

2022 KIAAA Classification Forum Topics

ALL CLASSES

PROPOSAL #1

Concerning KIAAA dues to coordinate with KSHSSA Dues and offer an “opt in” box

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure –to include an “opt-in” box in the annual KSHSAA School Dues that would include KIAAA/NIAAA dues. If a school checkmarks the “opt-in” those professional dues would be included in the KSHSAA fees charged to the school. The KSHSAA would reimburse the KIAAA for those dues paid via annual dues. If the “opt-in” box is left unchecked, KIAAA/NIAAA dues would be left to the school to pay by other means.

Rationale:

The vast majority of KIAAA/NIAAA membership dues are currently being paid from school accounts currently. We now have a registration method that separates membership from conference enrollment, so the school would not have to be forgoing conference payment with the KIAAA/NIAAA membership. Those payments can be done separately. There are currently 6 other states, with 4 other states actively pursuing, this process. None of these states collect other affiliation dues (such as coaches association, band, debate, etc. because these are not affiliated with department administration and/or are not affiliated with National Certification). Of those states currently offering this option, NIAAA memberships have increased from 60-130 percent. While Kansas has shown significant increases in membership in recent years, Kansas is the next to lowest in percent participation of the six District 5 states. The KIAAA feels that increased membership will drive more AD involvement in the professional growth opportunities provided by the KIAAA.

Proposed on behalf of KIAAA

By Marc Haught

ALL CLASSES

PROPOSAL #2

Concerning eSports

“Should the KSHSAA add eSports as an approved activity with a State Championship?”

Rational

- 1) As of Fall 2021, 25 schools in Kansas have current teams, 10 schools had committed to adding this activity this year and 19 others were exploring.
- 2) Format, games, and platforms would be a later decision.
- 3) Engages kids who would not be connected to the school otherwise.

Disadvantage

- 1) Cost of Equipment and technical support

By Russ Baldwin, Derby High School Athletic Director & Kyle Haught, Wichita Southeast Athletic Director

Concerning **Modify Criteria for qualifying for Kansas State Track & Field Championships**

Should the KSHSAA adopt the proposal of modifying the criteria for qualifying for the State Track and Field Meet?

Proposal Explanation:

Proposal — At each KSHSAA Regional meet within each classification, the top 3 finishers in each event will automatically qualify. Then, the next best four marks from any of the four Regional meets will advance, making it a total of 16 entries per event. Should a tie for the 16th position occur, the result would be all tied competitors qualify for the State Track and Field Meet.

KTCA Survey Results:

185 coaches responded to above proposal with 146 in favor of change (78.92%) and 39 to remain with status quo (21.08%)

Historical Situational Data for support:

Some random examples across the State from the 2021 year included some of the following situations:

*4A girls running events at Buhler. The farthest west regional for 4A with the windiest conditions had the most girls (6) miss qualifying because they placed 5th and had better times than girls at other regionals with less wind.

*Twenty-three girls from the 4A regionals, in running events alone, last year missed qualifying for state based on what regional they were at. Twenty-three girls placed 5th in their running event and had better times than girls in the top four at the other regionals.

*1A boys field events - Kiowa County with the highest winds of the 1A regionals

 **Top 4 high jumpers and 5th and 6th would have placed top 16

 **LJ - 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th would have all been top 16

 **TJ - 5th, 6th, 7th would have qualified top 16

 **PV - 1st - 4th all at this regional with highest winds and 5th and 6th would have qualified

 **Discus - 1st, 3rd, and 5th top 16 were all from the Kiowa regional with highest wind

Regional stacked situations:

 **From one school:

 **A guy ran 1:56 in the 800m who didn't qualify

 **A girl ran 59.40 in the 400m and didn't qualify

 **A girl ran 5:19 in the 1600m and didn't qualify

 **A 4x800m girls relay team that didn't make it with a 9:41

Proposed on behalf of the Big Seven Conference and Kansas Track Coaches Association

by Ben Kettler, Activities Director, Hiawatha MS/ Head Track Coach Hiawatha High School

Concerning **Spectator Gate Fee for State Tennis**

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/or procedure to include a spectator gate fee at venues that host State Tennis

Rational:

This would help secure more hosts and assist in offsetting fees that are incurred.

Proposed By Josh Poteet, Kansas City Christian, Activities Director

All Classes

PROPOSAL # 5

Concerning Football State Championship Games and Venues

Should the KSHSAA play the football state championship games at three neutral sites on SCW #21, as determined by the KSHSAA

Rationale:

- *Less sites for KSHSAA to find.
- *More exposure for student athletes.
- *Easier for the casual football fan, and more opportunity to watch games.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

All Classes

PROPOSAL # 6

Concerning Girls' Wrestling Venue

Should KSHSAA Change locations for girls wrestling state tournaments to put all classes in one venue.

*KSHSAA should find one location to host both the 6/5A and the 4-1A Girls Wrestling State Tournaments.

