

# 2019 KIAAA Classification Forum Topics

## *All Classes*

### **Concerning SCW #8 Football regulations – Multiple School Scrimmages**

**Should the KSHSAA Allow Kansas high schools to have the option to replace their current Gatorade/Soap Scrimmage with a scrimmage between 1 to 3 other high schools.**

**Rationale:** This is something that is currently allowed in many states including the surrounding states of Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Oklahoma. This would be a controlled scrimmage (i.e. 40 offensive plays per school) with registered KSHSAA officials as most intra-squad scrimmages current operate. This scrimmage would take place during SCW #8 (2nd week of fall practice). All participants would need 9 practice days prior to participating so games would take place on either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of SCW #8. This would be optional, schools could choose not to participate in a scrimmage at the school/coaches discretion.

#### **Why this is a good thing for Kansas School and kids:**

- The thought being that a controlled scrimmage against another school would be a safer alternative to the current inter-squad scrimmages that schools put on in which often, especially at the smaller school level pit upper class-men against under class-men in obvious mismatches if they have enough to host a scrimmage at all.
- It also creates a more controlled transition from non-contact to limited contact - live practice contact to game speed contact in a less stressful and controlled environment that you don't get from practice or inter-squad scrimmages
- With the Seeding system in place for 6A, 5A, 4A and 8-Man play-offs every game matters and a pre-season scrimmage will better prepare teams for week 1 of the season that in a 8 game seeding format could determine play-off seeds for schools.
- Jamborees will afford referee crews an extra week to get prepared, cohesion, and conditioning before the season starts
- Referee Crews gain valuable training hours without the outcome of an actual game in jeopardy.
- Protects coaches, schools, leagues, and KSHSAA from possible future litigation. (e.g. if a lawyer claims an athlete's injury/death could have been prevented by having a "training" game. The lawyer could sight how/why so many other states all over the US have pre-season jamborees and we did not)

#### **Process of how this would be done:**

School coaches and athletic directors would find and schedule opponents that best fit their school's unique situation and needs. In more populated areas this might be 4 schools at one site, in more rural areas this may be one opponent. Participating schools would agree in advance on specific organizational matters such as team rotation, uniforms to be worn, etc.... Coaches would agree in advance to certain things such as how to rotate and divide up each schools' 40 offensive plays. Coaches could also if they chose to, discuss whether or not to allow blitzing and if and when they will sub down during the contest, and other things they may choose to do to fit their specific needs, although anything allowed in NFHS rules is allowable. Host school would provide the facility and secure KSHSAA registered officiating crews. Schools would have to discuss if admission would be charged and how/if that money was split after expenses were covered. Games could be scheduled on the Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of SCW #8 so long as all participants had 9 practice DAYS before the event and it met all other contact and practice requirements outlined by KSHSAA.

**Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference (UKC)**

**By Ben Sutherland, Turner High School Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director**

*All Classes*

**Concerning:** Classification determination include girls tennis be based off previous year enrollment.

**Should the KSHSAA change the reading of Rule 5 to include girls tennis to be based off the previous school years enrollment for classification purposes?**

**Rationale:**

1. This would allow for regional assignments to be secured early in September (to avoid what happened this season in scrambling for sites a week before the tournament is scheduled).
2. This would allow coaches ample opportunity to determine singles and doubles players and give them time to have girls build a resume in either. The way it is now, there is no time to build a resume if regional assignments dictate a late change in the lineup.
3. There is precedent for doing something different as football does something similar and the way tennis is divided (in 4A-1A) is different than any other sport as well.

**Proposed**

**By Clint Stoppel Hesston High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

*All Classes*

**Concerning** Exempting host schools from participation fees for post season.

**Should The KSHSAA add the following rule that schools who host regional and state competition, the individual participant fees are nullified for that school's participants. (i.e. A school that hosts regional golf is not charged for their individual participants)**

**Rationale:** There is a stronger incentive for schools to host competitions that have been previously unpopular, or difficult to find host schools  
The schools that do host events will take less of a loss financially for putting on a quality event in hosting.

**Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference (UKC)**

**By Ben Sutherlin, Turner High School Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director**

*All Classes*

**Concerning** Gate Proceed Split

**Should The KSHSAA change the following rule to allow schools that host post-season competitions in which gates proceeds are currently split 50/50 amongst host and visiting schools, be changed to 75% to the host school and 25% to the visiting school?**

**Rationale:** The host school does all the logistical work, pays for workers at the events and any other expenses that it costs to create a positive postseason environment. Often, the host school loses money when they host the event and are not rewarded monetarily for hosting the event.  
The visiting schools will have less percentage of the gate, but still enjoy some of the monetary benefits for proceeding in the playoffs.

Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference (UKC)

**By Ben Sutherlin, Turner High School Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director**

**All Classes**

**Concerning** Restricted Area/Secondary Defender Plays for Boys and Girls Basketball

**Should The KSHSAA have floor markings of the restricted-area to be required for all Kansas High School Basketball**

**Rationale:**

\*The restricted area (arc) would exist to afford some protection to offensive players while they drive to the basket. It specifically prevents a secondary defender from moving in front of the basket if a ball handler has driven past his/her original defender. If either of a defensive player's feet is present in or above the restricted area, no charging foul may be called on an opposing offensive player during contact/collision.

\*Instituting a restricted area, an attempt to open driving lanes, will increase spatial concepts in teaching methods of the game as well as clean up the block-charge call by protecting the offensive driver to the basket.

\*Other positive effects of implementation would include:

\*Be proactive in an effort to avoid injury created by the contact of a defender running into an offensive driver going to the basket

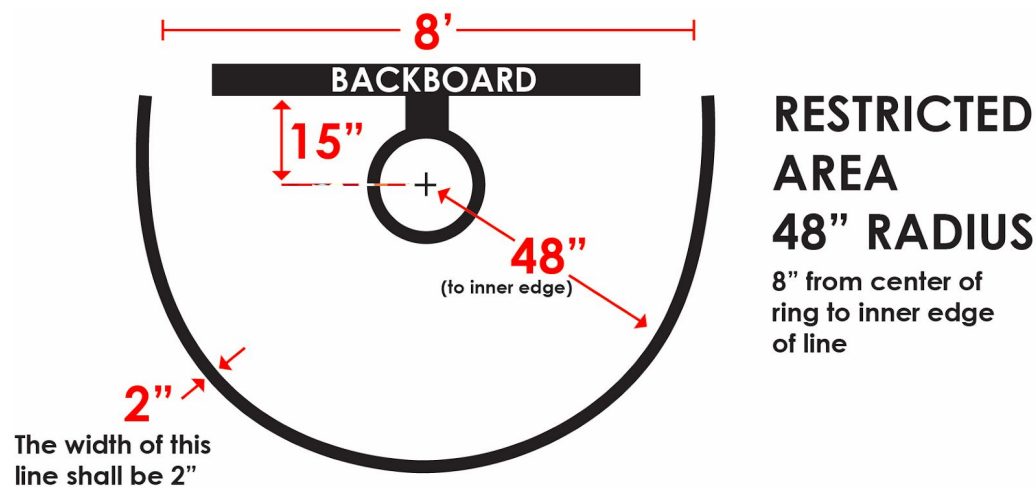
\*Require a defender to make a play on the ball, and not body the offensive player.

\*Currently two states have a restricted arc: Minnesota and North Dakota.

\*Estimated minimal cost per arc is \$125 per painted line, which means \$250 per gymnasium.

**Exceptions to the Rule:**

When the offensive player leads with a foot or unnatural knee or wards off with the arm OR when a player in control of the ball stops continuous movement toward the basket then initiates illegal contact with a secondary defender in the restricted area, this is a player-control foul.



**Proposed on behalf of Greater Wichita Athletic League**  
**By J Means District Athletic Director**

**All Classes**

**Concerning:** Transfer eligibility from 18 weeks to One calendar year.

**Should The KSHSAA change the transfer ineligibility rule to be expanded from 18 weeks to one calendar year for students not eligible per terms of bona fide move, hardship or limited eligibility?**

**Rationale:** Rule 18 wording change:

**A student is ineligible if:**

\*CHANGE IN SCHOOL IS MADE WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING MOVE ON THE PART OF THE STUDENT'S PARENT--if students change schools without an accompanying move on the part of their parents, they will be ineligible for interscholastic extracurricular activities for one calendar year (versus current 18 weeks), beginning with the first day of their attendance.

