

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

The Class Caucus Review Committee met February 6, 2017 at 9:02 a.m. in a telephonic meeting with members present as follows.

NSAA Board of Director Chair – Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East  
Class A – Dan Schinzel, Creighton Preparatory  
Class A – Clayton Heath, Lincoln Northeast  
Class B – Mike Dempsey, Omaha Gross  
Class B – Mike Brockhaus, Sidney  
Class C – Jeff Bellar, Norfolk Catholic  
Class C – Rocky Ruhl, Wayne  
Class D – Tim Huls, Hampton

Ex-officio members included NSAA Executive Director Dr. Jim Tenopir; Assistant Directors Jon Dolliver, Jennifer Schwartz, Nate Neuhaus and Jeff Stauss.

Chair Wendy Henrichs identified the responsibilities of the second meeting of the Class Caucus Committee as identified in NSAA Bylaws 1.5.4.3.2.2 and 1.5.4.3.3.

Dr. Jim Tenopir discussed the NSAA Board of Directors recent ratification of NSAA Approved Rulings which better define the Classification Caucus process.

It was moved by Tim Huls, Hampton, seconded by Jeff Bellar, Norfolk Catholic, to approve proposals as presented. **Motion Carried, 9-0.**

**Class A Proposals**

**A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 6 Section: 6.7.4 Page: 59**

**Activities Manual: Speech Page: 11**

--YEARBOOK: IN CLASS B, C1, C2, D1 AND D2, all preliminary performances at the state speech contest will be presented twice, each time before one judge. IN CLASS A, ALL PRELIMINARY PERFORMANCES AT THE STATE SPEECH CONTEST WILL BE PRESENTED THREE TIMES, EACH TIME BEFORE ONE JUDGE.

--MANUAL: There will be two preliminary rounds in each event for each class IN CLASS B, C1, C2, D1 AND D2. FOR CLASS A ONLY, THERE WILL BE THREE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS IN EACH EVENT.

**Motion Carried, 9-0.**

**B. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Baseball Page: 13**

**DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**District Tournaments.** The district tournaments will be single-elimination with the winner qualifying for the state championships.

**District Dates.** District tournaments for five team districts will be held on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. District tournaments for four team districts will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Rain out dates include: Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**District Entry Deadline.** NSAA Entry Forms are now accessed and submitted online. The Athletic/Activities director will give the certified coach the login to this activity. Go to the NSAA website ([www.nsaahome.org](http://www.nsaahome.org)) and click on "Login" and select your school and enter your login code/password. On the subsequent page, click on "District Entry Form" and complete your roster form (detailed instructions can also be obtained from the website). You will need to print this form for your files and email a copy to the district director. You do **NOT** need to email or fax the form to the NSAA office. Once the form has been completed and submitted by the school, the NSAA office will

automatically receive an electronic version of this form. Schools may make changes to this form up until the due date, which is April 25th. After that, you will need to contact the NSAA.

**District Assignments.** All Class A schools in baseball are to be placed into six districts. Six of the districts shall be determined using a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild-card point system within one week prior to the first district. Games through Tuesday of week 44 will be counted for Class A district assignments and seeding.

***The top seed in each district will be offered a contract to host the district tournament. If the higher seed is unable to host the district tournament, the subsequent seed shall be offered a contract until a location is secured. After the first round of districts and the top seed of the district loses, the next highest seeded team would host in championship or return to host site for the game (if they are able to host the event). The district champion will advance to state tournament. District tournament seeding and brackets shall be posted on Monday, May 2nd.***

**Motion Carried, 9-0.**

**C. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Soccer Page: 21**

**DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Classification of Schools. Soccer will be divided into two classes. The largest twenty-eight schools registered will be Class A with the remaining schools being Class B. District assignments are given on the last page of this manual.

District Assignments.

Please refer to the NSAA website, [nsaahome.org](http://nsaahome.org) for current district information.

Class A schools will be placed into seven districts. The districts will be determined using a serpentine method, based upon the NSAA wild card point system ~~within two weeks~~ **THROUGH TUESDAY OF WEEK 43** of the first district game. The highest seed in each district will be given the choice to host. **AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF DISTRICTS AND THE TOP SEED OF THE DISTRICT LOSES, THE NEXT HIGHEST SEED WOULD HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP OR RETURN TO THE HOST SITE FOR THE GAME (IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO HOST THE EVENT).** The winner of each district will qualify for the state tournament.

