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**Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings
November 9, 2020
Place: ZOOM Conference call**

More information may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. November 9, 2020

Procedural — Quorum Established

Seating of New Board Members — none

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present
Region 2 – James Sickler-Present
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present
Region 4 –Megan Hatswell-Present
Region 5 –Troy Thain-Present
Region 6 – Dan Klein-Present
AASB – Clarence Daniel-Present
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present (join at 9:16 a.m.)
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion to approve the agenda
Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Written Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items sent to Board@asaa.org were previously give to the Board members.



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Reports – The Board of Directors was provided with the following reports:

- SMAC

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations –

None

Action Items and Board Directives – The Board of Directors took action as follows:

➤ **Basketball Reclassification Policy:** motion “to change the Classification Policy section 1.B to read “Geographic and competitive considerations are determining factors for classification placement. The following sports and activities have state-culminating competitions based on the following school classifications:” and then to adopt the revised Classification policy as presented in Item 4A 3.1”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5

➤ **Motion to withdraw the previous motion:** motion “to withdraw the previous motion.”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Executive Session:** motion “to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and financial matters:

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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The revised policy would read as follows:

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Classification

A student is considered a high school student when he or she is actually registered as a high school student, not when earning high school credit as may be given to junior high students.

The following conditions apply:

A. Schools are classified by their enrollments in grades 9-12 according to the previous school year’s October 1st report to the Department of Education and Early Development. Non-enrolled alternative education program students who participate in a member public, private or religious school’s interscholastic activity program will be added to the prior October count in determining the school’s total number for future classification purposes.

B. Geographic and competitive considerations **are** determining factors for classification placement. The following sports and activities have state-culminating competitions based on the following school classifications:

ONE CLASSIFICATION

All-State Art
All-State Music
Drama, Debate, & Forensics Esports
Nordic Ski
Solo & Ensemble
Swim & Dive
Tennis
World Language Declamation
Wrestling - Girls

TWO CLASSIFICATIONS



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Baseball - Division II (1-850 students), Division I (851 students & above)
Cheer Competition - Division II (1-500 students), Division I (501 students & above)
DDF Team - Division II (1-500 students), Division I (501 students & above)
Hockey - Division II (1-850 students), Division I (851 students & above)
Nordic Ski Team - Division II (1-500 students), Division I (501 students & above)
Soccer - Division II (1-850 students), Division I (851 students & above)
Softball - Division II (1-850 students), Division I (851 students & above)
Track & Field - Division II (1-500 students), Division I (501 students & above)
Wrestling - Division II (1-500 students), Division I (501 students & above)

THREE CLASSIFICATIONS

Cross-Country Running - Division III (1-150 students), Division II (151-500 students) Division I (501 students & above)
Football - Division III, Division II, Division I (Board places schools into Divisions)

FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS

Volleyball - Mix Six (1-60 students), 2A (61-150 students), 3A (151-500 students), 4A (501 students & above)

Basketball- the ASAA Board of Directors has adopted to following classification system:

- A. With the exception of schools defined by Item B, all schools will be classified by their enrollment. 1A (1-60 students), 2A (61-150 students), 3A (151-500 students), 4A (501 students & above)

- B. All statewide boarding schools and all schools within 25 miles of the following municipalities: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Wasilla, Soldotna will be moved up one classification from where they participated the previous classification cycle.
 - o For the teams involved, a two-step analysis of data will be used to determine its classification:

Step One Analysis

1. Winning percentage in regular season games against teams at a **higher classification** over last five years concluding with a state tournament. Teams



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with greater than 40% winning record would earn an \checkmark . Teams with over 75% would earn an additional \checkmark . (Teams must have at least 15% of their games played against teams at a higher classification for this factor to be considered.)

2. Winning percentage in regular season games against teams **at the same classification** over the past five years concluding with a state tournament. Teams with greater than 50% winning record would earn an \checkmark . Teams with over a 75% winning record would earn two \checkmark 's.
3. State Tournament Appearances over past eight years: Teams earn a point for each appearance. Teams earning five points, receive a \checkmark .
4. Cumulative State Points Earned over the past eight years. (State Points based as follows: 1st place 8 points, 2nd place 7 points, 3rd place 6 points, 4th place and 5th place 4 points, 6th, 7th and 8th place 0 points) Teams earning over 40 points over the past 8 years earn a \checkmark .