Rationale:

Add more to the atmosphere and make it a state caliber atmosphere. As well as dropping one location for KSHSAA to find.

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

All Classes

PROPOSAL # 7

Concerning: Preseason Arm Care for Baseball

Should the KSHSAA allow a preseason arm care to take place four weeks prior to the start of practices that are two times per week, not to exceed a 90 minute time limit per session. (Proposal details below)

BACKGROUND: Kansas Baseball coaches voted in favor of the proposal 165-5 in the fall of 2021

No preseason conditioning for pitchers currently, which runs against current medical evidence stated in the study below: Required by rule to protect arm.

PROPOSAL:

- *Pre-season arm care program will take place the four weeks prior to the start of practice for high school spring sports.
- *Ran by the Baseball/Softball Coach
- *Student/athletes are allowed two times (not to exceed 1.5 hours per session) per week for a four-week period for an opportunity to get arms in shape prior to the start of the season.
- *Those in a winter sport may only participate with written permission from the winter sport coach, which is to be kept on file by the Athletic Director. *If the winter sport coach does not allow participation a student would not be allowed to attend.*
- **Form to be kept on file that keeps track of both time and attendance for the pitchers and catchers that attend. This is for the health of the athlete and if Pitchers catch pitchers throwing bullpens then this is not a safe situation.*

RATIONALE:

Surrounding states all allow contact prior to the start of the season in some form or another.

Colorado unlimited contact; Nebraska groups of 4 year around (8 anytime during month before season), etc.. KSHSAA is in support of this proposal.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE:

A NOVEL METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF CUMULATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BASEBALL PITCHERS [Brittany Dowling, Caitlin P. Owen, Walter T. La](#)

“A pitcher that has an acute spike in throwing volume is at greater risk for injury. This can happen EVEN following correct pitch count protocol. This basically means that if a player has a large volume increase of throws above their training the more likely an injury occurs. An example is listed in the study .” Brendon Huttman, Director of Sports Performance - Pittsburgh Pirates and graduate of Olathe South

Endorsed by Kansas Baseball Assoc. of Coaches

By Pat Butler, Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Olathe West High School

Concerning Baseball Jamboree

Should KSHSAA allow baseball programs to have a jamboree that is to take place prior to the team's first scheduled competition.

BACKGROUND: Kansas Baseball coaches voted in favor of this proposal 159-12 in fall of 2021.

Currently there is no scrimmage date allowed in Kansas. Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado all have scrimmages as does football in Kansas.

PROPOSAL:

Jamboree will take place BEFORE the first game of each participant. No team can participate in a Jamboree after the first date of competition. Ideally this would occur in week 2 or 3 of the spring sports season. This would be available to all levels. (6A-1A)

Pitchers cannot throw more than 45 pitches. Umpires would be optional. This is a one day event.

***If Jamboree consists of 2 teams:**

Teams can play a maximum of 12 innings or two 6 inning games

***If Jamboree consists of 3 teams:**

Teams will play 2 - 6 innings scrimmages for a total of 12 innings

***If Jamboree consists of 4 teams:**

Teams will play 3 - 4 inning scrimmages for a total of 12 innings.

RATIONALE:

A jamboree puts the programs of Kansas on equal footing with other baseball programs in surrounding states and other sport programs in Kansas. This also provides another step in the conditioning of a pitcher's arm in the early season to prevent injury based on the medical research that says when a pitcher drastically increases both work level and stress level on the arm, the chance of injury goes up. No pitcher can throw more than 45 pitches in the jamboree, while in a first game could throw 105 and not physically be ready for that. This puts a stair step approach in place for pitchers that hopefully will reduce injury. The arm care Proposal and the Jamboree go hand in hand to help kids correctly train.

Endorsed by Kansas Baseball Assoc. of Coaches

By Pat Butler, Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Olathe West High School

Concerning Increasing opportunities to play 26 games

Should the KSHSAA allow each varsity team to schedule a maximum of 26 games played throughout the regular season, with only 20 of the game being played involving the possible loss of instructional time.

Kansas High School Baseball Coaches voted in favor of the proposal 147-23 in the fall of 2021. 87% approval rating

Background:

*Current KSHSAA rules permit teams to schedule a maximum of 20 games but also allows each player to play in a maximum of 26.

*A team has the option, but does not have to play all 26 games.

Rationale:

Kansas lags behind nearly every state association in terms of the number of games allowed in the regular season. Bordering states are subject to the following:

* Nebraska: 24 dates of competition: Millard West HS 33 games

* Colorado: 23 games if no district tournament/19 games if district tournament: Jesuit HS 31 games

* Missouri: 36 total games - new for 2022

* Oklahoma: 37 total contests: Edmund Santa Fe HS: 40 games

*Missouri HS's have made multiple changes to the game allotment in recent years to the current level of 36 games for all levels (VJV, etc.). This does not include the postseason.

