

CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT
April 23, 2024

CLASSIFICATION AND LEAGUE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Clay Abila, Littleton Public School District
Chair

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I. MAJOR CHANGES:

- A. The following schools completed probationary membership successfully and have been recommended for full CHSAA membership: Windsor Charter and STEM Highlands Ranch.
- B. In accordance with bylaw 600.75 the CLOC has recommended to the CHSAA Board of Directors that Vanguard Classical East be given a one-year probation extension towards becoming a full CHSAA member.
- C. Enrollment ranges were approved for Girl's Wrestling.
- D. If sanctioned, the Committee recommended and approved two classifications for Girls' Flag Football (with the precondition that there is a minimum of 50 programs competing).
- E. In accordance with bylaw 1510 (f) (4) the CLOC approved league and program classification adjustments as noted in section IV.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. These schools have successfully completed the probationary requirements as outlined in the CHSAA bylaws and have been recommended to the Legislative Council for full CHSAA membership per bylaw 600.76.
- B. Bylaw 600.75 affords the CLOC the authority to recommend an extension of the probationary term for one additional year for any schools who have not yet met the probationary requirements for full CHSAA membership.
- C. The second classification of girls wrestling was previously approved. They approved the schools in each classification.
- D. With the large number of Girls' Flag Football programs already in existence through the pilot, as well as expressed interest, and anticipated growth from new school programs, the Committee unanimously supported the new sport starting with two classifications.
- E. Bylaw 1510 allows for adjustments to classification and league placements based on "extraordinary" circumstances.

III. LEAGUE CHANGE REQUESTS/APPROVALS

- A. The Village will remain as an Independent school for the 2024-2026 cycle as they establish their varsity programs for the first time.

IV. CLOC APPROVED ADJUSTMENTS

- A. **Aspen**, Girls Basketball from 5A to 3A (clerical)
- B. **Caliche**, Football 8-man to 6-man (sport committee request)
- C. **Columbine**, Girls Golf from 4A to 5A (clerical)
- D. **Dayspring Christian**, Girls Volleyball, Basketball, Boys Wrestling, Baseball, and Track 1A to 2A (play up)
- E. **Eaglecrest**, Boys Lacrosse 4A to 5A (play up)
- F. **Forge Christian**, Girls Volleyball 2A to 3A (play up)
- G. **Front Range Christian**, Baseball 1A to 2A (play up)
- H. **George Washington**, Boys Basketball 5A to 6A (play up)
- I. **Heritage Christian**, Boys & Girls Basketball 3A to 2A
- J. **Norwood**, Football (8-man), Girls Volleyball (1A)
- K. **Nucla**, Baseball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Track, Girls Volleyball (1A)
- L. **Sanford**, Baseball 1A to 2A (play up)
- M. **Swink**, Girls Volleyball from 1A to 2A (clerical)
- N. **Sangre de Cristo**, Football 6-man to 8-man (play up/committee request)
- O. **Swallows Charter**, Boys & Girls Golf, Cross Country, and Track 3A to 2A
- P. **Valor Christian**, Boys & Girls Golf from 3A to 5A (clerical)
- Q. **Wiley**, Football 8-man to 6-man (sport committee request)
- R. **Resurrection Christian**, Boys & Girls Golf 2A to 3A*

*This adjustment was approved during the April 23, 2024 Legislative Council meeting. The amendment was introduced by Ryan Wehrman from the Patriot League. Assistant Commissioner Mike Book acknowledged it as an oversight on his part. The vote tally was 69 in favor and 1 against.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The CLOC met on February 20th, 2024 at the CHSAA Office.
- B. The CLOC reviewed proposals from the CLOC Task Force regarding the restructuring of the process for classifying programs. It was recommended that the proposals be presented to the CHSAA Board of Directors for next steps and consideration for bylaw proposal changes to the Legislative Council.
- C. Girls' flag football was unanimously endorsed by the CLOC committee in its efforts to become a fully sanctioned CHSAA sport beginning fall of 2024. Should sanctioning be approved; the Committee recommended and approved two classifications of girls' flag football, with the precondition that a minimum of 50 schools confirm participation. Already endorsed by Equity, SMAC and Budget Committees to move

forward for Legislative Council approval. Pilot program presentation was well received. Strong support was noted for the fact that the new sport will give opportunities to many students that otherwise would not have participated in a sport.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Clay Abla, Chair, Littleton Public SD, **Paul Cain**, Mesa County SD, **Kurt Clay**, Delta County SD, **John Cure**, Wray High School, **Richard Judd**, Kent Denver, **Audra Lane**, DeBeque High School, **Mark Lowther**, Fowler High School, **Elly Naill**, Pueblo East High School, **Sean O'Donnell**, Pagosa Spring High School, **Mike Page**, Arickaree SD, **Angela Powell**, Holyoke High School, **Patrick Simpson**, Jefferson County SD, **Terita Walker**, Denver East High School, **Ryan West**, Englewood High School