

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
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JANUARY 24, 2025 – 10:00 am

The Reclassification Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10am on January 24, 2025 at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Jim Finch, GHSA President. The pledge of allegiance was led by Curt Miller, GHSA Vice President. The invocation was given by Associate Director, Carror Wright and roll call was done by Media Director, Marvin James, which showed the following: Present - 18 Absent - 0

Scarlett Grantham - Danny Redshaw - Steve Waters - Lamarr Glenn - Rendell Jackson - Ricky Turner

Andrew Calhoun - Eli Connell - Myron Newton - Brian Montgomery - Harley Calhoun - Jim Finch

Michael Thompson - Davis Russell - Kevin Petroski - Jose Fernandez - Steve Simpson - Curt Miller

The adoption of the agenda was put in motion by Steve Simpson and seconded by Michael Thompson. It passed unanimously.

Steve Waters motioned to nominate Curt Miller for Reclassification Committee Chair. The motion was seconded by Scarlett Grantham. Motion carried, unanimously. Miller challenged the committee to openly share thoughts on the various models and have a discussion that will help produce an outcome with the best results for GHSA student athletes. Miller added we have plenty of time to discuss and work through these proposals. We will work to come up with a plan(s) to present to the full executive committee to vote on. Whether that is in April or in October is still to be determined.

GHSA Executive Director, Tim Scott and Curt Miller, led an open discussion with the committee regarding the Competitive Balance model as discussed at the previous Board of Trustees meeting. (November 20, 2024)

- During the first year, should we move any schools up, or should we collect data and implement changes after the first cycle after FTE count
- If we move schools up or down, what's a firm number that establishes true dominance from a program.
- The reclassification committee/state office will fill out spreadsheets keeping up the gen number to monitor data throughout the reclassification cycle.
- Discussions between four year or two-year cycle, questioned would 4 years be too long, forcing student athletes to be "stuck" their entire career in high school vs 2 years which will continue to allow more frequent movement.
- With sports and activities included in the points system, it will create a next gen number for each school which will be the number used in the competitive balance model.

In other general discussion about other reclassification plans:

- Curt Miller brought up a discussion on GHSA using Maxwell rankings vs Post Season Rankings (what GHSA is currently using now) Would like to tweak the current system to place a greater emphasis on a school's win versus the other opponents win. Currently, they both have the same value.
- Discussed Power Ranking the playoff bracket for all of Class A-3A to seed schools in the playoff bracket 1 through 32 versus automatically giving region champions and runner-ups the top 16 spots in the bracket like we do now. Committee also suggested that all 6 classifications follow the same seeding. Power rankings had favorable reviews by committee members.
- Eli Connell, brought forth a model to address PSR, tuition and selective enrollment. He will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for February 25, 2025 at 10am in Thomaston at the GHSA Office.

Curt Miller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was accepted by Steve Simpson and seconded by Danny Redshaw.