

## ***KSHSAA sets committee to look at classifications***

At its May 1, 2015, meeting, the Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) approved establishing a committee to study the overall classification system used by the Association. Based on the directive of the Board, the first meeting of the 13-person committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the KSHSAA offices.

The initial charge to this committee is to review the recent history of the KSHSAA classification system as well as the statutory and bylaw requirements governing the system and methods used in its determination. The committee is to identify and discuss factors that come into play when classifying schools in the state association, including identifying demographic and geographic factors. Ultimately, this committee has been tasked with not only examining the current classifications, but with identifying alternatives, and developing recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

Knowing the task is considerable, no specific reporting deadline has been set. The goal for the initial meeting is to develop plans for future meetings and determine effective strategies to gain a sense of where member schools stand on this issue (i.e., surveying member schools, regional meeting discussions, etc.).

Mike Kastle and Bill Faflick have accepted the Executive Board's invitation to serve as co-chairs of this committee. Both will be voting members. Great attention has been paid to assemble a committee whose membership reflects the geography of the entire state, schools of all sizes, and people of diverse educational experience with credibility among the member schools.

A brief biography of each committee member follows.

### **Tim Brady (Olathe Public Schools)**

Tim currently serves as the district director of athletics and activities for the Olathe Public Schools. He has served Kansas schools for 33 years, including 28 years as a school administrator. He previously served as middle and high school athletic director, middle school principal, and high school principal in the Gardner Edgerton School District. Tim has served on the board of directors for KASSP, KIAAA, and KSHSAA as well as a member of the KSHSAA Appeals Board.

### **Charlotte Davis (Kansas City Public Schools, retired)**

Charlotte served 38 years in the Kansas City, Kansas, public schools, teaching elementary physical education before moving to J.C. Harmon High School where she coached volleyball, basketball, and track, in addition to teaching physical education. She then spent five years as activities director at Washington High School before serving 17 years as the assistant principal and athletic director at Wyandotte High School. In her final two years in education, Charlotte directed all middle school and high school athletic programs in the Kansas City, Kansas public schools before retiring.

**David Ediger (Cimarron High School)**

David currently serves as assistant principal and activities director at Cimarron High School. He previously served as athletic director and taught physical education and health at Meade High School. He began his teaching/coaching career at Ashland High School. During his career, David has served as head coach for girls' and boys' basketball, boys' tennis and golf, as well as assistant football and track coach. David is currently president of the Hi-Plains League, served on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and has been active in the KIAAA.

**Bill Faflick (Wichita Public Schools)**

Currently assistant superintendent of secondary schools for the Wichita Public Schools, Bill has spent three decades in service to the district he grew up in. He taught mathematics and served as head cross country and track coach at his alma-mater Wichita Southeast before serving as the school's athletic director. He was later named director of athletics for the Wichita Public Schools and executive director of the Greater Wichita Athletic League. Bill has been an active member of the KIAAA, serving one term as president. Bill has served as a member of the KSHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Board, including one term as president. He has also served the KSHSAA through participation in strategic planning, the Public/Private Study Committee, as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, and meet director for the KSHSAA state track & field championships.

**Britton Hart (Emporia High School)**

Currently principal at Emporia High School, Britton earlier served as assistant principal/athletic director at Emporia High school. He previously held the position of assistant principal/athletic director at LaCygne-Prairie View High School after teaching technology education and serving as head track coach at Olathe North High School. He represents the Centennial League on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and was elected as the Class 5A representative on the KSHSAA Executive Board for 2015-16.

**Mike Hubka (Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege High School)**

Currently associate principal/athletic director at Bishop Miege High School, Mike began his career in education, teaching and coaching at Sharon, Kan. Upon closure of Sharon High School, he moved within the district to Medicine Lodge High School, where he served 24 years as teacher, coach, then athletic director and principal. After serving as principal for one year at Goodland High School, he moved into his current position at Bishop Miege. Mike has served as an officer for both the Central Plains League and the Eastern Kansas League, and has held positions on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Board.

**Mike Kastle (Southern Coffey County, retired)**

Now retired after serving Kansas schools for 45 years, Kastle's career included serving as a teacher and coach at Cuba-Hillcrest and Winona-Triplains where his administrative career began. He then served as principal and superintendent/principal for a total of 26 years in Ransom before assuming the superintendent/principal position for the LeRoy/Gridley (Southern Coffey County) for 10 years. Currently residing in Parsons, Mike is league commissioner for the Three Rivers League and will soon assume like duties for the CNC League. He has served on the

KSHSAA Appeals Board, Board of Directors and Executive Board, serving as President. He has also served on several KSHSAA committees including the Governance Committee, Football Study Committee, and chaired the initial Facilities Study Committee which eventually led to the construction of the current offices of the KSHSAA. Mike is a 2015 inductee into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame.