\*INDEPENDENT STUDENTS--a student who is "on his or her own" and not dependent upon parents or a guardian for a home and who transfers from one school to another, is required to attend one calendar year (versus 18 weeks), before becoming eligible.

**Proposed on behalf of The KSHSAA Staff**

**By Francine Martin, KIAAA Liaison**

**All Classes**

**Concerning** Rule 18, Section 2 Art. 4 (adding new) Transfer Student Going To School With A Club Coach On Staff

**Should The KSHSAA change the transfer eligibility rule to include students going to a school where their club coach is on staff, without terms of bona fide move, hardship or limited eligibility; be deemed ineligible for one calendar year.**

**Rationale:**

It is common place for a Rule 10 club coach or high school coach at the high school level to have student athletes participate on teams with them during the off-season while attending another high school. Then at some point during that student athletes high school experience transfer to the high school where the Rule 10/high school club coach is on staff.

**Reason for impacting undue influence by club coaches:**

- Effect of undue influence on a student athlete and parent(s) to transfer to another school while playing for a club coach is addressed.
- Teammates from club teams transferring to play with each other after establishing eligibility at different schools is addressed when they transfer to play at the same institution.
- Club coaches influencing their players to play at the high school they coach at is addressed.
- Addresses transferring from one school to another due to undue influence during the off-season by a club coach.

**Proposed by: John Cherne III, EdS Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School Athletic Director**

## All Classes

**Concerning:** Rule 22 outside competition

**Should KSHSAA change Rule 22 Section 1, Article 1 to read: Change in language noted via strikethrough/new language in red.**

**Violation of the rule shall make a student ineligible for the remainder of that sport, scholars bowl or debate season, unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.**

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

**Art. 1: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl, or debate squad effective Tuesday following Labor Day **Monday SCW #7** through Friday preceding Memorial Day may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport, scholars bowl, or debate activity. (Exception: See Rule 4, United State Olympic Committee-Sponsored National Trials and Competitions)**

**NOTE: Informal participation on the part of the student athlete, such as that experienced on the black top (concrete), in the park, local "Y", etc.. is not considered a violation of this rule, provided it was not formally called or organized, no coaching takes place, where no official score is kept, time kept, officials used, etc.**

**Intra non-school youth group athletic participation is not considered a violation of this rule. Inter non-school youth group athletic participation is a violation.**

### **Rationale:**

Currently, the six fall sports are the only sports that do not fall under this rule for the first three weeks of practice and potentially the first days of competition. Volleyball players, soccer players, cross-country runners, girl golf and tennis players, can play on an outside team in their KSHSAA sport after practices have started and can compete through the Tuesday following Labor Day with Rule 22 in its current form. No athlete or competitor in the rest of the sports season can do this without being in violation of this rule. This handbook change would bring all sports, including debate and scholars bowl, under the same rule regarding outside competition.

**Proposed on behalf of the Centennial League**

**by Matt Westerhaus (Junction City High School Athletic Director)**

## All Classes

**Concerning** Volleyball Warm Up change for regular season and postseason.

**Should the KSHSAA change their procedure of how volleyball warm-ups should be conducted during the regular and postseason to a format that would allow only one team on the court at a time?** (This would be a change from the current rule cited in the volleyball manual pg. 19 "Warm Up Procedures")

### **Rationale:**

The state should adopt the following procedure for pre-game warm ups to the following format to ensure player's safety, as teams will not hit into each other thus reducing risk of injury; including concussions.

This format allows only one team on the court at one time, so teams are not serving into each other.

