

**Kansas State High School Activities Association
Classification Study Committee Report
to the
Executive Board**

January 11, 2017

On January 11th the Executive Board voted to send the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee's final recommendations on Annual Classification and Football Classification to the KSHSAA Board of Directors as separate agenda items for their April 28, 2017 meeting. Revisions to the proposals reflect feedback gathered in the October regional meetings.

In accordance with Bylaw Article XII, Section 4, if the Board of Directors approves a proposal by a majority vote, a separate ballot for each will be provided to member schools in the appropriate classifications. Ballots would be cast by principals of each member senior high school.

**Article XII
Classification of High Schools**

Sec. 4...*Any proposal, before it becomes effective, shall be approved first by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and second, by a majority of all schools affected and a majority of all Classes affected...*

Please refer to the information which follows for specific details for each sport and activity.

Recommendation #1:

Annual Classification – All activities but football (Would require a vote by all schools in all (6) six classifications):

6 Championships

6A – 36 schools

5A – 36 schools

4A – 36 schools

3A – 64 schools

2A – 64 schools

1A – Appx. 117 schools (Class 1A would utilize Regional and Sub-State format in Volleyball and Basketball)

Recommendation #2:

Football Classification (*Would require a vote by all schools in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Schools playing either 11-man or 8-man football would vote on this proposal*):

8 Championships

6A – 32 schools

5A – 32 schools

4A – 32 Schools

3A – 48 Schools

2A – 48 Schools

1A – Appx. 35 Teams

8-Man Division I – Appx. 50 Teams

8-Man Division II – Appx. 49 Teams

Continue 2 year classification cycle

No team would play three games in ten days

8-Man championship would be same Saturday (SCW #21) as 11-man

The following activity specific postseason formats are recommended by the classification committee to the Executive Board:

Baseball

Based on 2016-2017 schools indicating they will participate.

Class 6A – 36 schools

Class 5A – 36 schools

Class 4A – 38 schools

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups – 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#45
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools
- On Monday – play in games 16 vs. 18 and 15 vs. 17 to get into the bracket – played at highest seed.
 - Winner of 16 vs. 17 plays #1 seed
 - Winner of 15 vs. 18 plays #2 seed
- Second tournament day – Tues, Wed, Thurs. at highest seed to group. (total 3 games at site)
 - 1 vs. 16 (play-in winner); 8 vs. 9; winners play same day
 - 4 vs. 13; 5 vs. 12; winners play same day
 - 2 vs. 15 (play-in winner); 7 vs. 10; winners play same day
 - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11; winners play same day
- All games played at higher seed (Seeds, 1, 2, 3, 4 would host – 3 games – 1 day.)
- Host schools must secure registered umpires for all regional games. Three umpires per game.
- If 4A has 38 schools the 19th team will be added into the bracket where needed.
- Classes 3A & 2-1A postseason format would remain the same.

Seeding Manager would distribute:

- Tickets, balls and trophies to higher seed.
- Determining one seeding manager for 18 schools means there could be some driving involved.

Tie-breaking procedure:

1. If teams played each other the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
2. Average fewest number of runs allowed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
3. Average most number of runs scored. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
4. Coin flip

Basketball

Class 6A, 5A, 4A – 36 schools in each

Proposal to move forward to Executive Board

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups – 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place a boys and girls
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#34
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools based on geography.
- Play in games 16 vs. 18 and 15 vs. 17 – to get into the bracket.
 - Winner of 16 vs. 18 plays #1 seed
 - Winner of 15 vs. 17 plays #2 seed
 - Play in games would be on Saturday, Monday or Tuesday at higher seed.
- Bracket play
 - 1 vs. 16 (play-in winner); 8 vs. 9;
 - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
 - 4 vs. 13; 5 vs. 12:
 - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
 - 2 vs. 15 (play-in winner); 7 vs. 10;
 - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
 - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11
 - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.

- All games played at higher seed
 - May have challenges in class 4A due to number of officials needed and the travel distance.
 - If not all games played at #1, #2, #3, #4 seed so officials can work two games a night.