*Kansas has not made any changes since the original game policy was adopted in 1965- 20 games.

* Football: KSHSAA 9 games/Division One 12 games: 75%

* Basketball: KSHSAA 20 games/Division One 27 games (and scrimmages) + 2 multi-team event or 29+1 which is roughly 30 games: approximately 67%

* Soccer: KSHSAA 16 games/Division One 20 contests which includes scrimmages: 80%

* Volleyball: KSHSAA 36 Points (could allow for 34 games) Division One 28 dates (few D1 schools play more than one game per date). KSHSAA schools often play more regular season games than D1 schools.

* Baseball: KSHSAA 20 games/Division One 56: 40%. The current proposal seeks to increase from 40% to 46.4%

Endorsed by Kansas Baseball Assoc. of Coaches

By Pat Butler, Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Olathe West High School

All Classes

PROPOSAL # 10

Concerning Single site final 4 State Tournament

Should KSHSAA change the baseball post season tournament to a single site final 4 State tournament.

Rationale: To enhance the game of baseball in the state of Kansas for the kids. Also, to make the experience easier to manage for KSHSAA and school administrators by streamlining the dates of competition and the entire postseason format.

Regional, Sectional, State Tournament

***POST SEASON UNIFORMITY ON GAME DATES MUST HAPPEN TO AVOID COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES- COACHES VOTED IN FAVOR 125-46**

***Using the current postseason format for seeding and bracketing**

***Using the 2023 calendar dates with regard to weather the Regional**

***6A-4A four team regional would be held SCW #46 M-Tue**

***3A-2-1A 8 team regional on Saturday SCW #45 all 8 teams play at the higher seed; Mon- Wed SCW #46 4 team 1 day regional at the highest seed same as 6A-4A format**

Sectional

***6A,4A,1-2A Friday SCW #46** Remaining 4 teams on both East and West will be seeded and play 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 at the higher seed- this is a single game to make the final 4 at the high seed

***5A, 3A Saturday SCW#46** Remaining 4 teams on both East and West will be seeded and play 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 at the higher seed- this is a single game to make the final 4 at the high seed

State Tournament

Will be a 4-team single elimination tournament

*Teams will not be reseeded at the state tournament. Region winners will be matched up on a predetermined basis. West #1 vs East #2 and East #1 vs West #2 like Soccer currently

*There would not be a 3rd place game

*Tournament will take place at a single location

*Tournament dates will be Thursday / Friday / Saturday

*The slots for semi-finals would change in terms of classifications

*Semi-Final games would take place on Thursday & Friday of SCW #47

*Championship games would take place for all FIVE classifications on Sat of SCW #47 and the classification time slot would rotate each year.

Day 1

9am 4A semifinal
11:15 4A semifinal
1:30 2-1A semifinal
3:45 2-1A semifinal
6pm 6A semifinal
8:15 6A semifinal

Day 2

5A semifinal
5A semifinal
3A semifinal
3A semifinal

DAY 3 CHAMPIONSHIP SAT

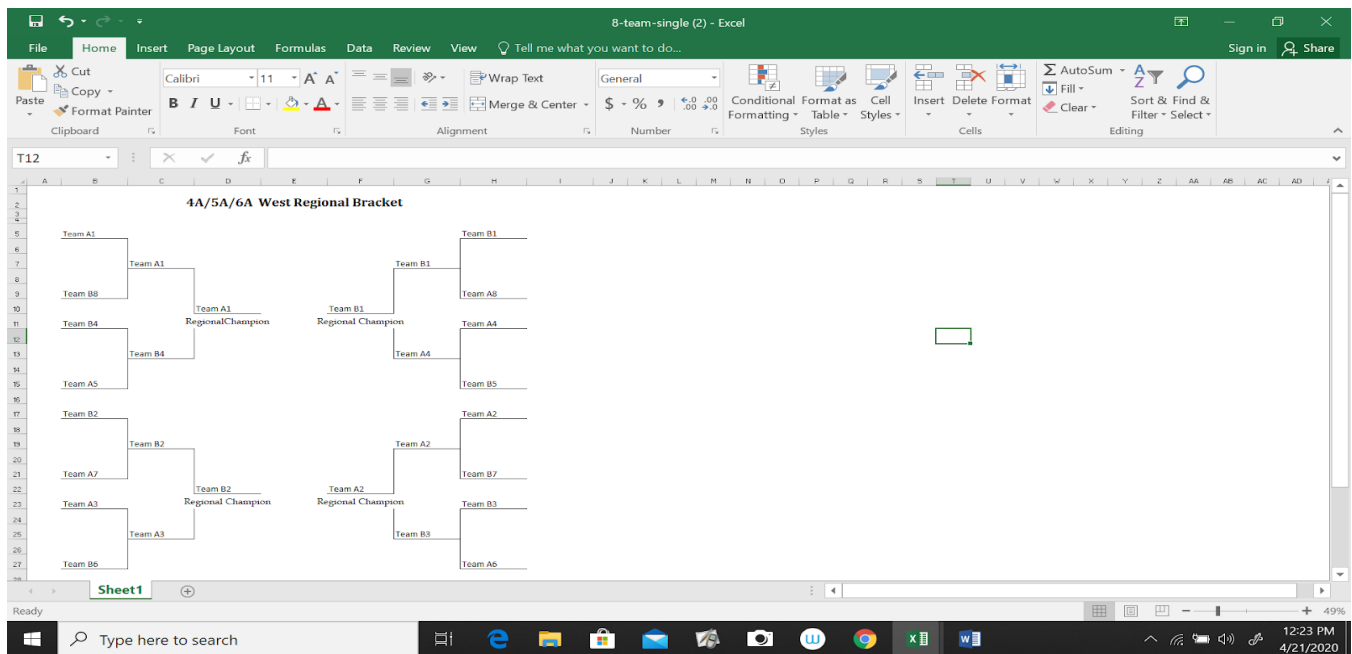
- 10:00 AM 2-1A FINAL
- 12:15 PM 3A FINAL
- 2:30 PM 4A FINAL
- 4:45 PM 5A FINAL
- 7:00 PM 6A FINAL

