

# 2021 KIAAA Classification Forum Topics

4A, 5A and 6A

PROPOSAL #1

## **Concerning Utilizing Max Preps vs Straight Records for Seeding of postseason volleyball**

Should the KSHSAA use the Max Preps ranking system for postseason play as it pertains to Classes 4A, 5A and 6A

### **Rational:**

The Max Preps ranking system will take into account: win/loss percentage, opponents win/loss percentage, head to head results, quality of win, and strength of schedule.

### **Process:**

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 ranking:

1. First round would be played geographically 1-18 on both sides of the state (east-west) on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 (SCW #16).

2. The second round would be played across the State regardless of geography. 1-16 would be reseeded according to Max Preps guidelines. Teams would play Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 to qualify for the State Tournament.

3. New seeding guidelines. NO Longer based on straight record, but instead an algorithm that Max Preps would calculate for us.

**Step 1: Round One** (Geographically based sub-states) Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021: Two teams would play two matches; best of three. Host sites are the top four seeds. (PROS: Help to eliminate travel for 16 teams across the state. No instructional time is lost. Helps keep costs down).

**Step 2: Re-seed the remaining 16 teams:** 16 teams remain and we would re-seed them across the state (no geographical component east can match up with the west) 1-16. The top seeds would host. Games would remain best of three.

**Step 3: Max Prep ranking system:** Utilizing a free MaxPreps ranking service to do our rankings

### **How does the MaxPrep ranking system work:**

1. Max Preps will communicate the rankings with us regularly/on demand so everyone knows where they stand.

2. No membership is needed, cost is free.

3. Priority in Max Preps calculations is win-loss record.

a. The more a team wins the higher their ranking.

4. Other metrics used:

a. Opponents win-loss record

b. Opponents-opponents win-loss record

c. Quality of win/strength of schedule

5. The overlap across the state helps make the ranking system the most accurate depiction of all the teams.

6. There is NO classification qualifier

a. A win is a win is a win. It does NOT matter if that win is against a larger or smaller classification. If the team you beat has a winning record and is a top ranked team in their class, it HELPS you.

Straight Record vs Max Prep Rankings for 2020

6A

#### **•Straight Record**

**vs.**

#### **Max Preps System**

\*1 vs. 16: ONW vs. Heights      5 vs. 12: SMNW vs. Free State

1 vs. 16: BVW vs. Wichita NW

5 vs. 12: BVN vs. Garden City

\*2 vs. 15: Wichita East vs. SME

\*6 vs. 11: BVW vs. BVN

2 vs. 15: Rural vs. Heights

6 vs. 11: BV vs. Hutch

\*3 vs. 14: Wichita NW vs. Garden City

\*7 vs. 10: Gardner vs. BV

3 vs. 14: ONW vs. Dodge City

7 vs. 10: Gardner vs. SME

\*4 vs. 13: Rural vs. Dodge City

\*8 vs. 9: Derby vs. Hutch

4 vs. 13: SMNW vs. Wichita East

8 v. 9: Free State vs. Derby

## 5A

### Straight Record

vs.

### Max Preps System

*1 vs. 16 Lansing vs. Salina South	*5 vs. 12 Andover vs. Maize	1. vs. 16: Aquinas vs. Salina South	5 vs. 12: Seaman vs. Andover
*2 vs. 15 Carroll vs. Salina Central	*6 vs. 11 Spring Hill vs. Bonner Springs	2 vs. 15: St. James vs. Salina Central	6 vs. 11: Spring Hill vs. Mill Valley
*3 vs. 14 Aquinas vs. Andover Central	*7 vs. 10 Maize South vs. De Soto	3 vs. 14: Lansing vs. Andover Central	7 vs. 10: Maize South vs. Bonner
*4 vs. 13 St. James vs. Newton	*8 vs. 9 Seaman vs. Mill Valley	4 vs. 13: Carroll vs. Newton	8 vs. 9: De Soto vs. Maize

## 4A

### Straight Record

vs.