Seeding

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. BYES in regular season games/tournaments 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. Lowest average defensive points allowed during the year. Add the number of points allowed and divide by the number of games played.
3. Highest average offensive points scored during the year. Add the number of points scored and divide by the number of games played.
4. Coin flip.

Challenges

- Getting the officials assigned after seeding because you have no idea where the games may be.
- I'm not sure we have enough officials in the areas needed to cover all games if they are at higher seed on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Getting tickets to higher seed
- Trophies would be distributed to #1, #2, #3, #4 seeds – if they lose must pass on.
- Currently Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are also tournament game nights for KCAC, Heart of America, NJCAA Men and Women – we lose approximately 25 of our better officials to these games.

Class 2A & 3A – 64 schools in each

- Schools are placed in groups of 8 based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#34
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Quarterfinal games are played at higher seeded team on Monday/Tuesday
- Semi-final games are played at host site on Thursday and Friday.
- Final games at Host site – Girls and Boys
- Monday and Tuesday - This requires 192 officials – as games are played on Monday and Tuesday at the higher seeded team. In most cases sub-state managers are given 12 officials names – they assign the games after seeding is finished based on mileage. In cases where travel could be a challenge as teams may be 2-3 hours apart – I wait until after seeding on Wednesday and then assign the officials based on the pool of officials I have left.
- Six officials assigned to work Thurs/Fri/Sat. at each site, one game each night, three nights in a row.
- 8 teams qualify for state.

Class 1A – 117 schools (not counting cooperative teams)

There would be 108 teams that need assignment.

Use the regional format previously used, regional games played during SCW#34

- 16 regional sites – four in each quadrant of the state.
- Seeding done on Wednesday of SCW#33
 - 27 schools per quadrant
 - 3 regionals of 7 and one of 6 in each quadrant.
- Quarterfinal games played at higher seeded team – SCW #34 (Monday, Tuesday)
- Semi-final and Final games played at Host school – SCW #34 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- Top two teams qualify to two Sub-States from each regional in a quadrant.
- Sub-States at a neutral site – hopefully located somewhere near the middle of the quadrant of the state.
- #1 and #2 from a regional are sent to the opposite sub-states.
- Sub-State tournaments – SCW #35 – games Thursday, Friday, Saturday (girls and boys championship)
- Four boys teams and four girls teams at each sub-state.
- 8 teams to state – same format as we currently do.
- Would need to find 2 neutral sites (schools) to host the sub-state games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Cross Country

Class 6A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
 - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
 - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
 - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
 - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 5A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
 - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
 - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
 - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
 - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 4A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
 - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
 - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
 - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
 - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 3A – 64 Schools

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- 61 boys and girls schools based on 2016 participation.
- 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
- Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
- This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 2A – 64 Schools

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- Based on 2016 participation – 59 Boys and 56 girls schools
- 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
- Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
- This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 1A – 117 Schools

- Based on 2016 schools participating of the 117 schools we would have:
- 74 boys schools (not teams – schools that may have only one or two runners)
- 66 girls schools (not teams – schools that may have only one or two runners).
- 3 regionals
 - 24 or 25 schools per regional site (similar to track now)
 - 4 teams from each regional qualify for state.
 - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 7 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 7 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
 - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 21

Football

- Class 6A - 32 Teams - Open scheduling Week 1 - 8- No Districts
- Bracket play on Week 9 (Seed 1 - 16 East and West)
- Class 5A - 32 Teams - Same as Class 6A
- Class 4A - 32 Teams - Same as Classes 6A and 5A
- Class 3A - 48 Teams - Open scheduling Weeks 1 - 3
- District games on Weeks 4 - 8
- Bracket play on Week 9 (6 teams per District)
- Class 2A - 48 Teams - Same as Class 3A
- Class 1A - 35 Teams - 8 - 4 and 5 Team Districts
- 2 Teams from each District advance to playoffs
- 8 Man I & II - No changes at this time!!

