

CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT
January 30, 2024

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Chair: Chris Noll

CR 17
Report No.

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. Summer padded camp options will return to pre-Covid protocols and what is established in the bylaws. Schools may have one padded camp from Memorial Day through August 1st.
- B. Recommended changes to bylaw 3300.1, Season of Sport to allow the first contest/scrimmage dates to occur on NFHS week 7, thus allowing zero-week regular season contests to occur.
- C. Recommended the removal of bylaw 3300.2 which allowed zero-week regular season contests to occur if teams had a 10 game schedule and participated in the 2nd padded camp option.
- D. Committee approved a request from the Colorado Football Officials Association to have 7-man crews for 4A playoff games, aligning with current 5A practices.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. Currently there is confusion regarding start dates, camp dates, and scrimmage options. Having One date that is similar for everyone will add clarity to the dates and options.
- B. Increasing an available week to play games will help alleviate the strain on officials by moving games from the current football weeks 1-10 to a zero week. The additional week will allow for flexibility in scheduling and create the possibility of one (or two) bye week(s) during the regular season. This change is supported by the SMAC committee.
- C. Bylaw 3300.2 is no longer needed as the 2nd padded camp option no longer exists and all schools would have a zero-week option with the passing of bylaw 3300.1
- D. Increasing the game officials will improve the quality of officiating in the playoffs.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. None
- B. None
- C. None
- D. Increase from 5 to 7 officials will increase the overall payment to officials by 2 people.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Meeting took place on December 13, 2023
- B. A sub-committee will be established to examine scheduling issues and determine if structures established by the state are needed and what those structures would look like.
- C. Committee heard even year appeals for changes to classifications. Committee will recommend to CLOC to approve the move for Sangre De Cristo from 6M to 8M, Wiley

from 8M to 6M, and Caliche from 8M to 6M. The committee does not recommend the movement of Custer County from 8M to 6M and Middle Park from 2A to 1A. Approval of any moves by CLOC will cause the realignment of some leagues.

- D. Committee voted to accept the use of the Maxpreps app in conjunction with the RPI to determine the seeding and selection index numbers. This move aligns football with all other sports in how data is collected. This allows the CHSAA office to run updates as often as needed and not to rely on Maxpreps to run updates.
- E. Recommendation for all sub-varsity quarter times to be 10 minutes unless both schools agree to 12 minutes prior to the contest. Any changes to 12-minute quarter times should be communicated to officials as soon as possible prior to game day.

V. CALENDAR DATES

A. Official Start of the season:	NFHS week 6	August 12
B. First Scrimmage/Contest	NFHS week 7	August 22 (zero week)
C. Last Regular Season game (All except 3A)		October 31
D. Last Regular Season 3A		November 8
E. 6M-2A State Championship		November 29/30
F. 3A-5A		December 7

VI. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND LEAGUE ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS

- A. The top 16 teams (24 in 4A and 5A) in the classification based on the CHSAA Selection and Seeding Index will qualify for the post-season bracket. Each conference champion will automatically be placed on the playoff bracket. Conference champions are determined by the conference Bylaws or policies. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 16 (24) based on the final CHSAA Selection and Seeding Index, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 16 (24).
- B. The CHSAA Selection and Seeding Index will be utilized to place teams on the 16(24)-team bracket.
 - Once on the bracket, teams can be moved one spot at maximum based upon a head-to-head regular season game, if they are consecutive seeds on the bracket.
 - If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.
 - A conference champion not ranked in the top 16(24) of the final seeding and selection index will be placed in the bracket.
 - When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16/24.
 - Only the league champion in both 5A Metro North and the 4A I-25 are eligible for post season.

5A	1710 +						
	Metro	Front Range -South	Front Range North	Centennial	South Metro	Southern League	Metro North*
	Arvada West	Mullen	Rocky Mountain	Arapahoe	Castle View	Chaparral	Boulder
	Chatfield	Horizon	Fairview	Cherokee Trail	Fruita Monument	Douglas County	Lakewood
	Columbine	Erie	Fort Collins	Cherry Creek	Mountain Vista	Fountain Fort Carson	Mountain Range
	Ralston Valley	Legacy	Fossil Ridge	Eaglecrest	Rock Canyon	Legend	Northglenn
	Denver East	Vista PEAK	Brighton	Grandview	Thunderridge	Pine Creek	Overland
	Denver South	Rangeview	Prairie View	Smoky Hill	Valor Christian	Regis Jesuit	Westminster
4A	1239-1709						
	North 1	North 2	SOUTH METRO	DENVER METRO	SOCO 1	SOCO 2	I-25 *
	Loveland	Broomfield	Bear Creek	Montbello	Mesa Ridge	Vista Ridge	Centaurus
	Frederick	Longmont	Dakota Ridge	Thomas Jefferson	Pueblo West	Palmer Ridge	Gateway
	Poudre	Skyline	Golden	George Washington	Doherty	Rampart	Sand Creek
	Silver Creek	Riverdale Ridge	Heritage	Denver North	Falcon	Air Academy	Grand Junction
	Monarch	Adams City	Ponderosa	Northfield	Widefield	Liberty	Thornton
	Greeley West	Central Grand Junction	Highlands Ranch	Aurora Central	Montrose	Durango	Cheyenne Mountain
3A	725-1238						
	Southern League	Pikes Peak	Western Slope	West Metro	Metro	North 1	North 2
	Pueblo East	Discovery Canyon	Eagle Valley	Conifer	Hinkley	Roosevelt	Mead
	Pueblo Central	Pueblo South	Glenwood Springs	Evergreen	Holy Family	Severance	Northridge