**Greg Koelsch (Smith Center High School)**

Greg is currently the principal at Smith Center Junior/Senior High School. He began his teaching career in Logan, Kan., teaching science and serving as athletic director and coach. Following the completion of his masters' degree in education administration, he has spent the past 10 years as the building principal at Smith Center Junior/Senior High School, and this past year he assumed the added responsibilities of junior high athletic director.

**Bob Mellen (Clearwater High School)**

Currently the principal/athletic director at Clearwater High School, Bob previously taught and coached at Clearwater High and Middle Schools as well as Valley Falls High School. He has been involved with athletic and activities programs for the past 32 years. He is active in the KIAAA and the NIAAA, currently serving on the KIAAA Board of Directors and was selected as the 2014 KIAAA State Athletic Director of the Year. Bob is also an active member of the KASSP and the NASSP, and is a former KASSP State Assistant Principal of the Year. Currently serving as secretary of Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League council, he represents the AVCTL on the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

**Greg Rosenhagen (Cheney High School)**

Greg is currently serving as principal at Cheney High School after one year as assistant principal/athletic director. Prior to his tenure at Cheney, he served as assistant principal/athletic director, then principal/athletic director at Conway Springs High School. He previously taught and served as athletic director as well as assistant coach for football, basketball and track at Valley Center High School. Greg began his teaching/coaching career at Buhler High School. He then taught and coached at Garden Plain before moving to Valley Center.

**Alan Sheets (Belleville-Republic County High School)**

Currently principal at Republic County High School, Alan's entire career in education has been in Belleville, Kan., where he first taught and coached at Belleville High School, now at Republic County Junior/Senior High School. He has taught government, psychology and world history while coaching high school and junior high football, high school cross country, junior high and high school boys' and girls' basketball, junior high and high school track, and softball before moving into school administration.

**Carol Swenson (McPherson Public Schools, retired)**

Carol served Kansas schools 32 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. He began his career at Washington, Kan., High School, where he taught math and started the cross

country program. He then moved to McPherson, Kan., where he taught math and coached track and field at both the junior and high school levels. Carol served as athletic director his final three years at McPherson Junior High, then later served as assistant principal/activities director at McPherson High School for 10 years. At McPherson High School, he was part of the initial discussions regarding the formation of the now four-division, Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League. Since his retirement Carol has served the KSHSAA in a variety of ways including Hall of Fame Committee, state basketball statistics coordinator/media supervisor, state wrestling media coordinator, editor of KSHSAA state track & field meet and state basketball tournament histories, site representative for state basketball and over 40 years as field events announcer for the state track & field meet.

**Paul Zuzelski (Syracuse High School)**

Presently the principal of Syracuse Junior-Senior High School, Paul has served the KSHSAA as an official since his days as a college student, working football, basketball and baseball at all levels, including several at the state championship play-off level. He also has served as KSHSAA Area Basketball Supervisor in southwest Kansas. Paul taught and coached at two Kansas colleges where he recruited in high schools of all sizes. Prior to his tenure at Syracuse, Paul was the junior/senior high principal at Bucklin where he also served as the athletic director for one year. After three years in Bucklin, he assumed his present position at Syracuse. For the past six years Paul has represented the Hi-Plains League on the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and this past year represented Class 2A on the KSHSAA Executive Board.

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## **KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, June 24, 2015**

The initial meeting of the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee took place at the KSHSAA office on June 24, 2015. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miege High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School, Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School. All KSHSAA administrative staff members were also present.

After introductions, the group was reminded the committee was formed at the request of the Executive Board and charged to make any recommendations regarding the KSHSAA classification structure back to the Executive Board. Items mentioned as reasons the Executive Board requested the formation of this committee were quality of competition at state level events, travel, an overall negative attitude among member schools regarding classifications and a desire to reevaluate the classification structure from top to bottom. All committee members gave their perspective on the current classification structure and their beliefs on the role and purpose of the committee. Common themes expressed by members were to ensure the committee remains focused on what is best for all students, the desire to learn more about challenges faced in other classes and the need to see the big picture in how the classification structure impacts all schools-not just the level(s) the committee members are familiar with.

Mr. Musselman reviewed historical information relevant to the committee. He explained current Kansas Statutes governing classification of schools and the requirement basing it on student enrollment. He also reviewed KSHSAA Bylaw Article XII which defines how school classifications are structured and the process and procedures required for change. An historic timeline was provided to the committee detailing what has taken place regarding school classification since March 2006.

Mr. Kastle reviewed the KSHSAA Mission Statement and Belief Statements, emphasizing to the committee to keep both in mind as the group moves forward. Mr. Faflick briefly reviewed historical classification data provided to the committee by KSHSAA staff.

The committee moved into a time of discussion of potential changes the committee may want to consider and evaluate moving forward. Topics discussed included an every other year classification, classification by activity, classification based on ratio to range, whether or not there is a necessity for classes to be divisible by eight and the significance of overall enrollment numbers by class. Extensive discussion was also held regarding the impact of the classification structure on championship formats and whether or not there is a need to consider changes in some state tournaments.

