

# **NIAA Board of Control, 2007 fall meeting** **recap**

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's Board of Control concluded its 2007 fall meeting Thursday (September 13) at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. The following information highlights action items. The official minutes of the meeting, which will include the results / votes of action items and a review of discussion items, will be posted on the NIAA's web site as soon as they become finalized.

## ***No. 7: NIAA Realignment, fall 2008 – spring 2012***

Please find outlined below the approved realignment of schools for the 2008-2012 school years. The original realignment was approved based on count-day enrollment numbers filed with the state department of education. Petitions were heard September 12. Final league assignment (within each classification) will be completed in the coming month(s) by the class presidents and league liaisons.

### **CLASS 1A (up to 169, may have two (regions), three or four (leagues))** **(EXAMPLE of possible league affiliation provided below)** **28 schools + 3 independents**

Austin (Northern: Northeast / East league)	Beatty (Southern: Central)
Carlin (Northern: Northeast / East)	Henderson Int'l (Southern: Central)
Coleville (Northern: Northwest / West)	Indian Springs (Southern: Central)
Eureka (Northern: Northeast / East)	Lake Mead (Southern: South)
Excel Christian (Northern: Northwest / West)	Lund (Southern: Northeast / Central)
Gabbs (Northern: Northwest / West)	Pahrnagat Valley (Southern: South)
Gerlach (Northern: Northwest / West)	Round Mountain (Southern: Central)
Jackpot (Northern: Northeast / East)	Sandy Valley (Southern: TBA)
Legacy Christian (Northern: Northwest / West)	Spring Mountain (Southern: Central)
McDermitt (Northern: Northeast / East)	Tonopah (Southern: Northeast/Cent.)
Owyhee (Northern: Northeast / East)	Trinity Christian (Southern: South)
Pyramid Lake (Northern: Northwest / West)	
Sage Ridge (Northern: Northwest / West)	
Sierra Lutheran (Northern: Northwest / West)	
Smith Valley (Northern: Northwest / West)	
Virginia City (Northern: Northwest / West)	
Wells (Northern: Northeast / East)	

***Independent (3):*** Sky View Academy (Northern), The Adelson School (Southern) & Agassi Prep (Southern)

**CLASS 2A (170-460, may have two or three leagues)**  
**(EXAMPLE of possible league affiliation provided below)**

**17 schools**

Battle Mountain (Northern / Northeast)	Calvary Chapel (Southern)
Incline (Northern / Northwest)	Laughlin (Southern)
Independence (Northern / Northeast)	Lincoln County (Southern)
Mineral County (Northern / Northwest)	The Meadows (Southern)
North Tahoe (Northern / Northwest)	Mountain View (Southern)
Pershing County (Northern / TBA)	Needles (Southern)
Rite of Passage (Northern / Northwest)	West Wendover (Southern / Northeast)
Silver Stage (Northern / Northwest)	White Pine (Southern / Northeast)
Whittell (Northern / Northwest)	

**CLASS 3A (461-1200, may have two leagues)**  
**(EXAMPLE of possible league affiliation provided below)**

**11 schools**

Dayton (Northern)	Boulder City (Southern)
Fernley (Northern)	Faith Lutheran (Southern)
Lowry (Northern)	Moapa Valley (Southern)
Sparks (Northern)	Virgin Valley (Southern)
Spring Creek (Northern)	
Truckee (Northern)	
Yerington (Northern)	

**CLASS 4A (1201+)**  
**(NORTHERN REGION, to be divided into two leagues)**  
**(\*\* Subject to change by 4A Northern Region administrators \*\*)**

**15 schools in Northern Region**

Bishop Manogue (High Desert)	Carson (Sierra)
Churchill County (High Desert)	Douglas (Sierra)
Damonte Ranch (High Desert)	Hug (Sierra)
Elko (High Desert)	North Valleys (Sierra)
Galena (High Desert)	Reno (Sierra)
McQueen (High Desert)	South Tahoe (Sierra)
Reed (High Desert)	Wooster (Sierra)
Spanish Springs (High Desert)	

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**CLASS 4A (1201+)**  
**(SUNRISE REGION, to be divided into two leagues)**  
**15 schools in Sunrise Region**

Canyon Springs (Northeast)	Basic (Southeast)
Chaparral (Northeast)	Coronado (Southeast)
Desert Pines (Northeast)	Del Sol (Southeast)
Eldorado (Northeast)	Foothill (Southeast)
Las Vegas (Northeast)	Green Valley (Southeast)
Rancho (Northeast)	Liberty (Southeast)
Valley (Northeast)	Silverado (Southeast)
	SECTA (Southeast)

**CLASS 4A (1201+)**  
**(SUNSET REGION, to be divided into two leagues)**  
**16 schools in Sunset Region**

Arbor View (Northwest)	Bishop Gorman (Southwest)
Centennial (Northwest)	Bonanza (Southwest)
Cheyenne (Northwest)	Clark (Southwest)
Cimarron-Memorial (Northwest)	Durango (Southwest)
Legacy (Northwest)	Pahrump Valley (Southwest)
Mojave (Northwest)	Sierra Vista (Southwest)
Palo Verde (Northwest)	Spring Valley (Southwest)
Shadow Ridge (Northwest)	Western (Southwest)

*Class 1A total = 31 member schools*

*Class 2A total = 17 schools*

*Class 3A total = 11 schools*

*Class 4A total = 46 schools*

The NIAA Board of Control approved the petitions of Calvary Chapel (1A to 2A), Independence (1A to 2A), Mountain View (1A=>2A), Bishop Manogue (3A to 4A) and Bishop Gorman (3A to 4A) to move up one enrollment classification.

