

Basketball

1. AA seeding system: The first five contests on your schedule vs. Class A and Class B opponents will be deducted at the current 2-point deduction for contests against a Class A school and 3-point deduction for playing a Class B opponent. After those first five contests against any Class A or Class B opponent, the remaining contest against any Class A or B opponents will be deducted at 4 points for Class A and 5 points for Class B respectively, in order of contest played.

Committee Vote: 4-3 in favor with Jack, Osborne and Aaker dissenting.

Rationale: Seems to be some discrepancies with AA seeding. The committee feels that this change may produce a more accurate reflection of a team's season schedule than the current system.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	7	10
Class A:	3	50
Class B:	0	72
TOTAL:	10	132

2. Class AA only: Move the dates for seed points and Round of 16 dates to the following:

Class	Cut-off date	Round of 16 date
Class AA Girls	Friday, Week 35	Friday, Week 36
Class AA Boys	Saturday Week 35	Saturday, Week 36

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor.

Rationale: Since the State Tournament is so much later the cut-off date, makes sense to move the Round of 16 contests to these dates. Downfall is that they now be played on top of the Class B Girls State Tournament and it could potentially affect sites and locations that might be able to host. (See below tables for illustrations.)

	YES	NO
Class AA:	7	10
TOTAL:	7	10

3. Class AA Only: Add a play-in-game for Class AA. The contest would take place prior to the Round of 16, with seed 15 vs. 18, 16 vs. 17 to see who will play in the Round of 16. That contest would take place on Monday/Tuesday, Week 35. Additionally, move the Round of 16 games to Fri/Sat.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: Some felt is it unfair to leave two teams out of the play-off system.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	1	16
TOTAL:	1	16

4. Change the cutoff date for Class B Boys, Class A Boys/Girls to Saturday of Week 34, as well as adjust date layout of Class A regional games. Games must be completed and scores entered on the SDHSAA website no later than 4 p.m. CT for seed points to be awarded.

Class	Cut-off date	Region Dates	Round of 16 date
Class A Girls	Saturday, Week 34	Tuesday/Friday of Week 35	Monday, Week 36
Class B/A Boys	Saturday, Week 34	(Mon.)/Thur./Sat. of Week 35	Tuesday, Week 36

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: This would establish a more uniform cutoff timeframe that meshes with when final contests could be played, including cross-classification games. With these proposed changes as in #3 and #4, the “table of dates” would look like the tables below:

	YES	NO
Class AA:	9	0
Class A:	31	16
Class B:	31	37
TOTAL:	71	53

CURRENT – WITHOUT CHANGES 2018-19 DATES

	Class B Girls	Class B Boys	Class A Girls	Class A Boys	Class AA Girls	Class AA Boys
First Allowable Practice	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26
First Allowable Contest	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7
Seed Points calculated through	Friday, Wk. 33 February 15	Friday, Wk. 34 February 22	Friday, Wk. 34 February 22	Friday, Wk. 34 February 22	Monday, Wk. 35 February 25	Tuesday, Wk. 35 February 26
Region Dates Round of 16	2/18; 2/19; 2/21; Round of 16: 2/28	2/25; 2/26; 3/1; Round of 16: 3/5	2/25; 2/28; Round of 16: 3/4	2/26; 3/1; Round of 16: 3/5	None needed Round of 16: 3/1	None needed Round of 16: 3/2
Region Completed	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 2	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6	Mon./Tue., Wk. 36 March 4/5*	Mon./Tue., Wk. 36 March 4/5*	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6
State Tournament	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 36 March 7-8-9	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16
Season Ends	Saturday, Wk. 36 March 9	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16

WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

	Class B Girls	Class B Boys	Class A Girls	Class A Boys	Class AA Girls	Class AA Boys
First Allowable Practice	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26	Monday, Wk. 22 November 26
First Allowable Contest	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7	Friday, Wk. 23 December 7
Seed Points calculated through	Friday, Wk. 33 February 15	Saturday, Wk. 34 February 23	Saturday, Wk. 34 February 23	Saturday, Wk. 34 February 23	Friday, Wk. 35 March 1	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 2
Region Dates Round of 16	2/18; 2/19; 2/21; Round of 16: 2/28	2/25, 2/26, 3/1 Round of 16: 3/5	2/26; 3/1; Round of 16: 3/4	2/28, 3/2 Round of 16: 3/5	PIG: 3/4 Round of 16: 3/8	PIG: 3/5 Round of 16: 3/9
Region Completed	Saturday, Wk. 35 March 2	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6	Mon./Tue., Wk. 36 March 4/5*	Mon./Tue., Wk. 36 March 4/5*	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6	Wed., Wk. 36 March 6
State Tournament	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 36 March 7-8-9	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16	Thurs.-Sat. Wk. 37 March 14-15-16
Season Ends	Saturday, Wk. 36 March 9	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16	Saturday, Wk. 37 March 16

5. Eliminate the 10 % rule for the sport of Basketball.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: The SDHSAA Board of Directors asked each committee to re-evaluate the necessity of this rule and both Basketball and Volleyball feel it is an unnecessary rule that does not need to be in place.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	12	1
Class A:	51	2
Class B:	59	13
TOTAL:	122	16

6. Class A will deduct 2 points for each contest played against any Class B opponent.

Committee Vote: 4-3 in favor with Rollinger, Jack and Pederson dissenting

Rationale: Logic says that if we deduct points for Class AA playing down and give points to Class B and A for playing up, that it just makes sense to deduct for Class A playing down as well.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	4	49
Class B:	0	72
TOTAL:	21	121

Competitive Cheer/Competitive Dance/Sideline Cheer

Competitive Cheer and Dance

1. Change the categories of Dance to combine pom and kick into one category. The other two categories will be Hip Hop and Jazz.

Committee Vote: 8- 1 in favor

Rationale: The kick rubric would be revised to incorporate kick into the pom category.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	5	11
Class A:	11	4
TOTAL:	16	15

2. In Dance, the length of the skirts shall be no longer than mid-calf for safety purposes.

Committee Vote: 10-0 in favor

Rationale: Obvious safety reasons.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	21	0
TOTAL:	38	0

3. If wearing sheer material, you need two layers, **one of which is not nude color.** (Language in bold will be added to clarify.)

Committee Vote: 10-0 in favor.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	23	0
TOTAL:	40	0

4. Eliminate the step-out deduction on the scoresheet.

Committee Vote: 10-0 in favor

Rationale: Clarifies the intent of the rule.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	27	0
TOTAL:	44	0

Football

1. (Start Date, 11 AAA/AA/A): Allow Class 11 AAA/AA/A Schools to start with their first practice on the same dates as 11B & 9-Man schools do (Monday, NFHS Week six, or August 6, 2018 as an example date).

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: With the changes to heat acclimatization, contact limitations, etc., coaches from these divisions asked for the change to allow for more time in pre-season preparation.

	YES	NO
Class 11AAA:	6	2
Class 11AA:	4	5
Class 11A:	7	9
TOTAL:	17	16

2. (Scheduling) To address scheduling guidelines and issues created by the current conference scheduling structure, the following mandates shall be imposed:

- a. Schools may remain in one conference of their choice
- b. Conferences with six or more members will be required to create “divisions,” with the SDHSAA scheduling games for teams against all opponents from a given “division” for that conference
- c. Following all teams being assigned their “division” opponents, the SDHSAA will schedule a week of “Conference Championship crossover week” wherein teams will play opponents from the other division who are in the same place (i.e.: #1 seed in the East plays #1 in the West, #2 vs #2, and so on). Location of this game would alternate by division on an annual basis to ensure a balanced schedule

Committee Vote: 5-1 in Favor.