- 4 min ball handling each team on their own side
- 4 min home team works on serving and passing – using entire court
- 4 min visiting team works on serving and passing – using entire court
- 4 min home team works on hitting – using the entire court
- 4 min visiting team works on hitting – using entire court

**Proposed on behalf of Greater Wichita Athletic League**

**By J Means District Athletic Director**

**5A/6A Only Proposal**

**Concerning** Seeding For Basketball 5A/6A beginning 2019-2020

**Should the KSHSAA change the basketball playing dates to allow seeding to take place on Saturday rather than Wednesday for Classes 5A and 6A.**

**Process:**

- Develop two groups based on geography with 18 schools in each group, based on geography.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place. (boys and girls)
- On Saturday of SCW#34 seed tournament each half of state 1-18. (Both Boys and Girls)
- Top 18 teams will be in the tournament bracket.
- Play-in games for seed #16 vs. #17 and seed #15 vs. #18 will be played to determine which schools get into the 16 team bracket.
- Play-in games will be held on Monday and Tuesday
- Monday play-in games will correspond with sub-state tournament games played on Wednesday and Friday
- Tuesday play-in games will correspond with sub-state tournament games played on Thursday and Friday.
- Each half of the state will have 4 groups.
- 2 groups would include 5 teams (Tournament A and B)
- 2 groups would include 4 teams (Tournament C and D)

**Tournament A**

**Tournament B**

**Tournament C**

**Tournament D**

#16 vs. #17 winner @ #1  
#9 @ #8

#15 vs. #18 winner @ #2  
#10 @ #7

#14 @ #3  
#11 @ #6

#13 @ #4  
#12 @ #5

- Final games in tournaments A-D will be at the higher seeded team of the two finalists.
- The winner of each sub-state tournament final advances to the state tournament
- This same format will be followed by both east and west halves of the state.
- Playing dates
- Monday (play-in game), Wednesday and Friday
- Tuesday (play-in game), Thursday and Saturday.
- Alternate gender and class by year.
- All games played at higher seed.
- Tie breaking procedures in Basketball manual will be used.
- 8 teams qualify for state tournament in each class.
- The KSHSAA will assign officials for all games played.

**Rationale:** Concern in these classes has been expressed by coaches about not being able to have completed the 20 game schedule prior to the seeding date.

Proposed on behalf of The Sunflower League

**By Josh Price, Olathe North Athletic Director/Assistant Principal**

### ***5A/6A Only Proposal***

**Concerning** Seeding For Basketball 5A/6A beginning 2019-2020

**Should The KSHSAA change the State Championship format for 5A/6A Basketball beginning in the 2019-2020 season.**

**Process:**

- 1) Seed east and west side 1-18.
- 2) Higher seed hosts in every round.
- 3) Play in games (seeds 15-18) would be played on Saturday/Monday. Girls play Saturday on even years and boys play Saturday on odd years. If the proposal to eliminate the play in games would pass, this step would be eliminated.
- 4) First rounds to be played on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Girls would play on Tuesday in even numbered years and boys on odd numbered years.
- 5) Second rounds to be played on Friday and Saturday. Girls would play on Friday in even numbered years and boys on odd numbered years.
- 6) Quarter-finals would be played on the following Monday/Tuesday. Girls would play on Monday in even numbered years and boys on odd numbered years.
- 7) Final four for both 5A and 6A would be at same sight.
- 8) Semi-finals played on Thursday and Friday. Girls play on Thursday in even numbered years and boys play on odd numbered years.
- 9) Four championship games played on Saturday. 5A would play first two games on even numbered years and 6A on odd numbered years.

**Seeding Criteria:**

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher winning percentage will receive the higher seed. Byes are not to be counted.

**Tie-breaking procedure if teams have identical percentage:**

- 1) If teams played each other, the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
- 2) If teams remain tied, the team with the most wins receives the higher seed.
- 3) Remaining tie-breaking procedures would be determined by KSHSAA staff
- 4) Coin toss will be the final tie-breaker

**Rationale**

- 1) Eliminates third place games but creates excitement and better attendance for four championship games played at one site
- 2) Eliminates expenses for those who lose in the semi-finals and would have stayed for third place games

**Disadvantage**

- 1) Eliminates four teams from being at the state site.

**Proposed on behalf of Greater Wichita Athletic League**

**By J Means District Athletic Director**

### ***4A/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 (7A) with regard to Ticket and Financial Report Information for Game Managers: Change in language noted via strikethrough/new language in red.**

**7a.** - The host school receives 30% ~~25%~~ of the net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax) plus all concessions and program sales ~~and the traveling school 15% of net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax).~~ Officials' fees are paid prior to balance being sent to KSHSAA.

