

Arkansas Activities Association

Annual Meeting *of the* Governing Body

Statehouse Convention Center
Governors Hall II
Little Rock, Arkansas

July 31, 2017, 12:00 PM

AGENDA

- Call to order - President
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting, August 2016
- Reports from: Treasurer, John Ward and President, John Ciesla
- Sportsmanship Awards
- Citation Awards and recognition of retiring board members.
- Consideration of proposals to amend the AAA Constitution and Bylaws; discussion of the immediate and long-term effects on member schools of such legislation; voting as stated below

METHOD of VOTING

Balloting on all proposals will be conducted at the governing body meeting. Written ballots will be used. The ballots will be given to the voting representative upon signing in at the meeting. The voting power rests with the superintendent. The superintendent may authorize, *in writing* an assistant/deputy superintendent, or principal or assistant principal as the voting representative for each member school. An individual shall represent *only one* school.

PREPARING FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors has studied proposals from the various activity districts, suggestions from the AAA staff, results of the spring survey and advice from various committees before making recommendations and submitting the proposals included in this agenda. Clarifications and interpretations were made as well.

The board expresses its opinion on the long-term effect the proposals will have on the association through its recommendations and explanations. If a DO NOT PASS recommendation is made, the board feels that the long-term effect would not be in the best interest of the association.

NO RECOMMENDATION indicates that the effect of the proposal could best be determined by the opinion of a majority of the schools voting. Discuss these proposals with your various staff members, then come to the meeting and express your opinion by voting.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

John Ciesla, President.....Greenwood
Gary Hines, 1st VP.....Emerson-Taylor-Bradley
Bennie Weston, 2nd VP.....Mena
Jon Collins Secretary.....West Memphis
John Ward, Treasurer.....Magnolia
Steve Straessle, Parliamentarian.....Catholic

Billy Adams.....Lakeside, Lake Village
Steve Anderson.....Lake Hamilton
John L Colbert.....Fayetteville
Jon Estes.....Palestine-Wheatley
Scott Embrey.....Beebe
Brian Golden.....Malvern
Kelvin Gragg.....Dumas
Gregg Grant.....Danville
Steve Green.....Cave City
Jayme Jones.....Ozark Mountain
Bryan Law.....Farmington
Jerry Newton.....Poyen
Bryan Russell.....Valley View
Kim Wilbanks.....Jonesboro

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lance W. Taylor, Executive Director: Interpretation of Association Rules.
Administrative Assistant, Annette Savage

Dr. Joey Walters, Deputy Director: Rules Interpreter for Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Soccer, Public Relations, AHSAA Liaison, Sports Medicine.
Administrative Assistant, Julia Harvey

Nick Lasker, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Track, Cross Country, Volleyball, Swimming and Diving, Coaches Education, AHSAAA Liaison.
Administrative Assistant, Teresa Marlow

Don Brodell, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Baseball, Wrestling, AOA Liaison.
Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark

Steve Roberts, Associate Executive Director: Rules Interpreter for Football, Softball, Sponsorships.
Administrative Assistant, Kristy Clark

Amber Balboa, Assistant Executive Director: Business Manager, Personnel Policies, Accounting.
Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Mays

Annette Savage, Assistant Executive Director: Non-Athletics, Bowling, Student Recognition Programs, Awards, AAA Handbook, Sportsmanship, Cheer/Dance.

Derek Walter, Assistant Executive Director: Media Relations, Publicity, Marketing, Editor of Publications.
Administrative Assistant, Nicole Cunningham

Gabriel Foreman, Receptionist

GOVERNING BODY

Arkansas Activities Association Governing Body Meeting Wednesday, August 3, 2016

John Ciesla, President of the Arkansas Activities Association, reported that a quorum was present and called to order the annual meeting of the AAA Governing Body on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 10:30 AM at the Little Rock Convention Center. Jon Collins then gave the invocation.