	Pueblo County	Harrison	Battle Mountain	Green Mountain	John F Kennedy	Fort Morgan	Windsor
	Canon City	Lewis-Palmer	Steamboat Springs	Summit	Littleton	Mountain View	Timnath
	Coronado	Pueblo Centennial	Rifle	Skyview	Lutheran	Thompson Valley	Greeley Central
	Sierra	Palmer	Palisade	Wheat Ridge	Standley Lake	Pomona	Niwot
2A	331-724						
	North League	South East	West	Intermountain League	Metro	East	League 7
	Eaton	Lamar	Coal Ridge	Salida	Mitchell	Englewood	Weld Central
	University	La Junta	Moffat County	Montezuma-Cortez	D'Evelyn	Strasburg	Fort Lupton
	Valley	Manitou Springs	Aspen	Bayfield	The Classical Academy	Elizabeth	Arvada
	Wellington	Woodland Park	Basalt	Gunnison	Denver West	Kent Denver	Sterling
	Resurrection Christian	Florence	Middle Park	Pagosa	Abraham Lincoln	Robert F Smith STEAM (no team)	Brush
	Berthoud	Banning Lewis	Delta	Alamosa	Alameda	Bennett	The Academy
1A	159-330						
	Western Slope	South Central	Tri-Peaks	North Central	Frontier	League 6	Independent
	Cedaredge	Centauri	Colorado Springs Christian School	Burlington	Prospect Ridge	Estes Park	Pinnacle Charter
	Grand Valley	Center	Dolores Huerta	Holyoke	Denver Christian	Platte Valley	Sheridan (JV Only)
	Meeker	Del Norte	Ellicott	Limon		Highland	
	North Fork	Ignacio	Peyton	Wiggins	Forge Christian	Manual	
	Olathe	Monte Vista	Rye	Wray	Platte Canyon		

	Roaring Fork	Trinidad	Buena Vista	Yuma	Flatirons Academy	Jefferson	
8 Man	70-158						
	Mountain Conference	Northwest	Black Forest League	Plains Conference	Central League	Six County Football Conference	Arkansas Valley League
	Dolores	Hayden	Calhan	Akron	Bellevue Christian	Crowley County	Holly
	Dove Creek	Plateau Valley	Elbert		Front Range Christian	Custer County	Las Animas
	Mancos	Rangely	Simla	Dayspring Christian	Gilpin County	Fowler	McClave
	Sanford	Soroco	South Park	Haxtun	Justice	Hoehne	Swink
	Sargent	Vail Christian	St. Mary's	Merino	Lyons	Sangre de Cristo	Springfield
	Norwood/Nucila	West Grand	Byers	Sedgwick County	Clear Creek	Walsenburg	Rocky Ford
		Lake County					
6 Man	6-69						
	North	East Central	Central	Southeast	Southwest	Independent	
	Briggsdale	Arickaree	Bethune	Cheraw	Antonito	Flagler	
	Fleming	Genoa-Hugo	Deer Trail	Cheyenne Wells	Branson/Kim		
	North Park	Hi-Plains	Hanover	Eads	Cotopaxi		
	Peetz	Idalia	Kiowa	Granada	La Veta		
	Prairie	Otis	Manzanola	Kit Carson	Mountain Valley		
	Weldon Valley	Stratton	Miami-Yoder	Walsh	Primero		
	Caliche		Pikes Peak Christian	Wiley	Sierra Grande		

* Metro North and I-25 can only qualify league champion

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Noll, Chair, District 11 (2025), **Joe Roskam**, Sierra (2024), **Chris Medina**, Lamar (2024), **Trey Eder**, Eads (2024), **Michael Jobman**, Deer Trail (2025), **Colleen Ford**, Lyons (2025), **Shawn Terry**, The Academy (2025), **Mike Griebel**, Thomas Jefferson (2025), **Mike Hughes**, Lakewood (2026), **Tracie Cormaney**, Pine Creek (2026), **Reed Doughty**, Flatirons Academy (2026), **Gregg Hawkins**, Palisade (2026), **Levi Kramer**, Wray (2026), **Paul Jefferson**, Gateway (2026), **Aaron Bravo**, District 60 (2026), **Josh Vialpondo**, Walsenburg (2026)