48 TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Week #1 = Open Scheduling | Week #8 = District Game |
| Week #2 = Open Scheduling | Week #9 = Bracket Game |
| Week #3 = Open Scheduling | Week #10 = Regional |
| Week #4 = District Game | Week #11 = Sectional |
| Week #5 = District Game | Week #12 = Sub-State |
| Week #6 = District Game | Week #13 = State |
| Week #7 = District Game | |

Week #9 Games – 48 Team Scenario

<u>Bracket Games</u>		<u>Non-Bracket Games</u>		
District 1 - #1	vs	District 2 - #4		
District 1 - #2	vs	District 3 - #3		
District 1 - #3	vs	District 2 - #2		
District 1 - #4	vs	District 2 - #1		
District 3 - #1	vs	District 4 - #4		
District 3 - #2	vs	District 4 - #3		
District 3 - #3	vs	District 4 - #2		
District 3 - #4	vs	District 4 - #1		
District 5 - #1	vs	District 6 - #4		
District 5 - #2	vs	District 6 - #3		
District 5 - #3	vs	District 6 - #2		
District 5 - #4	vs	District 6 - #1		
District 7 - #1	vs	District 8 - #4		
District 7 - #2	vs	District 8 - #3		
District 7 - #3	vs	District 8 - #2		
District 7 - #4	vs	District 8 - #1		
		District 1 - #5	vs	District 2 - #5
		District 1 - #6	vs	District 2 - #6
		District 3 - #5	vs	District 4 - #5
		District 3 - #6	vs	District 4 - #6
		District 5 - #5	vs	District 6 - #5
		District 5 - #6	vs	District 6 - #6
		District 7 - #5	vs	District 8 - #5
		District 7 - #6	vs	District 8 - #6
		Odd District host on odd years		
		Even District host on even years		

Golf (Boys) – based on 2016-17 schools participating

No change recommended to current format

6A – 35
5A – 32
4A – 33
3A – 52
2A – 43
1A – 43

Golf (Girls) – based on 2016-17 schools participating

6A – 33
5A – 27
4A – 21
3A – 30
2A – 14
1A – 2
Total = 127

The issue here is the imbalance of regional fields and if done traditionally there would be 67 teams in 4-1A class.

Option 1:

Quasi-team 40/60 rule:

6A and 5A would keep the 36 schools that compete in girls golf:

6A – 33, 5A – 27

Of the 67 schools remaining; take 40% = the next 27 largest schools would be 4A followed by the remaining 40 schools would be 3-2-1A. More schools in 3-2-1A is better for regional play since the likelihood of school not sending full teams increases.

Likely move to three regionals in girls golf if needed.

Scholars Bowl

6A – 26 Teams

2 Regionals of 13

2-pools of 6/7

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 6A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first-place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team (see sample bracket). The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

5A – 34 Teams

2 Regionals of 17

2-pools of 8/9

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 5A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first-place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team (see sample bracket). The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

4A – 30 Teams

2 Regionals of 15

2-pools of 7/8

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 4A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first-

place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team (see sample bracket). The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

3A – 63 Teams

4 Regionals of 15/16

2-pools of 7/8

State – top 3 from each Regional – 2 pool of 6 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

2A – 62 Teams

4 Regionals of 15/16

2-pools of 7/8

State – top 3 from each Regional – 2 pool of 6 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

1A – 110 Teams

8 Regionals of 13/14

2-pools of 6/7

State – top 2 from each Regional – 2 pool of 8 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

Softball

Class 6A, 5A, 4A – 36 schools in each

Based on 2016-2017 schools indicating they will participate.

Class 6A – 35 schools

Class 5A – 34 schools

Class 4A – 37 schools

Final Proposal

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups based on geography
- 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#45
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools
- On Monday – play in games 15 vs. 18 and 16 vs. 17 to get into the bracket – played at highest seed.
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 - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11; winners play same day
- All games played at higher seed (Seeds, 1, 2, 3, 4 in each half of state would host – 3 games – 1 day.)
- Host schools must secure registered umpires for all regional games. Three umpires per game.

Seeding Manager would distribute:

- Tickets, balls and trophies to higher seed.
- Determining one seeding manager for 18 schools means there could be some driving involved.