MINUTES – Minutes of the 2015 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Suzanne Bailey, Treasurer, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

ACTIVITY DISTRICT CITATIONS – Twelve AAA Citation awards were presented to recognize individuals who were named by their activity districts as administrators who have had a long standing and distinguished record of involvement and support of school activities programs. Citations were presented to:

<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>CITATION RECIPIENT</u>	<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>CITATION RECIPIENT</u>
District 1E	Jay Parker, Harrison	District 5	Darin Beckwith, Fountain Lake
District 1W	Tommy Tice, Huntsville	District 6	Carolyn Wilson, Cross County
District 2	Pat Falcinelli, Rose Bud	District 7	Murray Neely, DeQueen
District 3	Bonard Mace, Gosnell	District 8	Kelvin Gragg, Dumas
District 4	Jimmy Loyd, Two Rivers		
	Jerry Cecil, Greenwood		
	Benny Gooden, Ft. Smith		
	Bill Pittman, Hackett		

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS – AAA Sportsmanship Awards for the 2015-2016 school year were presented to these selected schools.

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

7A	Mount St. Mary Academy	3A	Rivercrest High School
6A	Alma High School	2A	Maumelle Charter High School
5A	Blytheville High School	1A	Sacred Heart High School
4A	Southside High School, Batesville		

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS – The president recognized retiring board members Joe Couch, Carl Easley, Jimmy Loyd, and Joe Mallett and thanked them for their service to the association on behalf of the member schools.

PROPOSALS – Proposals to be voted on were mailed to each voting representative in June. The director announced that there would be an explanation of each proposal and that questions and discussion would be permitted prior to voting on each. He further explained that each vote would be taken by a written ballot as provided when the voting delegates checked in for the meeting. Ballots would be counted by the AAA’s administrative staff members. John Ward served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures..

The motion to vote on each proposal as a Do Pass recommendation was approved.

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

Proposal #1 — High School Football Zero Week — PASSED –Adds a zero week to the high school football calendar which will be Week #8 of the AAA calendar. (For – 161, Against – 3) Effective new classification cycle of 2018-2020.

Proposal #2 — Tennis Events — PASSED – Allows schools two (2) additional events that must be college format tennis tournaments, boys/girls or co-ed. (For – 122, Against – 1) Effective Fall 2017.

Proposal #3 — Soccer Regular Season Events — PASSED – Allows senior high soccer teams to participate in 16 regular season games and two invitational tournaments or 18 regular season games and one invitational tournament. (For – 92, Against – 1) Effective Immediately.

Proposal #4 — Baseball/Softball Round Robins – PASSED -- States that combined classification districts have the option of playing single or double round robins in softball and baseball in districts that have nine(9) or more teams. (For – 114, Against – 0) Effective immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date

PROPOSAL # 1	EJECTION PENALTY AND REVIEW			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE II	SECTION 1	RULE 4	PAGE 21, 115

AMEND TO READ

Ejection Penalty – Participant is prohibited from participation (ineligible) from the point of ejection plus;

Football – next four consecutive full quarters of comparable events.

All other sports – next comparable event.

Second offense in same season;

Football – next eight consecutive full quarters of comparable events.

All other sports – next two comparable events.

Third offense in same season;

Prohibited from participation for the remainder of same sport season and school placed on probation or warning. If there are fewer than 3 comparable games remaining in the season, the prohibition of participation carries over to the next same sport season to total at least 3 games.

Comparable Event is defined as an event that has already been scheduled and is at the same level of competition (Varsity, JV, Girls, Boys). Comparable events may be events for the following same sport season.

Ejection Appeal – An appeal of ejection must be filed through the school’s authorized representative in writing on the ejection appeal form to the Executive Director. The Executive Director or designee will review the video on the next business day after the appeal is filed. A ruling on the appeal will be made within three business days of the filing. The ruling of the Executive Director or designee is final and may not be appealed to the Board of Directors. All periods of ineligibility (suspensions) remain in effect until such time that a ruling is rendered by the Executive Director or designee in writing. The school’s authorized representative must also provide video or access to the video specific to the ejection. Video from outside sources may be utilized but must be submitted

through the school's authorized representative. Submitted video should include only clips specific to the ejection. Full game films submitted will not be reviewed.