4A/5A/6A EAST- West Regional Bracket

- *FOUR – Eight team Regionals will be cross bracketed as noted below
- *The four highest seeds will host a 4-team single-elimination regional (May 15)
- *Regional winners will meet in the Sectional round at the highest seed (May 19/20)
- *Sectional Champion will advance to the single site FINAL FOUR state tournament (May 27, 29)

District Example:

District #1	District #2
Team A1	Team B1
Team A2	Team B2
Team A3	Team B3
Team A4	Team B4
Team A5	Team B5
Team A6	Team B6
Team A7	Team B7
Team A8	Team B8



SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 19 OR 20 A1 VS B2 AND B1 VS A2

3A/2-1A East- West Post Season Format

- *Four District groups determined by KSHSAA by Geography
- *Play each team in your district during the regular season
- *Each district is then seeded and the top seed hosts a single game MAY 10 (Play in round)
- *Winners of the play in game will be seeded 1-4 and proceed to the cross bracketed Regional tournaments to be played as a goal on May 13-15
- *Regional Champion will move to Sectional to be played May 19/20 and the winner will advance to the FINAL FOUR single site State Tournament. This will be played at the higher seed. If two equal seeds meet see tie breaking procedures below.
- *This would be the same process for each of the East and West divisions of the state in 3A and 2-1A.

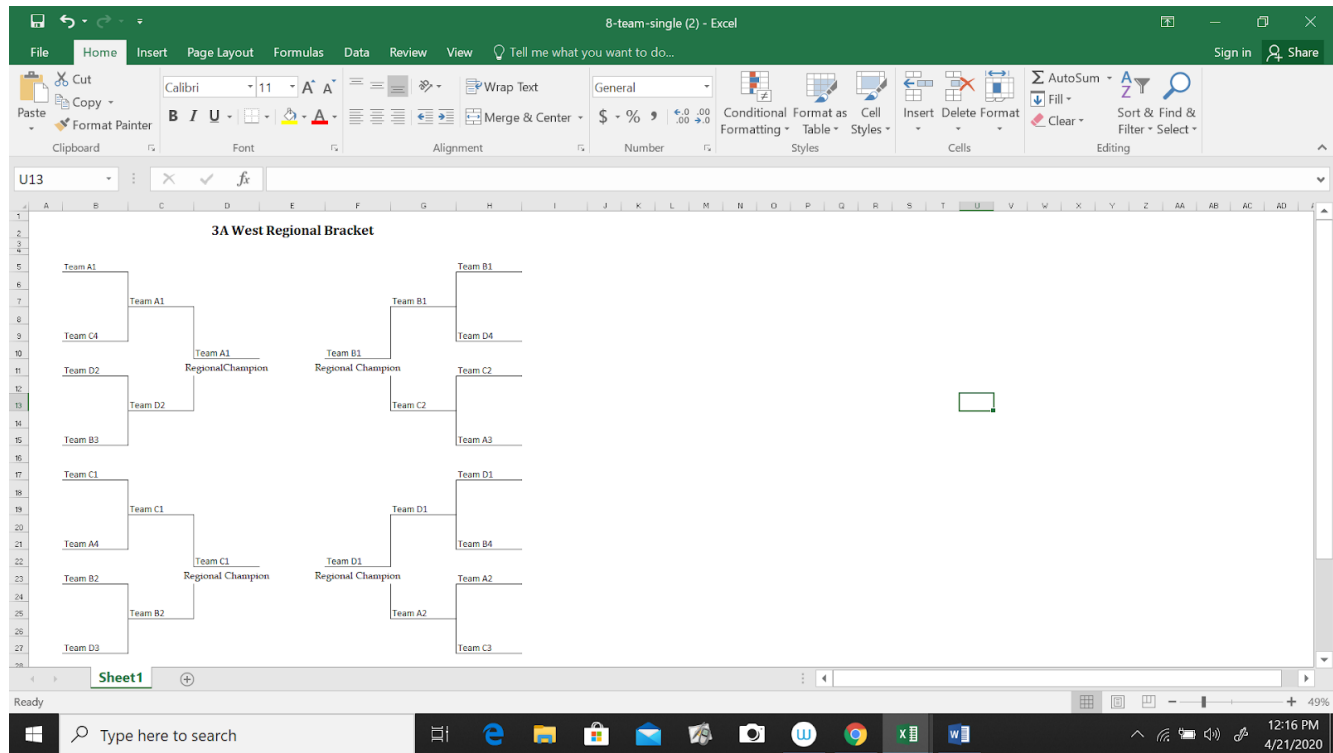
District Example:

