



TO: **Class Caucus Review Committee**
Class A – Matt Uher, Lincoln Northeast
Class A – Tom Kerkman, Omaha Westside
Class B – Luke Ford, Elkhorn North
Class B – Dave Hoxworth, Scottsbluff
Class C – Nathan Dietz, Amherst
Class C – Jason Polk, Wisner-Pilger
Class D – Randy Geier, Wauneta-Palisade
Class D – Ron Beacom, Neligh-Oakdale
Kara Graham , NSAA Board of Directors Chair
Jennifer Schwartz, Interim NSAA Executive Director

FROM: Jeff Johnson, Interim NSAA Associate Director

RE: Proposals Submitted for Consideration

DATE: Oct. 3rd 2023

The purpose of this committee is to take action and review each proposal to determine if it meets the following criteria:

1. The proposal does not affect student eligibility.
2. The proposal does not materially affect NSAA or member school finances.
3. The proposal does not affect another class.

If the proposal does not meet the criteria, the proposal shall be returned to the submitting Classification Caucus along with any adopted comments and recommendations. The Classification Caucus may consider the committee's comments and recommendations and may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15th.

Link to the proposals: <https://secure.nsaahome.org/nsaaforms/viewproposals.php?type=caucus>



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Call

October 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. CT/9:00 a.m. MT

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order (Drews)
2. Purpose of this Meeting
3. Review and Take Action on Proposals
 - a. Link to the proposals: [2023-24 Caucus Proposals](#)
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2023

1.5.4 CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS COMMITTEE

- 1.5.4.1 Each classification of member schools established pursuant to this Constitution shall form a caucus made up of member schools in such classifications, which shall be referred to as a Classification Caucus.
- 1.5.4.2 **Meetings.** Each class shall hold a caucus meeting each year.
- 1.5.4.2.1 A Classification Caucus may initiate proposals for adoption, amendment or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings, provided that any such proposal shall not affect student eligibility or materially affect Association and member school finances.

Each such proposal shall include a cost and revenue analysis, and the proposed effective date of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of an Association Bylaw/Approved Ruling.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.2.1

- 1. *The NSAA staff shall designate a late summer/early fall date, time and location for an initial meeting for each Classification Caucus to meet to discuss possible proposals to be considered in each class. Member schools shall be invited to such meetings, but attendance is optional for schools.*
- 2. *"Materially affect finances" shall mean any expense in excess of \$500. Those making proposals through the Classification Caucus shall consider all costs, not the least of which includes trophies and medals; reimbursements to schools for participation in state events; programming costs to make the necessary NSAA software changes to accommodate the proposal; added member school travel, lodging and meal costs; added costs for Association or member school equipment acquisition or changes and added personnel costs. If such costs to the NSAA are projected to exceed \$500, such legislative proposals will need to be introduced through the normal NSAA District Meeting legislative process. If there is a question as to whether the added cost exceeds \$500, the executive director or Board of Directors shall make the final decisions as to whether such proposal can be introduced through the Classification Caucus process.*
- 3. *Classification caucus proposals initiated for consideration shall only affect the class in which it was submitted.*
- 1.5.4.2.2 All proposals for the adoption of, amendment to or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings must be submitted by a Classification Caucus Representative electronically to the NSAA no later than October 1.
- 1.5.4.2.3 After the October 1 deadline, the NSAA shall forward the proposals to the Classification Caucus Review Committee.
- 1.5.4.3 **Classification Caucus Review Committee**
- 1.5.4.3.1 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall be comprised of two representatives from each of the four (4) NSAA classifications representing Classes A, B, C and D qualified to serve under paragraph 1.5.1.4, and the Chairperson of the NSAA Board of Directors. The NSAA Executive Director or designee shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.3.1

In the event that a representative is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the representatives of that respective class may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

The terms of Classification Caucus members shall be three-year terms, and a rotation system shall be established to assure that each of the six NSAA Districts has representation on the Classification Caucus and to assure there is a systematic rotation of Classification Caucus members.

- 1.5.4.3.2 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings each year. Minutes shall be taken of such meetings and posted on the NSAA website. The first meeting shall be held in October and the second meeting shall be held in February.
- 1.5.4.3.2.1 At the first meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall:
 - a. review each submitted proposal;
 - b. take action on each proposal submitted; and
 - c. return the proposal to the submitting Classification Caucus along with any adopted comments and recommendations. The Classification Caucus may consider the committee's comments and recommendations, and may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15.

APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 1.5.4.3.2.1

The Classification Caucus members from each of the NSAA Districts shall make a presentation of the Classification Caucus proposals to their District's membership at the annual November District Meetings where the membership can hear and discuss such proposals.

- 1.5.4.3.2.2 At the second meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall consider all submitted proposals and any subsequent amendments thereto, and take action on all submitted proposals with amendments, if any.
- 1.5.4.3.3 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed Classification Caucus proposals for the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings. To be approved, all proposals must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the committee members present and voting on the proposal.

Disapproved Classification Caucus proposals shall be referred back to the Classification Caucus submitting same with a statement from the committee of reasons for such disapproval. Approved Classification Caucus proposals shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for action according to this article.

- 1.5.4.4 Each proposal approved by the Classification Caucus Review Committee will be posted on the NSAA website as an approved Classification Caucus proposal, and each such proposal shall be presented as an information item at the annual NSAA Representative Assembly meeting.
- 1.5.4.5 Following the annual Representative Assembly meeting, the Board of Directors shall direct the Executive Director to conduct a referendum on the Classification Caucus proposal that shall be submitted to the members of the Classification Caucus participating in the activity subject to the proposed Bylaw change. The Classification Caucus proposal shall be accompanied by a statement of the rationale for such proposal. Each Classification Caucus proposal must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the member schools voting in such referendum. If a proposal for the adoption, amendment or repeal of an Approved Ruling is approved by the members voting thereon, such Class Caucus proposal must then be ratified by the Board of Directors. The Classification Caucus proposal shall become a part of the Association Bylaws/Approved Rulings on the effective date set forth in the approved proposal.