Video Review

- Only video involving an ejection may be reviewed.
- Reviewable ejections are limited to physical actions.
- Video review may be used to properly identify and eject the participant in a situation where it is possible that misidentification occurred.
- Video review may be used to properly identify participants in situations involving multiple participants involved in a fight, confrontation or ejection where circumstances prevent accurate reporting of the individuals involved. This could include identifying and ejecting individuals not previously identified or reported, including contest participants, non-participants, or coaches who enter the playing area during the incident.
- Video review may be used to assess the level of involvement in an incident.
- Video review must provide indisputable evidence to overturn the ejection.

Ejection Appeal Form

Name of Athlete Ejected _____ School _____

Date of Ejection _____ Sport _____ Opponent _____

School's Authorized Representative/Position _____

Description of Ejection

Ejection Appeal – An appeal of ejection must be filed through the school's authorized representative in writing on the ejection appeal form to the Executive Director. The Executive Director or designee will review the video on the next business day after the appeal is filed. A ruling on the appeal will be made within three business days of the filing. The ruling of the Executive Director or designee is final and may not be appealed to the Board of Directors. All periods of ineligibility (suspensions) remain in effect until such time that a ruling is rendered by the Executive Director or designee in writing. The school's authorized representative must also provide access to the video specific to the ejection. Video from outside sources may be utilized but must be submitted through the school's authorized representative.

Video Review

Only video involving an ejection may be reviewed.

Reviewable ejections are limited to physical actions that can be evaluated by video review.

Video review may be used to appropriately and properly identify the ejected participant in a situation where it is possible that misidentification occurred.

Video review may be used to identify participants in situations involving multiple participants involved in a fight, confrontation or ejection where circumstances prevent accurate reporting of the individuals involved. This could include identifying individuals not previously identified or reported, including contest participants, non-participants, or coaches who enter the playing area during the incident.

Video review may be used to assess the level of involvement in an incident.

Video review must provide indisputable evidence to overturn the ejection.

School's Authorized Representative Signature _____ Date _____

Action by AAA

Appeal Approved _____ Appeal Denied _____

AAA Representative _____ Date _____

PURPOSE

97% in favor of proposal from the 2017 Spring Survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

To more closely align the ejection penalty among all sports. To authorize the appeal and review of ejections

PROPOSAL # 2	FOOTBALL GAME LIMITATIONS			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE IV	SECTION 4	RULE 15	PAGE 61

AMEND TO READ

A. Participants are prohibited from participating in more than 5 quarters per calendar day.

PURPOSE

To align game contact rules more closely to the Sports Medicine Committee recommendation and practice rules. 94% in favor of the proposal on the 2017 Spring Survey

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 3	DISTRICT CONVERSION CHARTER			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE III	SECTION 1	RULE 2	PAGE 40

AMEND TO READ

H. District Conversion Charter. Any student that is enrolled in a public school approved as a school of innovation pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. SS 6-15-2801 et seq. or authorized as a district conversion charter school pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. SS 6-23-101 et seq. may, at the discretion of the local school board of directors, be eligible to attend any class, academic program, or participate in any extracurricular activity or program offered by another school in the district, if the public school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the same or similar class, academic program, or extracurricular activity program.

The school of innovation or district conversion charter school shall participate at the same classification as the highest classified school in the district.

PURPOSE

Allows students attending district conversion charter schools the same eligibility opportunities of other students in their school district. 87% in favor of proposal from the 2017 Spring Survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 4	CHRISTMAS DEAD PERIOD			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE IV	SECTION 1	RULE E	PAGE 53

AMEND TO READ

E. Christmas Dead Period. All AAA member schools will observe a 3 consecutive day athletic dead period during Christmas Break. Member schools shall select 3 consecutive days from December 23 – 27 to observe the 3 day Christmas dead period. During this time (licensed teacher coaches and registered volunteers) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it is practice, training, weightlifting, competition, or travel. Further, school athletic facilities will be closed to student athletes during this period.