### Max Preps System

*1 vs. 16: Andale vs. Augusta	5 vs. 12: Louisburg vs. Chanute	1. vs. 16: Miego vs. Atchison	5 vs. 12: Buhler vs. Clearwater
*2 vs. 15: McPherson vs. Clearwater	*6 vs. 11: Atchison vs. Miego	2 vs. 15: Andale vs. Chanute	6 vs. 11: Eudora vs. Paola
*3 vs. 14: Clay Center vs. Towanda	*7 vs. 10: Buhler vs. Nickelson	3 vs. 14: Louisburg vs. Altamount	7 vs. 10: Clay Center vs. Nickelson
*4 vs. 13: Altamount vs. Paola	*8 vs. 9: Wamego vs. Eudora	4 vs. 13: McPherson vs. Augusta	8 v. 9: Wamego vs. Towanda

Proposed on behalf of the Kansas Volleyball Advisory Committee  
**Endorsed by the Eastern Kansas League**

### 4A, 5A and 6A

### PROPOSAL #2

#### **Concerning Reinstatement of Play-In games for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for basketball.**

**Should the KSHSAA change the policy and procedures for post-season to be inclusive of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for basketball (boys and girls) as it pertains to Classes 4A, 5A and 6A**

#### **Rational:**

The KSHSAA has traditionally been an association that is inclusive in post-season competition for all activities (regardless of their regular season success). Allowing all teams the opportunity, again, to compete in the post-season. This will give every interscholastic institution member an end goal to work towards and each team will have an opportunity to compete for a State Championship. Additionally, if there is a several team tie at the bottom, there will not be "a coin-flip (or draw from a hat") to determine which team's season continues, and which team's season ends at the conclusion of the regular season.

Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference  
**By Ben Sutherlin, Turner High School Asst. Principal/ Athletic Director**

### 4A, 5A and 6A

### PROPOSAL #3

#### **Concerning Reinstatement of Play-In games for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for softball.**

**Should the KSHSAA change the policy and procedures for post-season to be inclusive of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for softball as it pertains to Classes 4A, 5A and 6A**

#### **Rational:**

The KSHSAA has traditionally been an association that is inclusive in post-season competition for all activities (regardless of their regular season success). Allowing all teams the opportunity, again, to compete in the post-season. This will give every interscholastic institution member an end goal to work towards and each team will have an opportunity to compete for a State Championship. Additionally, if there is a several team tie at the bottom, there will

not be “a coin-flip (or draw from a hat”) to determine which team’s season continues, and which team’s season ends at the conclusion of the regular season.

Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference

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

**4A, 5A and 6A**

**PROPOSAL #4**

**Concerning Reinstatement of Play-In games for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for baseball.**

**Should the KSHSAA change the policy and procedures for post-season to be inclusive of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th seeds for baseballs it pertains to Classes 4A, 5A and 6A**

**Rational:**

The KSHSAA has traditionally been an association that is inclusive in post-season competition for all activities (regardless of their regular season success). Allowing all teams the opportunity, again, to compete in the post-season. This will give every interscholastic institution member an end goal to work towards and each team will have an opportunity to compete for a State Championship. Additionally, if there is a several team tie at the bottom, there will not be “a coin-flip (or draw from a hat”) to determine which team’s season continues, and which team’s season ends at the conclusion of the regular season.

Proposed on behalf of the United Kansas Conference

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

**4A, 5A and 6A**

**PROPOSAL #5**

**Concerning Start time for Sub-State Basketball Games**

**Should KSHSAA change the sub-state start times for 4-5-6A for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday games to 6 p.m. with the option to go to 7 p.m. if the host school prefers.**

**Rational:**

- 1) This gets the teams back home at an early time and eliminates asking for the earlier start time.
- 2) This makes it easier to get workers as they do not have to stay at school so late.
- 3) Most if not all schools are used to starting games at 6 p.m.

Proposed on behalf of the Wichita City League

**By J Means, District Athletic Director/Wichita Public Schools**

**5A and 6A**

**PROPOSAL #6**

**Concerning Basketball Playoff Seeding (Tie-Breaking) Proposal**

Should the KSHSAA change their tie-breaking procedure for post-season boys and girls basketball to reflect a point differential per game (maxing out at 15 p.p.g.) as opposed to the current model which only relies on defensive points allowed?

**Rationale:**

The current tie breaker system only accounts for defensive points allowed. This number is a skewed way to interpret defensive proficiency based on style of play by each KSHSAA approved basketball team. Teams are rewarded for playing good defense which on the surface is great, but if a team’s style of offensive play requires quicker possessions then they are unintentionally penalized for also allowing more points to be scored each game. (This proposal follows the model used by our football teams in the state of Kansas and has been a proven measure to determine seeding.)