The committee requested to see several different classification scenarios using different criteria based on 2014-2015 enrollment numbers. Criteria include scenarios based on number of schools per class, different ratios to range and using school total enrollment number cutoffs to determine classifications. Brent Unruh from the KSHSAA staff will prepare this information for the committee's review. The committee also wants to review classification models from other states in the region and other states with a similar population and demographics. KSHSAA staff will work to provide this information.

The committee agreed it would be beneficial to develop a summary of this initial meeting. The committee identified the following items:

1. The committee reviewed the mission and belief statements from the KSHSAA Strategic Plan.
2. The committee reviewed history of classifications and demographic data with emphasis on 1979 – present (6 classes).
3. The committee reviewed Kansas Statutes and KSHSAA Bylaws which govern classification procedures.
4. The committee was created by the Executive Board and charged to evaluate current classifications and to evaluate what is best for all students in Kansas.

The next meeting for the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee is Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

## **KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, September 23, 2015**

The second meeting of the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee took place at the KSHSAA office on September 23, 2015. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miege High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School, Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School.

After welcome comments and a review of the KSHSAA mission statement by the committee co-chairmen, the group was given the opportunity to review and discuss the various classification data breakdowns provided by the KSHSAA which had been requested by the committee at the previous meeting. The group also discussed the feedback from a classification model survey of eleven state associations similar to the demographics and geography of Kansas. Mr. Swenson submitted additional classification data breakdowns for the committee to review as well. Several topics of discussion came from this information including the impact of postseason tournament formats based on the different models, the concept of classifying on one or two year cycles, classifying by sport/activity and whether or not all classes within the same sport/activity should have the same postseason tournament formats.

Mr. Faflick then led the group through an exercise to narrow down what the committee felt were the most important aspects to consider in a classification model. The top four considerations noted by the committee:

1. Ratio of enrollment of largest school in class to smallest school
2. Total number of classes
3. Number of schools/class
4. Overall simplicity of the classification system

The committee then determined they would like to update and receive feedback from school administrators at the upcoming KSHSAA Regional Administrator and Board of Education meetings. It was determined Mr. Musselman would provide attendees at the regional meetings an overview of why the Executive Board requested the classification study committee be formed, a history of the KSHSAA classification system and current Kansas Statute that governs KSHSAA school classification. At least one member of the Classification Study Committee will be present at every regional meeting and will provide key points from the two meetings already completed and explain a survey which will be distributed to all regional meeting attendees before the classification breakout sessions. The survey will explain the top three considerations identified by the committee in forming a classification model and ask attendees to rank the three options based on level of importance. There will also be an opportunity for regional meeting attendees to provide feedback on the survey. The committee expects feedback from this survey will assist them in developing a recommendation for a classification model which will meet the needs of the KSHSAA member schools and meet requirements set forth in Kansas Statutes.

Committee members attending regional meetings:

- October 19, Topeka-KSHSAA: Britton Hart
- October 20, Salina-Central HS: Alan Sheets
- October 21, Oakley HS: Greg Koelsch
- October 22, Dodge City USD 443-The Learning Center: Paul Zuzelski and David Ediger
- October 26, Blue Valley USD 229-Hilltop Facility: Mike Hubka, Charlotte Davis and Tim Brady
- October 27, Fort Scott HS: Mike Kastle
- October 28, Maize HS: Bill Faflick, Bob Mellen and Greg Rosenhagen

The next meeting of the Classification Study Committee will take place at the KSHSAA office in Topeka on Monday, November 23 at 9 a.m.

## **KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, November 23, 2015**

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After a welcome and committee mission review, members were asked to share take-away messages from the KSHSAA Regional Administrator and Board of Education meetings conducted across the state in October. Common items shared by committee members were concerns with the current 3A football playoff structure (the potential for three games in ten days), the continued public school/private school discussion, the need for consistency in playoff structures across classes and a lack of understanding of smaller school classification challenges by those working in larger schools.

The committee reviewed correspondences shared by member schools on the classification issue since its September meeting. As part of this review the committee discussed the public/private school concerns and socioeconomic factors affecting participation rates and whether or not these issues can be considered by the committee. The committee concluded based on K.S.A. 72-130 (and KSHSAA legal counsel opinion), which requires the classification of member schools to be based on attendance, that other factors beyond enrollment should not be considered by this study committee.

Next the committee reviewed the survey data from the regional meetings. Member school administrators attending the regional meetings ranked the three classification factors surveyed in order of importance as follows:

1. Enrollment ratio of largest school to the smallest school in each class
2. Total number of schools per class
3. Total number of classifications

Based on the survey results the committee identified their focus should be on using the enrollment ratio as the prime strategy to get to a set number of schools per class. Based on this strategy the committee looked at several different classification models and held discussion with KSHSAA staff on how the various classification structures would impact postseason competitions. The committee requested the KSHSAA staff continue to evaluate postseason competition implications based on two of the classification models discussed. KSHSAA staff will also provide the committee a 5-year historical breakdown on these two classification models.

