

2024-2025 Sports Advisory Proposals

BASKETBALL

Proposal #1: Regional Playoff Format - Class AA

Four Regional Playoffs – Five teams per region. Four region winners advance to the state tournament. Seed the remaining eight teams based on power points. The winner of these four games advances to the state tournament.

School	Class AA	Class A	Class B
YES VOTES:	6	8	6
NO VOTES:	11	14	24
TOTAL VOTES:	17	22	30
% YES	35.3%	36.4%	20.0%
% NO	64.7%	63.6%	80.0%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale: Regional games allow less travel, more opportunity for playoff atmosphere.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Proposal #1: Decrease the judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.

School	Class AA	Class A
YES VOTES:	20	34
NO VOTES:	1	4
TOTAL VOTES:	21	38
% YES	95.5%	89.5%
% NO	4.8%	10.5%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Keep the range of scores smaller.

Proposal #2: Changes to the Performance Rubric

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	20	34
NO VOTES:	2	3
TOTAL VOTES:	22	37
% YES	90.9%	90.9%
% NO	8.1%	8.1%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Change will help judges score with more objective criteria for each category and provide coaches with areas for improvement.

COMPETITIVE DANCE

Proposal #1: Decrease in the judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class AA</u>
YES VOTES:	18	24
NO VOTES:	1	4
TOTAL VOTES:	19	28
% YES	94.7%	85.7%
% NO	5.3%	14.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Keep the range of scores smaller.

Proposal #2: Restructure of Dance Grand Champion and Tie Breaking Rules.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	18	25
NO VOTES:	1	2
TOTAL VOTES:	19	27
% YES	94.7%	92.6%
% NO	5.3%	7.4%

Staff Recommendation: Approved

Rationale: Definition of points that would be assigned to placement in each category and if a tie results, deductions would first be used and then difficulty score.

Proposal #3: Changes to the Dance Rubric

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	19	24
NO VOTES:	0	3
TOTAL VOTES:	19	27
% YES	100%	88.9%
% NO	0.0%	11.1%

Staff Recommendation: Approve**Rationale:** To include more skills in the rubric that teams are performing.**FOOTBALL**

Proposal #1: Friday Games for Post Season -SDHSAA Playoff Games are currently scheduled for Thursday evenings in October. Revise the calendar to create Friday night playoff games.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class 11AAA</u>	<u>Class 11AA</u>	<u>Class 11A</u>	<u>Class 11B</u>	<u>Class 9AA</u>	<u>Class 9A</u>	<u>Class 9B</u>
6	3	7	14	3	6	3	6
4	4	6	8	16	13	20	4
10	7	13	22	19	19	23	10
60.0%	42.9%	53.8%	63.6%	15.8%	31.6%	13.0%	60.0%
40.0%	57.1%	46.2%	36.4%	84.2%	68.4%	87.0%	40.0%

YES VOTES:	42
NO VOTES:	71
TOTAL VOTES:	113

% YES	37.17%
% NO	62.83%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale: Due to common injuries and long return trips, Thursday night playoff games create obstacles for students that can be eliminated by moving games to Friday evening. Other prominent obstacles specific to each school district do exist as well. Conflicting with State Cheer/Dance, State Cross Country and State Chorus and Orchestra

Proposal #2: Increase Officials Pay from \$125 to \$150 per official per game

<u>School</u>	<u>Class 11AAA</u>	<u>Class 11AA</u>	<u>Class 11A</u>	<u>Class 11B</u>	<u>Class 9AA</u>	<u>Class 9A</u>	<u>Class 9B</u>
14	4	13	21	19	17	21	14
1	2	2	1	1	3	4	1
15	6	15	22	20	20	25	15
93.3%	66.7%	86.7%	95.5%	95.0%	85.0%	84.0%	93.3%
6.7%	33.3%	13.3%	4.5%	5.0%	15.0%	16.0%	6.7%

YES VOTES:	137
NO VOTES:	19
TOTAL VOTES:	156

% YES	87.82%
% NO	12.18%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Football Officials have received the same pay for 6+ years and numerous officials have requested a moderate increase to \$150 per game (regular season and post season, excluding championship games)

Increasing pay shows an investment in officials. Many officials must leave work early to travel to games and take vacation or leave without pay to officiate. An increase in pay would also be an effective measure to help recruit new officials, as well as retain.

Proposal #3: Make Riding Time Mandatory

<u>School</u>	<u>Class 11AAA</u>	<u>Class 11AA</u>	<u>Class 11A</u>	<u>Class 11B</u>	<u>Class 9AA</u>	<u>Class 9A</u>	<u>Class 9B</u>
6	6	9	21	17	15	19	6
4	1	6	1	3	4	6	4
10	7	15	22	20	19	25	10
60.0%	85.7%	60.0%	95.5%	85.0%	78.9%	76.0%	60.0%
40.0%	14.3%	40.0%	4.5%	15.0%	21.1%	24.0%	40.0%

YES VOTES:	93
NO VOTES:	25
TOTAL VOTES:	118

% YES	78.81%
% NO	21.19%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Football Officials greatly appreciate the effort put forth by the SDHSAA and member schools for paying officials “riding time”. While most schools participate, some do not. Like other sports officials, football officials often travel long distances to contests. Officials must arrive at the game site an hour before game time. Traveling a distance requires them to depart from home even earlier. This causes them to leave work early and take time off, or time off without pay. Compensating officials for riding to contests allows them to be paid for their time. Requiring schools to participate would ensure all officials are compensated for their time.