Teams receiving less than five \checkmark 's would remain at their "previous classification". Teams receiving five or more \checkmark 's would move to Step Two for further analysis:

Step Two Analysis

1. Teams with players participating in "out of season" games/scrimmages/leagues during the months of August through April would earn a \checkmark . *
2. Teams having four or more transfers over a three-year period would earn two \checkmark 's.
3. Schools which allow students from outside their boundaries to attend would earn two \checkmark 's.

Teams receiving less than two \checkmark 's would return to their "previous classification". Teams receiving two or more \checkmark 's in Step Two would remain at their new higher classification.

*School will be required to report this happening. Failure to do so may result in penalties and/or loss of playoff privileges for one year.

Future Classification Cycles:

The classification would remain in effect until the next classification cycle (see Item C).



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- a. At the end of that period of time, the teams moved to a higher classification by this analysis would be again analyzed.
 - i. If a team earns two or less \checkmark 's in Step One, it will be lowered a classification, unless it receives three or more \checkmark 's in Step Two (in this case the school would remain at its current classification).
 - ii. If it earns three or four \checkmark 's in Step One, it would remain in the current classification.
 - iii. If it earns more than five \checkmark 's in Step One, they would be placed in the next highest classification for the next three years if it earns two or more \checkmark 's in Step 2.

- b. For teams not moved up the previous cycle, they would be analyzed as before.

C. Reclassification Enrollment Policy

Every third spring, the board will analyze enrollments of member schools based on that school year's October 1st OASIS report and other factors, while adding the participation numbers of alternative education program students participating under AS.14.30.365 and AS 14.45.350.

D. Request to play at a higher classification

Member schools may request to "opt up" in a specific activity. For the request to be granted, it must:

1. Be made in conjunction with the three year "reclassification policy" cycle
2. Be for both gender's activity

Unless there are unforeseeable circumstances, once granted the request will remain in effect until the next "reclassification policy" cycle.

E. Ineligible 5th Year Students:

If a school's enrollment for grades 9-12 for the previous school year is higher than thirty (30) students due to enrolled, ineligible 5th year seniors, as verified by the superintendent, and if the school would otherwise qualify to have 8th grade students participate under Article 12, Section 2.D., (Use of Junior High or Middle School Students), the superintendent may request that the ineligible 5th year seniors not be included in the total number enrollment for the purposes of this section.

After forgiveness for ineligible 5th year students has been granted, schools will be assigned to classifications. Schools which will be reclassified to a higher level under this policy may appeal the reclassification based on the average enrollment data for the current and 2 previous years. Schools which are reclassified will remain in their current classifications until the beginning of



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the second school year, at which time they will move to their new classifications. Schools will remain in their new classifications for three years at which time the cycle begins again.

F. Unforeseen Circumstances:

The Association may consider an appeal of this policy by the school's superintendent for unforeseen circumstances. This may include emergency transfers which affect a school's classification.

Classification Time Schedule

April 2023 – check enrollments/reclassify schools/schools may appeal
2023-24 – schools remain at current classification
2024-25 – schools move to new classifications
2025-26 and 2026-27 – schools remain at current classifications

April 2026 – check enrollments/reclassify schools/schools may appeal
2026-27 – schools remain at current classifications
2027-28 – schools move to new classifications
2028-29 and 2029-2030– schools remain at current classifications

April 2029 – check enrollments/reclassify schools/schools may appeal
2029-30 – schools remain at current classifications
2030-31 – schools move to new classifications
2031-32 and 2032-2033– schools remain at current classifications

Narrative Example:

Smith High School is a 2A school with an enrollment of 155 in April of 2017 (including alternative education program students). There is no request for forgiveness, so the board reclassifies Smith High School to 3A beginning in 2018-19 (the school remains at the 2A level in 2017-18). Smith High School is 3A school in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. During the April 2020 board meeting, the school's enrollment is 149 and the board reclassifies the school to 2A beginning in the 2021-22 school year. The school remains at the 2A level for 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. During the April 2023 board meeting, the school's enrollment is 145 and so the school remains in the 2A classification and a new three year cycle begins in the 2024- 25 school year.”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5
(7-1 motion passed)

Y-(Region 1, Region 2, Region 3 Region 4, Region 5, AASB, AASA)
N- (Region 6)
Y – (AASG (advisory))



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➤ **5A Basketball** : motion to “table the discussion on having five basketball classifications until it would be part of the next three year reclassification cycle process.”