All meetings of the committee are open meetings. The committee determined an open forum time at future Classification Committee meetings will be offered to member school administrators and leagues. The following criteria were set for future open forum sessions:

1. Speakers must represent a member school or league.
2. Speakers must pre-register with the KSHSAA Executive Director.
3. Written materials must be submitted electronically to co-chairs Mike Kastle ([mikelindakastle@gmail.com](mailto:mikelindakastle@gmail.com)) and Bill Faflick ([bfafllick@usd259.net](mailto:bfafllick@usd259.net)) at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting.
4. Presenters shall bring 25 printed copies of written materials to the meeting for distribution to committee members and KSHSAA staff.
5. Member schools will have 5 minutes to present.
6. League representatives will have 10 minutes to present.
7. Open Forum will be offered at the beginning of all Classification Committee meetings.

The next meeting of the Classification Study Committee is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the KSHSAA office.

## **KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, January 25, 2016**

The KSHSAA Classification Study Committee met at the KSHSAA office on January 25, 2016. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miege High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School, Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School. David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School was absent.

There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. One correspondence was shared with the committee from Bruce Kruse, the Commissioner of the Heart of America League, sharing the league's concern about the future of 2-1A 11-man football. League schools are concerned about the declining number of schools participating in this division and the ability of schools to find a full schedule of regular season games. Ms. Davis indicated she met with the USD #500 athletic administrators in December and updated them on the progress of the classification committee. She indicated the district continues to have concerns about socioeconomic status impacting participation rates in schools.

Mr. Faflick updated the committee on his report to the Executive Board via conference call on January 13, 2016. He reported the committee is continuing to look at different classification models and continuing to review fall regional meeting feedback. He reported the committee agrees that even though feedback from the fall regional meetings indicated enrollment ratio was the most important aspect to consider in a classification system, it doesn't stand in isolation. Other factors such as number of schools per class and total number of classifications must still be considered, especially as they relate to postseason competition structure. He reported there is no timeline currently in place as to when the committee will have a proposal to report to the Executive Board. Mr. Hart indicated the KIAAA is also requesting feedback and updates from the classification committee when appropriate. It was consensus that any proposal would be shared with the membership using numerous avenues.

Next the committee reviewed the classification models they had requested staff prepare. Mr. Swenson also provided additional models for the committee to evaluate. The committee was primarily looking at how the different models affected the enrollment ratio in each class. Various potential postseason competition formats in all athletic (except football) and non-athletic activities were discussed based on the models being evaluated. The committee discussed the concept of classes having less than 48 teams advancing four to the state event site, while classes with 48 teams or more would advance eight. The committee felt this may ensure better quality of competition at state event sites and make the goal of advancing to the state site a greater accomplishment for classes with fewer than 48 teams. The committee also discussed how teams could be seeded in different activities based on the various classification models. Discussion was held on seeding schools in classifications with fewer teams (less than 48) in an east/west format, while continuing to seed schools in classifications with more teams (48 or more) based on a more traditional geographic model.

The committee agrees that potential postseason competition models may impact any decision on a classification proposal. The committee requested KSHSAA staff provide detailed potential postseason competition format and seeding models in all activities (except football) based on 36 and 48 team classifications.

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The next meeting of the Classification Study Committee is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the KSHSAA office.

## **KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, March 29, 2016**

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There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. Mr. Musselman shared various articles which have appeared in the media since the committee met in January regarding the KSHSAA classification system and specifically Senate Bill 464. The committee next reviewed and discussed at length, a letter to Mr. Musselman from Senator Steve Abrams regarding the KSHSAA classification system and Senate Bill 464. The committee believes at this time it is best to continue working towards a proposal that meets the criteria of the current state statute. Mr. Faflick and Mr. Kastle also indicated this was the directive from the KSHSAA Executive Board when they updated that body on the committee's progress at the March 22, 2016 meeting.

KSHSAA activity administrators provided the committee detailed proposals and analysis for postseason formats based on three different classification models. The committee spent over three hours analyzing in detail various postseason formats for each potential classification model. Many factors were discussed and considered, including availability of officials, seeding models, location of contests (primary site vs. higher seeded team), number of schools qualifying for state events, number of classes at state sites, state event bracket design, school travel demands and impact on instructional time. Mr. Lentz also provided the committee a separate football classification and postseason model for consideration. The committee requested Mr. Lentz provide previous years' enrollment ratio data based on this model.

At this point the committee feels all three classification models developed as well as the current classification system should remain under consideration. Mr. Faflick and Mr. Kastle requested all committee members consider in detail, the pros and cons of all classification/postseason models being evaluated as they prepare for the next committee meeting.

Mr. Musselman will provide an update on the committee's work to the KIAA at their annual meeting in April. On April 29, 2016, Mr. Faflick and Mr. Kastle will update both the KSHSAA Executive Board and Board of Directors on the committee's progress. The Board of Directors will be provided a timeline as to the progress of the committee to this point and information will be provided regarding the three proposed models currently under consideration.