Rationale: Further scheduling issues from the last classification cycle arose with conferences continuing to grow and create issues for statewide scheduling. This plan allows conferences to exist, but not isolate a number of teams from being able to obtain a reasonable schedule. While some benefit from the full conference arrangement, many others do not. This proposal is both a workable solution that maintains conference affiliations, but also allows the SDHSAA to create more balanced schedules. The SDHSAA advises that something must change with scheduling, and supports this plan as a feasible option for all classifications.

	YES	NO
Class 11AAA:	8	0
Class 11AA:	9	0
Class 11A:	17	0
Class 11B:	15	11
Class 9AA:	16	13

Class 9A:	13	12
Class 9B:	12	14
TOTAL:	90	50

3. (Six-Man Football) The Advisory committee recommends, based on positive interest from affected teams, to add a classification of six-man football, beginning in the 2019-20 football season. This classification would replace '9B' and be open to any/all schools with an ADM of 40.000 and below for optional participation. Remaining nine-man teams not participating in six-man would be divided in half and into two classifications.

Committee Vote: Unanimous 6-0.

Rationale: Upon surveying all SDHSAA member schools of a total ADM of 100 and below, nearly 40% of the 112 respondents showed some level of favorability for adding six-man football. In many cases, this proposal allows football to continue to be played in some communities, as well as provides for a safer game for many of our smaller schools.

	YES	NO
Class 11AAA:	3	0
Class 11AA:	8	1
Class 11A:	15	2
Class 11B:	26	0
Class 9AA:	22	7
Class 9A:	15	10
Class 9B:	13	12
TOTAL:	102	32

4. (Officials' Pay) The Advisory committee recommends raising the per-official pay to \$125 per official for varsity contests beginning with the 2018-19 season.

Committee Vote: Unanimous 6-0.

Rationale: With continued issues of retaining officials, the advisory committee, at the lead of the administrative representatives wants the membership to consider the raise in pay. For many officials, working six, seven or eight nights during the year becomes less and less profitable with the requirements set forth in uniform changes and updates, and the limited scope of being able to get games (95% of games on Friday night), the hope is this boost will both help with recruitment and retention of football officials.

	YES	NO
Class 11AAA:	2	6
Class 11AA:	3	6
Class 11A:	16	1
Class 11B:	23	3

Class 9AA:	25	4
Class 9A:	19	4
Class 9B:	20	7
TOTAL:	108	31

5. (Crew Size – 11AAA/AA) The Advisory committee recommends increasing the size of regular- and post-season crews for 11AAA and AA games to six officials. This would replace the Back Judge with a Side Judge and Field Judge.

Committee Vote: Unanimous 6-0.

Rationale: With the development of the verticality and speed, especially within AAA and AA football, additional downfield officials are needed. With today’s spread offenses, a line judge/linesman is currently asked to officiate between 40-50 yards of sideline on a single play. The addition of a sixth official not only helps with that coverage, but deadball and personal conduct situations as well.

	YES	NO
Class 11AAA:	0	8
Class 11AA:	0	9
Class 11A:	1	16
Class 11B:	0	26
Class 9AA:	2	27
Class 9A:	3	22
Class 9B:	1	26
TOTAL:	7	134

Golf

1. (On-Course Coaching) Allow Class A & B coaches to be able to confer with players during postseason rounds from “Green to Tee” as was previously allowed for Class AA coaches. Specifically, one designated coach per team could confer with his or her athletes from the time the last ball is holed until the first ball is on the tee on the succeeding hole.

Committee Vote: 5-1 in favor.

Rationale: The committee had good discussion on the differences in allowing one class to coach and the other two not being allowed. Schools would still need to fulfill marking duties, if necessary. If a school is selected to mark and no other responsible individual is available, a coach would not be allowed to coach instead of fulfilling that marking duty. Other classifications and states have found this to help with pace of play and quality of play, and the concern about tournament management should be addressed by each school needing to furnish the additional worker, if necessary, to fill that spot.

	YES	NO
Class A:	36	9

Class B:	51	0
TOTAL:	87	9

2. (In-Season exception) Allow the SDGA to submit for sanctioning events that are hosted by the SDGA for sanction, allowing our HS athletes to participate in those contests.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor.