**Advantages:**

**This proposal prevents coaches from adjusting their game plans to incorporate any of the following:**

- o When leading late in the game, intentionally stalling (holding the basketball) to prevent scoring by either team.
- o Running up the score to a 30 point lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to garner a running clock. Thus reducing the amount of defensive points allowed.
- o Not taking out starters late in the game (when a win is obvious) for fear that the back-up players will allow a plethora of points to be scored, thus effecting the teams post-season seeding.
  - This proposal rewards good defense AND good offense.
  - This proposal caps the point differential at 15 to prevent the encouragement of “running up the score.”
  - This proposal allows teams to play all styles of offense and still be accurately seeded for post-season play.

**Disadvantages:**

- No disadvantages can be thought of.

Proposed on behalf of the Sunflower League

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

**1 A, 2A, 3A, 4A,**

***PROPOSAL #7***

**Concerning Scheduling Criteria for football districts**

**Should the KSHSAA either change current practice of football districts and assign 4A schools into 6 team districts like it does with 3A schools or discontinue assigning districts to 3A, and 2A schools.**

**Rational:**

The scheduling of games for those of us that are in leagues that have a combination teams that are 3A and 4A is unbelievably difficult. We cannot play schools that are 3A or smaller following week number 3. It is a very difficult to find schools that are within a reasonable travel distance that are 4A or larger to fill weeks 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**Proposed By Dennis Charboneau, Wamego High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

**2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A**

***PROPOSAL #8***

**Concerning Seeding Criteria for Post Season**

**Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/or procedure to reflect levels of competition during the regular season rather than just overall win/loss records?**

**Rational:**

During the regular season, schools have the ability to schedule any KSHSAA approved school regardless of enrollment classification. This allows larger enrollment schools to compete against lower enrollment schools and vice versa. Although not always the case, but in theory, larger enrollment schools have the advantage due to a bigger pool to draw from for student-athletes. When lower enrollment schools “compete up” they increase their likelihood to lose and then potentially miss out on favorable seeding in the postseason. We would like KSHSAA to look into only using the same classification records for postseason play.

**Tie Breaker Scenario addition:**

- \*Each win vs. larger enrollment schools would get a point difference
- \*4A defeats a 5A opponent –1 point “extra” would be added to overall record
- \*5A gets beaten by a 6A opponent, counts as a loss but not seeding for postseason

**We believe this would enhance the likelihood of cross-classification regular season games and place those schools who have challenging regular season games in the spot they deserve/earn.**

**Proposed By Doug Key, Piper High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

**Concerning 3A/2A/1A Substate Basketball Format**

**“Should the KSHSAA change the Basketball Post-Season, to seeding the East and West side of the state, 1-32 (64 Total Teams)?”**

**Rationale**

To establish consistency of the Basketball post-season in the state of Kansas, as well as creating the opportunity to potentially have the best teams in the state represented at the State tournament, while keeping geographical considerations in mind. This proposal would allow the KSHSAA to keep its current format of eight, eight-team substates, while also allowing each side of the state to be seeded in a 1-32 format, and while providing an opportunity to potentially accommodate geographic considerations.

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

1 Schools will be grouped into 2 sides of the state: East & West (32 schools in each side). Each school in each half of the state will be seeded 1-32. Seeding will officially take place on Wednesday of SCW #34 with first-round games beginning on the following Monday for Girls and Tuesday for boys (switching days from year to year).

2 Once the field has been seeded, the top four seeds will serve as the four sub-state host sites.

3 The remaining schools will be split into groups of four, according to their overall seed, to form groups of four No. 2 seeds, four No. 3 seeds, etc.