**Rationale:**

To help travel teams recover some of the travel costs associated with football playoff travel (Football Team, Cheer, Spirit Bus, and Band)

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

***4A/5A/6A Only Proposal***

**Concerning:** XC Regionals

**Should the KSHSAA move from a regional structure of four 9-team regionals to a format of two 18-team regionals. One in the East and one in the West**

**Rationale:**

- While the geographic differences exist state-wide and will never allow for a perfect Regional setup, going down to 2 super regionals (18 teams) would be a step in the right direction towards getting the actual 12 best teams to State each year
- By combining regions, it dramatically cuts down on the chances of having a “weak” region or possibly sending an “undeserving” team to State
- It eliminates the “this East regional was way tougher than the other East regional” or “this West regional was way weaker than the other West regional” argument/complaining.
- The current format of four 9 team regionals creates very un-cross country like races where less than 70 runners are in the race. With so few runners, it makes for unbalanced and inconsistent team scores. An 18 team regional with 120+ runners in the race creates a far “truer” cross country race where a team’s depth is a huge factor in team scoring.
- It would reduce the number of host schools and host sites needed by 50%.
- The precedent has already been set with other KSHSAA sports – wrestling, football, baseball, basketball, volleyball etc.
- With the number of teams increasing in each classification, there has been talk of possibly increasing the number of teams qualifying for state in the future. Going to a Super Regional would allow for more flexibility in determining how many teams qualify if that increase were to happen. For instance – right now, the only realistic increase in team qualification would be to go to 16 (4 per Regional instead of 3). A Super Regional would allow you to increase by just two teams, from 12 up to 14 by simply qualifying 7 per super regional. In essence, it gives you far more options in years to come when trying to determine what the best number of teams to qualify is.

**Proposed on behalf of the Sunflower League**

**By Matt Johnson, Olathe South High School Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director**



## ***4A/5A/6A Only Proposal***

**Concerning:** Seeding format change for basketball

**Should the KSHSAA change the basketball playoff format to allow seeding to take place on Saturday rather than Wednesday for Classes 4A, 5A, 6A.**

### **Process:**

- Develop two groups based on geography with 18 schools in each group, based on geography.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place. (boys and girls)
- On Saturday of SCW#34 seed tournament each half of state 1-18. (Both Boys and Girls)
- Top 16 teams will be in the tournament bracket.
- Each half of the state will have 4 groups of 4 that play with the winner advancing to the state tournament.
  - o 1-16; 8-9 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
  - o 4-13; 5-12 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
  - o 2-15; 7-10 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
  - o 3-14; 6-11 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
  - This same format will be followed by both east and west halves of the state.
  - o Playing dates – Tuesday and Friday or Wednesday and Saturday.
  - o Thursday is the make-up date if weather is an issue.
  - o Alternate gender and class by year.
    - All games played at higher seed.
    - Tie breaking procedures in Basketball manual will be used.
    - Seeds 17 and 18 may play each other so each school has an opportunity for 21 playing dates. If both schools agree they do not wish to play this game, it will be cancelled.
    - The #17 vs #18 game will be played at the higher seed on Monday or Thursday of SCW #35.
    - 8 teams qualify for state tournament in each class.
    - The KSHSAA will assign officials for all games played.

**Rationale:** Concern in these classes has been expressed by coaches about not being able to have completed the 20 game schedule prior to the seeding date.

Proposed on behalf of The KSHSAA Staff

**By Francine Martin, KIAAA Liaison**

### **4A/5A/6A Only Proposal**

**Concerning:** Seeding format change for soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball & softball

**Should KSHSAA change playoff format to allow seeding for soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball to take place on Saturday instead of Wednesday for classes 4A, 5A, 6A.**

**Process:**

- Develop two groups based on geography with 18 schools in each group, based on geography.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place. (boys and girls)
- On Saturday of proper SCW# for seeding, the tournament each half of state 1-18 will be set. (Both Boys and Girls)
- Top 16 teams will be in the tournament bracket.
- Each half of the state will have 4 groups of 4 that play with the winner advancing to the state tournament.  
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§ 3-14; 6-11 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
- This same format will be followed by both east and west halves of the state.
- Playing dates – Normal dates listed for 16 team tournaments for each sport listed in their Manuel will be used.
- Alternate gender and class by year (for sports this applies to).
- All games played at higher seed.
- Tie breaking procedures in manuals will be used.
- Seeds 17 and 18 may play each other so each school has an opportunity for 21 playing dates.
- If both schools agree they do not wish to play this game, it will be cancelled.
- The #17 vs #18 game will be played at the higher seed on Monday.
- 8 teams qualify for state tournament in each class.
- The KSHSAA will assign officials for all games played.