Seeding

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. BYES in regular season games/tournaments ARE NOT to be counted.

Tie-breaking procedure if teams have identical percentage.

5. If teams played each other the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
6. Average fewest number of runs allowed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
7. Average most number of runs scored. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
8. Coin flip

Class 3A – 64 schools in each

- Based on 2016-17 numbers we would have 62 teams
- Schools are placed in groups of 8 (2 groups of 7) based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#45
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Format for quarterfinals and semifinals is left up to the host site. Sometimes because of travel and umpire availability it is easier to have all schools come to host site to play.
- Some play quarterfinals at higher seed and then semi-final and final at host site (3 games).
- We have allowed some flexibility in the format during the week based on umpires, site availability, graduations, promotions, etc.

Class 2-1A – The rest of participating schools

- Based on 2016-17 numbers we would have 60 teams
- Schools are placed in groups of 8 (4 groups of 7) based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#45
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Format for quarterfinals and semifinals is left up to the host site. Sometimes because of travel and umpire availability it is easier to have all schools come to host site to play.
- Some play quarterfinals at higher seed and then semi-final and final at host site (3 games).
- We have allowed some flexibility in the format during the week based on umpires, site availability, graduations, promotions, etc.

Soccer (Boys)

6A – 36 Teams

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11 12
16 15 14 13
17 18

5A – 36 Teams

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11 12
16 15 14 13
17 18

4-3-2-1A – 33 Teams

2 Regionals of 16/17

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11 12
16 15 14 13
17

6A & 5A

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17; Team #8 will play Team #9
Regional 2 -Team #2 will play the winner of Team #15 vs. Team #18; Team #7 will play Team #10
Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11
Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

4-1A

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17; Team #8 will play Team #9
Regional 2 -Team #2 will play Team #15; Team #7 will play Team #10
Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11
Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

Soccer (Girls)

6A – 36 Teams

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11 12
16 15 14 13
17 18

5A – 35 Teams

2 Regionals of 17/18

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11 12
16 15 14 13
17 18

4-3-2-1A – 22 Teams

2 Regionals of 11

1 2 3 4
8 7 6 5
9 10 11

6A & 5A

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17; Team #8 will play Team #9

Regional 2 -Team #2 will play Team #15; Team #7 will play Team #10

Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11

Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

4-1A

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #8 vs. Team #9

Regional 2 -Team #2 will play the winner of Team #7 vs. #10

Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11

Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #5

Swimming & Diving (Girls)

6A – 34 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 6A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

5-4-3-2-1A – 43 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 5-1A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

Swimming & Diving (Boys)

6A – 31 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 6A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

5-4-3-2-1A – 37 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 5-1A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

Tennis (Girls & Boys)

- Leave 6A & 5A as is
- 4A = 40% of the remaining participating schools
- 3-1A = The remaining participating schools (60%)

Track & Field

Class 6A, 5A and 4A – 36 Schools

- 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- 3 entries per individual event, per school at regionals
- 1 relay entry per school at regionals
- No qualifying standards will be used
- There will be 4 qualifiers from each event to the state meet, from each regional

Class 3A and 2A – 64 Schools

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- No change to the current structure

Class 1A – 117 Schools (115 approximately)

- 28 to 29 schools per regional site (total of 4 regionals needed)
- 2 entries per individual event, per school at regionals
- 1 relay entry per school at regionals
- Semi-Finals would possibly be used at regionals in the 100, 200, 100m (110m) hurdles.
- There will be 4 qualifiers from each event to the state meet, from each regional.