GOLF

Proposal #1: Pin Sheets provided by host course for all SDHSAA State Events

All host courses shall provide pin sheets prior to the practice round for all participants in SDHSAA Events.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	18	19	64
NO VOTES:	0	12	2
TOTAL VOTES:	18	31	66
% YES	100.0%	61.3%	97.0%
% NO	0.0%	38.7%	3.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: To provide equitable information for all participants

Proposal #2: State Tournament Team Qualifying (Class A)

Regions that have 8 or more teams competing in the Region Tournament will automatically qualify the top 4 teams plus ties.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	6	23	22
NO VOTES:	0	7	10
TOTAL VOTES:	6	30	32
% YES	100.0%	76.7%	68.8%
% NO	0.0%	23.3%	31.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Some Class A Regions will have 6 teams competing at the Region Tournament with 3 teams automatically qualifying for the state tournament, 50% of the total teams. Other Regions have 9 teams competing at regions and still can only qualify 3 teams automatically, 33% of the total teams. This proposal ensures that a closer percentage of teams from each region can automatically qualify for the state tournament.

Proposal #3: Coaches Carts at State Meet

Allow each school to be given one cart at the state tournament. Schools that have two coaches and will still only be provided with one cart. Schools will share the funding to provide extra carts that are needed.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	6	25	45
NO VOTES:	13	7	20
TOTAL VOTES:	19	32	65
% YES	31.6%	78.1%	69.2%
% NO	68.4%	21.9%	30.8%

Staff Recommendation: Approve but with the 2026-27 School year We have to check with all of our Golf Courses to see if they can order fleets in.

Rationale: Not all schools can pay/find a second coach. This levels the playing field and makes it easier for schools that only have one coach to reach all their players. It also reduces the need for teams' waves if that change is made in the future.

GYMNASTICS

Proposal #1: All Member schools that sponsor gymnastics will use INSIGHT for scoring at events and/or score submission after events.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	15	19
NO VOTES:	0	2
TOTAL VOTES:	15	21
% YES	100.0%	90.5%
% NO	0.0%	9.5%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This web-based scoring system will allow for real time tracking of individual scores throughout the season. Schools will have the capability to download results in a format that can be uploaded to Bound. Similar scoring systems have been successful in track and field and wrestling. The cost of implementation is \$200 per school.

SOCCER

Proposal #1: Final Four – Class AA

School	Class AA	Class A
YES VOTES:	8	6
NO VOTES:	10	4
TOTAL VOTES:	18	10
% YES	44.4%	60.0%
% NO	55.6%	40.0%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale: Final Four for Class AA. The teams would play in the quarterfinals on Saturday of Week 14. The teams that win in the quarterfinals would have a full week for recovery and preparation for the “final four”. The top 4 Class AA Teams all play on Friday of Week 15 at the state venue and then all play on Saturday as well. Those games would be played at 8am and 10am for 3rd and 4th place followed by the championship games for Class A at 11/1 and then Class AA championship games at 5/7. Class AA would have 4 games on Friday and Four games on Saturday. The games on Friday would be 5/7pm. This would not go into effect until the 2028-29 school year. Other considerations to look at are schedules, budgets, sites and officials.

SOFTBALL

Proposal #1: JV 5-Run Rule. Teams would agree to this prior to the game.

School	Class AA	Class A	Class B
YES VOTES:	3	18	31
NO VOTES:	13	5	3
TOTAL VOTES:	16	23	34
% YES	18.8%	78.3%	91.2%
% NO	81.3%	21.7%	8.8%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This would allow young teams to develop while keeping a positive environment, comparable to a running clock in other sports.

TENNIS

Proposal #1: Put Lowest Flights on First at State Tournament.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	9	11
NO VOTES:	8	0
TOTAL VOTES:	17	11
% YES	52.9%	100.0%
% NO	47.1%	0.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: The best players would be on the court at the end of the tournament so the best players would decide the team title.

Proposal #2: Allow Athletes to wear backwards hat during competition.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	10	7
NO VOTES:	7	4
TOTAL VOTES:	17	11
% YES	58.8%	63.6%
% NO	41.2%	36.4%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Due to playing in wind in South Dakota, it can be difficult to not have their hat blow off.

Proposal #3: Expand Team Awards to Five at the State Tourney for Class AA.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>
YES VOTES:	4	2
NO VOTES:	13	6
TOTAL VOTES:	17	8
% YES	23.5%	25.0%
% NO	76.5%	75.0%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale: Increase the number of teams who are rewarded.

TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Proposal #1: Top 24 (Entry Limits change to 4)

This rule change would remove the 3-athlete limit per school in each event and allow for an 4th athlete from each school in a single event as long as they are in the top 24 confirmed times/distances/heights. Only the top 3 will count for team scores.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	2	12	14
NO VOTES:	16	35	42
TOTAL VOTES:	18	47	56
% YES	11.1%	25.5%	25.0%
% NO	88.9%	74.5%	75.0%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale: We should not be penalizing students for having successful teammates. If a school has 5 of the top 10 fastest 100m runners, the 4th & 5th student should have a chance to run in it at the state meet.

Proposal #2: First Allowable Contest in Cross Country

Proposing that the first allowable Cross Country competition date move from Friday of week 8 to Thursday of week 8. If the first allowable competition date moves from week 8 on role years, we would still want it to start on Thursday.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	18	45	54
NO VOTES:	0	0	3
TOTAL VOTES:	18	45	57
% YES	100.0%	100.0%	94.7%
% NO	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Allowing meets on that Thursday would give us the flexibility to stay away from conflicts when the date lands on Labor Day Weekend. The majority of fall events get scheduled around football games. This would help to have the meet the day before Friday night football game.

Proposal #3: Start Date for Boys and Girls Cross Country

Change the start date for Boys/Girls Cross Country from Thursday of week 6 to Monday of week 6.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	18	43	52
NO VOTES:	0	2	5
TOTAL VOTES:	18	45	57
% YES	100.0%	95.6%	91.2%
% NO	0.0%	4.4%	8.8%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Moving the start date allows for programs to have more time for formal preparation and coaching to acclimate to conditions conducive to early season meets. With school starting in-service and starting dates sooner, this will allow coaches that teach to be better prepared for the start of their season and not be overwhelmed. Changing from Thursday to Monday allows a better start routine with practice habits for both coaches and athletes. Many student-athletes currently run in the summer months in open road/runs. This will allow them to continue on a more consistent training plan that involves their coach.

Proposal #4: Removing the deviation for the 100M girls' hurdle and follow the NFHS rule on distance between hurdles

Starting Line to first Hurdle Between Hurdles Last Hurdle to Finish 13 m (42 ft.; 8 in.) 8.5 m (27 ft., 10 ¾ in.) 10.5 m (34 ft., 5 ½ in.) If approved this would go into effect the Spring of 2026

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	15	20	28
NO VOTES:	3	26	27
TOTAL VOTES:	18	46	55
% YES	83.3%	43.5%	50.9%
% NO	16.7%	56.5%	49.1%

Staff Recommendation: ???

Proposal #5: Change rule to allow changing of the 200 start in the State Meet

To change the SDHSAA Rule to allow the 200 meters to be reversed for the state meet just like the regular season.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	11	44	49
NO VOTES:	7	2	6
TOTAL VOTES:	18	46	55
% YES	61.1%	95.7%	89.1%
% NO	38.9%	4.3%	10.9%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

VOLLEYBALL**Proposal #1: The SoDak 16 contest will be played at the higher seed.**

Class A and Class B: The SoDak 16 contests will be played at the higher seed.

- i. Mileage will be paid to the traveling team at \$.60/mile round trip.
- ii. Host sites must meet the minimum accommodations of:
 - a. Minimum ceiling height of 23 ft. without obstruction
 - b. 700 seat capacity
 - c. 6 ft. of unobstructed space outside the court boundaries.

If gym requirements cannot be met by the host site, the host site will determine a site that is no further in travel distance than the host site for the contest.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class AA</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	11	10	12
NO VOTES:	3	34	47
TOTAL VOTES:	14	44	59
% YES	78.6%	22.7%	20.3%
% NO	21.4%	77.3%	79.7%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Rationale:

- 1) Every contest matters, making teams work harder to get higher seed and not have to travel. You have earned the right to host, you should be able to do that.
- 2) Consistency in playoff format, football, soccer, softball all travel to the high seed as does AA.
- 3) Loss of revenue for A and B.

WRESTLING

Proposal 1- Remove Region Seeding Requirements wording.

Contestants must have a minimum of eight matches actually wrestled at the weight class in which they are entered for competition at the Region Meet in order to be considered for seeding. Any injury, illness, or ineligibility will not alter the above rule. This minimum number may be reduced provided committee members and head coaches in a Region vote by majority to do so.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	33	69
NO VOTES:	0	1
TOTAL VOTES:	33	70
% YES	100.0%	98.6%
% NO	0.0%	1.4%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 2 – Fill byes in state tournament bracket with 5th place the 6th place if needed.