PURPOSE

Allows students, families and school personnel a flexible 3 consecutive day break during the Christmas holidays. 87% in favor of proposal from the 2017 Spring Survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

2018 – 2019 school year

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 5	AMATEURISM			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE III	SECTION 1	RULE 9	PAGE 46

AMEND TO READ

Rule 9. Amateurism.

- A. The AAA endorses the general principle of amateur athletics that prompts an individual to participate in activities solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits derived from the activity.
- B. A student that violates the amateur rule in any AAA Sponsored Sport may lose eligibility in that sport for up to 365 days.
- C. Violations. A student may not:
 1. Compete under an assumed name.
 2. Directly or indirectly accept monetary awards or compensation other than the actual or reasonable cost of necessary meals, lodging or transportation in connection with participation.
 3. Directly or indirectly accept gifts, products, awards or monetary compensation for permitting his/her name, picture, or person to be used to advertise, promote or recommend a product, service, commercial venture or political venture.
 4. Compete for or directly or indirectly accept gifts, awards, or monetary compensation in any form for participation in an event except for those permitted in the amateur rules of the governing body of that specific sport.
 5. Student apparel or equipment to be used at a competition site may not be used to advertise, promote or recommend a product, service, commercial venture or political venture. Uniform and equipment manufacturer names, logos or marks are permitted.
- D. Students may receive reasonable fees or compensation commensurate for their duties performed for officiating, instructing, coaching or supervising events or athletic activities.

PURPOSE

To clearly define the definition of amateurism. The AAA endorses the general principle of amateur athletics that prompts an individual to participate in activities solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits derived from the activity.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 6	SUMMER COMPETITION DAYS			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE IV	SECTION 1	RULE F	PAGE 53

AMEND TO READ

E. Summer Competition Days. School teams are limited to a maximum of 8 days of competitive activities during summer break. Individual students are limited to a maximum of 8 days of competitive activities per sport during summer break. This includes but is not limited to camps, tournaments, 7 on 7, jamborees, etc. The days selected at the discretion of each specific sport season as set by the AAA calendar do not count against the 8 allowable competitions. (Regular season or benefit games)

This rule applies to school teams only and does not regulate the number of games played per day.

Once a team begins competition, it counts as a day of competition regardless of whether the activities are postponed, rescheduled or cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. (weather, etc.)

PURPOSE

To lessen the financial and physical demands of summer sport participation. 78% in favor of the proposal on the 2017 Spring Survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately

BYLAW

Requires majority vote

VOTING

All schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 7	TENNIS SEASON			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE II	SECTION	RULE	PAGE 17, 86

AMEND TO READ

Table page 86 “Season and Event Limitations”: Tennis begins on week 6 and state event held on week 15

PURPOSE

Avoids conflict between volleyball district and state tournaments and tennis state and overall tournaments. Currently students having to choose one or the other. 96% in favor of the proposal from 2017 Spring Survey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

2018-2019 School Year

CONSTITUTION

Requires 2/3 vote

VOTING

Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

PROPOSAL # 8	CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS			
FROM: ACTIVITY DISTRICT 2				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE I	SECTION 5	RULE 3	PAGE 27-28

AMEND TO READ

Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track and Field

Classification of schools for regional and state tournament shall be as follows:

6A – 16 largest schools by ADM

5A – The next largest 32 schools by ADM

4A – The next largest 48 schools by ADM

3A	}	Take the remaining schools and divide by three with the greatest number of schools assigned to Class 1A if not divisible by three
2A		
1A		

Wrestling, Volleyball, Tennis, Cheer, Dance, Swimming and Diving, Cross Country, Soccer, Bowling