**Rationale:**

- Concern in these classes has been expressed by coaches about not being able to have completed the 20 game schedule prior to the seeding date.

**Proposed on behalf of Greater Wichita Athletic League**

**Chris Asmussen, Athletic Director Wichita Southeast high School**

## ***4A/5A/6A Only Proposal***

**Concerning:** Seeding format change for baseball

**Should the KSHSAA change the baseball playoff format to allow seeding to take place on Saturday rather than Wednesday for Classes 4A, 5A, 6A.**

### **Process:**

- Develop two groups based on geography with 18 schools in each group, based on geography.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place. (boys and girls)
- On Saturday of SCW#34 seed tournament each half of state 1-18. (Both Boys and Girls)
- Top 16 teams will be in the tournament bracket.
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  - o 3-14; 6-11 – winners play 2<sup>nd</sup> day – winner advances to state
  - This same format will be followed by both east and west halves of the state.
  - o Playing dates – Tuesday and Friday or Wednesday and Saturday.
  - o Thursday is the make-up date if weather is an issue.
  - o Alternate gender and class by year.
    - All games played at higher seed.
    - Tie breaking procedures in Baseball manual will be used.
    - Seeds 17 and 18 may play each other so each school has an opportunity for 21 playing dates. If both schools agree they do not wish to play this game, it will be cancelled.
    - The #17 vs #18 game will be played at the higher seed on Monday or Thursday of SCW #35.
    - 8 teams qualify for state tournament in each class.
    - The KSHSAA will assign officials for all games played.

**Rationale:** Concern in these classes has been expressed by coaches about not being able to have completed the 20 game schedule prior to the seeding date.

Proposed on behalf of The KSHSAA Staff

**By Francine Martin, KIAAA Liaison**

#### ***4A/5A/6A Only Proposal***

**Concerning:** Seeding format change for softball

**Should the KSHSAA change the softball playoff format to allow seeding to take place on Saturday rather than Wednesday for Classes 4A, 5A, 6A.**

#### **Process:**

- Develop two groups based on geography with 18 schools in each group, based on geography.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place. (boys and girls)
- On Saturday of SCW#34 seed tournament each half of state 1-18. (Both Boys and Girls)
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  - This same format will be followed by both east and west halves of the state.
  - o Playing dates – Tuesday and Friday or Wednesday and Saturday.
  - o Thursday is the make-up date if weather is an issue.
  - o Alternate gender and class by year.
    - All games played at higher seed.
    - Tie breaking procedures in Softball manual will be used.
    - Seeds 17 and 18 may play each other so each school has an opportunity for 21 playing dates. If both schools agree they do not wish to play this game, it will be cancelled.
    - The #17 vs #18 game will be played at the higher seed on Monday or Thursday of SCW #35.
    - 8 teams qualify for state tournament in each class.
    - The KSHSAA will assign officials for all games played.

**Rationale:** Concern in these classes has been expressed by coaches about not being able to have completed the 20 game schedule prior to the seeding date.

Proposed on behalf of The KSHSAA Staff

**By Francine Martin, KIAAA Liaison**

#### ***4A Only Proposal***

**Concerning:** Football Playoff Format

**Should the KSHSAA change the current football playoff system and return to the previous format of KSHSAA assigning 4A schools to Football districts.**

#### **Rationale:**

- \*Travel distance concerns.
- \* Schools would be able to make definitive travel plans in advance.
- \*Extreme difficulty of some schools being able to fill their schedules.

**Proposed by Dennis Charboneau, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director, Wamego High School**

#### **4A Only Proposal**

**Concerning:** Basketball Sub-State Playoff Format

**Should the KSHSAA change the current basketball sub-state format, and return to the previous format of KSHSAA assigning schools to sub-state locations.**

**Rationale:**

\*Travel distance concerns.

\* Schools would be able to make definitive travel plans in advance.