In both boys and girls, we will fill the brackets that have byes with 5th place from regions. We will seed them out just like we have had in the past for alternates. If all 5th places are used, we will move onto the 6th place finishers in Region and seed them for the replacement in brackets or as the alternate. Once byes are established, we will seed whoever is remaining to determine the alternate to take to state. All athletes entered into the tournament to fill bye slots or as alternate wrestlers due to injury/illness/discipline/weight are scoring wrestlers

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	34	66
NO VOTES:	0	6
TOTAL VOTES:	34	72
% YES	100.0%	91.7%
% NO	0.0%	8.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 3 -State Dual Handbook Wording.

We have gone through and updated the wording in the handbook on the State Dual Seeding procedure. We have been using this formula to seed duals ever since we reinstated the State Dual tournament. The updates are in Red.

State Dual Tournament, Section A, Subsections 3 and 4 (pg. 13)

This is not a change; this is clarifying language that better reflects what has been actual practice.

Updated, 2020: To determine the eight teams in the State Dual, the **top ten** teams by ~~seed~~ **power point average with at least 10 duals** will be evaluated for qualification. Each of the **top ten** teams will be evaluated against each of the other nine teams in criteria order to evaluate seed points, which are the number of teams within the group of ten that each team has criteria over. ~~Evaluation will be done by criteria in order, much as individuals are determined.~~ ~~Qualifications~~ **Criteria** will be, in order: Head-to-Head, Common Opponents, Power Point Average, Last year's place @ State Duals, Last year's place @ State Individual, Coin Flip. **Once all teams have been evaluated against all other teams within the selected group, the teams will be listed in order of seed points (number of teams they have criteria over) in descending order, with the team with the highest number of seed points at one and the team with the lowest seed points at ten. Teams who are tied in seed points will be evaluated against each other by criteria to determine order. For example, if two teams are sitting at 3 and 4 and each have 6 seed points, those two teams would be evaluated against each other in criteria order until it can be determined who has criteria over the other, and the team with criteria would be placed at three. If three or more teams are tied in seed points, they would be evaluated against each other until a tie is broken positively or negatively and the remaining teams would be re-evaluated starting at the top of the criteria. In order to break a three or more-way tie in seed points via head to head or common opponents, every team in the group would have to have wrestled each other (head to head) or all share a common opponent. Once the ties have been broken and every team is listed in seed point order, if a team right below another team has direct (head to head or common opponent) criteria over the team above them, those two teams would be flipped. Example- Team A has 5 seed points and is the 6 seed. Team B has 4 seed points and is the 7 seed. Team B has head to head criteria over Team A, A and B would be flipped for the 6 and 7 seed. This is only applicable for teams who are right next to each other in seeds. If A is the 2 seed, B is the 3 seed, and C is the 4 seed but C has direct criteria over A, C cannot jump B to get to A.**

Once all ties in seed points have been broken and direct criteria among teams right next to each other have been established, the top eight teams advance to the state tournament. Should a tie in power points exist for the last qualifying spot for consideration of a top-eight seeding, the following criteria shall be applied to break the tie (if multiple teams are tied, items a through e shall be used in consecutive order to break the tie either positively or negatively, and the remaining teams will then be re-evaluated using the criteria.

- **Criteria** will be, in order: Head-to-Head, Common Opponents, Power Point Average, Last year's place @ State Duals, Last year's place @ State Individual, Coin Flip

School	Class A	Class B
YES VOTES:	34	66
NO VOTES:	0	1
TOTAL VOTES:	34	67
% YES	100.0%	98.5%
% NO	0.0%	1.5%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 4 – Cutoff date to have your last Dual event count towards Seeding for State Duals

The cutoff date will for duals to be considered for State Dual Seeding will be Thursday of Week 31. This will include out of state opponents records as well. This will help finalize the Dual teams by the weekend and allow the SDHSAA time to check schedules and records form both in state and out of state opponents.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	35	64
NO VOTES:	0	2
TOTAL VOTES:	35	66
% YES	100.0%	97.0%
% NO	0.0%	3.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 5 – Change the State Dual Seeding from taking the top Ten Power point teams for seeding

to the Top 16 teams in the Dual Seeding.

This will provide more data and make the top 8 teams for each class more accurate when to comes to getting the final top 8 teams seeded

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	31	57
NO VOTES:	4	8
TOTAL VOTES:	35	65
% YES	88.6%	87.7%
% NO	11.4%	12.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 6 – Change in Dual Team Qualification.

You will need to have 10 Duals on record instead of 8 to qualify for state dual seeding.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	34	51
NO VOTES:	1	12
TOTAL VOTES:	35	63
% YES	97.1%	81.0%
% NO	2.9%	19.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 7 – Changing the Daily/Session Mat Schedule for the State Wrestling Tournament

To change the Daily/Session Mat Schedule for the State Wrestling Tournament. Start times to sessions may have to be adjusted.

School	Class A	Class B
YES VOTES:	32	58
NO VOTES:	2	8
TOTAL VOTES:	34	66
% YES	94.1%	87.9%
% NO	5.9%	12.1%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale:

It is very difficult for some Girls Wrestling Coaching staff that may have only 1-2 coaches be on multiple mats at the same time when they are spread across the event floor. Some schools that qualify numerous female wrestlers may have wrestlers on Mat 1 and Mat 8 at the same time and then have another come up on Mat 4 and they are unable to cover them all. During this past state tournament, we had some schools having 4 wrestlers wrestling all at the same time.

