Elkhorn	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Govier Papillion-La Vista	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Hanzel Humphrey	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No		No	Yes	Yes
2 Hickman Mead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Hoeft Palmyra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
2 Holtz Bellevue East	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Jones Omaha Benson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Lee Omaha Westview	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
2 Lynch Yutan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
2 Ringblom Omaha Duchesne	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Royal Syracuse	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No		Yes	No	Yes
2 Schinzel Creighton Prep	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
2 Shada Arlington	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
2 Siske Plattview	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Smith Millard West	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Spooner Mount Michael	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2 Wemhoff Fort Calhoun	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2 Williams Ralston	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3 Beller Norfolk Catholic	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3 Cerny Bancroft-Rosalie	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
3 Hoesing Wausa	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3 Larsen O'Neill	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3 Sanne Boyd County	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
3 Uldrich Hartington-Newcastle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4 Dietz Amherst	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
4 Frank Adams Central	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4 Jorgensen Paxton	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4 Petri Kearney Catholic	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4 Ryker Gothenburg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
4 Tobey Broken Bow	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
4 Truax Lexington	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
5 Albers Cambridge	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5 Davis Alma	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5 Drews Arapahoe	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
5 Newcomb Bertrand	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
5 Roggenkamp Southwest	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6 Barry Chadron	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6 Beebout Valentine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6 Hanks Crawford	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6 Ray Thedford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
6 Unzicker Alliance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Voting Totals		Yes	53	53	39	31	22	26	29	27	18	42	50	22	40	53	35	31	44	0	51
		No	0	0	14	22	31	27	24	26	35	11	3	31	13	0	18	22	9	0	2