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ASAA Board Members:

On Monday November 18, 2019, the following committee members met to review the current basketball classification system. The committee was made up of the following people:

Region 1	Pat Callahan, Nome
Region 2	Collin Stone, Nenana
Region 3	Stacia Rustad, Wasilla
Region 4	Sven Gustafson, West Anchorage
Region 5	Andrew Friske, Mt. Edgecumbe
Region 6	Todd Wegner, Valdez

The Basketball Classification Committee made the following recommendation:

Basketball classifications were first created using brick and mortar school enrollment. Now with alternative schools, home schools, and open enrollment schools, access to students for schools has changed significantly. Additionally, the gap has widened between urban and rural basketball opportunities. These opportunities have created an unbalanced level of competition in our basketball schools, regardless of enrollment.

Due to these changes, we as a committee recommend a change to the classifications of basketball participation in the three largest urban centers as well as statewide boarding schools.

We propose that all schools residing within the boundaries of the Anchorage School District, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, and the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District, as well as all statewide boarding schools, be classified as 4A basketball schools.

We propose that all schools within these areas, that have a school enrollment less than 501, be given an opportunity to appeal to the ASAA Board of Directors, requesting placement in lower classifications.



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Through the appeal process, we recommend that the board look at the following when determining eligibility of a move to a lower classification:

Competitive history

Winning percentage in Conference championships

State tournament appearances State champions/runner-up

Out of season access

Access to scholarships

Access to spring/fall leagues

Effect of conference make-up

Effect of travel costs

Conference/Region Support

Number of ASAA transfers to/from the school

The committee also recommends allowing schools to request different classifications for boys and girls basketball.