

2012 Nebraska School Activities Association Legislative Commission  
February 15, 2012

Members present – Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central Public School; Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East High School; Dr. Bob Michl, Freeman High School; Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town Schools; Dr. Jerry Barteo, Omaha Public Schools; Dan Novak, Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools; Jay Bellar, Battle Creek Public Schools; Rocky Ruhl, Wayne High School; Dr. Brian Maher, Kearney Public Schools; Mark Armstrong, Kearney Public Schools; Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County Public Schools; Vic Young, Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools; Kent Halley, Mitchell Public Schools; and Bruce Parish, Hyannis Public Schools.

Chairman Mark Novell called the commission to order at 8:09 a.m.

It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to consider all proposals presented. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

## **I. Change in Constitution**

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

#### 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.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	44	3	1		I	3	0	
II	78	4			II	3	0	
III	52	1			III	2	0	
IV	39	10	2		IV	2	0	
V	24	0			V	2	0	
VI	20	4			VI	2	0	

**II. Change in Athletic Bylaws**

**A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 2.13.2.1 Page: 12**

A school's total enrollment for Fall and Winter sports shall be the total boy and girl enrollment in grades nine, ten, and eleven according to the enrollment figures submitted to the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the preceding school year.

A school's total enrollment for Spring sports shall be the total boy and girl enrollment in grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve according to the enrollment figures submitted to the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the current school year.

The NSAA will not reclassify Spring Activities/Athletics after Spring classifications have been released.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	40	7	1		I	1	2	
II	5	75	2		II	0	3	
III	22	29	2		III	0	2	
IV	34	16	1		IV	2	0	
V	19	5			V	0	2	
VI	5	19			VI	0	2	

**B. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.3 a. Page: 2,3**

3.2.3 a. Football and Soccer. An organized practice in 11-man football shall mean more than seven students under direct supervision of a sponsor. An organized practice in 8-man football shall mean more than five students under the direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice. The only pieces of general equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees, and hand held dummies and there shall be no contact with a mechanical training devices or blocking sleds or with another player.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	30	16	2		I	2	1	
II	76	4			II	3	0	
III	49	3			III	2	0	
IV	30	21			IV	1	1	
V	24	0			V	2	0	
VI	5	19			VI	0	2	

**C. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.8.2 Page: 4,5**

3.2.8.2 D. If a summertime school-sponsored camp/clinic is held in football, contact shall be allowed with the use of hand held dummies only. The no-contact rule shall prohibit contact with mechanical or training devices,

as well as with other players. The use of blocking sleds, and other mechanical devices are prohibited. The non-contact rule does not preclude incidental or inadvertent contact, or the touching of a ball carrier with the hand(s). The only pieces of general football equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees and hand held blocking dummies.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	27	20	1		I	2	1	
II	78	2	2		II	3	0	
III	49	2	2		III	2	0	
IV	35	16			IV	2	0	
V	23	1			V	2	0	
VI	6	18			VI	0	2	

**D. The proposal deals with :Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 11.4.2 Manual: Football Page: 9,18**

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 --

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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.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

District	For	Against	Abstain		District	For	Against	Abstain
I	17	10	21		I	0	3	
II	38	17	27		II	2	1	
III	16	34	3		III	0	2	
IV	10	39	2		IV	0	2	
V	7	16	1		V	0	2	
VI	0	24			VI	1	1	

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5. Eliminate District play and have the top 16 wildcard teams qualify for the playoffs.
6. Add bonus points to wildcard points for playing up a class. 1 point for playing up one class and 2 points for playing up two classes.

7. Playoff bracket divided east and west for the first round of 16 and then re-seed after first round for an 8-team bracket.

**Second District Meeting Vote**

**Legislative Commission Vote**

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I	13	12	23		I	0	3	
II	11	40	31		II	1	2	
III	7	44	2		III	0	2	
IV	6	43	2		IV	0	2	
V	5	17	2		V	0	2	
VI	22	2			VI	2	0	