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There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. Mr. Rod Wittmer, Principal, Holton High School, Mr. Bill Keeley, Superintendent, USD #395-La Crosse and Mr. John Webster, Athletic Director, La Crosse High School were present as guests to observe the meeting.

Mr. Kastle and Mr. Faflick reported back to the committee on the reports shared with the Executive Board and Board of Directors on April 29. The models the committee had been evaluating and considering at that time were shared with the Executive Board. A general overview of the history and purpose of the study committee as well as an overview of the process the committee was currently undergoing was shared with the Board of Directors. A common question coming from the Board of Directors was the timeframe of when a potential classification proposal would be released and voted on by the Board of Directors. At this time the committee feels a reasonable timeline goal would be to have a specific proposal to the Executive Board at the September 2016 meeting. If approved by the Executive Board, the proposal would go to Fall Regional Meetings for feedback. Depending on feedback, the proposal could potentially go to the Board of Directors for a vote at the Spring 2017 meeting. If approved by the Board of Directors, the proposal would still need to be voted on and approved by a majority of all member schools and a majority of all current classifications. At this point the committee feels the earliest any potential new classification system could go into place would be the 2018-19 school year.

Two email correspondences from representatives of member schools were shared with the committee. Kit Harris, Head Wrestling Coach, Baldwin High School submitted a proposal on a change in classification structure for wrestling only. Russell Baldwin, District Athletic/Activities Director, USD #260-Derby submitted a proposal for football, volleyball, soccer, wrestling and basketball. At this point the committee is continuing to look at multiple models which would all impact these activities.

Next the committee evaluated three proposed models and the current classification structure by dividing into small groups with each group listing pros and cons of each model under consideration. Based on the results of this exercise, two of the proposed new models were selected as the leading choices by the committee at this time. These two proposals were then thoroughly evaluated on an activity by activity basis (excluding football) with consultation from the KSHSAA staff. Many factors were considered as part of this evaluation including impact on students, impact on school travel, scheduling, postseason structure, postseason facility availability and availability/scheduling of officials.

The committee also evaluated in more detail an eight class football model introduced at the previous meeting. The committee asked Mark Lentz to prepare a summary for their next meeting of how football would be impacted if it was classified the same as the two general classification models the committee is currently evaluating.

The committee asked to see a summary of a general classification model based on a 32-32-36-64-64-125 breakdown. They also requested to see a detailed breakdown of a descending order list of schools showing difference in size between one school and the next largest to evaluate where natural enrollment breaks seem to be occurring.

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**KSHSAA Classification Study Committee  
Meeting Summary, July 13, 2016**

The KSHSAA Classification Study Committee met at the KSHSAA office on July 13, 2016. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miega High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School; Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School. Absent: Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School.

There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. Mr. Rod Wittmer, Principal, Holton High School, Mr. Matt Renk, Athletic Director, Atchison High School and Mr. Jake Lebahn, 580 WIBW Radio, Topeka were present as guests to observe the meeting.

Mr. Kastle and Mr. Faflick reported back to the committee on their report to the Executive Board on June 15<sup>th</sup>. They reported that the models the Committee had been evaluating and considering were shared with the Executive Board. Mr. Faflick reported one member of the Executive Board asked the Committee to consider the possibility of shifting schools down from class 2A to maintain a constant number or minimum number of schools in class 1A on a sport by sport or activity specific basis. The committee discussed the pros and cons of this concept at length and were unanimous in their decision not to incorporate such a change. The Committee's desire is to develop a final report to be presented to the Executive Board at its meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. If approved by the Executive Board, the proposal would go to KSHSAA Fall Regional Administrator and Board of Education meetings for feedback from member school administrators and board of education representatives. Depending on feedback, a proposal could potentially go to the Board of Directors for a vote at the spring 2017 meeting. If approved by the Board of Directors, the proposal would then need to be voted on and approved by a majority of all member schools and a majority of all current classifications. (*Refer to KSHSAA Bylaw Article XII – Classification of Schools*) At this point the Committee projects the earliest any potential new annual classification system could go into place would be the 2018-19 school year.

Two email correspondences from representatives of member schools were reviewed. Superintendent Alan Jamison of Caldwell USD 360 had sent an email regarding issues pertaining to classification of schools in the sport of football and issues related to 8-man and 11-man football that impact small enrollment, rural schools. Richard Cox, cross country and track and field coach of Scandia-Pike Valley High School submitted a proposal for the Committee's consideration which would classify schools as follows: 6A-48 schools, 5A-48 schools, 4A-48 schools, 3A-64 schools, 2A-64 schools and 1A-80 schools. The Committee read and discussed both communications at length. Committee members elected not to add the model proposed by Mr. Cox to the four models currently under consideration.

