

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON TRACK CLASSIFICATION**

Minutes of September 16, 2010 Meeting

The Track Classification Committee met on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the NSAA Office. Dr Dallas Watkins chaired the meeting. The purpose of the committee was to determine if there is a need for legislative proposals to be sent back to NSAA member schools to address track classifications.

Committee members present were Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton, NSAA District V Board of Director; Jack Moles, Johnson County Central High School; Steve Borer, Seward High School; Bob Danenhauer, Omaha Public Schools; Dr. Peg Naylor, Omaha Public Schools; Gary Timm, Pierce High School; Mike Sanne, Clearwater High School; Rich Reinert, North Platte High School; Cory Grint, Sargent High School; Dr. Dennis Shipp, Bertrand High School; Mike Brockhaus, Sidney High School; and Gerald Thompson, Bayard High School. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff Larry Mollring; Tom Millsap; Dr. Steve Shanahan and Debra Velder.

Dallas Watkins addressed issues in regard to the impact proposed changes in track classifications would impact the format of the State Track and Field Championships. Bob Danenhauer indicated that currently school is not in session at Omaha Burke on Friday of the state meet and changes in classification could require an additional day of dismissal for the students at Omaha Burke. Larry Mollring reminded the committee, personal opinions aside, that the final decision should be what is best for kids. As an advisory committee, the group was informed that any proposals for change that came from this committee's work would be required to go through the NSAA legislative process.

Committee members were asked to express their concerns and provide some possible solutions to the changes that are proposed. Issues addressed were:

1. Is there an interest in a 3-day State Track and Field Championship?
2. Economic Impact.
3. Staffing.
4. Multiple sites.
5. Number of qualifiers.
6. Separate boys and girls meets to two consecutive weekends.
7. Weather.
8. Title IX.
9. Impact of an additional class on the current schedule.
10. Reducing the number of qualifiers.
11. Reducing the number of classes.
12. What would you like to see changed?
13. FAT timing at all districts to assure top times get to state.
14. Variance in weather conditions across the state.
15. Participation numbers.
16. Concerns of each class.
17. Decrease the number of schools in Class B.
18. No more than 88 schools assigned to Class C – 11 districts with equal number of schools (8).
19. Remainder of schools in Class D.

It was moved by Jack Moles, seconded by Gary Timm, that a proposal be submitted through the NSAA legislative process that FAT timing be utilized at Class B district track meets with 24 qualifiers per event. **Motion Carried, 12-0.**

It was moved by Steve Borer, seconded by Gary Timm, that a proposal be submitted through the NSAA legislative process to classify schools registered for track and field be as follows: Class A the

first 32 schools; Class B the next 60 schools; Class C the next 88 schools; and the remaining schools will comprise Class D. Rationale: 1) Based on the number of participants per class, 2) Make the ratios of participants per class similar and 3) Each district (A, B and C) with equal number of teams.
Motion Carried, 12-0.

Committee members will be provided with proposals to be submitted through the NSAA Fall District Meetings.

With no further business, the committee stood adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Debra Velder, Associate Director