District #1	District #2	District #3	District #4
Team A1	Team B1	Team C1	Team D1
Team A2	Team B2	Team C2	Team D2
Team A3	Team B3	Team C3	Team D3
Team A4	Team B4	Team C4	Team D4
Team A5	Team B5	Team C5	Team D5
Team A6	Team B6	Team C6	Team D6
Team A7	Team B7	Team C7	Team D7
Team A8	Team B8	Team C8	Team D8

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "8-team-single - Excel" with a ribbon containing tabs for File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, and View. The spreadsheet is organized into four columns representing different districts, each with a header "District #1 - Play In Round", "District #2 - Play In Round", "District #3 - Play In Round", and "District #4 - Play In Round".

The rows represent individual teams, with labels like "Team A1", "Team B1", "Team C1", "Team D1" in the first column, "Team B1", "Team B2", "Team B3", "Team B4", "Team B5", "Team B6", "Team B7", "Team B8" in the second column, "Team C1", "Team C2", "Team C3", "Team C4", "Team C5", "Team C6", "Team C7", "Team C8" in the third column, and "Team D1", "Team D2", "Team D3", "Team D4", "Team D5", "Team D6", "Team D7", "Team D8" in the fourth column. The teams are arranged in a bracketed format, indicating a tournament structure. The spreadsheet is currently showing "Sheet1" and the status bar at the bottom indicates "Ready" and the date "4/21/2020".

3A-2-1A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT



MAY 19, 20 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP -

A1 VS C1 AND B1 VS D1

May 19 - 6A, 4A, 2A

May 20 - 5A, 3A, 1A

WINNERS TO THE FINAL FOUR

Endorsed by Kansas Baseball Assoc. of Coaches

By Pat Butler, Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Olathe West High School

3-2-1A

PROPOSAL # 11

Concerning Postseason format for seeding football

Should the KSHSAA change the postseason format for Football, to seed the State 1-16 on the East and 1-16 on the West.

Rationale:

This would allow the better teams from matching up in the second round of the playoffs and district champions and runner-ups would not see each other until the sectional rounds. (See postseason model below)

1. East and West teams are seeded 1-16 based on their District finish and their overall eight game record.
2. District champions makeup seeds 1-4 (Will host round one)
3. District runner-ups make up seeds 5-8 (Will host round one)
4. District 3rd place finishers makeup seeds 9-12
5. District 4th place finishers makeup seeds 13-16
6. To determine the seed number after district finish, the following criteria is used:
 - a. 8 game win/loss record
 - b. Head-to-head result
 - c. Marginal point differential +/-13 (same as 4-5-6A)
 - d. Drawn by lot
7. Higher seed will host each game.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

3-2-1A

PROPOSAL # 12

Concerning Format change for Regional Wrestling Tournament

Should the KSHSAA change the 3-2-1A postseason wrestling format for boys and girls, making both a one-day regional tournament on Friday (Girls) and Saturday (Boys) of KSHSAA SCW #33

Rationale: This would help allow the Girls' Regional Tournament get pushed back one week, and not have as long a wait between Regional and State Tournament. Would also give an extra week of regular season competition. It would also help any coaches that are coaching both boys' and girls' programs. KSHSAA already has adopted the six match rule for postseason so these could be done in one day.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

3-2-1A

PROPOSAL # 13

Concerning Baseball pitch count

Should the KSHSAA revise the current policy for 3-2-1A baseball in regards to the current pitch count rule to be as follows:

- * 0-45 pitches = 1 day of rest
- * 46-75 pitches = 2 days of rest
- * 76-105 pitches = 3 days of rest
- * 106-120 pitches (max and must be removed after conclusion of batter = 4 days of rest.