The NIAA Board of Control denied the petitions of Laughlin (remains 2A), Yerington (remains 3A), Pahrump Valley (remains 4A) and Southeast Career Technical Academy (remains 4A).

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## ***No. 8: NIAA Tournament Formats, 2008–2012***

The NIAA's Board of Control voted to keep in place the current state championship tournament formats whereby each classification will have four (4) teams in bracketed sports and five/six in non-bracketed team sports.

## ***No. 6: New NIAA Corporate Partners***

The NIAA's Board of Control approved new sponsorships from the Farmers Insurance Group and Les Schwab Tires.

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), the non-profit governing body of high school athletics in the Silver State, and the Farmers Insurance Group, the largest multi-coverage insurer in Nevada, are proud to announce a title sponsorship whereby Farmers will be a co-presenting partner of state championship events.

The Farmers Insurance Group has joint naming rights for the association's state finals. The "NIAA (Class 1A/2A/3A/4A) Nevada State High School (boys/girls) (sport) Championships, presented by the Las Vegas Review-Journal and Farmers Insurance Group" title covers 60 state finals contests in 16 sports combined. The NIAA and the Review-Journal are in the fifth year of their partnership. The NIAA-Farmers' five-year title partnership will enhance the NIAA's ability to conduct events at first-class venues, provide support to its member schools and student-athletes, and offer many special programs and projects to its administrators, coaches and officials.

A key component of the NIAA – Farmers' partnership will be the offering of \$30,000 in scholarships to Nevada's student-athletes. Details of the NIAA Farmers scholarship program, including eligibility requirements, will be announced in December. Farmers will also be offering a variety of educational initiatives, support programs and wellness materials for each high school community through their local agent offices. More information on these special offerings will be available soon.

***A press release is linked on the home page.***

The Les Schwab Tires company will be a general sponsor of Northern Region championship events. More information about the NIAA – Les Schwab partnership will be released at a later date.

## ***No. 17: NIAA Post-Season Ticket Prices***

The NIAA's Board voted to keep post-season tournament ticket prices at its current level for the 2007-2008 championship seasons. The "per-day" (which may include multiple games/matches on a particular tournament day) structuring is as follows:

Adults, \$6 for league/region events and \$7 for state finals.  
Students, \$4 for league/region events and \$5 for state finals.  
Children 8 and younger & Senior Citizens 62 and older, free.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The NIAA's Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee recommended last winter a change to the universal tie-breaker regarding a two-team tie. Currently, the first step in the tie-breaker is head-to-head among the (two) tied teams in league play and the second step is one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The recommended change is to insert a new step two for a tie determining fourth place (the final playoff spot); that new step two would be an automatic playoff game. Board discussion centered on travel time and costs to conduct such a game. This item will be brought back as an action item in November.

The Board is entertaining an idea of changing the girls golf scoring format to a "play six (6), score four (4)" format. This is different than the current 6-5 format used in girls and boys golf. Board discussion centered around Title IX issues and the possible increase in the number of complete girls golf teams. For a copy of the NIAA survey sheet, please contact Donnie Nelson in the NIAA office at (775) 688-6464. This item will return to the NIAA Board agenda as an action item in November.

The 1A Northern Region cross country coaches proposed a change in the state meet qualifying procedures whereby the number of teams qualifying out of a particular region for the state meet would reflect a percentage of complete teams that competed (scored) in the region championship state qualifying meet. The Board will review this philosophy for all sports over the next three meetings; the Board will attempt to create a new policy for implementation prior to the start of the new alignment and tournament format cycle.

The NIAA Class 1A, 2A and 3A Nevada State High School championship football games are scheduled to be played Saturday, November 17 at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno. It was determined by NIAA and University of Nevada, Reno staffs that Mackay Stadium would not be available due to the Wolf Pack's Friday night televised (ESPN) game against WAC rival Hawaii. The Class 3A boys and girls will be in Lawlor Events Center (UNR) both days for the state basketball tournament.

The Board is entertaining a proposal that would put all coaches under a drug, alcohol and tobacco policy while in direct supervision of their student-athletes. The Clark County School District is currently piloting this program. This item may return as an action item in a future meeting.

The NIAA Board of Control's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, at a site to be announced in Las Vegas.