

2017 KIAAA Classification Forum Topics

6A Only Proposal

Concerning Seeding for Regional Wrestling

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure of assigning Regional Wrestling teams based off returning state placing points from the previous year's state tournament; with the top 16 teams with the most returning state points from the previous year being seeded. The remaining teams would have a "geographically-based, home base" regional assignment. These assignments would follow the same format as seeding a 16-man bracket.

Rationale: It is being proposed that the guidelines for regional assignments in class 6A be changed due to the glaring discrepancy in relative strengths of the two regional tournaments.

In 2017 regional tournament, the Hutchinson (West) contained nine of the top 10 teams in 6A wrestling. Additionally, 61 of the 84 wrestlers ranked in 6A (72.6%) were found in the same regional. This year the Blue Valley (East) Regional produced a total of 30 state qualifiers with losing records. The West Regional produced a total of 5 state qualifiers with losing records.

**Proposed on behalf of Coach Daman Parker, Washburn Rural
By Penny Lane, Washburn Rural Athletic Director**

6A Vote: Yes: 0 No: 22 In Favor – 0%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Concerning Gate Distribution for Post-season Football

Should the KSHSAA change their procedure for gate distribution for Regionals, Section and Sub-State as currently listed in the Section VII of the football manual (7B) with regard to Ticket and Financial Report Information for Game Managers:

Currently Reads: The host school receives 30% of the net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax) plus all concessions and program sales. Officials' fees are paid prior to balance being sent to KSHSAA.

To Read: The host school receives 30%, **travel school 20%** of the net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax). In addition the host school gets all concessions and program sales. Officials' fees are paid prior to balance being sent to KSHSAA.

**Proposed on behalf of the Centennial League
By Matt Westerhaus, Junction City Athletic Director and Penny Lane, Washburn Rural Athletic Director**

6A Vote: Yes: 22 No: 0

5A Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0

TOTAL: YES: 36 No: 0 In Favor – 100%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Concerning Point Differential for Tie Break Procedure in Football

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure for football (p. 12 in the football manual):
Change the 21-point differential to 13 points maximum per game.

Rationale: This would allow for there to be some tiebreak criteria for football due to the limited number of games played in the regular season, but also not make schools feel the need to score late in games in a manner that could be perceived as un-sportsman like.

**Proposed on behalf of the Greater Wichita Athletic League (GWAL)
By Rick Wheeler, Wichita Heights Athletic Director**

6A Vote: Yes: 22 No: 0

5A Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0

TOTAL YES: 36 NO: 0 In Favor - 100%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Concerning Point Differential for Tie Break Procedure in Football

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure for football (p. 12 in the football manual):
Take the 21-point differential tiebreak procedure out, and simply have a coin toss.

Rationale: The 21-point tie breaking procedure causes a team leading to try to score late in the game to reach the 21-point difference, thus causing hard feelings within the fan bases that are unaware of the tie breaking rules. In addition the point system is not relevant since the competition is not the same. If you do not play the same teams it makes no sense. In the old four-team districts at least your points were compared to common opponents as each of the four teams played each other, which is not the case over an entire season.

Proposed by Sarah Burgess, St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Director

6A Vote: Yes: 3 No: 19

5A Vote: Yes: 2 No: 12

TOTAL: YES: 5 NO: 31 In Favor 13%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Volleyball Seeding Proposal

Should the KSHSAA change the seeding format for 5A and 6A volleyball to the same 16-school format currently used in baseball and softball and has been adopted for basketball beginning in 2017-18?

Rationale: Change the seeding procedure in 5A and 6A volleyball to a 16-team format. This will provide a better opportunity for the top 4 teams in each regional to advance to the state tournament. There would be four northeast regional tournaments and four central/south central regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament advances to the 5A or 6A state tournament.