Daily Mat Schedule for Individual State Class A Boys, Class B Boys and Girls Wrestling Tournament

DAY 1 (Thursday)

1st Session – 10:00am

A Boys 1st Round on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 1st Round on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's 1st Round on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls 1st round matches, put the next available A Boys 1st Round matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 1st Round matches on Mats 3 & 4

2nd Session – 4:00pm

A Boys Quarterfinals on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys Quarterfinals on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's Quarterfinals on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls Quarterfinal matches, put the next available A Boys Quarterfinal matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 1st Quarterfinal matches on Mats 3 & 4

DAY 2 (Friday)

1st Session – 9:30am

A Boys 1st Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 1st Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's 1st Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls 1st round consolation matches, put the next available A Boys 1st Round consolation matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 1st Round consolation matches on Mats 3 & 4

1st Session - Continued

A Boys 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's 2nd Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls 2nd round consolation matches, put the next available A Boys 2nd round consolation matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 2nd round consolation matches on Mats 3 & 4

2nd Session (Day 2) 3:00pm A Boys 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's 3rd Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls 3rd round consolation matches, put the next available A Boys 3rd round consolation matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 3rd round consolation matches on Mats 3 & 4

2nd Session - Continued A Boys 4th Round Consolation on Mats 7 & 8

B Boys 4th Round Consolation on Mats 1 & 2

Girl's 4th Round Consolation on Mats 3, 4, 5 & 6

- After completion of the Girls 4th round consolation matches, put the next available A Boys 4th round consolation matches on mats 5 & 6 and the next available B Boys 4th round consolation matches on Mats 3 & 4

DAY 3 (Saturday)

1st Session – 10:00am – Placing Matches

B Boys 7th, 5th and 3 place matches on Mats 1 & 2

Girls 7th, 5th and 3 place matches on Mats 3 & 4

A Boys 7th, 5th and 3 place matches on Mats 5 & 6

Note: Run all 7th place matches before 5th place matches etc.

2nd Session – 1:00pm - Finals

B Boys Finals on Mat 1

Girls Finals on Mat 3

A Boys Finals on Mat 5

Proposal 8 – Girls State Dual Team Tournament

This proposal would create a Girls Dual Team Tournament – Details to be worked out by a committee to study the date, time, qualifiers and other details. This would be completed and ready for the 2026-27 school year

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	26	52
NO VOTES:	9	13
TOTAL VOTES:	35	65
% YES	74.3%	80.0%
% NO	25.7%	20.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 9 – Proposed Girls Region Realignment.

Request that the association look at the participation numbers in Girls Regions and Realigning the regions for only the 2025-26 season

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	12	31
NO VOTES:	21	38
TOTAL VOTES:	33	69
% YES	36.4%	44.9%
% NO	63.6%	55.1%

Staff Recommendation: Not to Approve

Proposal 10- Change to the NFHS Weight Class for Girls to 14.

Request the change from the NFHS 12 weight classes to the NFHS 14 Weight Class

NFHS 14 Weights – 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, 235

NFHS 12 Weights – 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	29	47
NO VOTES:	5	23
TOTAL VOTES:	34	70
% YES	85.3%	67.1%
% NO	14.7%	32.9%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal 11 – Eliminating Females from Wrestling in Male Dual Events.

It is a separate sport, and it does not count towards either record for male or female.

<u>School</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>
YES VOTES:	35	68
NO VOTES:	0	1
TOTAL VOTES:	35	69
% YES	100.0%	98.6%
% NO	0.0%	1.4%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

MUSIC ADVISORY

Proposal #1: All-State Chorus Spot Check Selection Policy

All schools will get their name entered a random drawing. Random.org will be used to select 40 schools for spot checks. Any school that is selected that brings more than 1 quartet will get to decide which quartet will sing in the spot check. The SDHSAA will announce the schools being spot checked AND the music selections that will be heard in spot checks on Monday prior to All-State Chorus. Any schools that fail the spot checks will be placed on probation and will be spot checked the following year. Those schools will be moved to the top of the randomly drawn spot check list. We will still only take 40 quartets, including those on probation. All schools will be placed in the drawing every year. The SDHSAA will randomly select the quartet number for schools that have more than 1 quartet, and music selections being heard for spot checks will be released on Friday morning of All-State Chorus.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	85
NO VOTES:	23
TOTAL VOTES:	108
% YES	78.7%
% NO	21.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Under the current policy, there are schools that will have quartets spot checked every year, while many other schools go years or even decades without being spot checked. This change makes the chances of being selected for spot checks equal for all schools.

Proposal #2: Assign Mitchell High School as the annual host for All-State Jazz Band and Show Choir

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	105
NO VOTES:	1
TOTAL VOTES:	106
% YES	99.1%
% NO	0.9%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Mitchell High School has all of the facility space and equipment needed to host this combined music event. They have agreed to this proposal.

