2016 KIAAA Classification Forum Topics

5A/6A only proposal:

Concerning Baseball/Softball Regionals:

**Should the KSHSAA change their procedure of placing teams in Regionals to (16) teams – instead of the current either (12) or (8)?**

Top four seeds would host – with four teams qualifying for the State Tournament.  This would be the same system that is currently used for soccer – and will be used for football beginning in 2016.

Proposed on behalf of the WAC (Western Athletic Conference)

Jay Gifford, CAA

Dodge City High School

5A/6A only proposal:

Concerning Basketball Sub-States:

**Should the KSHSAA change their procedure of placing teams in Sub-States from (16) teams – instead of the current (8)?**

Top four seeds would host – with four teams qualifying for the State Tournament.  This would be the same system that is currently used for soccer – and will be used for football beginning in 2016.

Proposed on behalf of the WAC (Western Athletic Conference)

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5A/6A only proposal:

Concerning Wrestling Regionals:

**Should the KSHSAA change their procedure of placing teams in Regionals to (16) teams – instead of the current (8)?** Top eight wrestlers would qualify for the State Tournament.

Proposed on behalf of the WAC (Western Athletic Conference)

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5A/6A only proposal:

**Should the KSHSAA change their current 8 team regional format in 5A and 6A wrestling to two 16 man super regional with top 8 qualifying for state?**

Rationale: We wouldn’t run into situations where there are only 4 people in the regional and one qualifies without having to win a match, or in the event that a region only has 3 people we won’t have a bye at State.  If it hasn’t happened it is just a matter of time.  It also separates the best wrestlers at the State tournament, giving you a better chance at the best two wrestlers facing off in the championship match.

This would require a two day tournament similar to what 4A and 321A already do.

The seeding at State would then look like:

Top bracket        Bottom bracket

1a                           1b

8b                           8a

5a                           5b

4b                           4a

3a                           3b

6b                           6a

7a                           7b

2b                           2a

Proposed by:

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Asst. Principal/Athletic Director

5A and 6A only Proposal:

**Should the KSHSAA change the number of allowable regular season soccer games in 5A and 6A from the currently allowed 16, to allow 18 regular season soccer games?**

Rationale:

Soccer is currently allowed to play sixteen games, which is 20% less than their counterparts that play bi-weekly (basketball, baseball, and softball). Increasing the soccer season from sixteen to eighteen games would allow that sport to continue to grow, while also keeping the number of game at a safe level as we continue to gain concussion data.

Proposed by:

David Ewers (Shawnee Mission North)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO KSHSAA POST SEASON BOWLING TOURNEYS

**Should the KSHSAA change the format of the KSHSAA State Bowling Championships (both Regionals and State Championships) to include bakers games?**

This will make the championship tournament more of a team event. All bowlers/teams will still bowl the three game series and the top four scores from each of these games will still be used to determine individual standings, the individual state qualifiers, and medalists.

After the three game series, all teams will bowl four baker games. Teams will be paired for the baker games with the top two teams from the three game individual series bowling against each other, next two, etc. If there are an odd number of teams in the baker format the last place team will bowl by themselves on a pair of lanes.

Final team placing will be determined by adding the top four scores from each individual game, and the scores of the four baker games. Team with the highest total pin count will be the champion, second highest, second place, etc. Ties will be broken using the same procedure currently used, adding the scores of the 5th highest individual games. This format would also be used in Regionals to determine teams qualifying for the state tournament.

This format was used in a seven team tournament at West Acres Bowl in January. The boys’ tournament took 2 hours 15 minutes, and the girls’ tournament took 2 hours 30 minutes to complete. The bowling proprietors are in favor of including bakers games as part of the state championship series. See letter from James Mayberry, Executive Director Kansas State Bowling Proprietors.

Proposed by:

J. Means on behalf of the GWAL (Greater Wichita Athletic League)

5A/6A only proposal:

**Change in State Championship Format for 5-6A Basketball**

Should the KSHSAA change the Basketball State Championship format for 5-6A basketball to:

1. Seed east and west side 1-16.
2. Higher seed hosts in every round through quarter-finals.
3. First rounds to be played on the Wednesday and Thursday just like it is now.
4. Second rounds to be played on Friday and Saturday just like it is now.
5. Quarter-finals would be played on the following Tuesday.
6. Final four for both 5A and 6A would be at same sight.
7. Semi-finals played on Thursday and Friday. 5A one day/6A the other.
8. Four championship games played on Saturday. No third place games played.

Proposed by:

J. Means on behalf of the GWAL (Greater Wichita Athletic League)

**Non Scoring State Steeplechase Proposal**

**Should the KSHSAA add a non-scoring steeplechase race (2000 meter) for both boys and girls to the State Track Meet?**

1. Two races would be added to the state schedule: a boys and girls 2000 meter steeplechase.
2. Entries would be decided on times turned in for entrants. Times would be turned in after league meets during the week leading up to regionals.
3. Top 16 times would be invited. Coaches could turn in times but withdraw an athlete if they qualify in other events and do not want them participating in this event.
4. While it is non-scoring, it would count as one of their four they could run.
5. A couple of thoughts where it could be run. One would be on Friday during the break of changing from one group of three classifications to the other group of three. This would be a time where all classifications are present. Another one would be on Thursday evening at the end of the workout time.

Proposed by:

J. Means on behalf of the GWAL (Greater Wichita Athletic League)

3A proposal only:

**3A Classification and Postseason Playoff Proposal**

**Should the KSHSAA split 3A Football into two separate divisions: 3A Division 1 (The largest 32 by enrollment) and 3A Division 2 (The smallest 32 by enrollment) and change their procedure for all 3A schools to play an 8-game regular season, using the schedule already in place but dropping the scheduled ninth game, with the ninth week serving as the first round of the playoffs?**

All 32 teams in each classification, therefore, will play in the new "postseason."

KSHSAA will seed all 3A-D1 and 3A-D2 football playing schools from No. 1 through No. 16 in both eastern and western sections of the state. That seeding will be done by Mark Lentz, Assistant Executive Director for the organization and staff in charge of football.

Once seeding is completed, the teams will be placed on a playoff bracket for games to be played in Week 9 and beyond.

Here is the procedure as approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board already in place for 5A/6A schools:

1. The KSHSAA will establish the sixteen (16) schools located on the eastern and the western sections of the state in each of these two classifications. They will be released with the classifications and football assignments.
2. Each School will use their 2016-17 schedule from week #1 - week #8.
3. The KSHSAA will seed all class 3A-D1 and 3A-D2 football playing schools from #1 -

#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.

1. PLAYOFF BRACKET SEEDING CRITERIA:
   1. Win-Loss percentage in all games played from week #1 - week #8.
   2. Head to Head games if all teams tied for a seed played each other during the current 8 game schedule.
   3. Twenty-One (21) Point Tie-Breaker Procedure:

A 21 pt. tie-breaker procedure will be used to determine seeds when there are two or more teams still tied after criteria (a.) and (b.) are not able to break the tie.

The total margin of points each team had in all games prior to week #9 (eight (8) regular season games is the maximum). Marginal points are determined by the point differential in final score of each game. No team will add or subtract more than twenty-one (21) points in any game. No team will add or subtract more than one (1) point in any game which was tied at the end of regulation time and the winning team was determined in overtime.

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

* 1. Total number of wins against teams within their classification or higher.
  2. Win-Loss percentage against teams within their classification or higher.
  3. Drawn by lot (The KSHSAA will draw with at least one witness from the KSHSAA.)

1. All schools hosting a week #9 game are responsible for contracting game officials (5 KSHSAA registered game officials) for this game.
2. All schools hosting a week #9 game are required to split the gate receipt revenue (50% *I* 50%) with the visiting team, after officials are paid by the home team. Other costs of game administration will be paid by the home team from their 50% share of the

remaining revenue.

1. The higher seeded team will always serve as the host school. The exception is the state championship game, where the KSHSAA will rotate the host school between the east and west. \*Hutchison can remain as host site playing both 3A-D1 & 3A-D2.
2. Playoff round designations: Week #9- 1st bracketed game (No awards provided): Week #10-Regional, Week #11-Sectional, Week #12-Sub State and Week

#13-State.

The rationale behind the proposal:

1. Safety: it would eliminate the 3 games in 10 days as KSHSAA is imposing safer contact policies for football.

2. It would align 3A post season with other classes.

Proposed by:

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The Kansas State High School Association requires a pass gate list for all post-season athletic events. Often, the pass gate list is restrictive with regards to the number of lines made available for each category of attendee. The following is a listing of the number of assistant coaches, administrators, cheerleaders, etc. allowed on a pass-gate list:

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|  | **FB** | **SCR** | **VB** | **Gym** | **BSK** | **WR** | **SWD** | **BOWL** | **SB** | **BB** |
| **Assistant Coaches** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Resource Officer** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Managers** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Other Persons** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| **Adult Faculty Student Supervisors** | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Cheerleaders** | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bus Driver** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Cheer Sponsor** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Players/Athletes** | 85 | 22 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 35 | 6 | 15 | 18 |

Note: All pass gate lists also allows superintendent, principal, athletic director and head coach.

**Should the KSHSAA change their pass gate lists to include the number of personnel listed in the following chart?**

**Each of the proposed allocations must be voted on an individual basis;** it is important for one category for one sport not influence the other categories in the same sport (as well as other sports).

The proposed changes are as follows (in red). As a matter of integrity, all of the proposed changes are a maximum. Schools cannot put other personnel on the pass-gate lists; for example, if a school has only 3 assistant coaches they may not submit 5 names, etc.

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|  | **FB** | **SCR** | **VB** | **Gym** | **BSK** | **WR** | **SWD** | **BOWL** | **SB** | **BB** |
| **District-Level Admin** | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| **Assistant Coaches** | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| **Coaches Spouses/Significant Others w/ Children** | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| **Resource Officer** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Managers** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Other Persons** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| **Adult Faculty Student Supervisors** | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| **Cheerleaders** | All Varsity\* | All Varsity\* | All Varsity\* | 0 | All Varsity\* | All Varsity\* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bus Driver** | All Bus Drivers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Cheer Sponsor** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Players/Athletes** | 85 | 22 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 35 | 6 | 15 | 18 |

\* Must be in uniform. Just varsity; not JV, Soph, Frosh. (Understand some facilities don’t allow for all varsity on sideline).

Rationale:

1. Many districts have multiple district administrators attending state events. In fact, some state events take place concurrently (baseball, softball) and the superintendent can’t attend both.
2. The state can restrict (volleyball for example) the number of bench personnel. However, all coaches who have contributed all season should be admitted at no charge.
3. The spouses and families of coaches are the unsung heroes of education-based athletics. They, and their immediate family, should not pay to enter a state athletic contest.
4. Schools should never have to pay for varsity cheerleaders to attend a post-season event. As long as they are in uniform and are a varsity cheerleader.
5. All bus drivers should be allowed complimentary admittance in football. There is no way all players, managers and coaches can ride on one bus.
6. All cheer sponsors who have contributed all season should be admitted at no charge.

Proposed by:

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