<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Tennis</u>	<u>Swim & Dive</u>	<u>Soccer</u>
6A	6A	6A	6A	6A
5A	5A	5A	5A	5A
4A & Below	4A	4A	4A & Below	4A
	3A	3A		3A & Below
	2A & Below	2A & Below		
<u>Bowling</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>All-Girl Cheer</u>	<u>Co-ed Cheer</u>	<u>Game Day</u>
6A	6A	6A	2 Classifications	2 Classifications
5A	5A	5A		
4A	4A	4A		
3A & Below	3A	3A		
	2A & Below	2A & Below		

Dance

6A

5A

4A

3A & Below

PURPOSE

1. To solve problems associated with blended conferences
2. Add schools to classification to assist with travel
3. Keeps enrollment discrepancies to less than 50%

EFFECTIVE DATE

2018 - 2020

CONSTITUTION

Requires 2/3 vote

VOTING

Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Not Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

AAA Board supports proposal #9 because of detailed explanation of classification and conferencing. See proposal #9

PROPOSAL # 9	CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS			
FROM: BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
2017-18 AAA HANDBOOK	ARTICLE 12	SECTION 1	RULE	PAGE 18, 28

Football

Classifications, Conferences, and qualifying for play-offs process will remain the same as currently in the AAA Handbook

AMEND TO READ

Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Track and Field

6A – 16 largest schools by ADM

5A – The next largest 32 schools by ADM

4A – The next largest 48 schools by ADM

3A

2A

1A



Take remaining schools and divide by three with the greatest number of schools assigned to Class 1A if not divisible by 3

Wrestling, Volleyball, Tennis, Cheer, Dance, Swimming & Diving, Cross Country, Soccer, Bowling

Wrestling

6A

5A

4A & Below

Volleyball

6A

5A

4A

3A

2A & Below

Tennis

6A

5A

4A

3A

2A & Below

Swimming & Diving

6A

5A

4A & Below

Soccer

6A

5A

4A

3A & Below

Cross Country

6A

5A

4A

3A

2A & Below

Bowling

6A

5A

4A

3A & Below

All-Girl Cheer

6A

5A

4A

3A

2A & Below

Co-ed Cheer

2 Classifications

Game Day

2 Classifications

Dance

6A

5A

4A

3A & Below

Basketball, Baseball and Softball

6A – Two 8-team conferences. Top six from each conference qualify for playoffs.

5A – Four 8-team conferences. Top four from each conference qualify for playoffs.

4A – Six conferences with no fewer than seven and no more than nine schools. Top four from each conference qualify for three regional tournaments.

3A – Eight conferences with no fewer than seven and no more than nine schools. Top four from each conference qualify for four regional tournaments.

2A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation. Number of qualifiers from each conference for four regional tournaments based on participation.

1A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation. Number of qualifiers from each conference for four regional tournaments based on participation.

Golf

6A Boys – All teams from each conference will participate in the two-day 36-hole state tournament. The top half of all teams (including ties), plus the next top eight individual scores (including ties), would play 18 holes the second day. Both day's scores will be combined to determine the championship and medalist. If there are an uneven number of teams who play on the first day, the number of teams that advance would be rounded up. For example, if there were 13 teams, seven teams would advance. In the state tournament, teams may have four or five players with the four lowest scores determining team score.

6A Girls – All teams from each conference will participate in the two-day 36-hole state tournament. The top half of all teams (including ties), plus the next top eight individual scores (including ties), would play 18 holes the second day. Both day's scores will be combined to determine the championship and medalist. If there are an uneven number of teams who play on the first day, the number of teams that advance would be rounded up. For example, if there were 13 teams, seven teams would advance. In the state tournament, teams may have three, four or five players with the top three scores determining team score.

5A Boys – Top three teams from each of the four conference tournaments plus the three individuals with the lowest score that are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 18 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have five players with the four lowest scores determining team score. In the state tournament, teams may have four or five players with the four lowest scores determining team score.

5A Girls – Top three teams from each of the four conference tournaments plus the three individuals with the lowest score that are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 18 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have five players with the four lowest scores determining team score. In the state tournament, teams may have three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score.

4A Boys and Girls – Top two teams from each of the six conferences plus the four individuals with the lowest score who are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 12 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score.