Rationale: In discussions with coaches and the SDGA, there are a pair of issues that have risen in the past year, specifically with the US Open qualifier, as well as the SD Mens' Amateur tournaments falling within season dates. As an example, the US Open qualifier falls in May, which allows Class AA and A boys' golfers to participate, but not Class B under our current rules. A similar issue exists within the August timeline with the men's amateur. This proposal allows the SDGA events to be sanctioned and our kids to participate without having to skirt rules/practices/team membership issues and makes sense for implementation.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	44	1
Class B:	51	0
TOTAL:	112	1

3. (Season Dates) Despite unanimous opposition to the proposal, the Advisory committee recommends a vote on reverting the spring golf season back to the previous dates of play. This would essentially move the start of the season and conclusion of the same two or three weeks earlier, depending upon the calendar year.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor of a vote, but noted unanimous opposition to the switch.

Rationale: Several coaches have asked for this item to come to a vote, and the advisory committee wishes to appease that group, despite its own unanimous opposition to the change. Rationale for the opposition by the committee includes: chances of better weather for the state tournament (as evidenced each of the past two years), teams miss less school time and do not have semester testing/finals during the last two weeks of the season, golf courses are in much better shape for play as the spring gets later, especially at the state tournament venues – noting that tournaments were shortened or hampered by weather in the previous springs prior to the swap, ability to avoid practice rounds and State Tournament conflicts on the weekend of graduation, the later start date allows for more practice and event time outdoors – earlier start usually meant time spent indoors during the season, especially for teams further north in our state, when asking the girls/golfers themselves, committee members reported a vast majority in favor of the later date, courses still are lining up to host the state tournaments for us, and in fact, more have become available with the later date for consideration, to those who argue that we finish when not in school: many/all fall sports start prior to school starting, and the committee feels that many of the reasons given for switching back to May are doing so for a personal agenda as opposed to what is truly best for our athletes. Additional

considerations include equity concerns voiced by some parents in the past of scheduling a season for our female athletes (Class AA & A) where we generally know that part of the season will be held with few or no courses available for play in-state as well as an extension of the season for the boys' division earlier into the fall b/c of weather concerns, but apparent disregard for the same concern on the female side, championship scores have been significantly better as a whole since the season switch, and spectator attendance has dramatically increased based upon car counts and cart rentals from previous season to current.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	9	8
Class A:	17	28
Class B:	28	23
TOTAL:	54	59

Gymnastics

1. Add All-Around Competition as a specific category for Individual Day. In season Qualifiers what reach a 34.0 in Class AA and a 32.0 in Class A, three times during the season and the top 5 places at each state-qualifying meet, are eligible for the All-Around Competition. If 20 athletes are not reached, the next highest all-around scores until 20 will be allowed to compete in the all-around competition, including all ties.

Each team would be allowed up to 6 athletes to be a medal contender on each event (vault, bars, beam and floor). Each team will also be allowed a maximum of 6 athletes in the All-Around competition. The All-Around athletes must qualify individually in the event to be eligible for individual medals in each event.

EXAMPLE: “Jane” in-season qualified 3 times at various meets throughout the season to qualify as an All-Around. “Jane” also in-season qualified on Bars and Floor and was in the top 5 at the State Qualifying Meet on beam. “Jane did not qualify on vault. Therefore, “Jane” would be allowed to compete in all four events for her all-around score and she would be eligible for individual medal in bars, beam and floor in addition to the all-around medal. She would not be eligible for an individual vault medal regardless of her score on the vault.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: This would allow more athletes to be considered in each category without the all-around athletes taking a spot for medal contention unless the all-arounds have in-season qualified in that specific event.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	8	5
Class A:	13	0
TOTAL:	21	5

2. Failure to land on any part of the bottom of the feet first would result in a voided vault. The athlete will not be allowed to attempt the same vault. If the athlete performs the same vault, the vault will be voided.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