Rationale:

Every school is in agreement that pitch count and arm care is important, but feels that the same rule applying to 6A schools should not be applied to 1A schools due to the number of students that participate. A new policy would allow more flexibility for smaller schools when trying to add in JV games while developing young pitchers. This new model would allow slightly more flexibility allowing the ability to have two doubleheaders per week, integrate JV games, but still monitor arm care.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

3-2-1A

PROPOSAL # 14

Concerning Baseball Postseason playing dates for Regionals

Should the KSHSAA change the postseason playing dates for 3-2-1A baseball to reflect the following: Regional Round 1 should take place during the SCW #45 on Thursday or Friday. Regional Rounds 2 and 3 should take place during SCW #46

Rationale:

The biggest games of the season should not be affected by pitch count rules and this would allow teams to spread the games out and be able to use their best arms for at least two of the three games.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

Concerning Postseason for basketball seeding

Should the KSHSAA split the State into four groups of 16, and create two sub-states within the groups based on overall seeding of their wins/loss record.

Rationale:

To more evenly distribute the top teams while mitigating the travel time. See model below:

1. KSHSAA will determine four "Sub-State hosts" that will host on Saturday of SCW #35. These sites will be the tournament managers.
2. Seeding of the group of 16 will take place on Saturday of SCW #34 by the tournament manager.
3. The group of 16 will divide into two sub-states based on their seeding.
 - a. Sub-State 1: Seeds 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16
 - b. Sub-State 2 Seeds 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15
4. KSHSAA will determine which gender plays on which days.
 - a. Example: Girls Monday/Thursday and Boys Tuesday/Friday
5. Games will be played at the higher seed until the final day.
6. Final day will host four games; two boys' sub-state finals, and two girls' sub-state finals.

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

Concerning Postseason for volleyball seeding

Should the KSHSAA split the State into four groups of 16, and create two sub-states?

Rationale:

More evenly distribute the top teams, while mitigating the travel time, but having a better representation of the best teams at State. See model below

1. Volleyball seeding would take place on Sunday of SCW #16
2. The group of 16 is separated into two sub-states based on records
 - a. Sub-State 1: Seeds 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16
 - b. Sub-State 2 Seeds 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15
3. Tuesday of SCW #16 would be four quads within the region all played at highest seed (2 courts if needed):
 - a. Sub-State 1 Quad 1: (1, 8, 9, 16)
 - b. Sub-State 1 Quad 2: (4, 5, 12, 13)
 - c. Sub-State 2 Quad 1: (2, 7, 10, 15)
 - d. Sub-State 2 Quad 2: (3, 6, 11, 14)
4. Saturday of SCW #16 is two-4 team brackets with winners advancing to the State Tournament:
 - a. Seeds 1-4 are the Quad winners, ranked in order of overall winning record percentage
 - b. Seeds 5-8 are the quad runner-ups
 - c. Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8 are bracket 1 (winner of the bracket advances to State)
 - d. Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7 are bracket 2 (winner of the bracket advances to State)

Proposed on behalf of Central Plains League

By Jason Menard, Douglass High School/Sisk Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

1A-D1**PROPOSAL # 17****Concerning Postseason for volleyball seeding**

Should KSHSAA Change the Postseason format for 1A-DI to the following:

Split 52 teams East to West

**26 Teams in East and 26 Teams in West

Regionals:

**4 Regions with 13 Teams in each: Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast

*If #1 seed gets a bye in Regionals and a bye at Sub-state, their first match after the regular season is over would be Sub-state finals. In order to keep this from happening, 12 and 13 seed in each regional would play to see who plays the #1 seed. This regional would have 3 teams in it. The play-in match would be best of 3. All other matches in regionals would be best of 5.

1 vs 12/13 2 vs 11 3 vs 10 4 vs 9 5 vs 8 6 vs 7

Sub-State:

*After Regionals, you have 12 teams in the West and 12 teams in the East, teams will be re-seeded based on records.

*Brackets for the West Sub State and for the East Sub State will be as follows:

West

Sub State 1 1 - Bye - 8 - 12 Sub State 3 3-Bye - 6-10

Sub State 2 2 - Bye - 7 - 11 Sub State 4 4-Bye - 5-9

East

Sub State 1 1 - Bye - 8 - 12 Sub State 3 3-Bye - 6-10

Sub State 2 2 - Bye - 7 - 11 Sub State 4 4-Bye - 5-9

Winner of each Sub State advances to State

By Mrs. Jessica Koch, NCHS/NCEMS Athletic Director/Assistant Principal**1A-D2****PROPOSAL # 18****Concerning Postseason for volleyball seeding**

Should KSHSAA Change the Postseason format for 1A-II to the following:

Split 51 teams East to West

**26 Teams in East and 25 Teams in West

Regionals:

**3 Regions with 13 teams and 1 region with 12 teams. Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast

*If #1 seed gets a bye in Regionals and a bye at Sub-state, their first match after the regular season is over would be Sub-state finals.