The Committee reviewed and discussed at length five (5) proposals for classification of schools in the sport of football. During the evaluation of each model, it was the Committee's position that classification in the sport of football should remain separate from the annual classification of schools in other sports and activities. Rationale for continuing that philosophy includes:

1. Football is unique in scheduling of games in two year cycles and impacts regular season scheduling
2. Football classification should continue to be based on the enrollment count for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students
3. Due to the nature of the sport, football presents player safety considerations on a greater scale than other sports
4. Priority should be given to the enrollment ratio to range of schools competing within each classification
5. Competition occurs in two different formats (8-man & 11-man)
6. Retain the 8-man division enrollment cap at 100 students

The Committee placed high priority on developing a football classification system that would eliminate the need to play three (3) games within the initial 10 day period of playoffs. In addition, the committee wants to avoid use of byes in football playoffs and seeks to maintain two divisions of play in 8-man competition.

Next the Committee evaluated four proposed models for annual classification including the current classification system. After narrowing to the top two proposed new models, the Committee asked KSHSAA staff to explain on a sport/activity specific basis what changes would be necessary if each new model was implemented. Options for six and seven classifications were evaluated. Many factors were considered including impact on students, impact on school travel, scheduling, postseason structure, postseason facility availability and availability/scheduling of officials. In its final action of the day, the co-chairs identified a sub-committee to prepare a final report for the upcoming Executive Board meeting to be presented on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, December 19, 2016

The KSHSAA Classification Study Committee met at the KSHSAA office on December 19, 2016. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miege High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School; Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School. Absent: David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School.

Today's meeting was convened in response to a directive from the Executive Board at their November meeting. The Board requested the committee meet to discuss and address questions raised at the Fall Regional Administrator and Board of Education meetings as well as issues and questions that have been brought up by the wrestling, tennis and golf coaches' associations.

There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. After the initial welcome and gallery introductions, reports from the fall regional meetings were shared with the group by the members who represented the committee and reported at each of the seven sites. The primary issues and questions related to the classification proposal brought up at the regional meetings were:

1. What would the postseason structure look like in all of the activities under the new proposal?
2. Size of the 4-1A girls and boys state tennis tournaments under the new proposal.
3. Size of the 3-2-1A state wrestling tournament under the new proposal.
4. Size of the 4-1A girls golf championship under the new proposal.
5. How would the 3A and 2A football districts and postseason be structured under the new football proposal with 48 teams?
6. Should 1A schools remain split into divisions in certain activities?
7. Public school vs. private school competitive balance.

Feedback and questions from the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association, Kansas Tennis Coaches Association, Kansas Golf Coaches Association as well as the recent KIAAA and KASB meetings were also shared which included the topics listed above.

Randall Forbes, KSHSAA legal counsel met with the committee to discuss Article XII of the KSHSAA Bylaws regarding classification voting if there would be a separate vote on the football classification proposal. Mr. Zuzelski raised the question to the committee of whether the football classification proposal should be a separate vote, or included in a vote for a single, comprehensive classification proposal. **The committee voted to recommend the football classification proposal and the general classification proposal be combined into one proposal in its final recommendation to the Executive Board.**

As requested by the committee prior to the meeting, KSHSAA administrative staff prepared detailed postseason format options based on the classification proposals under consideration. The committee broke into small groups to discuss these options in depth with the respective KSHSAA administrator. The committee of the whole then reconvened to review the information collectively. **Several fundamental principles of postseason formats came up across all activities which the committee addressed with the following recommendations:**

1. It was agreed that all schools, no matter their seed, will be included in the postseason playoffs in all activities. This will require play-in contests for several activities in classes not divisible by eight.
2. The seeding format for Class 4A (36 schools) will be the same as classes 5A and 6A (east/west format, seed 1-18).
3. In quasi-team/individual sports and activities, schools will be classified separately from pure team sports. In these quasi-team/individual sports and activities, postseason classifications will be established based on enrollment, school and student participation in each specific sport or activity.

**Kansas State High School Activities Association  
Classification Study Committee Report  
to the  
Executive Board**

**January 11, 2017**

On January 11th the Executive Board voted to send the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee's final recommendations on Annual Classification and Football Classification to the KSHSAA Board of Directors as separate agenda items for their April 28, 2017 meeting. Revisions to the proposals reflect feedback gathered in the October regional meetings.

In accordance with Bylaw Article XII, Section 4, if the Board of Directors approves a proposal by a majority vote, a separate ballot for each will be provided to member schools in the appropriate classifications. Ballots would be cast by principals of each member senior high school.

**Article XII  
Classification of High Schools**

*Sec. 4...Any proposal, before it becomes effective, shall be approved first by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and second, by a majority of all schools affected and a majority of all Classes affected...*

Please refer to the information which follows for specific details for each sport and activity.