Rationale: Too many athletes are attempting vaults that are not safe for them and this would not allow the athlete to repeat a vault that is not landed.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	6	7
Class A:	10	3
TOTAL:	16	10

3. Increase the pay for State Qualifying meet judges from \$125 to \$150.
Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	9	4
Class A:	10	3
TOTAL:	19	7

4. Require all music recorded for performances to be used with Ipod, phone auxiliary cords, etc. NO CD's will be allowed.
Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Rationale: Outdated equipment and CD's don't record and read the same on all players.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	13	0
Class A:	13	0
TOTAL:	26	0

5. Class AA: move the Individual qualifying standard for All-Around score from 33.0 to 34.0 on the day of the State Qualifying meet.
Committee Vote: 5-0 in favor

Rationale: Keeps scores consistent.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	12	1
Class A:	1	0
TOTAL:	13	1

Soccer

1. (AA Playoffs) The committee proposes the postseason field for AA soccer expand from 12 qualifiers to 16.

Committee Vote: 3-0 in Favor.

Rationale: Class AA would expand from 12 to 16 teams, eliminating first-round byes.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	14	3
TOTAL:	14	3

2. (Championship Officials): The Advisory Committee recommends hiring 16 officials for the state finals, as opposed to the current 12. This would eliminate the double-duty of center officials as an alternate.

Committee Vote: 3-0 In Favor.

Rationale: This allows each crew to work their game as just that – a crew – and not have overlap between games. The SDHSAA office is confident that we will be able to fill the positions and does not see issues with the idea.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	9	0
TOTAL:	26	0

3. (Regular Season Additional Week): The advisory committee recommends adding one week to the regular season beginning in 2018, pushing the postseason one week later, with the State Championship moving from October 6 to October 13, and other postseason dates moving similarly to accommodate the change.

Committee Vote: 3-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This change would allow schools more flexibility with scheduling and alleviates the concern some coaches held of being forced to play three contests in a calendar week. Concern about host sites is less than in previous years, as the tournament format consists of a single day of play versus the previous two days.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	7	2
TOTAL:	24	2

4. (Scheduling): The advisory committee recommends the SDHSAA office begin scheduling all regular season soccer games beginning with the Fall of 2019 Season.

Committee Vote: 3-0 in Favor.

Rationale: With our current method of scheduling, the committee feels a centralized scheduler makes sense and is a more efficient process. Schools would have the option, much like in football and others, to request certain dates, opponents, sites/locations, etc., to address local concerns as necessary, but ultimately allow the SDHSAA to coordinate the efforts of balancing travel, consecutive days of play, numbers of games on a schedule, etc. The intention is not to remove or significantly change opponents on a team’s schedule, but rather, facilitate a cleaner process with possibility for more cross-classification contests in situations where they are needed for Class A teams to have a full schedule as well.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	3	14
Class A:	4	5
TOTAL	7	19

Tennis

NO FORMAL PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME.

Track and Field & Cross Country

1. (Top 24 - AA): The advisory committee recommends Class AA eliminate qualifying standards and instead go to allowing the top 24 performances from the year be entered to the State Track meet.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This change would allow for a more full field in all events of the AA meet. Coaches would be allowed to submit three participants for each event, and the top 24 performances of those entered would become the field for the state meet.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
TOTAL:	17	0

2. (Entered, Not Running – Region Meets):The advisory committee recommends that if an athlete indicates they are “entered, not running” at the region meet and participant numbers dictate, prelims could be eliminated and the meet would advance straight to finals.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in Favor.

Rationale: As an example, let’s 10 athletes are entered to run in the 100M dash, but two are “entered but not running.” Current rules dictate that the prelim must be run in, and done in two heats, although no runners will be “eliminated” from advancing to finals. This change would allow the

prelim to instead be skipped, and advance the eight competitors straight to finals.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	5	0
Class A:	53	0
Class B:	72	0
TOTAL:	130	0

3. (Region Meet Facilities): The advisory committee recommends that all Class A & B Region meets be conducted on an eight-lane track.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This change requires regions to be run on eight lane tracks. A handful of regions have hosted meets on six or seven lane tracks in the past few years, leaving for athletes to receive a medal despite not running in finals, or preliminary times being used to award 7th or 8th place. This change simplifies the system and ensures that all regions will compete on a similar field of competition, with eight advancing to finals in all cases.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	5	0
Class A:	46	7
Class B:	54	20
TOTAL:	105	27

4. (Cross Country-Official): The advisory committee submits that all regular-season cross country meets must be started by a registered official for varsity competition.