SPEECH ADVISORY

Proposal #1: Allow all classes to choose their own play genre each year.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	97
NO VOTES:	1
TOTAL VOTES:	98
% YES	99.0%
% NO	1.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Directors can choose a play that is best suited for their cast each year.

Proposal #2: Add SDSU to the state festival site rotation.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	98
NO VOTES:	1
TOTAL VOTES:	99
% YES	99.0%
% NO	1.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Their facility is set up perfectly for the event. Currently, only Brandon Valley and Mitchell facilities are serving as hosts for the event. Adding a 3rd facility will lessen the burden of hosting for Mitchell and Brandon Valley.

Proposal #3: Create 4 class AA regions and require all classes to compete at the region level in order to advance to the state festival. 3 schools from each region will advance.

Region 1 AA – Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Sioux Falls Washington, Sioux Falls Jefferson, O’Gorman

Region 2 AA – Yankton, Tea Area, Harrisburg, Brandon Valley, Brookings

Region 3 AA – Watertown, Aberdeen Central, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre

Region 4 AA – Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens, Douglas, Spearfish, Sturgis

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	47
NO VOTES:	25
TOTAL VOTES:	72
All AA Schools Voted NO	
% YES	65.3%
% NO	34.7%

Staff Recommendation:

Rationale: We now have 20 class AA schools, 12 class A schools, and 16 class B schools competing at the state festival. Scheduling 48 performances at 45 minutes each in a way that allows adequate breaks for judges is no longer possible. Having mentally exhausted judges is unfair to the performers. Reducing the number of class AA schools at the state festival using regional competitions will allow for the creation of a manageable schedule. The schedule used this year started at 8am each day, ran 45-minute plays back-to-back, non-stop except for two 15-minute breaks each day for session announcements, and ended around 9:30 each night. There is no room in the schedule to account for the potential of one or more A or B regions sending 3 schools to the state festival due to ties at the regional contests. A reduction of the number of class AA schools at the state festival is a viable, long-term solution to this issue.

Proposal #4: Adopt “My Fair Lady” as the 2025-26 Theatrical Design Contest Prompt.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	90
NO VOTES:	3
TOTAL VOTES:	93
% YES	96.8%
% NO	3.2%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Proposal #5: Adopt the following schedule for the State Oral Interp Festival

Friday Afternoon,	4:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.	"AA" – Storytelling
December 5	"AA" – Humorous	"A" – Humorous
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Interpretation	Interpretation
Registration	"A" – Non-Original Oratory	"B" – Non-Original Oratory
4:00 p.m. – 7:30pm	"B" – Serious Interpretation	8:15a.m. – 11:45a.m.
"AA" – Non-Original		
Oratory		"AA" – Readers Theatre
"A" - Serious Interpretation		"A"- Poetry Reading
"B" – Readers Theatre		"B"- Humorous
4:15p.m. – 7:45pm	Saturday Morning,	Interpretation
"AA" – Serious	December 6	
Interpretation	7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration	
"A" – Duet Interpretation	for Schools Not Previously	
"B" – Storytelling	Registered	
	8:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.	

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	51
NO VOTES:	45
TOTAL VOTES:	96
% YES	53.1%
% NO	46.9%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Several schools that have traditionally served as State Interp Festival hosts are no longer willing to host the festival due to the need for several performance spaces during school hours on a Friday. The committee hopes that, with the adoption of this new schedule, schools will again be willing to host the festival.

Proposal #6: Clarification on wording in the Oral Interp Handbook

1. Article 6, Section 4.b: At the State Festival, ~~the State Festival Committee must lower the composite rating of any performance exceeding 10 minutes, 30 seconds-~~ **will be disqualified.**
2. Article 7, Sections 6.4 and 6.5: **STATE FESTIVAL RATINGS.** At the State Festival, each judge is to rate the contestants using rubric. A student will receive a Superior rating if two of the three judges rate the performance as "Superior". **A student who is given a perfect score from all 3 judges will be recognized as receiving a "Superior with Distinction".**

ALL CONTESTANTS WHO RECEIVE A "SUPERIOR" RATING OR SUPERIOR WITH DISTINCTION RATING SHALL BE AWARDED A MEDAL.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	92
NO VOTES:	2
TOTAL VOTES:	94
% YES	97.9%
% NO	2.1%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: These changes clarify current practices in use.

Proposal #7: Change to Mandatory Online Rules Meeting

The committee recommends removing the requirement of an online rules meeting for all fine art activities. The SDHSAA will still create the meetings and make them available to all fine arts coaches/directors/advisors.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	64
NO VOTES:	34
TOTAL VOTES:	98
% YES	65.3%
% NO	34.7%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: All information presented in the rules meetings comes directly from the fine arts handbooks, and all rule changes are emailed to schools once they have been approved.