Northeast Region

Region 1 #1 vs #16; #8 vs. #9 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 2 #2 vs. #15; #7 vs. #10 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 3 #3 vs. #14; #6 vs. #11 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 4 #4 vs. #13; #5 vs. #12 Winner advances to the state tournament

Central/South Central Region

Region 1 #1 vs #16; #8 vs. #9 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 2 #2 vs. #15; #7 vs. #10 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 3 #3 vs. #14; #6 vs. #11 Winner advances to the state tournament
Region 4 #4 vs. #13; #5 vs. #12 Winner advances to the state tournament

Proposed by Cindy Roach, Blue Valley West Athletic Director

6A Vote: Yes: 22 No: 0

5A Vote: Yes: 14 No: 0

TOTAL: YES: 36 NO: 0 In Favor 100%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Soccer increase the opportunity to play 18 regular season games

Should the KSHSAA amend Rule 38, Art. 4 to read that no student may participate in more than **18** games including those games played in tournaments. No school may schedule more than two tournaments at any one level of competition, i.e., varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, etc.

a. Regardless of the tournament format, the maximum number of games played in a season, exclusive of KSHSAA post-season competition, shall be **18** games.

Rationale: Basketball, baseball, and softball allow 20 games, and players can play in 26 games, so this becomes a matter of equity for soccer players.

Proposed by John Johnson, Shawnee Mission South Athletic Director

6A Vote: Yes: 12 No: 10

5A Vote: Yes: 0 No: 14

TOTAL: YES: 12 NO: 24 In Favor 33%

5A/6A Only Proposal

Soccer to go to an 8 –team State Championship Format at neutral site.

Should the KSHSAA consider playing an 8-team State Championship at one site like basketball, softball and baseball. The soccer teams would play on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the State Tournament, with the winners of the Thursday games advancing to the semi-finals, and the losers of Thursday games will not advance – (there would be no additional games.) The format will be just like State basketball.

Rationale: This would make winning the regionals more meaningful, and would allow quarterfinals to be on neutral fields, and provide the excitement of attending a State Championship to 8 teams instead of 4 teams.

Also, there are enough turf fields where the championships can be held so that wet fields will not be an issue should there be rain the week of the State Championships.

Proposed by John Johnson, Shawnee Mission South Athletic Director

6A Vote: Yes: 10 No: 12
5A Vote: Yes: 1 No: 13
TOTAL: YES: 11 NO: 25 In Favor 30%

4A Only Proposal

Baseball Regional Placement

Should KSHSAA change their policy in assigning 4AD1 baseball regional placements to mirror the proposed changes of 5A and 6A, and be determined by the following--

The state will be split into east and west divisions with 16 teams apiece. Each division will seed out all of those 16 teams, 1-16. (If there is not a perfect 32 because of co-ops, etc, there would be a play-in scenario where the 16 would play the 17 to get into the regional.) Seeding would be done at a meeting, based off of overall record, with consideration of strength of schedule. The top 4 seeded teams will host regionals that consist of 4 teams each. Placement in each regional will be determined by seeding. It will go like this:

Regional 1 (Hosted by 1 seed)

1 vs 16

8 vs 9

Regional 2 (Hosted by 2 seed)

2 vs 15

7 vs 10

Regional 3 (Hosted by 3 seed)

3 vs 14

6 vs 11

Regional 4 (Hosted by 4 seed)

4 vs 13

5 vs 12

Proposed by Larry Fink, Athletic Director Ft. Scott High School

4A Vote: Yes: 0 No: 19 In Favor 0%

4A Only Proposal

Post Season Format

Should the KSHSAA change their procedure for Class 4A post season format, and adopt a format that is utilized in classes 6A and 5A in those activities that include the same number of schools.

**Proposed on behalf of the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League
By Doug Carr, Andover Central Athletic Director**

4A Vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 In Favor 100%

All Classes

Concerning Summer Camp Restrictions

Should the KSHSAA change Rule 30, Article 6, a. "Beginning SCW #48 through SCW #2..." to read: "through SCW #3."