In order to keep this from happening, 12 and 13 seed in each regional would play to see who plays the #1 seed. This regional would have 3 teams in it. The play-in match would be best of 3. All other matches in regionals would be best of 5.

1 vs 12/13 2 vs 11 3 vs 10 4 vs 9 5 vs 8 6 vs 7

Sub-State:

*After Regionals, you have 12 teams in the West and 12 teams in the East, teams will be re-seeded based on records. Brackets for the West Sub State and for the East Sub State will be as follows:

West

Sub State 1 1 - Bye - 8 - 12 Sub State 3 3-Bye - 6-10

Sub State 2 2 - Bye - 7 - 11 Sub State 4 4-Bye - 5-9

East

Sub State 1 1 - Bye - 8 - 12 Sub State 3 3-Bye - 6-10

Sub State 2 2 - Bye - 7 - 11 Sub State 4 4-Bye - 5-9

Winner of each Sub State advances to State

By Mrs. Jessica Koch, NCHS/NCEMS Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

4A-5A-6A

PROPOSAL # 19

Concerning Postseason for volleyball seeding–MAX PREPS

Should KSHSAA change their Seeding Criteria for Post-Season for 6A, 5A, and 4A to the following:

Seeding Criteria - All schools/teams will be required to submit records to Max Preps in order to be considered for postseason play. The Max Preps ranking will then be used for all postseason rankings.

• Things they consider:

- Win/loss percentage Opponents win/loss percentage
- Opp Opp’s win/loss percentage Head to head
- Quality of win Strength of schedule

By Mrs. Jessica Koch, NCHS/NCEMS Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

4A-5A-6A

PROPOSAL # 20

Concerning Postseason for volleyball seeding – Geographic Component

Should KSHSAA Change the Postseason format for 6A, 5A, and 4A to the following:

Step 1: Round One (Geographically based sub-states) First round would be played geographically 1-18 on both sides of the state (east-west) on Thursday of SCW #16. (Two teams would play 2 matches. 2 of 3.) Host sites are the top 4 seeds.

*3 Matches: Winner of (#16 vs. #17) vs. #1 then #8 vs. #9

*3 Matches: Winner of (#15 vs. #18) vs. #2 then #7 vs. #10

*2 Matches: #3 vs. #14 then #6 vs. #11

*2 Matches: #4 vs. #13 then #5 vs. #12

Step 2: Round Two: 16 teams remain and we would re-seed them across the state (no geographical component, east can match up with west) 1-16. Teams would play Saturday of SCW #16 to qualify for the state tournament. The top seeds would host. Games remain 2 out of 3.

3 matches: #1, #16, #8, and #9

3 matches: #2, #15, #7, and #8

3 matches: #3, #14, #6, and #11

3 matches: #4, #13, #5, and #12

By Mrs. Jessica Koch, NCHS/NCEMS Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

4A-5A-6A

PROPOSAL # 21

Concerning District Alignment for Football

Should the KSHSAA move to 8- Team Districts for Football; – effective for the 2024-25 school year?

Description

*The 32 Schools in 4A, 5A and 6A would be put into 4 8-Team Districts by geographic area.

*Teams will play each school in their district for 7 regular season games leaving each school to schedule 1 non-district game during week 1.

*After week 8 teams will be put into a bracket divided east and west, as is the current practice. The seeding will match up the first place team from one district against the 8th place team from the other district and so on.

Rationale:

Make sure all Kansas schools have a full schedule and are more accurately seeded for the playoffs.

Endorsed by: Western Athletic Conference

Proposed By Matt Ortman, District Activities & Athletic Director, Blue Valley School District

Jay Gifford, Athletic Director, Dodge City High School

Drew Thon, Athletic Director, Garden City High School

Concerning District Alignment for Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Volleyball

Should KSHSAA move to a 9-Team Districts for team sports other than football for 4A-5A-6A effective 2024-2025 school year?

Description:

*The 36 schools would be placed in 9-team geographic Districts.

*Schools would play each other one time for district play.

*Seedings for sub-states will be based on district standings rather than overall record.

*We would continue the current practice with four east sub-states and four west sub-states. All nine schools would advance.

Substate 1	Substate 2	Substate 3	Substate 4	
Host School	1A	1B	2A	2B
	8B vs 9A	8A vs 9B	7B	7A
	4B	4A	3B	3A
	5A	5B	6A	6B

Below are sample schedules that could be used for district play

****Volleyball – (9) Team Districts; (8) District Matches; allows for (28) remaining points.**

District play would consist of 4 Tri's.

(sample schedule, first team listed is the host)

Std Cal wk 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
1,2,3	9,5,1	8,1,6	1,4,7
5,4,6	4,8,3	9,2,4	2,5,8
7,9,8	6,7,2	7,3,5	3,6,9

****Soccer – (9) Team Districts; (8) District Matches; allows for (8) open dates.**

Below is a sample schedule for district games.