***Recommendation #1:***

**Annual Classification – All activities but football (*Would require a vote by all schools in all (6) six classifications*):**

6 Championships

6A – 36 schools

5A – 36 schools

4A – 36 schools

3A – 64 schools

2A – 64 schools

1A – Appx. 117 schools (Class 1A would utilize Regional and Sub-State format in Volleyball and Basketball)

***Recommendation #2:***

**Football Classification** (*Would require a vote by all schools in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Schools playing either 11-man or 8-man football would vote on this proposal*):

8 Championships

6A – 32 schools

5A – 32 schools

4A – 32 Schools

3A – 48 Schools

2A – 48 Schools

1A – Appx. 35 Teams

8-Man Division I – Appx. 50 Teams

8-Man Division II – Appx. 49 Teams

Continue 2 year classification cycle

No team would play three games in ten days

8-Man championship would be same Saturday (SCW #21) as 11-man

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## Kansas State High School Activities Association



# Minutes

Executive Board Meeting  
KSHSAA Board Room  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

*Note: Minutes are subject to approval by the Board at its next meeting.*

### **PUBLIC – PRIVATE SCHOOL SURVEY PRESENTATION**

Paola High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Jeff Hines and Girard Middle School Principal, Randy Heatherly requested to appear before the Executive Board to present findings from a survey of member senior high schools they conducted in December of 2016. During the presentation, the Executive Board was informed that proponents of a success formula specific to private schools, planned on introducing legislation again this session to revise K.S.A. 72-130, (a), (5) which provides that the KSHSAA will: “Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance.” The objective of such legislation is to create a less restrictive statute thus enabling consideration of multiplier formulas or other success factor formulas being suggested by some individuals.

The Executive Board received the presentation but took no immediate action other than to release the following position statement, “The KSHSAA Executive Board expresses no opposition to the proposed revision of K.S.A. 72-130, Section a(5) which states the KSHSAA shall: “Establish a system for the classification of member high schools ~~according to student attendance.~~”

### **KSHSAA CLASSIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE FINAL PROPOSAL REFERRED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA**

Committee Co-Chairs Bill Faflick and Mike Kastle, provided the Executive Board with a review of the December 19, 2016 meeting of the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee. At that meeting, the Committee, responding to feedback from the regional meetings in October, made several revisions based on member school input. At its December meeting, the Committee conducted an extensive final review of postseason competition in all sports and activities and included details in the final recommendation for the Executive Board’s consideration. At the conclusion of the presentation by Mr. Faflick and Mr. Kastle, the Executive Board voted to refer the Committee’s proposal to the KSHSAA Board of Directors for action at their April 28th meeting. Two separate recommendations were referred; 1) Annual classification of all activities except football, 2) Biannual classification for football.

*\*Note: The Classification Study Committee’s proposal follows in its entirety **beginning one page 13** and is posted on the homepage of the KSHSAA’s website.*

# STATE OF KANSAS

## IDENTIFYING STATUTES

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**K.S.A. 2014 SUPP. 72-130.** High school activities association; board of directors, executive board, appeal board; articles and bylaws; reports; classification system; executive director and personnel; application of open meetings law and open records law.

(a) Any association with a majority of the high schools of the state as members and the purpose of which association is the statewide regulation, supervision, promotion and development of any of the activities defined in K.S.A. 72-133, and amendments thereto, and in which any public high school of this state may participate directly or indirectly shall:

(1) On or before September 1 of each year make a full report of its operation for the preceding calendar year to the state board of education. The report shall contain a complete and detailed financial statement under the certificate of a certified public accountant.

(2) File with the state board a copy of all reports and publications issued from time to time by such association.

(3) Be governed by a board of directors which shall exercise the legislative authority of the association and shall establish policy for the association.

(4) Submit to the state board of education, for its approval or disapproval prior to adoption, any amendments, additions, alterations or modifications of its articles of incorporation or bylaws. If any articles of incorporation, bylaws or any amendment, addition or alteration thereto is disapproved by the state board of education, the same shall not be adopted.

(5) Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance.

(6) Be subject to the provisions of the Kansas open meetings law.

(7) Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.

(b) (1) The board of directors shall consist of not less than 60 members as follows:

(A) At least eight directors shall be members of boards of education, elected by local boards of education. At least two of such directors shall be elected from each congressional district of the state;

(B) at least two directors shall be representatives of the state board of education, appointed by the state board;

(C) (i) directors who are representatives of the senior high schools which are affiliated with a league shall be elected by the league;

(ii) the senior high schools which are not affiliated with a league shall be represented by at least one director;

(D) at least four directors shall be representatives of the middle/junior high schools, elected by the middle/junior high schools;

(E) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by athletic administrators;

(F) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by coaches;

(G) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by speech communications educators;

(H) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by music educators; and

(I) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by scholars' bowl coaches.

(2) The directors appointed by the state board of education from the public at-large prior to July 1, 2014, whose terms are set to expire after July 1, 2014, may continue to serve on the board of directors until such director's term expires. Upon the expiration of the term of any such director, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. In the event of a vacancy or the expiration of the term of any director appointed by the governor, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. Any person appointed by the governor shall not be employed by any school affiliated with a league in the Kansas state high school activities association, nor shall such person be a member of the state board of education. The governor shall be provided a list of those directors appointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1). The governor shall make appointments pursuant to this subsection in order to attain, when necessary, and insofar as possible, representation of ethnic minority groups and both genders on the board of directors and to ensure that a resident from each congressional district is appointed to the board of directors.

(3) All directors are limited to six consecutive years of service.