3A Boys and Girls – Top two teams from each of the six conferences plus the four individuals with the lowest score who are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 12 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score

2A Boys and Girls – Top two teams from each of the six conferences plus the four individuals with the lowest score who are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 12 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score.

1A Boys and Girls – Top two teams from each of the six conferences plus the four individuals with the lowest score who are not a member of a qualifying team not to exceed a total of 12 participants. In the state tournament, teams may have three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score

Track and Field

6A – Two conferences. Each conference shall advance the top six finishers in each event to the state meet.

5A – Four conferences. Each conference shall advance the top four finishers in each event to the state meet.

4A – Six conferences. Each conference shall advance the top two finishers in each event plus the four next best performances from all conference meets to the state meet.

3A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation.

2A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation.

1A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation.

Wrestling

A. Competition will be held for all students in grades 9-12 in all participating AAA member schools.

B. The Board of Directors is authorized to determine the date and site of the state wrestling tournament.

C. An advisory committee may be appointed by the AAA to make recommendations to the AAA Board of Directors.

D. The state tournament will consist of three divisions, 6A, 5A, and 4A and below. State championships for each division and individual state champions will be awarded for each of the 14 weight classes. Each school may qualify one wrestler per weight classification.

NOTE: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the organization and administration of meets and is authorized to formulate rules and procedures not otherwise provided for in conducting such meets.

Volleyball

6A – Two conferences. Each conference shall advance six teams to the state tournament.

5A – Four conferences. Each conference shall advance four teams to the state tournament.

4A – Four conferences with no fewer than seven and no more than nine schools. Each conference shall advance four teams to the state tournament.

3A – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation.

2A and below – Number of conferences and qualifiers based on participation.

Tennis

Classification. Classification of schools for tennis shall be as follows:

Boys and Girls

6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and below

Conference Certification. Each conference may certify the following number of singles players and doubles teams to the state tournament:

6A – Six singles players and six doubles teams

5A – Four singles players and four doubles teams

4A, 3A, 2A and below – Two singles players and two doubles teams if there are seven (7) or more conferences. If there are six conferences, two from each conference, singles players and doubles teams, plus four chosen at-large by the seeding committee. If there are five conferences, there shall be three qualifiers from each conference (singles players and doubles teams). If there are four conferences, there shall be four qualifiers from each conference. The seeding committee may extend at-large bids to third place district finishers. The at-large bids shall not cause any event to exceed a 16-team draw.

Swimming and Diving

Classification. Classification of schools for volleyball shall be as follows:

6A – 16 largest schools by ADM

5A – The next largest 32 schools by ADM

4A – The remainder of schools

Soccer

Conferences. Classifications will be assigned to conferences for conference play or conference tournament play to qualify teams to the state tournaments as follows:

6A – Two conferences. Top six from each conference qualify for playoffs.

5A – Four conferences. Top four from each conference qualify for playoffs.

4A – Four conferences. Top four from each conference qualify for playoffs.

3A and below – Four conferences. Top four from each conference qualify for playoffs.

PURPOSE

1. Eliminate combined classification districts in 1A-2A, 3A-4A, 5A-6A
2. Keep enrollment discrepancies to less than 50%.
3. Add schools to classifications to assist with travel.

EFFECTIVE DATE

2018-2020 Classification Cycle

CONSTITUTION

Requires 2/3 vote

VOTING

Only high schools may vote

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

Do Pass 18 – 0

EXPLANATION FOR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

Same as purpose

CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE COVERAGE

FOR: 7th grade through 12th grade during interscholastic activities

COVERAGE PERIOD: August 1, 2017—August 1, 2019

INSURER: National Union Fire Insurance Company

AGENT: Loomis & LaPann, Inc.
PO Box 2158
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Phone - 1-800-566-6479
Fax - 518-792-3426

PLAN MAXIMUM: \$1,450,000

MAXIMUM BENEFIT PERIOD: 10 years

DEDUCTIBLE: \$25,000

INCURREAL PERIOD: 52 weeks

DEATH BENEFIT: \$20,000