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
28	27	26	25	24	23	22

**Motion Carried, 9-0.**

**Class B Proposals**

**A. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Baseball Page: 18**

**Home Team. THE HIGHEST SEED TEAM IS DESIGNATED THE HOME TEAM THOUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.** The home team for first-round games (Games 1, 2, 3 and 4) will be the highest-seeded team. Home team for all other games and finals will be decided by a coin flip, except game 15 under Scenario #1. The home team in game 15 (if necessary) will be the visiting team of game 14. Under Scenario #2 a coin flip will determine the home team for game 15.

**Motion Carried, 9-0.**

**B. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Basketball Page: 10**

Class B schools are divided into ~~six~~ EIGHT SUB districts. Class B will have ~~five~~ FOUR teams each in ~~four~~ EIGHT SUB districts and ~~six~~ teams in two districts. The schools were assigned to SUB districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to

south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district.

GIRLS CLASS B DISTRICTS WILL BE MONDAY AND TUESDAY (WEDNESDAY IF NECESSARY) OF WEEK 33. THE WINNERS OF THE EIGHT SUB DISTRICTS AND THE NEXT EIGHT HIGHEST WILDCARDS (SIXTEEN TOTAL) WILL BE SERPENTINED AND PLAY ON SATURDAY OF WEEK 33 IN DISTRICT FINALS (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~).

BOYS CLASS B SUB DISTRICTS WILL BE MONDAY AND TUESDAY (WEDNESDAY IF NECESSARY) OF WEEK 34. THE WINNERS OF THE EIGHT SUB DISTRICTS AND THE NEXT EIGHT HIGHEST WILDCARDS (SIXTEEN TOTAL) WILL BE SERPENTINED AND PLAY ON SATURDAY OF WEEK 34 IN DISTRICT FINALS (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~).

A.) The winning boys' team and the winning girls' team in each SUB district will qualify for the DISTRICT FINALS (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~) ~~State Championship...~~

B.) Two EIGHT additional boys' teams and two EIGHT additional girls' teams will also qualify for the DISTRICT FINALS (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~) ~~State Championship~~ on the basis of the wild card selection procedure.

C.) SIXTEEN TEAMS WILL BE SEEDED ACCORDING TO NSAA POWER POINTS AND PLAY A DISTRICT FINAL (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~) GAME, THE GAME WILL BE PLAYED AT THE HIGHEST SEED. THE EIGHT DISTRICT FINALS (~~OR FIRST ROUND OF STATE~~) GAMES WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT IN LINCOLN. TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT WILL BE RE-SEEDED ON THE BASIS OF WILDCARD POINTS.

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 SIXTEEN QUALIFYING TEAMS

**Motion Carried, 7 For (Schinzel, Heath, Dempsey, Bellar, Ruhl, Huls, Henrichs), 2 Against (Brockhaus, Kronhofman).**

**C. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: FOOTBALL Page: 35**

Host School

FOR FIRST ROUND, QUARTERFINAL AND SEMIFINAL GAMES, THE HIGHER SEED WILL HOST.

~~In the first round of the play-offs, the team with the highest point average will host.~~

~~If the schools have identical point averages, the point system tiebreaker will be used to determine the host school.~~

~~For quarterfinal and semifinal games, the following procedure will be used:~~

~~„h If the two teams both hosted their previous game, the team with the highest point average will host. If their point averages are the same, the team with the higher seed will host.~~

~~„h If the two teams were both visitors in their previous game, the team with the highest point average will host. If their point averages are the same, the team with the higher seed will host.~~

~~„h If one team was a visitor and one team was a host in their previous game, the team which was a visitor will host.~~