Committee Vote: 7-0 in Favor.

Rationale: Coaches, administrators and officials have remarked to the committee that there are numerous issues that arise at regular season meets, and those that don't have a registered official rely on coaches or administrators to make a rule interpretation. By instead hiring an official, these rules would be more accurately adjudicated and enforced, likely also alleviating issues prior to region and state meets. Finally, having a registered official present for cross country contests would provide further for the safety of participants and coaches alike through proper rule compliance.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	13	40
Class B:	10	61
TOTAL:	40	101

Volleyball

1. Class AA Only: The first five contests on your schedule against Class A and B schools will be deducted at the current 2 points for Class A, and 3 points for playing a Class B opponent. After those first five contests against Class A and Class B opponents, the remaining contests against A and B opponents will be deducted at the 4 points for Class A and 5 points for Class B deductions, respectively, in order of play.

Committee vote: 5-1 in favor with Peri Strain dissenting based on not knowing how what data will look like for deductions.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	7	10
Class A:	3	28
Class B:	4	60
TOTAL:	14	98

2. Eliminate the 10 % rule.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor

	YES	NO
Class AA:	12	1
Class A:	51	2
Class B:	51	21
TOTAL:	114	24

3. The regular season will end on the cut-off date and matches played after the cut-off date will not count toward seed points for any post-season matches.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in favor

	YES	NO
Class AA:	17	0
Class A:	53	0
Class B:	71	0
TOTAL:	141	0

4. Move Class A and Class B to the same match limitations as Class AA.

All Classes (AA, A and B)
20 duals- no tournaments
19 duals – one tournament
18 duals – two tournaments
17 duals – three tournaments
16 duals – four tournaments

Committee Vote: 7-0 in favor

Rationale: It does not make sense to have different match limitations on the various classes. We don't do that in any other sport, so this just equalizes things for all classes.

	YES	NO
Class AA:	5	0
Class A:	40	13
Class B:	69	3
TOTAL:	114	16

Wrestling

1. (Region Timeline): Amend the deadline for official region entries to be 9:00 AM CT on the Thursday of Region Tournament weekend, regardless of date of event.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This change would again unify all regions to a single date/time, and also is slightly earlier than previous, allowing site hosts more time to verify correct information on each wrestler has been entered for seeding purposes.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	91	1

2. (State Tournament Seeding): Amend seeding of state tournament to seed top ten wrestlers, as opposed to current 12, and that region champions would be guaranteed a top-ten seed, not a top-eight.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This proposal still ensures that region champions are seeded, but, in analyzing the data, allows for more accurate placement from years past. Many of those who were bumped-up to the eight seed did not make the podium at the State Meet, and going to ten makes sense. Additionally, seeding ten instead of twelve allows the committee more flexibility with the draw of competitors and less splitting hairs on bottom seeds.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	95	1

3. (State Seeding Formula): Amend the State Seeding formula so that the third criteria considered after head-to-head and common opponents becomes "Current Year, Region Place."

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: This change is felt by the committee to more accurately look at current-year results versus previous placing. The current region place would address situations where criteria are close on a group of wrestlers, and focuses on what happened just days before in competition versus what occurred nearly 12 months prior. TrackWrestling officials and the SDHSAA staff feel this change would more accurately reflect the wishes of coaches in seeding concerns addressed this year.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	84	12

4. (Seeding – State Tournament): Remove bonus for a region championship win.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: Items 2 & 3 help address this issue, and the extra win should be eliminated with our without the others approval. Ultimately, this puts more weight on a single match that is addressed elsewhere in seeding criteria, and just needs to be removed as it created undue confusion among coaches and wrestlers alike.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	84	12

5. (Officials’ Recommendation List): Increase the number of recommendation votes for coaches from 7 to 10.