- a Overall seeds 5-8 will form a group of No. 2 seeds
- b Overall seeds 9-12 will form a group of No. 3 seeds
- c Overall seeds 13-16 will form a group of No. 4 seeds
- d Overall seeds 17-20 will form a group of No. 5 seeds
- e Overall seeds 21-24 will form a group of No. 6 seeds
- f Overall seeds 25-28 will form a group of No. 7 seeds
- g Overall seeds 29-32 will form a group of No. 8 seeds

4 The seeding manager will then assign each of the resulting seeds in a group to closest geographical host site, followed by the closest No. 3 seed, and progress down the list until all seeds have been assigned to a host site, and each host site has a complete 8-team, single-elimination bracket. Geography should be the primary consideration in this process in an effort to minimize travel as much as possible, with the understanding that not all long trips can be avoided. In the event that two schools have a trip of similar length to the same host site, the school with the highest overall seed would take priority.

5 In 1A Div. 1 and 1A Div. 2, where there may not be 32 schools in each half of the state, the seeds not being filled will result in byes for the top seeds.

6 One the tournament is seeded, the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website

7 Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA upon the completion of seeding.

**PROCESS:**

**Round 1 - Monday of SCW #35** - Girls games at higher-seeded school beginning at 7 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA. The sub-state host could serve as a neutral site host in the event of an extraordinarily-long trip, if it makes geographic sense.

**Round 1 - Tuesday of SCW#35** - Boys games at higher-seeded school beginning at 7 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA. The sub-state host could serve as a neutral site host in the event of an extraordinarily-long trip, if it makes geographic sense.

**Semifinals - Thursday of SCW#35** - Girls semifinal games at Sub-state host beginning at 6 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA

**Semifinals - Friday of SCW#35** - Boys semifinal games at Sub-state host beginning at 6 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA

**Finals - Saturday of SCW#35** - Girls and Boys championship games at Sub-state host beginning at 6 p.m. unless a time change is approved by the KSHSAA.

**Seeding Criteria:**

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 mid season tournaments, teams receiving a bye will NOT consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in post season tournaments.

**Proposed By Scott Nuss, Russell USD 407, Activities Director**

**2A and 3A**

**PROPOSAL #10**

**Concerning Utilizing Max Preps vs Straight Records for Seeding of postseason volleyball**

**Should the KSHSAA use the Max Preps ranking system for postseason play as it pertains to Classes 2A and 3A**

**Rational:**

- To have an accurate depiction of the best schools in class 3A & 2A at the state tournament.
- Minimize travel by having centrally located sites host
- Utilize MaxPreps Ranking System; non-bias while figuring in the strength of schedule and record
- The current sub-state assignments for class 3A & 2A are not allowing for an accurate representation of the talent in each classification for the State Tournament.
- The system that is used currently was put into action in 1982.

**Process:**

**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 ranking.

**Postseason Seeding** - Seeding for these classifications will take place on Sunday (SCW 16). Assigned schools are to have records updated on Max Preps and then contact the Seeding Manager with their varsity match record on the date/time.

### **Regionals**

Split the state into quadrants for Regionals

Each Quadrant has 16 teams

Teams are ranked 1-16/quadrant via MaxPreps

[Example of possible map](#)

Tuesday (SCW 16) 8 dual matches will be played in each quadrant

After the schools are seeded 1-16, the best geographical cluster of 4 paired schools will be determined

1 vs 16; 2 vs 15; 3 vs 14; 4 vs 13; 5 vs 12; 6 vs 11; 7 vs 10; 8 vs 9

The school most centrally located in the cluster will host

Each school will play one match (best 3 out of 5 sets)

Team ranking is determined by MaxPreps Ranking released Sunday of SCW 16

### **Sub-State**

After Tuesday's Regional Match (SCW 16), 32 of 64 teams in each classification will remain.

The remaining teams will be split into East and West Divisions for Sub-State

Teams in each ½ are ranked 1- 16 with MaxPreps Ranking on Wednesday (SCW 16)

4 Sub-State Tournaments will be hosted per half of the state=8 sites total

Host Site determined by most centrally located of the 4 teams

Sub State assignments will be as follows:

Site #1: 1 vs. 16 & 8 vs. 9

Site #2: 2 vs. 15 & 7 vs. 10

Site #3: 3 vs. 14 & 6 vs. 11

Site #4: 4 vs. 13 & 5 vs. 12

Single Elimination tournament at each site (2 out of 3) on Saturday

The winner of each Sub State will advance to the State Tournament

### **Specific Objectives:**

1. To provide the highest level of play at the State Tournament
2. Minimize Travel
3. Optimize Officials
4. Utilize MaxPreps ranking system; non-bias while figuring in the strength of schedule and record
5. Minimize matches played at Sub State Tournament (SCW 16)
6. To allow ample time for coaches to prepare for Sub State Tournament play (SCW 16)