**Proposed by Dennis Charboneau, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director, Wamego High School**

#### **2A/3A Only Proposal**

**Concerning** Football Playoff Format

**Should The KSHSAA establish a playoff format that would seed the remaining 32 teams after district play into 2-16 team brackets (East-West).**

**Process:**

A. Each school will schedule their own games from week #1 to week #3.

B. The top four (4) teams would qualify from each district creating thirty-two (32) teams remaining in the post season. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place teams will play cross district games to complete their nine (9) game schedule.

C. The KSHSAA will seed all Class 3A and 2A football playing schools from #1 to #16 in both the eastern and western sections of the state. Once seeding is completed, the teams will be placed on the playoff bracket for games to be played in week #9 and beyond.

D. PLAYOFF BRACKET SEEDING CRITERIA:

1. Win-loss percentage in all games played from week #4 to week #8. (District Games)

2. Head-to-head games if all teams tied for a seed played each other during the current 8-game schedule.

3. Thirteen Point (13) Tiebreaker Procedure:

- A 13 point tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine seeds when there are two or more teams still tied after criteria #1 and #2 are not able to break the tie.

- The total margin of points each team had in all district games). Marginal points are the point differences in final game score. No team will add or subtract more than thirteen (13) points in any game. No team will add or subtract more than one (1) point any game which was tied at the end of regulation time and the winning team was eventually determined in overtime.

- If more than two teams are tied in win-loss percentage and there was no common winner between those teams, then marginal points will be used to establish the first seed from those tied. The tiebreaker process will begin again with the remaining teams. This process will continue until all teams tied have been seeded onto the bracket.

4. Total number of wins against teams within their classification or higher.

5. Win-loss percentage against teams within their classification or higher.

6. Drawn by lot (The KSHSAA will draw, with at least one witness from the KSHSAA.)

E. POST SEASON TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. Once the East and West have been seeded out 1-16, the highest remaining seed will host that playoff game. (16 @ 1, 15 @ 2, etc...)

2. The remaining teams not making the seeding rounds will play cross district games (5<sup>th</sup> vs. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup>) KSHSAA will decide the paired districts.

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## **2A/3A Only Proposal**

### **Concerning Volleyball Sub-State Playoff Format**

**Should The KSHSAA establish a playoff format that puts the state into 4-16 team seeded quadrants, and seed into 2-8 team sub-states.**

#### **Process:**

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

1. Class 3A schools will be grouped into FOUR groups of 16. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams into two sub-states of eight teams each for boys and girls within each 16 team quadrant. The seeding meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday of SCW #16.
2. Schools will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Thursday of SCW#16 for Sub State games.
3. KSHSAA will assign sub-state locations after seeding based on schools that have applied to host.
4. Players from teams in "that specific tournament" (group of eight schools) will be admitted at the pass gate only when accompanied by their coach or administrator.
5. Once the tournament is seeded the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
6. Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed.
7. Seeds in the #1 Seed Sub State (1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16)
8. Seeds in the #2 Seed Sub State (2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15)
9. The winner of each sub state advances to the State Tournament

#### **Seeding Criteria** as follows:

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.

2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the seed.
- b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, go to step (c).
- c. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (1) or (2) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
- d. If the tie in (c) still remains, the team with the lowest average sets played per game allowed during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine lowest average sets played, add up all sets played divided by number of matches.
- e. If the two teams are still tied, a coin flip will decide the higher seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)

3. If three or more teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a. If one team has defeated the other two (or more) a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. If there are two teams left refer to step b.
  - b. If the tie in (a) still remains, the team with the lowest average sets played per game allowed during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine lowest average sets played, add up all sets played divided by number of matches.
  - c. If there are still multiple schools tied, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken by using procedures above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed. The next one drawn is for the next highest seed.
4. In sub-state tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments.