**Motion Carried, 6 For (Schinzel, Heath, Dempsey, Bellar, Ruhl, Henrichs), 3 Against (Brockhaus, Huls, Kronhofman).**

**D. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Softball Page: 15**

Class B and Class C district assignments are divided into six (6) groups, are based on geographic location starting west and moving east with consideration also given to north and south to reduce travel. CLASS B SCHOOLS ARE DIVIDED INTO EIGHT, FIVE TEAM SUB DISTRICTS WHICH WILL BE PLAYED THE MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF WEEK 14, WITH A RAIN DATE OF THURSDAY OF WEEK 14. THIS SUB DISTRICT WILL BE SINGLE ELIMINATION. MONDAY WILL BE A 4 VS. 5 PLAY IN GAME. TUESDAY WILL BE TWO SEMIFINAL GAMES AND A FINAL GAME. THE SCHOOLS WERE ASSIGNED TO SUBDISTRICTS ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS STARTING WITH THE SCHOOLS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA AND WORKING EAST. NORTH TO SOUTH

DIRECTION WAS USED IN SOME CASES IN ORDER TO DECREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS WITHIN A SUB DISTRICT. HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM WILL HOST THE DISTRICT.

A. THE WINNING TEAM IN EACH SUB DISTRICT WILL QUALIFY FOR DISTRICT FINALS.

B. THE SUB DISTRICT GAMES WILL BE PLAYED THE MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF WEEK 14, WITH A RAIN DATE OF THURSDAY OF WEEK 14 ON THE NSAA CALENDAR

C. THE NEXT 8 NON-SUB DISTRICT WINNERS WITH THE HIGHEST WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES WILL QUALIFY FOR DISTRICT FINALS. DISTRICT FINALS WILL BE A ONE-DAY, BEST 2 OUT OF 3 SERIES.

D. THE SIXTEEN TEAMS QUALIFYING FOR DISTRICT FINALS WILL BE PLACED ON A SIXTEEN-TEAM BRACKET BASED ON WILD-CARD POINT AVERAGES THROUGH SUB DISTRICTS. THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM WILL HOST THE DISTRICT GAMES. THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT FINALS GAME WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE DISTRICT FINAL GAMES WILL BE A ONE DAY BEST 2-OUT-OF-3 SERIES.

SUBDISTRICT AND DISTRICT FINALS COMPETITION FOR CLASS B SHALL BE SEEDED BASED ON WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES. THE MOST RECENT POINT AVERAGE COMPUTED ON THE SEEDING DATE SET PRIOR TO THE FIRST CONTEST OF THE DISTRICT/SUBDISTRICT COMPETITION SHALL BE THE POINTS USED. (SEE DATES BELOW).

A. IF TWO TEAMS ARE TIED WITH IDENTICAL POINT AVERAGES AND HAVE PLAYED EACH OTHER, THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND THE TEAM WINNING THE MAJORITY OF CONTESTS BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS TIED WILL BE GIVEN THE HIGHER SEED.

B. IF A TIE STILL EXISTS, OR IF MORE THAN TWO TEAMS ARE TIED, THE TEAM OR TEAMS PLAYING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF FIRST DIVISION TEAMS WILL BE SELECTED. IF TWO TEAMS ARE STILL TIED, CRITERIA 1) WILL APPLY BEFORE GOING TO STEP 3).

C. IF THE TIE STILL EXISTS, TOTAL THE SUM OF THE TIED TEAM'S OPPONENTS' WINS AND LOSSES. THE TEAM WHO'S OPPONENTS HAVE THE HIGHER WINNING PERCENTAGE WILL RECEIVE THE HIGHER SEED. IF TWO TEAMS REMAIN TIED, CRITERIA 1) WILL APPLY BEFORE GOING TO STEP 4).

D. IF A TIE STILL EXISTS, THE HIGHER SEED WILL BE DECIDED BY A COIN FLIP IN THE NSAA OFFICE.

SEEDING DATES THURSDAY OF WEEK 13 CLASS B DISTRICT PAIRINGS THE EIGHT SUB DISTRICT WINNERS QUALIFY FOR DISTRICTS IN ADDITION TO THE NEXT EIGHT NON-SUB DISTRICT WINNERS WITH THE HIGHEST WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES. THOSE SIXTEEN TEAMS WILL BE PLACED ON A SIXTEEN- TEAM BRACKET AND SEEDED ON WILD CARD POINT AVERAGES THROUGH SUB DISTRICTS. THE HIGHER SEEDED TEAM WILL HOST THE DISTRICT FINALS GAMES AND INITIATE THE PLANS FOR DETERMINING THE GAME TIME. THE WINNER OF THE DISTRICT GAME WILL ADVANCE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1 V 16 2 V 15 3 V 14 4 V 13 5 V 12 6 V 11 7 V 10 8 V 9

THE DISTRICT FINALS GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY (AS DETERMINED BY THE NSAA) OF WEEK 14 AND BE BEST 2-OF-3 GAMES.