DEBATE ADVISORY

Proposal #1: Change in how schools are classified

Classify the 14 schools with the largest ADM as class AA. All other schools would be classified as class A, with option to petition up to class AA. This new classification system would be implemented in the 2026-27 school year.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	33
NO VOTES:	12
TOTAL VOTES:	45
% YES	73.3%
% NO	26.7%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This is recommended in order to ensure that both class A and class AA have adequate numbers for competition at the state tournament.

Proposal #2: Add the following to the State Debate Handbook

Generative Artificial Intelligence: *At the SDHSAA State Debate Tournament, in events in which speeches must be the original created work of a competitor, students are prohibited from quoting or paraphrasing text directly from generative AI sources. Generative AI should not be cited as a source. The exception is that a student delivering a speech about the topic of AI may quote AI to illustrate their points about AI, in accordance with existing quoted word limits. While generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested. In debate events, generative AI should not be cited as a source; while generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested.*

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	46
NO VOTES:	0
TOTAL VOTES:	46
% YES	100.0%
% NO	0.0%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This will give guidance to coaches as they teach debaters about proper use of AI in debate competition. This is the same policy used by the National Speech & Debate Association.

Proposal #3: Change point range used in IE's from 0-30 to 20-30

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	45
NO VOTES:	1
TOTAL VOTES:	46
% YES	97.8%
% NO	2.2%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This is the point range used at many other tournaments. This is a change for the sake of consistency.

Proposal #4: Move to a composite score, pending a successful testing of the use of composite scores using tabroom.com. If the test is unsuccessful, we would drop the lowest rank in IEs in prelim rounds.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:	44
NO VOTES:	1
TOTAL VOTES:	45
% YES	97.8%
% NO	2.2%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Using a composite score does not require human tabulation and eliminates the possibility of errors.

Proposal #5: Amend Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 3.C.5

The pull up should be the highest seed in that bracket it is being pulled from. Do not avoid pulling an entry up because they have been previously pulled up. Pull ups are re-seeded into their new bracket as they would be based on the tiebreakers other than win/loss. For example, if a pull up has the 10th most ballots out of the 12 entries in the bracket, they are given the 10th position despite having fewer wins. Repeat the pull up process for each division as needed. **The pullup will be randomly drawn by tabroom.com.**

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		44
NO VOTES:		2
TOTAL VOTES:		46
% YES		95.7%
% NO		4.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: The software used to run the state tournament does this automatically. The committee would prefer to use this function rather than manually determining pull ups.

Proposal #6: Adopt official proposal for IE's

1. Each school continues to be guaranteed 2 in each IE event
2. A third entry may be added if all three entries qualified through 1 of 3 ways
 - a. State Finalists the prior year, or 1st or 2nd at Northern or Rushmore NSDA Qualifiers OR 1st or 2nd SD representative at Hole in the Wall NSDA Qualifiers
 - b. Earned 3 "bids" during the forensic season at an in-person tournament. A Bid is earned at the following levels
 - i. 0-19 Contestants - 1st Place (no finals required)
 - ii. 20-34 Contestants - 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place (no finals required)
 - iii. 35+ Contestants - Finalist or top 6 if no final is held
3. If a team has earned an additional entry, the coach must email the director(s) of the State Debate and Individual Events Tournament by the entry deadline and data to verify entry. The entry will be waitlisted until qualifications have been verified by tab staff.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		42
NO VOTES:		3
TOTAL VOTES:		45
% YES		93.3%
% NO		6.7%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This proposal adds weight to the regular season and wins/losses of participants.

Proposal #7: Adopt official proposal for Debate

1. Each school continues to be guaranteed 2 in each debate event
2. A third entry may be added if all three entries qualified through 1 of 3 ways
 - a. State Semi-Finalists the prior year, or
 - b. 1st or 2nd at Northern or Rushmore NSDA Qualifiers OR 1st or 2nd SD representative at Hole in the Wall NSDA Qualifiers
 - c. Earned 3 "bids" during the forensic season at an in-person tournament. A Bid is earned at the following levels
 - i. 0-19 Contestants - Finalists or top 2
 - ii. 20-34 Contestants - Semi-Finalists or top 4
 - iii. 35+ Contestants - top 8 or quarterfinalists
3. If a team has earned an additional entry, the coach must email the director(s) of the State Debate and Individual Events Tournament by the entry deadline and data to verify entry.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		41
NO VOTES:		4
TOTAL VOTES:		45
% YES		91.1%
% NO		8.9%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This proposal adds weight to the regular season and wins/losses of participants.

JOURNALISM ADVISORY

Proposal #1: Remove the requirement of 3 consecutive newspaper publications to be submitted for the newspaper contest. Rather than consecutive issues, it is proposed to allow any 3 issues from the previous academic year.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		59
NO VOTES:		1
TOTAL VOTES:		60
% YES		98.3%
% NO		1.7%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: This gives schools the option to choose their 3 best newspapers for the contest.

