

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Classification Discussion

June 22, 2017

Humboldt



Current

- ▶ Classify teams
 - ▶ by gender enrolment
 - ▶ by sport
 - ▶ 1A Volleyball: 1-20 gender students
 - ▶ 1A Basketball: 1-30 gender students

Proposed

- ▶ Classify schools
 - ▶ by total school enrolment
 - ▶ by sport
 - ▶ 1A Volleyball – all 1A schools
 - ▶ 1A Basketball – all 1A schools

CLASSIFICATION



▶ Competitive Advancement

- ▶ The advancement of individual athletes and teams to a provincial championship is by a series of playoff competitions. It is generally given that playoffs leading to the provincial championship may include playoffs at the school, school division, SHSAA district or conference, regional and provincial final levels. The number of meaningful and manageable playoffs necessary to eliminate to the provincial final event will determine the number of levels and sequence of playoffs.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

▶ Efficient Scheduling

- ▶ The scheduling of playoffs must respect 'instructional time in the classroom'; however, it is also acknowledged that there is great educational value derived from participation in competitive playoffs leading to the provincial championship. It is inevitable that some classroom instructional time will be directed into the athletic opportunities for student athletes. Playoffs leading to the provincial championship should respect economic implications, travel time and absence from school.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

▶ Consistent Application

- ▶ The guiding principles are applied consistently across all sports and levels of championship competition and from year to year to ensure meaningful and manageable levels of play. Therefore, the classification structure for team sport and the playoff structure leading to the provincial championship must be consistent. Individual sports should also follow a consistent level of playoffs albeit they may differ from team sport playoffs.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ **Number of Teams in Championships**
 - ▶ The maximum number of teams permitted to play in playoffs leading to a provincial championship is the least reasonable number in consideration of the sport to ensure efficient management and delivery of a safe and competitive event.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

► Classification

- Classification of team sports is based on the number of students eligible to participate on behalf of the school. This is generally considered the fairest way to classify. It is acknowledged a larger student population provides more athletes to the school program, therefore a more competitive team. Classification is not intended to provide equal number of teams in each classification. It is the intent of classification to identify competitive levels of play using population of schools to define the levels.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Presentation by Kyla Christiansen and Dr. James McNinch – transgender student participation
- ▶ Presentation by Roger Morgan – chair of classification Sport Advisory Group
- ▶ Formation of policy on transgender participation



AGM 2016 - SASKATOON

- ▶ **September 2015**
 - ▶ **Formation of Classification Sport Advisory Group**
- ▶ **June 2016**
 - ▶ **Report from Classification Sport Advisory Group**
- ▶ **September 2016**
 - ▶ **District discussions**
 - ▶ **Executive discussions**
- ▶ **December 2016**
 - ▶ **District Presidents' Meeting**
 - ▶ **Proposals and discussion**



TIME LINE

- ▶ December 2016 – May 2017
 - ▶ District Discussion
 - ▶ Development of AGM proposal
 - ▶ Details added to proposal
- ▶ June 2017
 - ▶ AGM Forward Planning
 - ▶ Notice of Motion



TIME LINE

- ▶ September 2017 – May 2018
 - ▶ Finalize resolution
- ▶ June 2018
 - ▶ AGM resolution
- ▶ September 2019
 - ▶ Implementation of new classification



TIME LINE

- ▶ Grade 8 participation
- ▶ Joint sponsorships
- ▶ Reclassification
- ▶ Co-ed teams
- ▶ Provincial Championship hosting rotations



IMPACT ON OTHER BYLAWS

- ▶ What is this going to look like?



HERE WE GO...

- ▶ There are 338 schools in the SHSAA
 - ▶ 25 of those schools are K-9 schools
 - ▶ 11 of those K-9 schools did not report an enrolment or did not have grade 9 students this year
 - ▶ 10 of the schools with grade 10-12 students have not submitted an enrolment this year (these are schools that typically don't register teams with the SHSAA)
 - ▶ 317 total schools have reported enrolments (14 K-9 schools, 303 Grade 10-12 schools)
 - ▶ Grade 9 schools are classified using grade 9 enrolments
 - ▶ Grade 10-12 schools are classified using grade 10-12 enrolments



SHSAA SCHOOLS

School Class	Total Student Enrolment (10 – 12)	# of Schools in Classification	% model
1A	1-45	133 schools	40% of 317 schools = 127
2A	46-99	101 schools	30% of 317 schools = 95
3A	100-400	48 schools	20% of 317 schools = 63
4A	>400	35 schools	10% of 317 schools = 32



SHSAA SCHOOLS

- ▶ Not impacted by classification
- ▶ Play-off structure would not need to change – district, region, provincial (except golf has no regional competition at this point)



GOLF, CURLING, BADMINTON

- ▶ Currently four classifications for school teams
- ▶ Can stay as four classifications but use the new parameters of school classification for 1A – 4A



CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK & FIELD

- ▶ Currently 3 classifications.
- ▶ Could remain as three classifications
 - ▶ 2A Wrestling – all 1A and 2A schools
 - ▶ 3A Wrestling – all 3A schools
 - ▶ 4A Wrestling – all 4A schools



WRESTLING

- ▶ Currently 3 classifications with one of those classifications an open category for 7v7
- ▶ Can remain as three classifications with 7v7 only open to 1A and 2A schools
- ▶ 3A Soccer – open to 1A, 2A, and 3A schools
- ▶ 4A Soccer – open to 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A schools
- ▶ Playoff format remains as regional tournaments qualifying to provincial championship. Respect established leagues in regional groupings.



SOCCER

- ▶ 6-man football – open to 1A, 2A and 3A schools
 - ▶ Class 1 – 1A and 2A schools
 - ▶ Class 2 – 3A schools
- ▶ 9-man football – open to 1A, 2A, and 3A schools
 - ▶ Class 3 – bottom 50% of schools entered
 - ▶ Class 4 – top 50% of schools entered
- ▶ 12-man football – open to all schools
 - ▶ Class 5 – bottom 50% of schools entered
 - ▶ Class 6 – top 50% of schools entered



FOOTBALL

- ▶ Classifications as per the parameters for defining school classification
- ▶ Playoff format remains as conference and regional tournaments qualifying to provincial championship. Respect established leagues in pre-provincial playoffs.



VOLLEYBALL

- ▶ Classifications as per the parameters for defining school classification
- ▶ Playoff format remains as conference and regional tournaments qualifying to provincial championship. Respect established leagues in pre-provincial playoffs.



BASKETBALL

- ▶ Questions for discussion:
 - ▶ What are benefits of the proposal?
 - ▶ What are disadvantages of the proposal?
 - ▶ What is missing from the proposal?
 - ▶ What are the barriers or concerns of the proposal?
 - ▶ What are other options to look at? i.e. Still classify by gender but be consistent across activities and reduce to four classifications



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION