AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS to read:

Exception 2 to read:

EXCEPTION 2: A school may apply to the CLOC to play down one classification in team sports and qualify for the playoffs, if the following conditions are met:

a. The sport has had a combined varsity winning percentage of less than .250 for the previous four seasons.
b. The play down will be approved for one classification cycle.
c. The school must show evidence that success will be limited if participation is in the regular classification.
d. A recommendation from a receiving league/conference must accompany the request.
e. The school shall not be approved to play down for a second consecutive cycle if during the two year cycle, the team win percentage was at or above 50% either of the below occurred:
   1. During the two year cycle, the team qualified for post-season play;
   2. During the two year cycle, the team win percentage was at or above 50%.
f. The team playing down will not be eligible for post-season consideration in the classification in which they are playing down.

Rationale: The playdown process was created to allow teams to rebuild and reestablish their programs. Although it may take away some incentive to playdown, there is a genuine inequity created when teams playing down assume a post-season qualifier from a team that is playing in the classification its enrollment places them. The incentive should be to rebuild the program.

Pros: This by-law change will address an inequity to schools appropriately placed in their classification, by not losing a qualifier berth to the post-season by a school choosing to play down.

It may limit schools choosing to play down if post-season possibilities do not exist for that school during the two-year cycle they playdown.

Cons: Schools may not choose to playdown if post-season possibilities do not exist for their school during the two-year cycle they playdown.

School may feel the incentive to playdown may be removed.