Committee Vote: 6-0 in Favor.

Rationale: With the combined event and sharing of officials, allowing coaches to vote for ten officials makes sense, and would provide the SDHSAA executive staff with more feedback on the selection and hiring process.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	96	0

6. (TrackWrestling Checkpoint Dates): Establish five checkpoint dates: December 15, January 1, January 15, February 1 and Region Meet. By first deadline, roster and schedule must be entered to the TrackWrestling system; by each following check point, all meet information from the previous “checkpoint” must be entered into track (Example, by January15, all competition from January 1 and prior must be complete and finalized within the TrackWrestling system).

Committee Vote: 5-0 in Favor.

Rationale: The importance of accurate information both for regular- and post-season tournaments is paramount. We have similar reporting requirements for scores being entered in basketball, volleyball, etc., and simply need to make the same accountability of our wrestling coaches a priority.

This system does just that and requires coaches to actively update their information for not only postseason requirements, but also the regular season slate of events as well.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	94	2

7. (State Duals): Add the State Dual Tournament as proposed on the following page.

Committee Vote: 5-0 in Favor.

Rationale: A subcommittee of coaches and administrators was formed in 2016 on the heels of a unanimous vote of SDHSAA Wrestling Coaches who stated they wanted to see the Team Dual Championships return. The attached proposal was brought to this group in 2017, and has been amended for 2018 following another unanimous vote by the coaches at this year’s state championships.

	YES	NO
TOTAL:	71	24

Dual Proposal - Both Classes:

- Utilization of a three-day tournament over the State Tournament Weekend to crown Individual and Dual Team State Champions
- Indication by December 31 of team’s interest in participation for that year’s duals
- Utilize the weekend formerly used as Districts for a Dual Qualifier at the Region level
 - Within the regions as they exist now – no moving or balancing
 - Wrestle to a “true second” to ensure top two teams from a region move forward
 - Give first dibs to those communities losing their tourney to host the region duals
 - Class A – seed by in-season results
 - Class B – seed by coaches’ ballot
 - Four or more teams – bracket
 - Three – Round-robin w/ use of dual tiebreak if necessary for a 1-1 record for all teams
 - **OR – A Region can elect to use results from regular-season duals to determine qualifiers for the State Dual Tournament. This would require a region to ensure all willing teams are able to dual one another during the season, or, schedule a final “dual tournament” on the weekend formerly used for Districts to complete remaining duals. Head-to-Head record within the dual results would be then used to determine the two teams from that given region to advance to the State Dual Championships.**
- Moving eight teams to the State Tournament, seeded as follows:
 - Four Region champs seeded one through four based on:
 - Head to Head dual meet competition, with most recent dual counting if more than one
 - Dual record against common opponents
 - Dual team winning percentage
 - Random Draw
 - Four Region Runner-Ups drawn and placed into the bracket on the opposite side from their region champion

- Roster: To include your fourteen entered at the region plus three alternates
- Wrestle to all eight places
- Schedule as follows:

Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
10 AM	First Round – Ind	10 AM	1 st & 2 nd Round WB’s	11 AM	3 rd Round WB’s
			Semi-Finals – Ind		4 th Round WB’s
BREAK		BREAK			3 rd /5 th /7 th Places – Ind.
4 PM	Quarterfinals – Ind	4 PM	Semi-Finals – Team		Championship Matches
	First Round – Team		3 rd /5 th /7 th Places – Team		
			Dual Championships		

In/Out of Season Committee

No motions for discussion, other than a motion of support in favor of the Golf Advisory proposal on event sanctioning.

Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

SMAC will meet in late April, with recommendations coming to the Board of Directors following their meeting.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee

SOAC meets on Wednesday, April 11, with recommendations coming to the Board of Directors following their meeting.