Proposed on behalf of the Kansas Volleyball Advisory Committee

**Endorsed by the Eastern Kansas League**

## **1A and 1A Division II**

## **PROPOSAL #11**

### **Concerning Utilizing Max Preps vs Straight Records for Seeding of postseason volleyball**

Should the KSHSAA use the Max Preps ranking system for postseason play as it pertains to Classes 1A and 1A Division II

#### **Process:**

**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 ranking.

**Postseason Seeding** - Seeding for these classifications will take place on Sunday (SCW 16). Assigned schools are to have records updated on Max Preps and then contact the Seeding Manager with their varsity match record on the date/time.

1A Division 1 includes the top half of the 1A schools with the highest enrollment, and the other half will be Division 2 which includes the 1A schools with smaller enrollments. Schools in each division will be separated evenly into a region based on geography (Quadrant - NW, NE, SW & SE).

### **Regionals**

Regionals will be held on Tuesday of SCW 16.

The 12-14 teams in each quadrant will be seeded on the Sunday of SCW 16. After the schools are seeded, the best geographical cluster of 4 paired schools will be determined. The school most centrally located in the cluster will host. If the centrally located site cannot accommodate the tournament, the host will be the highest seed able to host, etc.

Regional assignments will be: 1 vs 16; 2 vs 15; 3 vs 14; 4 vs 13; 5 vs 12; 6 vs 11; 7 vs 10; 8 vs 9

Regionals will be best 3 out of 5

Each team will only have a maximum of 1 match. Teams with a bye will automatically advance.

After Regionals, 8 teams will remain in each quadrant.

The two east quadrants (16 teams) will be joined and will then be seeded again on Wednesday morning of SCW 16. The same will happen with the two western quadrant teams.

On Saturday of SCW 16, four identified sites on each half of the state will host a four team single elimination tournament.

**Sub State** assignments for the semi-finals and finals will be best 2 of 3:

1 vs 16 and 8 vs 9

2 vs 15 and 7 vs 10

3 vs 14 and 6 vs 11

4 vs 13 and 5 vs 12

The winner at each location will advance to the state tournament to be held during SCW 17.

### **General Objective:**

To have an accurate depiction of the best teams in class 1A Div. 1 & 1A Div. 2 at the state tournament while minimizing travel during postseason playoffs.

### **Specific Objectives:**

1 To provide the highest level of play at the State Tournament

2 Minimize Travel

3 Officials

4 Utilize MaxPreps ranking system; non-bias while figuring in the strength of schedule and record

5 Minimize matches played Saturday of Sub State Tournament (SCW 16)

6 To allow ample time for coaches to prepare for Sub State Tournament play (SCW 16)

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**3A/2A/1A--11 Man Football**

**PROPOSAL #12**

### **Concerning Football Playoff Format**

Should the KSHSAA, beginning in the 2022-2023 season take the total number of teams in 1A-3A 11-man football schools, total up the number of schools and divide into three equal classifications based upon the enrollment.

### **Rational:**

This would eliminate unnecessary small classification at the 1A level, while splitting the numbers more equally in the lower divisions. As a result the same playoff format could be followed as in classes 4A-6A

This would eliminate districts and that may be helpful to some teams in other classifications that are having a problem filling their schedules because of districts in lower classifications.

**EXAMPLE OF PROPOSAL:**

**1A: 40 Teams Total**

20 on each side of the state  
4 teams on each side of the state, not in playoff would be scheduled with each other for week #9 based on their seeding also

**2A: 40 Teams**

20 on each side of the state  
4 teams on each side of the state, not in playoffs would be scheduled with each other for week # 9 based on their seeding also

**3A: 44 Teams**

22 on each side of the state  
6 teams on each side of the state, not in the playoffs, would be scheduled with each other for week #9 based on their seeding also.