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## **1A/2A/3A Only Proposal**

### **Concerning Baseball/Softball Sub-State Playoff Format**

**Should The KSHSAA establish a playoff format that puts the state into 4-16 team seeded quadrants, and seeded out into 2-8 team regionals.**

#### **Process:**

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

- 1) Class 2A/3A will be grouped into FOUR groups of 16 (or as even into 4 groups as possible). The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams into two sub-states of six, seven, or eight teams each for Baseball/Softball within the 16 team quadrant. The seeding meeting will take place at 10:00AM on Wednesday of SCW #45.
- 2) Schools will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Thursday of SCW#45 for Regional Games
- 3) The Kshsaa will assign sub-state location after seeding based on schools that have applied to host that post season.
- 4) Players from teams in "that specific tournament" (group of 6-8 schools) will be admitted at the pass gate only when accompanied by their coach or administrator.
- 5) Once the tournament is seeded the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
- 6) Umpires will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed and sites are secured.
- 7) Seeds in the #1 Seed Regional (1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16)
- 8) Seeds in the #2 Seed Regional (2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15)
- 9) The winner of each sub state advances to the state tournament.
- 10) In the event that a regional only has seven (7) teams, the overall top seed will receive a BYE and will advance into the semifinal round and plays at home.
- 11) In the event that a regional only has six (6) teams, then the top two seeds in that regional receive a bye and advance into the semifinal round and plays at home.

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## **2A/3A Only Proposal**

### **Concerning Basketball Sub-State Playoff Format**

**Should The KSHSAA establish a playoff format that puts the state into four (4) sixteen team quadrants, and seeded into 2-8 team sub states.**

#### **Process:**

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

1. Class 2A/3A schools will be grouped into FOUR groups of 16. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams into two sub-states of eight teams each for boys and girls within each 16 team quadrant. The seeding meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday of SCW #34. Seeds in each sub state will be as follows: #1 (1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16) and #2 (2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15)
2. Schools will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Thursday of SCW#34 for quarterfinal and semifinal games.
3. Quarterfinal games in each of the eight sub-state tournaments will be played at the site of the higher seeded team according to the approved format.
4. Semi Finals and Finals will be played at the host site, selected by the KSHSAA after seeding comes out, and from the pool of schools that have applied to host
5. Players from teams in "that specific tournament" (group of eight schools) will be admitted at the pass gate only when accompanied by their coach or administrator.
6. Once the tournament is seeded the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
7. Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed and host schools assigned.

**Monday of SCW#35** – BOYS games at higher seeded team beginning at 7 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA.

**Tuesday of SCW#35** – GIRLS games at higher seeded team beginning at 7 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA.

#### **Sub State BOYS Semi Finals – Wednesday of SCW#35**

The sub state boy's semifinals games will be played at the determined sub state host site. Games will take place at 6:00pm and 7:45pm

#### **Sub State GIRLS Semi Finals – Thursday of SCW#35**

The sub state Girl's semifinals games will be played at the determined sub state host site. Games will take place at 6:00pm and 7:45pm

#### **Final BOYS games – Friday of SCW #35**

Final Boys games will be played on Saturday of SCW#35 at the determined sub state host site. Games will take place at 6:00pm and 7:45pm

#### **Final GIRLS games – Saturday of SCW #35**

Final Girls games will be played on Saturday of SCW #35 at the determined sub state host site. Games will take place at 6:00pm and 7:45pm

The following year, the schedule would flip where the girls would play Monday, Wednesday, Friday etc...

#### **Seeding Criteria as follows:**

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows: a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the seed. b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, go to step (c). c. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (1) or (2) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed. d. If the tie in (c) still remains, the team with the lowest average defensive points allowed during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine lowest average defensive points, add the number of points allowed and divide by the number of games played. e. If two teams are still tied, team with the highest average offensive points scored during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine highest average offensive points, add the number of points scored and divide by the number of games played. f. If the two teams are still tied, a coin flip will decide the higher seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)
3. If three or more teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows: a. If one team has defeated the other two (or more) a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. If there are two teams



left refer to step 2. b. If the tie in (a) still remains, the team with the lowest average defensive points allowed during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine lowest average defensive points, add the number of points allowed and divide by the number of games played. If there are two teams still tied, refer to step 2. c. If three or more teams are still tied, team with the highest average offensive points scored during the year will receive the higher seed. To determine highest average offensive points, add the number of points scored and divide by the number of games played. If there are two teams still tied, refer to step 2. d. If there are still multiple schools tied, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining two teams shall be broken by using procedures above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the highest seed.

4. In sub-state tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments.

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