(c) (1) An executive board which shall be responsible for the administration, enforcement and interpretation of policy established by the board of directors shall be elected by the board of directors from its membership, provided that a director shall serve at least one year as a member of the board of directors prior to being elected to the executive board.

(2) At least two members of the board of directors elected to the executive board shall be directors appointed by the governor under subsection (b) (2), provided such directors are eligible for election to the executive board under this subsection. Members of the executive board elected pursuant to this paragraph shall only be eligible to serve on the executive board during the second, fourth and sixth years of such director's term.

(3) Insofar as possible, membership on the executive board shall be representative of ethnic minority groups, both genders, and all geographical areas of the state.

# **RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE**

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Listed in the following pages are rules and regulations governing grades seven through twelve. These rules apply to each student who represents his or her school in any interschool activity **under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA.**

Violation of the following rules causes a school and/or team to lose eligibility unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

**EXCEPTION:** Those career and technical student events or activities which are approved and governed solely by the Kansas State Board of Education such as career and technical education student organizations of DECA, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, SKILLS USA-VICA and TS (Technology Student). Additional regulations which apply to students engaging in athletics, music, speech or other activities may be found in those sections devoted exclusively to individual activities. (See **Bylaw Article XIV, Section 1.**)

Each rule is divided into three sections:

**Section 1: General Regulations** (*apply to grades 7-12*)

**Section 2: Senior High Regulations**

**Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations** (*includes students in grades 7 and 8, middle school and junior high*)

## **AMENDMENTS**

The rules and regulations for grades seven through twelve (grade school, middle school, junior high and senior high) may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present. KSHSAA Board of Directors agenda items must be presented in writing to the Association Executive Director 40 days in advance of the September and April meetings. Only those items submitted by the following shall be recognized:

1. Board of Directors members
  2. Executive Board, provided the item received a majority vote of those present
  3. Superintendents, principals and board of education members of member schools
  4. Board of Directors may add items, which were not previously published on the agenda, at the time of the meeting, provided it is done by three-fourths vote of those present.
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# Rule 5

## CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

### Section 1: General Regulations (none)

### Section 2: Senior High Regulations

**Art. 1:** All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the thirty-two (32) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty-two (32); 4A the next sixty-four (64); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

**FOOTBALL EXCEPTION:** Classifications, for the purpose of determining district football assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth and eleventh grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. (*Exception: See Note in Article 3 below for football classification procedure for USD #207 and USD #453.*)

For the purpose of district football, utilizing this exception, member schools will be classified as follows:

**Class 6A:** 32 largest member schools playing 11-Man football

**Class 5A:** 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Man football

**Class 4A:** 64 next largest member schools playing 11-Man football will be split equally into Division I & Division II

**Class 3A:** 64 next largest member schools playing 11-Man football

**Class 2-1A:** All other member schools playing 11-Man football

**8-Man:** participating schools will be assigned to two separate Divisions, as established by the Executive Board

**NOTE:** For 8-Man district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. (*See Rule 35-2-3, Football.*)

Schools not requesting a football district assignment will have their position filled in each category by the next school moving up in enrollment.

**Class 1A Exception:** Class 1A schools shall compete in two separate divisions in volleyball, basketball and scholar's bowl for post-season and KSHSAA state championship competition.

Following annual classification and determination of schools assigned to Class 1A, the half of the schools with the larger enrollments will be assigned to Division I and the half with smaller enrollments will be assigned to Division II. If Class 1A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.

**Class 4A Exception:** Class 4A schools shall compete in two separate divisions for postseason and KSHSAA state championship competition in the following activities: football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball.

Following the annual classification and determination of schools assigned to Class 4A, the half of the schools with the larger enrollments will be assigned to Division I and the half of the schools with the smaller enrollment will be assigned to Division II. If Class 4A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.

**Art. 2:** If two or more schools have identical enrollments and are on the lower end of a Class division, the school(s) having the larger enrollment the previous year(s) shall be assigned to the higher classification.

**Art. 3:** Annual classifications (except football), shall be determined by the total enrollment in the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades as of the date established by state statute for official enrollment. Students who are on the school rolls as of that date must be counted.

**NOTE:** K.S.A. 72-5333b does not permit USD #207, Fort Leavenworth school district to offer or operate grades 10 through 12. To accommodate high school participation of 9th grade students attending Patton Junior High in Fort Leavenworth – the annual and football classification count of USD #453 Leavenworth High School shall include the count of 9th grade students attending Fort Leavenworth-Patton Junior High School according to the following formula:

Determine the percentage of Patton Junior High students entering Leavenworth High School as 10th graders during the previous four year period. This number shall determine the percentage of USD #207 9th graders to be included in USD #453's classification count for annual and football classification.

**Art. 4:** Any student, including special education, enrolled in five or more subjects of unit weight, shall be counted as a full-time student for classification purposes. A subject of unit weight shall be defined as per that established by the Kansas State Board of Education. (*See Rule 13, Scholarship Requirements.*)

### Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (none)