Endorsed by

**Proposed By Dustin McEwen, Norton Junior High Principal/Athletic Director USD 211 Grades 7-12**

***3A/2A/1A/8-Player***

***PROPOSAL #13***

**Concerning Football Playoff Format**

**“Should the KSHSAA change the Football Post-Season, to seeding the East and West side of the state, 1-24 (48 Total Teams)?”**

**Rationale:**

To establish consistency in the Football post-season in the state of Kansas, as well as creating the best opportunity to potentially have the best teams in the state represented in the State tournament bracket. This proposal is founded on the concept of a 32-team bracket (16 in the west, 16 in the east). The top eight seeds in each “half” of the state will be placed on their respective seed line for their first-round game. The remaining seeds would play a “play-in” game against a similar seed on the Tuesday of SCW #17. (Seed #24 would play #23 for the opportunity to be the #16 seed, #22 would play #21 to be the #15 seed, etc.) This would allow every school not receiving a bye to play a meaningful “play-in” game against an opponent of similar level. (i.e. the worst team wouldn’t automatically have to open against the best team, etc.). This proposal would eliminate the traditional geography-based district grouping system, and would eliminate the “meaningless games” played on Week 9 by teams not advancing to the playoff round.

**3A/2A/1A/8-Player Football Post-Season Format - 48 Teams - Seeded**

- 1 The traditional district grouping system will be eliminated. Scheduling will be up to each school or league.
- 2 Schools will be grouped into 2 sides of the state, East & West, with an equal number of schools in each side. (24 schools per side in 3A/2A/8-Player, 14 schools per side in 1A). Each school in each half of the state will be seeded 1-24 (1-14 in 1A). Seeding will officially take place on Friday of SCW #16 with play-in games beginning on the following Tuesday.
- 3 Once the field has been seeded, the top eight seeds (top two in 1A) in each side of the state will be placed in the first round of the tournament, which will be played on the Saturday of SCW #17.
- 4 The remaining schools will be paired into play-in games according to seed.
  - a Team #24 will play Team #23 to the chance to advance as the #16 Seed
  - b Team #22 will play Team #21 for the chance to advance as the #15 Seed
  - c Team #20 will play Team #19 for the chance to advance as the #14 Seed
  - d Team #18 will play Team #17 for the chance to advance as the #13 Seed
  - e Team #16 will play Team #15 for the chance to advance as the #12 Seed
  - f Team #14 will play Team #13 for the chance to advance as the #11 Seed
  - g Team #12 will play Team #11 for the chance to advance as the #10 Seed
  - h Team #10 will play Team #9 for the chance to advance as the #9 Seed
- 5 After the “Play-In” round, a traditional 16-team bracket will take place.
  - a In 1A, the top 2 seeds in each division receive a first-round bye, and advance to the Sectional Round on SCW #18. The remaining schools will play their play-in games on the Friday of SCW #17.
- 6 Each game will be hosted by the team on the top side of the bracket.

- 7 Neutral site contests will be encouraged for all "Play-In" match-ups between teams more than 200 miles apart. The neutral site will be determined by mutual agreement between the two schools.
- 8 Once the tournament is seeded, the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website
- 9 Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA upon the completion of seeding.

**Play-In Round - Tuesday of SCW #17** - Hosted by the better-seeded team. Due to this game being on a Tuesday, neutral site games will be strongly encouraged if the visiting team has to travel more than 200 miles. The neutral site will be mutually agreed upon by both schools involved.

**First Round (Round of 32) - Saturday of SCW #17** - Hosted by the team on the top line of the bracket.  
*(1A Play-In Games take place during this week)*

**Regionals (Round of 16) - Friday of SCW #18** - Hosted by the team on the top line of the bracket. Game time at 7 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.

**Sectionals (Round of 8) - Friday of SCW #19** - Hosted by the team on the top line of the bracket. Game time at 7 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.

**Sub-State (Round of 4) - Friday of SCW #19** - Hosted by the team on the top line of the bracket. Game time at 7 p.m. unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.

**State Championship - Saturday of SCW #20** - Hosted at neutral site designated by the KSHSAA. Game time to be determined by the KSHSAA.

**Seeding Criteria:**

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.
2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the head-to-head winner will receive the better seed.
  - b. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (a) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - c. If the tie in (b) 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.
  - d. 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.
  - 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), 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, the 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.