ESPORTS ADVISORY

Proposal #1: In team titles, schools are limited to one scoring team per title, and that team is identified prior to the competition. In individual titles, schools may have up to 4 entries, and may score up to three entries towards team points.

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		52
NO VOTES:		5
TOTAL VOTES:		57
% YES		91.2%
% NO		8.8%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Advisory believed this was a fairer way to establish team scoring, and follows a similar model to track and field (one scoring team in relays, multiple in individual events).

Proposal #2: Approve the language change regarding awards as follows (additions in red)

Article III- State Esports Tournament Awards Policy-

Section 1. SCHOOL AWARDS FOR THE ESPORTS EVENTS.

A. Plaques will be presented to the schools of the 1st through 4th place teams for each title.

B. All-around Championship and Runner-up trophies will be presented to the schools who amass the most and second-most total team points, with 10 points for first place in a title, 7 points for second place in a title, ~~and 4 points for third place in a title,~~ **and 1 point for fourth place in a title.** Plaques will be given to the 3rd and 4th place teams.

All-Around tiebreakers are:

- a. The largest number of State Champions
- b. The largest number of 2nd place recipients
- c. The largest number of 3rd place recipients
- d. The largest number of 4th place recipients

<u>School</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Response</u>
YES VOTES:		54
NO VOTES:		3
TOTAL VOTES:		57
% YES		94.7%
% NO		5.3%

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Rationale: Awards points for 4th place and provides for further tiebreakers in the event of a tie in team points.

SMAC ADVISORY PROPOSALS

1. Allow the First Aid, Health, and Safety requirement for coaches to be completed via hands-on, in-person training through the Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, or a hospital/health care system based in-person training program. Schools must send certification paperwork to the SDHSAA so that the coaches education requirement can be noted in the records. The NFHS Course is still allowed to be used for the requirement.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

2. All schools shall develop and submit the SDHSAA annually, emergency action plans, to include plans regarding the preparation, equipment, and use of Cold-Water Immersion/whole body cooling in the event of exertional heat stroke, as well as plans for the use of Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers in decision-making regarding outdoor practices and contests. The SDHSAA, together with the SDHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the SDATA will work to provide best practices to schools, and schools should attempt to match those best practices to the largest extent possible

Staff Recommendation: Approve

SPORTS OFFICIALS COUNCIL PROPOSALS

1. **Wrestling Officials – State Tournament Requirements** – They would like to change the following requirements to qualify to officiate the State Wrestling.

Points to Qualify - Current 10 points – ***Change to 18 total points***

Points for:

- Duals - 1 point (1 Previously)
- Tris/Quads - 2 points (1 Previously)
- 1 Day Tournament - 3 Points (2 Previously)
- 2 Day Tournament - 4 points (2 Previously)

Staff Recommendation: Approve

2. Requirements for Sub-State Tournament Officials – Increasing the number of games worked throughout the season to work state contest. Currently officials must work a minimum of 12 regular season varsity contest (non-gender specific) during the current school year to be eligible to officiate any post season contest. They would like to increase that to 15 regular season varsity contest (non-gender specific) during the current school year to be eligible to officiate any post season contest

Staff Recommendation: Approve

3. Requirements for Sub-State Tournament Officials – Requirements to work a SoDak 16 sub-state assignment – the official must hold a “certified” classification for 2 years (eligible on the 2nd year of certification). In the event the official’s certified officiating experience is interrupted, prior years of service will be counted if the period of interruption does not exceed two years. This provides for a reasonable progression from the requirements to work a Region Contest (just needing to be certified), and it matches the similar terminology as the State Tournament requirement.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

4. Sports Officials Advisory/Penalties, subsection B Suspensions – Change the wording on suspension from officiating for one year for failing to meet the same requirements for 3 consecutive years to: suspended from the sport in which the official fails to meet the requirement in the 3 consecutive years.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

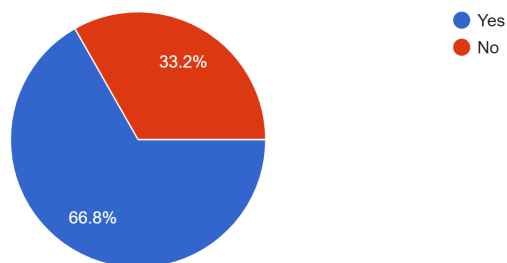
5. Closely Guarded: Exception = Active Dribbler -Rule 4 Section 10 Closely Guarded: Exception – Closely guarded is not in effect when the player is dribbling the ball (9-10-1a NOTE). The NFHS permits states utilizing the 35-second shot clock to allow players to dribble without enforcing the closely guarded rule since they have a 35-second time limit to attempt a try for goal, maintain an appropriate pace of play.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

6. Basketball Officials Shirt – Switch to the NCAA Men’s shirt for SDHSAA Basketball Officials. This would be Mandatory for the 2027-28 school year, and they could start wearing them next year.

Are you in favor of switching to the NCAA Mens Shirt for SDHSAA Basketball Officials?

388 responses



Staff Recommendation: Approve