Boys Wk 11	11	12	12	13	13	14	14	15	
Girls wk 40	40	41	41	42	42	43	43	44	
	1 v 8	5 v 3	2 v 9	6 v 4	3 v 1	7 v 5	4 v 2	8 v 6	9 v 7
	2 v 7	6 v 2	3 v 8	7 v 3	4 v 9	8 v 4	5 v 1	9 v 5	1 v 6
	3 v 6	7 v 1	4 v 7	8 v 2	5 v 8	9 v 3	6 v 9	1 v 4	2 v 5
	4 v 5	8 v 9	5 v 6	9 v 1	6 v 7	1 v 2	7 v 8	2 v 3	3 v 4
	9 bye	4	1	5	2	6	3	7	8

****Basketball – (9) Team Districts; (8) District Games; allows for (12) open dates**

Sample Schedule - avoids tournament weeks, and completes district play on Tuesday of week 34 to be able to seed districts for the play in game.

Std Cal wk 28	28	31	31	32	32	33	33	34	
	5 v 3	1 v 8	2 v 9	6 v 4	7 v 5	3 v 1	4 v 2	8 v 6	9 v 7
	6 v 2	2 v 7	3 v 8	7 v 3	8 v 4	4 v 9	5 v 1	9 v 5	1 v 6
	7 v 1	3 v 6	4 v 7	8 v 2	9 v 3	5 v 8	6 v 9	1 v 4	2 v 5
	8 v 9	4 v 5	5 v 6	9 v 1	1 v 2	6 v 7	7 v 8	2 v 3	3 v 4
	4 bye	9	1	5	6	2	3	7	8

****Baseball/Softball – (9) Team Districts; (8) District Games; allows for (12) open dates**

*District Games would be scheduled in Standard calendar week 39-43 so that teams would, in general, play two district games a week to avoid the possibility of throwing the same pitcher in each district game (applies more to baseball). This schedule also gives some time to reschedule in early May if weather becomes an issue.

*Umpires could be an issue if all these games are played as singles, so some options:

*Could play everything as a double header, with the first game counting as the district game. You would still have 4 additional games to schedule.

*Teams that play in the same complex could schedule so umpires could work two games. Ex. teams 1 and 2 both play at Olathe District complex. Team 1 vs 7 would play at 4:00, team 2 vs 8 plays at 6:00 same umpires could work both games.

1 v 8	5 v 3	2 v 9	6 v 4	3 v 1	7 v 5	4 v 2	8 v 6	9 v 7
2 v 7	6 v 2	3 v 8	7 v 3	4 v 9	8 v 4	5 v 1	9 v 5	1 v 6
3 v 6	7 v 1	4 v 7	8 v 2	5 v 8	9 v 3	6 v 9	1 v 4	2 v 5
4 v 5	8 v 9	5 v 6	9 v 1	6 v 7	1 v 2	7 v 8	2 v 3	3 v 4
9 bye	4	1	5	2	6	3	7	8

Rationale, Advantages

*Fills out a portion of the schedule -

*Seeding for post season is based on teams you have played head to head not on overall record

*A difficult non-district schedule doesn't hurt your seeding

*All teams advance to the postseason

*A "loaded" district gets dispersed in the postseason sub-states.

*How does this impact leagues? Football would no longer have traditional leagues. The District would become the league and you would have a district champ, All-District teams, etc.

*The other team sports would not necessarily have to give up their current leagues. Non-district games could be scheduled against league opponents that are not in their district. In these cases you could have league champs, district champs, all-league teams and all-district teams.

Disadvantages

*Some schools may increase travel

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Concerning Change Season for Middle School Girls Wrestling

Should the KSHSAA separate MS Girls Wrestling season that is a different time from the MS Boys Wrestling Season.

Details:

Start Date – Calendar Week #24 - First day of practice

- The MS Girls B'ball season typically concludes the week before.
- This would allow MS Girls to start practice before and during X'mas Break.
- Competition / Tournaments could be scheduled once school is back in session during Calendar week #27.

End of Season

- The MS Girls Wrestling season would conclude during the Calendar Week #31. This is the week before the HS Girls Regional Tournaments are scheduled.

Rationale:

- MS Girls would practice and compete against other MS girls. This should help MS Girls feel more comfortable to try a new sport. This would in turn help the Girls WR programs to continue to grow.
- More schools are hosting HS Girls WR tournaments separate from HS Boys. It would be easy to add a MS Girls WR division to your HS Girls WR Tournaments.
- MS Girls would have the opportunity to participate in a sport / activity instead of being idle during the MS Boys Basketball Season.
- Provides a leadership opportunity for the HS Girls Wrestlers to help mentor and guide the MS Girls Wrestlers as they will be practicing at the same time, and competing and in the same tournaments.
- Depending on the number of Girls Wrestlers, the same coaches are able to coach the girls team. If numbers increase, each school would need to determine the need on whether to hire a girls wrestling coach.

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