



TO: Superintendents and NSAA Contact Person

FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director

SUBJECT: Proposals

DATE: November 2, 2011

Included with this transmission are the proposals submitted by member schools within your respective NSAA legislative district to be acted upon at your first NSAA District Meeting.

At the NSAA District Meetings, each member school shall be entitled to one vote. Voting will be conducted utilizing a clicker system in which each school's vote will be recorded on each item in which a vote is taken. The administrative head of the school or any school official so designated shall be considered the authorized voting representative of the member school. All legislative proposals receiving a majority vote at the first District Meeting in each district are to be forwarded to the NSAA to be distributed to all member schools prior to the second District Meeting in January. A copy of the proposals for the second NSAA District Meeting will again be forwarded to school administrators who are encouraged to share those proposals with the school's entire governing board.

A paper copy of the proposals will not be provided at the NSAA District Meeting. Please print a copy of the proposals for your reference at the meeting.

**District 6 Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Alliance Country Club**

**9:00 a.m.**

## **I. Change in Constitution**

**A. This proposal is submitted by:** Ward Wacker, Gordon-Rushville; Lee Dick, Scottsbluff; Troy Unzicker, Kimball; Kent Halley, Mitchell

**The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 1 Section: 5 Page: 2**

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### **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 CAUCUS SHALL HOLD A MEETING EACH YEAR.**

**1.5.4.2.1 A CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS MAY INITIATE PROPOSALS FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS, PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH PROPOSAL SHALL NOT AFFECT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY OR MATERIALLY AFFECT ASSOCIATION 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 BY-LAW.**

**1.5.4.2.2 ALL PROPOSALS FOR THE ADOPTION OF, AMENDMENT TO OR REPEAL OF ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY A CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS 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 COMPISED 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 CHAIRMAN OF THE NSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE NSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE IN AN EX-OFFICIO CAPACITY.**

**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 BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 AND OCTOBER 31 AND THE SECOND MEETING SHALL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 20.**

**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 TO ADOPT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO EACH SUBMITTED PROPOSAL; (C) AND, 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.**

**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 BY-LAWS. 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 WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERS CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY SUBJECT TO THE PROPOSED BY-LAW 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. THE CLASSIFICATION CAUCUS PROPOSAL SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH IN THE APPROVED PROPOSAL.

**The section/paragraph/sentence that needs to be added/deleted/changed would read as follows:**

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 caucus shall hold a meeting each year.

1.5.4.2.1 A Classification Caucus may initiate proposals for adoption, amendment or repeal of Association bylaws, provided that any such proposal shall not affect student eligibility or materially affect Association 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 By-Law.

1.5.4.2.2 All proposals for the adoption of, amendment to or repeal of Association by-laws must be submitted by a Classification Caucus 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 Chairman of the NSAA Board of Directors. The NSAA Executive Director or designee shall serve in an Ex-officio capacity.

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 between October 10 and October 31 and the second meeting shall be held between February 1 and February 20.

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 to adopt comments and recommendations with regard to each submitted proposal; (c) and, 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.

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 By-Laws. 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 which shall be submitted to the members Classification Caucus participating in the activity subject to the proposed By-law 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. The Classification Caucus proposal shall become a part of the Association By-Laws on the effective date set forth in the approved proposal.

**Cost Analysis of Proposal:** There will be no cost associated with this proposal that is not approved by the Class Review Committee. All costs associated with any proposal made must be stated in writing and include a specific dollar figure that cannot be exceeded.

**Rationale for the proposed change:** As a result of a yearlong study by a 26 person committee representing member schools, it was unanimously approved by the committee that this proposal be forwarded to the membership allowing each individual classification of schools, through a "caucus" and subsequent review committee, to move forward proposals that affect that classification only. The key component to this proposal is that "class only proposals" may be approved by that class of schools and will not be subject to a Representative Assembly vote.

## II. Change in Athletic Bylaws

**A. This proposal is submitted by:** Bruce Parish, Hyannis

**The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 11.4.2 Page: 14**

**Activities Manual: Football Page: 9, 18**

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Bylaw Changes --

3.11.4.2 No team representing a member school may participate in more than eight - Classes (C1, C2) D1, D2 - or nine - Classes, A, B, C1, C2, C3 - regularly scheduled football games in addition to the State-sponsored series of playoff games from the date of the first permitted contests to the last contest date.

Approved Ruling Changes --

page 9, 2,c Classes C1 (and), C2, AND C3 --the remaining schools playing 11-man football are divided into (two) THREE classes with approximately equal numbers of schools in each class.

page 18, Class C1, C2, C3 (D1, D2) Playoffs

1. Class C1 will have (50) TBD, Class C2 will have (56) TBD, and CLASS C3 WILL HAVE TBD schools.

2. The (32) 16 qualifying teams will be placed on one sixteen-team bracket WITH NO EAST-WEST DIVISION.

3. The sixteen teams on (each) THE bracket will be seeded 1 through 16 by the point system and the point system tiebreaker, and placed on the bracket with 1 vs 16, 9 vs 8, 5 vs 12, 13 vs 4, 3 vs 14, 11 vs 6, 7 vs 10, 15 vs 2.

