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AAA Membership Adopts Proposals By Mail Ballots

The 1989-90 school year has brought about three special ballots for consideration by the schools. Although the second proposal voted on encompasses the first, all have been adopted and will now become a part of the AAA Handbook and the procedures used by the association.

The first two special ballots concerned student eligibility by the scholarship rule and will become effective for the 1990-91 school year. The scholarship rule now in effect (1989-90) requires that a student pass four academic courses the previous semester. For junior high students three of these courses must be in the core curriculum areas which include math, social studies, English and science.

With the adoption of the October Special Ballot Proposal the scholarship requirement became one based only on grade point average. It required that the GPA for the previous semester be a minimum of 1.3 from all grades received that semester. Included in the proposal was an automatic increase to 1.6 in 1991-92. This proposal also provided that scholastic eligibility for a Special Education student would be based on his passing his IEP for the previous semester.

The second Special Ballot was mailed in January and proposed that the scholarship rule be further strengthened by combining the present rule based on passing four academic classes with the GPA rule just adopted in the fall. The adoption of this proposal merges all the provisions of the present rule and the October Ballot proposal. As the rules now stand student eligibility by the scholarship rule,

beginning in the fall of 1990, will require that a student have passed four academic classes the previous semester and that a GPA of at least 1.3 (1.6 the next year) shall have been earned from all classes taken. Junior high eligibility will still require that three of the four courses passed must be in the core curriculum areas and Special Education students will still be accorded their eligibility by earning passing grades in the IEP.

The Football Classification Proposal was the third Special Ballot voted by mail this school year. The proposal for a new method of classifying football schools for the 1991-93 cycle which will begin in the fall of 1991 was recommended and drafted by an appointed classification committee authorized by the AAA Executive Committee. The adoption of this proposal provides for placing football schools into four classifications based on the ANB/ADM in grades 10 through 12.

"AAAA" - 32 largest schools (4 conferences)

"AAA" - Next 32 largest schools (4 conferences)

"AA" - Next 64 largest schools (8 conferences)

"A" - Remaining football schools - approximately 64 (8 conferences)

The winner and runner-up from each conference will advance to the state football playoffs.

The adoption of this format will eliminate all byes and wildcards from the playoff brackets. Conference size will be equalized and seven conference games will be guaranteed. The one-in-eight odds of becoming the conference champion will be the same in each conference and throughout the levels of classification. (See Proposals on page 2.)

State Track Meets

Dates

Sites

Schedule

"AAAA" CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL. . . . SATURDAY, MAY 12
 "AAA" BEEBE HIGH SCHOOL. SATURDAY, MAY 12
 "AA" OBU, ARKADELPHIA. SATURDAY, MAY 12
 "A" HARDING UNIV., SEARCY. . . . SATURDAY, MAY 12
 "B" JESSIEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. . . . FRIDAY, MAY 11

SCHEDULE FOR "AAAA", "AAA", "AA", "A", "B"

FIELD EVENTS
 12:00 P.M.
 Shot (Boys)
 Discus (Girls)
 High Jump (Boys)
 Long Jump (Girls)

FIELD EVENTS
 4:00 P.M.
 Pole Vault

 5:00 P.M.
 Shot (Girls)
 Discus (Boys)
 High Jump (Girls)
 Long Jump (Boys)

1:00 P.M. RUNNING PRELIMS-GIRLS FIRST

4 X 100 m Relay	4 X 200 m Relay
100 m HH (G)	300 m LH (G)
110 m HH (B)	300 m IH (B)
100 m Dash	200 m Dash

6:30 P.M. RUNNING FINALS-GIRLS FIRST

4 X 100 m Relay	300 m LH (G)
100 m HH (G)	300 m IH (B)
110 m HH (B)	800 m Run
100 m Dash	200 m Dash
1600 m Run	3200 m Run
4 X 200 M Relay	4 X 400 m Relay
400 m Dash	

Volleyball Preview

COACH/PLAYERS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

Friday, August 17, 1990
 Mills High School, LR 8:00 a.m.

Clinic brochure and preregistration form will be mailed to all volleyball schools a little later. WATCH FOR IT!

1990 VOLLEYBALL RULES MEETINGS
 ALL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. EXCEPT AUGUST 17

Friday, August 17	Mills High School (lunch break)
Monday, August 20	Rogers High School
Tuesday, August 21	Southside HS, Fort Smith
Thursday, August 23	Ole Main HS, NLR
Monday, August 27	ASU, Jonesboro, HPER Bldg.
Tuesday, August 28	Forrest City High School
Wednesday, August 29	HSU, Arkadelphia, Wells Ctr.

1990 TOURNAMENT DATES

District/Conference	Saturday, October 20
"AAA" Regional	Tuesday, October 23
State	Saturday, October 27
Overall	Saturday, November 3

VOLLEYBALL COACHES AND OFFICIALS! If you have not received a brochure about the NFICA/OA Conference to be held in Little Rock this summer you may wish to request one from the AAA office. University of Texas volleyball coach Mick Haley will be one of the speakers. There will be sessions for both coaches and officials of volleyball as well as social functions including a luncheon, banquet, and Riverfront Carnival. You have a great opportunity to attend this national event right here in Arkansas!

PROPOSALS. . . from front cover

Because the enrollment figures for 1989-90 on which the 1991-93 classification cycle will be based will not be available until mid to late summer, the project of reclassifying and reconferencing cannot begin until that time. Unfortunately, this means that the schools that appear to fall near the dividing lines on the basis of their present enrollment will not know with certainty in which classification they will fall until the actual numbers and rankings can be compiled. It might be said that this part of reclassification for 1991-93 is now in a holding pattern.

The next stage of the reclassification project will involve studying the classification and conferencing of schools for basketball. For this purpose a Basketball Classification Committee has been appointed as

authorized by the AAA Executive Committee and will meet to formulate a recommendation to that body. In due time the schools will hear more about the recommendations concerning basketball and will have the opportunity to vote on a proposal that will be submitted to them.

Throughout this process it has been satisfying and gratifying to witness the conscientious concern and reflective thought that have been a part of all the discussion, planning, refining and recommending that has taken place. The AAA staff and Executive Committee are appreciative of the efforts and labor of all who have been or will be a part of these endeavors.