Volleyball

- Single Elimination (Sub-state Tournaments)
- Pool Play & Bracket (State Tournaments)

- Classes 6A, 5A, 4A = 4 groups of 9 placed into 2 sub-states (1, 8, 9, 4, 5) (2, 7, 3, 6)
 - Winner of each sub-state advance to state (8)
- Classes 3A, 2A = 8 sub-states of 8;
 - Winner of each sub-state advance to state (8)
- Class 1A = Divide state equally into 4 sections
 - NOTE: Cooperative Agreements will diminish number of schools (117)
 - Each section conducts 4 regional tournaments on the Tuesday before SS Saturday
 - Top 2 teams from each regional advance to their section sub-state (placed in opposite brackets)
 - Play 2 sub-states of 4 teams each per section
 - Winner of each sub-state advance to state (8)
- Winners of all sub-states advance to state play (48)

Wrestling

(222 wrestling schools)

1. Class 6A = 36 schools
 - 18 schools per Regional (2 Regional sites)
 - Wrestle out to 8 places
 - 8 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

2. Class 5A = 36 schools
 - 18 schools per Regional (2 Regional sites)
 - Wrestle out to 8 places
 - 8 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

3. Class 4A = 60 schools
 - 15 schools per Regional (4 Regional sites)
 - Wrestle out to 4 places
 - 4 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

4. Class 3-2-1A = Remaining schools (90)
 - 22-23 schools per Regional (4 Regional sites)
 - Wrestle out to 4 places
 - 4 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

FINE ARTS INFORMATION

Based on the 36-36-36-64-64-117 proposal

Music

State Solos and Small Ensembles

- 6A Could be a major issue with the number of entries added to this classification. KSHSAA already has difficulty finding 6A host sites due to not enough rooms and space. Universities have failed in the past to host and to do an adequate job due to the number of entries and the date of our State event. Washburn Rural HS is our current host site and they are very close to capacity.
- 5A Could be an issue with the number of entries added to this classification. Emporia is our current host site and they can possibly absorb the increase of entries unless the amount of entries takes a larger increase than what is anticipated.
- 4A Should not be an issue.
- 3A Should not be an issue.
- 2A Should not be an issue.
- 1A Could be an issue with the number of entries added to this classification. Hesston College (first time host in 2017) is our current host site and they can possibly absorb the increase of entries unless the amount of entries takes a larger increase than what is anticipated

Regional Solos/Small Ensembles and State Large Groups

Should not an issue for any classifications.

Piano Should not be an issue.

Debate

4 Speaker Regionals

Should not be an issue for any classifications.

4 Speaker State

- 6A Possibly adding 4 more teams, should not be a problem.
- 5A Possibly adding 4 more teams, should not be a problem.
- 4A This change will help in 4A due to less entries. The current format makes the 4A a very large tournament.
- 3-2-1A Should not be an issue.

2 Speaker State

- 6A Possibly adding up to 16 teams and could be a problem with rooms. We can probably make it happen.
- 5A Possibly adding up to 16 teams and could be a problem with rooms. We can probably make it happen.
- 4A Changes will help in 4A due to less entries. The current format makes the 4A an extremely large tournament.
- 3-2-1A Should not be an issue.

Speech

Regional and State Festivals and State Champs

There should be positives in every classification for both festivals and champs.

Spirit

Should not be an issue. "KSHSAA Game Day Cheer Showcase" is in its infancy stage, so there is really no way to project school participation numbers at this time.

Proposed Classification for Fine Arts: Debate/Speech/Drama/Music

2016-17 Classes		2017-18 Proposed Number of Schools Per Class for All Fine Arts
1A	96	100
2A	64	72
3A	64	64
4A	64	56
5A	32	32
6A	32	32

	2016 Music S&E Reg. Entries	2016 Music State S&E Entries	Estimated Music State S&E Entries w/ New
1A	748	316	330
2A	986	381	400
3A	1287	527	550
4A	1910	787	650
5A	1548	546	580
6A	2338	1022	980

	Reg. Debate 4 Speaker 2016	Estimated Projections w/ New
1A	3-2-1A	
2A	3-2-1A	
3A	19	21
4A	27	23
5A	17	20
6A	19	18

State Debate 4 Speaker	Does not change (we only take 8 or 9 teams per Class to State)
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	State Debate 2 Speaker	Estimated Projections w/ New
1A	3-2-1A	3-2-1A
2A	3-2-1A	3-2-1A
3A	20	25
4A	72	65
5A	58	60
6A	78	73