4. The (first round of the) State Football Playoffs for Classes C1, C2, and C3 (D1, D2) will be played on (Thursday) FRIDAYS, OR SATURDAYS IF BOTH SCHOOLS MUTUALLY AGREE of Week 17.

**The section/paragraph/sentence that needs to be added/deleted/changed would read as follows:**

Bylaw Changes --

3.11.4.2 No team representing a member school may participate in more than eight - Classes D1, D2 - or nine - Classes, A, B, C1, C2, C3 -regularly scheduled football games in addition to the State-sponsored series of playoff games from the date of the first permitted contests to the last contest date.

Approved Ruling Changes --

page 9, 2,c Classes C1, C2, C3 --the remaining schools playing 11-man football are divided into three classes with approximately equal numbers of schools in each class.

page 18, Class C1, C2, C3 Playoffs

1. Class C1 will have TBD, Class C2 will have TBD, and CLASS C3 will have TBD schools.

2. The 16 qualifying teams will be placed on one sixteen-team bracket with no east-west division.

3. The sixteen teams on the bracket will be seeded 1 through 16 by the point system and the point system tiebreaker, and placed on the bracket with 1 vs 16, 9 vs 8, 5 vs 12, 13 vs 4, 3 vs 14, 11 vs 6, 7 vs 10, 15 vs 2.

4. The (first round of the) State Football Playoffs for Classes C1, C2, and C3 will be played on Fridays, or Saturdays if both schools mutually agree of Week 17.

#### **Cost Analysis of Proposal:**

Definite savings:

Cost of medals and trophies \$513.50

Savings on plaques \$840.00

Net savings for awards \$326.50

Loss of 32 1st round games, then a gain of 8 on 1st round, gain of 4 on quarterfinals, gain of 2 on semifinals, and gain of 1 on finals.

Loss of 17 games total (all first round which usually cost or make the least money)

Estimated figures for comparison:

Loss of 32 games \$85,000 (figures for 1st round) \$2600 per game.

Gain of 8,4,2,1games \$93,000(avg. \$ for each round x gained games )

\$5,000 x 8 = \$40,000

\$6,000 x 4 = \$24,000

\$6,000 x 2 = \$12,000

\$7,000 x 1 = \$7,000

Extra state final \$10,000

Gain \$93,000

\$20,000 gate for 2 Class C games in 2010

Add another \$10,000 for an additional game with no extra expenses for rent.

#### **Rationale for the proposed change:**

1. Considerable less school time would be used.

2. Play more schools closer to your size.

3. Games could start at later times because of the next day with no school.

4. Crowds would probably be larger.

5. One more state championship game for increased gate.

6. An example of a possible division: 32-32-remainder 38 or less.

7. A Class C survey was taken with an 85% approval of 3 classes for C.

Other considerations:

1. Try to schedule conference teams as much as possible.

2. Bonus points for 2 classes but not for 1 (C3 to C1, but not C2 to C3)

3. Schools may not go to 8-man knowing they would be playing schools with similar enrollments.

### **III. Change in Approved Rulings**

**A. This proposal is submitted by:** Nathan Lanik, Alliance

**The proposal deals with: Activities Manual:** Golf (Girls) **Page:** 13-20, 17

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STATE MEET QUALIFIERS.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS. IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR QUALIFIERS IN THE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS, ALL QUALIFY WHO EQUAL OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING IN THE GIRLS' 2012 NSAA DISTRICT GOLF MEETS. THE QUALIFYING MARKS ARE DETERMINED BY USING THE AVERAGE SCORE OF 15TH PLACE FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS.

SCORE OVER PAR OF:

CLASS A = +17.5 (89.5 on a par 72 course)

CLASS B = +18.8 (90.8 on a par 72 course)

CLASS C = +20 (92 on a par 72 course)

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State Meet Qualifiers.

Additional qualifiers. In addition to the regular qualifiers in the individual districts, all qualify who equal or exceed the following in the girls' 2012 NSAA district golf meets. The qualifying marks are determined by using the average score of 15th place for the past 3 years.

Score over par of:

Class a = +17.5 (89.5 on a par 72 course)

Class b = +18.8 (90.8 on a par 72 course)

Class c = +20 (92 on a par 72 course)

**Cost Analysis of Proposal:**

COST WOULD BE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS. THE COST WOULD BE DETERMINED ON A YEARLY BASIS.

**Rationale for the proposed change:**

THIS CHANGE WOULD ALLOW THOSE INDIVIDUAL THAT MAY NOT PLACE IN THE TOP TEN AT DISTRICTS, BUT HAVE A CHANCE TO PLACE IN THE TOP FIFTEEN AT THE STATE MEET.

Numbers used in setting up the proposal were used from the Girls' State Meets from the years 2009, 2010, and 2011.

These numbers would change yearly as well just like the Track and Field Additional Qualifiers.