Motion by Region 4, second by AASB
(4-4 motion failed)

Y-(Region 4, Region 5, AASB, AASA)
N- (Region 2, Region 3, Region 6, Region 1)
Y – (AASG (advisory))

➤ **Nordic Ski Calendar Change**: motion “to change the beginning practice date of Nordic Ski to November 16, 2020 with the State Event to be held February 25-27, 2021.”

(5-3 motion passed)

Y-(Region 4, Region 5, AASB, AASA, Region 1)
N- (Region 3, Region 6 and Region 2)
Y – (AASG (advisory))

➤ **Hockey Calendar Change**: motion “to change the beginning practice date of Hockey to January 4, 2021 with the State Event for DII to be held February 18-20, 2021 and the DI State Event to be held February 25-27,2021. However, Conferences and Districts may have a hockey season as best fits their geographic area any time between January 4 and May 22; however, there will be no state tournament after the February 27 date. Teams are still limited to 22 total games exclusive of a season ending tournament.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 5 (Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Esport Calendar Change**: motion “to change the beginning practice date of Esports to February 1, 2021 with the State Event to be concluded on or before May1, 2021”

Motion by Region 1, second by ASAA
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DDF Calendar Change**: motion “to change the beginning practice date of DDF to November 16, 2020 with the State Event to be held February 25-27, 2021”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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- **Bowling Calendar Change:** motion “to change the beginning practice date of Bowling to January 11, 2021 with the last competition date of March 6, 2021”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Wrestling Calendar Change:** motion “to table the wrestling season calendar change until the December Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Basketball and Basketball Cheer Season Calendar Change:** motion “to change the beginning practice date of basketball and basketball cheer to January 11, 2021 with the 3A/4A State Event to be held March 24-27, 2021 and the 1A/2A State Event to be held March 31-April 3, 2021. The State Cheer Competition will be held on March 23, 2021.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Track & Field, Soccer, Baseball and Softball Calendar Changes:** motion “to change the beginning practice date of Track & Field, Soccer (including Coed), Baseball and Softball to March 22, 2021. The Track & Field State Event will be held May 28-29. The DI and DII Soccer State Events will be held May 27-29, 2021. Coed Soccer’s last competition date will be May 29, 2021. The Baseball and Softball State Events will be held June 3-5, 2021.

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Sole & Ensemble Calendar Change:** motion “to host the State Music Solo & Ensemble Event on May 7-8, 2021”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **World Language and Art Calendar Change:** motion “to table the World Language and Art season calendar change until the December Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **AASG Conference Calendar Change:** motion “to host the Spring AASG Conference on April 15-17, 2021 at West Valley High School (Fairbanks)”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Out of Season Policy and Duel Participation Policy:** motion “to table the decision on possible changes to the Out of Season Contact Policy and Duel Participation Policy until the December Board meeting.”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 4
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

➤ **Out of Season Contact Policy:** discussed possible need to revise portions of the out of season contact rules. Currently no changes have been made. **This means as of November 2, 2020, coaches are not allowed to coach in out of season game/scrimmage in any activity. Practicing up to six hours a week is still allowed.** The Board will review possible changes to this policy during the December Board meeting.

➤ **Duel Participation Rules:** discussed the possible need to develop a policy requiring students involved in comp-programs to report their involvement to their member school.

Hearings -- None

Tabled Items –

- Football Classification Change (December 2020)
- ASAA Calendar Revision for Wrestling, World Language and Art (December 2020)
- DI State Soccer Seeding (December 2020)
- Out of Season Contact Policy (December 2020)
- Duel Participation Policy (December 2020)



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Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)