	State Speech Champs 2016	Estimated Projections w/ New
1A	201	220
2A	302	330
3A	366	375
4A	500	425
5A	308	325
6A	335	310

KSHSAA Classification Study Committee Meeting Summary, January 25, 2016

The KSHSAA Classification Study Committee met at the KSHSAA office on January 25, 2016. Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, USD 259-Wichita and Mike Kastle, Retired Superintendent, USD 245-Southern Coffey County served as committee co-chairmen. Other committee members in attendance: Tim Brady, District Director of Athletics & Activities, USD 233-Olathe; Charlotte Davis, Retired Athletic Director, USD 500-Kansas City; Britton Hart, Principal, Emporia High School; Mike Hubka, Associate Principal/Athletic Director, Bishop Miege High School; Greg Koelsch, Principal, Smith Center High School; Bob Mellen, Principal/Athletic Director, Clearwater High School; Greg Rosenhagen, Principal, Cheney High School; Alan Sheets, Principal, Republic County High School, Carol Swenson, Retired Athletic Director, McPherson High School; Paul Zuzelski, Principal, Syracuse High School. David Ediger, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Cimarron High School was absent.

There were no representatives of member schools or leagues requesting to speak during the public forum. One correspondence was shared with the committee from Bruce Kruse, the Commissioner of the Heart of America League, sharing the league's concern about the future of 2-1A 11-man football. League schools are concerned about the declining number of schools participating in this division and the ability of schools to find a full schedule of regular season games. Ms. Davis indicated she met with the USD #500 athletic administrators in December and updated them on the progress of the classification committee. She indicated the district continues to have concerns about socioeconomic status impacting participation rates in schools.

Mr. Faflick updated the committee on his report to the Executive Board via conference call on January 13, 2016. He reported the committee is continuing to look at different classification models and continuing to review fall regional meeting feedback. He reported the committee agrees that even though feedback from the fall regional meetings indicated enrollment ratio was the most important aspect to consider in a classification system, it doesn't stand in isolation. Other factors such as number of schools per class and total number of classifications must still be considered, especially as they relate to postseason competition structure. He reported there is no timeline currently in place as to when the committee will have a proposal to report to the Executive Board. Mr. Hart indicated the KIAAA is also requesting feedback and updates from the classification committee when appropriate. It was consensus that any proposal would be shared with the membership using numerous avenues.

Next the committee reviewed the classification models they had requested staff prepare. Mr. Swenson also provided additional models for the committee to evaluate. The committee was primarily looking at how the different models affected the enrollment ratio in each class. Various potential postseason competition formats in all athletic (except football) and non-athletic activities were discussed based on the models being evaluated. The committee discussed the concept of classes having less than 48 teams advancing four to the state event site, while classes with 48 teams or more would advance eight. The committee felt this may ensure better quality of competition at state event sites and make the goal of advancing to the state site a greater accomplishment for classes with fewer than 48 teams. The committee also discussed how teams could be seeded in different activities based on the various classification models. Discussion was held on seeding schools in classifications with fewer teams (less than 48) in an east/west format, while continuing to seed schools in classifications with more teams (48 or more) based on a more traditional geographic model.

The committee agrees that potential postseason competition models may impact any decision on a classification proposal. The committee requested KSHSAA staff provide detailed potential postseason competition format and seeding models in all activities (except football) based on 36 and 48 team classifications.

All meetings of the committee are open meetings. An open forum session will be offered at the beginning of all Classification Committee meetings, based on the following criteria:

1. Speakers must represent a member school or league.
2. Speakers must pre-register with the KSHSAA Executive Director.
3. Written materials must be submitted electronically to co-chairs Mike Kastle (mikelindakastle@gmail.com) and Bill Faflick (bfaflick@usd259.net) at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled meeting.
4. Presenters shall bring 25 printed copies to meeting for distribution to committee members and KSHSAA staff.
5. Member schools will have 5 minutes to present.
6. League representatives will have 10 minutes to present.

The next meeting of the Classification Study Committee is scheduled for March 29th at 9:00 am at the KSHSAA office.