**Motion Fails, 1 For (Dempsey), 8 Against (Schinzel, Heath, Brockhaus, Bellar, Ruhl, Huls, Kronhofman, Henrichs).**

**Class D Proposals**

**A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.1.1.2 Page: 1**

Sport	Date of 1st Practice	Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Contest	Close of Season
<b>FALL</b>			
Girls Golf	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 7	State Championship
Girls Softball	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 7	State Championship
Boys Tennis	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 8	State Championship
Football	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 8	State Finals

Boys/Girls Cross Country	Monday, Week 7 6	Thursday, Week 9 8	State Championship
Girls Volleyball	Monday, Week 7 6	Thursday, Week 9 8	State Championship

**Motion Carried, 8 For (Schinzel, Heath, Dempsey, Brockhaus, Bellar, Ruhl, Huls, Kronhofman), 1 Against (Henrichs).**

**B. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 13, 18-22**

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~~5. Classes D1 and D2 schools are divided into 12 sub-districts on geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district.~~

~~a. The teams winning the sub-districts will advance to the district final.~~

~~b. The six teams in each class winning the district finals will advance to the state championship.~~

~~c. Two additional teams in each class will also qualify on the basis of the wild card team selection procedure.~~

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Classes C1, C2, **D1 and D2** schools are divided into 12 sub-districts. The schools were assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction was used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. Sub-district games will be played at a centralized, neutral location.

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

b. The next four non-sub-district winners with the highest wild card point averages will qualify for the district final.

c. The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. District final games will be played at centralized, neutral locations as determined by the higher seed and agreed upon by both schools participating in the district final. If the two schools involved cannot agree; the NSAA office will select the site. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championship.

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Dates

~~Thursday, November 3 rd — Classes D1 & D2~~

Saturday, November 5 th – Class B, C1, C2, **D1 & D2** District Final

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~~Class D1/D2 District Final Pairings~~

~~The pairings for the district finals are as follows:~~

~~District Number Sub-District Winners~~

~~1 1 vs. 2~~

~~2 3 vs. 4~~

~~3 5 vs. 6~~

~~4 7 vs. 8~~

~~5 9 vs. 10~~

~~6 11 vs. 12~~

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Class C1/C2 & **D1/D2** District Final Pairings The 12 sub-district winners qualify for the district final in addition to the next four non-sub district winners with the highest wild card point averages. Those 16 teams will be placed on a 16-team bracket and seeded on wild card point averages through sub-districts. District final games will be played at centralized, neutral locations as determined by the higher seed and agreed upon by both schools participating in the district final. If the two schools involved cannot agree; the NSAA Office will select the site. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championship.

District Final Pairings

# 1 seed vs. # 16 seed

# 2 seed vs. # 15 seed

# 3 seed vs. # 14 seed

# 4 seed vs. # 13 seed

# 5 seed vs. # 12 seed

# 6 seed vs. # 11 seed

# 7 seed vs. # 10 seed

# 8 seed vs. # 9 seed

Pg 20-21 Delete in ~~strike~~. Additions in **bold Qualifying** for State

1. In Class A seven teams will qualify for the state championship by winning the championship of their respective district tournaments.

2. In Classes B/C1/C2/**D1/D2** the eight district final winners will qualify for the state championship.

~~3. In Classes D1/D2 six teams will qualify for the state tournament by winning the championships of their respective district tournaments.~~

4. One additional team in Class A and ~~two additional teams in Classes D1/D2~~, which fail to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field.

**Motion Carried, 6 For (Schinzel, Heath, Dempsey, Bellar, Ruhl, Huls), 3 Against (Brockhaus, Kronhofman, Henrichs).**

The proposals receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds or more majority will move forward as a report to the Board of Directors and Representative Assembly with a ratification ballot to the registered schools in each activity within their respective class proposal.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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Jennifer Schwartz

Assistant Director