**Proposed By Scott Nuss, Russell USD 407, Activities Director**

**Concerning 6th Grade Students Participation in Tackle Football**

**Should the KSHSAA change change Rule 8 Section 3 Article 2 to read the following:**

Middle/junior high (seventh and eighth grade) schools may permit sixth-grade students of the same school system or of an elementary school which lies wholly within an organized middle/junior high school district, to participate in middle/junior high activities other than tackle football, boxing and wrestling. Such participation will not adversely affect the eligibility of such students when they become middle/junior high school students.

**Rational:**

Many smaller schools are struggling to field enough students to fill a junior high football team. By allowing sixth graders to participate we hope that not only will schools be better able to field jh teams, but hopefully to get more students at a younger age interested in football.

Proposed On behalf of the Western Kansas Liberty League  
**By Andrew Korte, Athletic Director Triplains MS and  
Marc Cowles, Ness City**

**Concerning Admission Pricing for Venues for State Assigned Events**

**Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/or procedure for venue selection and fees for state events?**

**Rational:**

All KSHSAA approved state event sites should have the same admission pricing regardless of venue. Many venues exercise their right to increase revenue with additional ticket and/or parking fees. We believe the KSHSAA should renegotiate the contract or find another venue.

**Proposed By Doug Key, Piper High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

**Concerning Wrestling Variance in Current Weight Classes**

**Should the KSHSAA change their current wrestling weight class limitations to be more balanced in accordance to data collected and analyzed from 41 states based off the Optimum Performance Calculator. New weight classes would be 106-113-120-126-132-138-144-150-157-165-175-190-215-285**

**Rational:**

The above weight classes more evenly distribute the number of athletes competing in each weight class ban. The above weight classes were determined by the analysis of weigh-in data from 41 states that use the OPC system.

Kansas Wrestling Coaches Membership vote on this proposal (ALL CLASSES 1A-6A) was a vote of:  
YES = 149 NO = 26 85 percent approval rating

Endorsed By: Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association

**Proposed By Dennis Charboneau, Wamego High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

**Concerning Weight Certification Process for Wrestling**

**Should the KSHSAA change their current wrestling weight certification process, of dates and hydration testing, to reflect the following:**

- 1 Alpha weigh-in prior to the first practice (including hydration test)
- 2 8% weight loss still in place (doctor sign off if an athlete chooses to lose more than 8%)
- 3 50% of weigh-ins must be at the lowest weight class athlete will wrestle at the Regional tournament
- 4 2 lb growth allowance granted at the first competition following Christmas
- 5 Initial certification must be completed at a competition weigh-in prior to Christmas break (scratch weight no hydration test)
- 6 Recertification may be done at a lower weight class after Christmas break until a deadline of February 1st (scratch weight no hydration test) KSHSAA permission not needed for recertification
- 7 Written exceptions for late certification could be granted by KSHSAA in special circumstances. (injured athlete that competes for the first time after February 1st deadline)

**Rational:**

Most athletic directors do not want to do hydration determination on athletes from other schools. With shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins, the need for this second hydration assessment is not needed as most athletes are not cutting near the weight now.

Kansas Wrestling Coaches Membership vote on this proposal (ALL CLASSES 1A-6A) was a vote of:

YES = 161      NO = 14      92 percent approval rating

Endorsed By: Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association

**Proposed By Dennis Charboneau, Wamego High School Asst. Principal/ Activities Director**

*All Classes*

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**Concerning      Outside Competition for Golf**

**Should the KSHSAA allow student-athletes that participate in golf to participate in one outside competition, approved by KSHSAA, during the school season?**

**Rational:**

Sanctioned qualifying events for national competition take place during the high school season. In some cases, Kansas has not been represented by our top talent due to the outside competition rule for golf. By allowing one competition during the school season Kansas will not have to put those kids in a position to choose whether to be part of their high school team or compete in one competition. The disruption to the high school team is nonexistent. In a survey conducted in June of 2020, the NFHS found that 34 states allow golfers to compete in outside competition during the school season and 7 do not, including Kansas. Golf events that may be used for outside competition could be: USGA –

\*US Open Qualifier (Region, Section, National)

\*Central Golf Links – Junior events

\*AJGA Events

\*Other State Golf Association - Junior events

**This does not include: Local/country club scramble events.**

**Submitted by the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail and Eastern Kansas Leagues**

**Proposed By Kevin Armstrong, District Athletic Director, Hutchison High School**