Rationale: The rationale is two fold:

1. The 4th of July holiday largely eliminates a week in which a high school coach can conduct a one-week long camp for his/her high school players.
2. With an increased number of players participating in club sports, and the demands those clubs place on the athlete, the window for coaches to conduct a high school one-week camp has narrowed significantly. Nationally, the club sports season runs through June, thus eliminating those athletes from participating in a one-week high school camp **during the month of June**. It is hard to compete with club sports' calendars.

The impact is most felt for multi-sport high school athletes, specifically GSCR, VB and GBB athletes involved in two or more of those sports. With 2017 scheduling there remains one week in July that coaches have the opportunity to hold an uninterrupted one-week long camp. In addition, scheduling through SCW #3 would ease the pressure on the facility being booked from early morning through late at night.

It is recognized that all parts of the state do not face the same club sport conflicts, but adding a week back to the calendar would not give any advantage aside from providing more opportunity for students to participate in their high school camps, and at the same time, easing up facility scheduling demands.

Proposed by Sarah Burgess, St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Director

6A Vote: Yes: 3 No: 19
5A Vote: Yes: 1 No: 13
4A Vote: Yes: 2 No: 17
3A Vote: Yes: 2 No: 13
2A Vote: Yes: 0 No: 4
1A Vote: Yes: 0 No: 7

TOTAL: YES: 8 NO: 73 In Favor 9%

All Classes

Concerning Girls Wrestling

Should the KSHSAA add a girls wrestling division for regular and post-season events that would be concurrent with the boys season? (weight classes, post-season format TBD)

Rationale: Kansas has a long history of girls wrestling. Kansas has showed growth within the youth ranks of girls wrestling. Specifically USA Wrestling card membership and state tournament participation has grown each year after year for the past five years.

In addition to the youth ranks, Colleges across the US (including Kansas) continue to add women's' wrestling programs and thus college scholarship opportunities for female Kansas wrestlers.

The Olympic committee has also added additional Women's Wrestling weight classes to increase opportunities on the Olympic level.

All of these point to tremendous acceptance and growth in a sport that has historically been dominated by male participation. To allow Kansas girls interested in the sport of wrestling to better capitalize on the growing opportunities, it is our recommendation to add girls wrestling as a sanctioned KSHSAA sport.

111 females participated in the 2016 Kansas High School Wrestling season. Other states that have added girls wrestling as a sanctioned high school sport have seen tremendous increase in participation once girls have the opportunity to compete against girls.

Proposed by Shane Backhus, Activities Director/Assistant Principal, McPherson High School

6A Vote:	Yes: 5	No: 17	3A Vote:	Yes: 13	No: 2	Abstain: 2
5A Vote:	Yes: 3	No: 11	2A Vote:	Yes: 5	No: 1	
4A Vote:	Yes: 18	No: 1	1A Vote:	Yes: 5	No: 1	
TOTAL: YES: 49 NO: 33 ABSTAIN: 2 In Favor 60%						

All Classes

Concerning Competitive Dance

Should the KSHSAA amend the following Rule 48, Article 6a in regards to competitive dance to add one word and read: Spirit competition groups attending in-state festivals, workshops, or clinics during the school year may be rated, "**ranked**" and receive oral and/or written critiques.

Rationale: KSHSAA beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, is allowing cheerleading to be ranked at an in-state competition. This proposal allows for dance to be ranked, not just cheerleading.

Proposed by Tim Brady, Olathe Unified Schools District Athletic Director

6A Vote:	Yes: 22	No: 0		
5A Vote:	Yes: 14	No: 0		
4A Vote:	Yes: 13	No: 5	Abstain: 1	
3A Vote:	Yes: 4	No: 5	Abstain: 6	
2A Vote:	Yes: 7	No: 0		
1A Vote:	Yes: 4	No: 0		
TOTAL:	YES: 64	NO: 10	ABSTAIN: 7	In Favor 87%