

SOCCER

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ATH 11
Report No.

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. Girls Soccer will add more state qualifiers starting during the spring 2019 season. Currently there are 24 qualifiers with 59 in the classification. Next cycle, we expect 61 teams in 3A, which is in line with the 63 in 5A. It makes sense for the two classifications to have the same number of qualifiers.
- B. Boys Soccer will add a fourth classification (2A) starting in the fall of 2018. The classification will be about half the size of the other three classifications and will have 12 teams qualify for playoffs, vs the 32 teams the other classifications have.
- C. The first and second round State playoff bracket dates for the 3A Boys' and Girls' have been modified to mirror the dates for 4A/5A beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. (Please see playoff dates)

II. RATIONALE:

- A. From an equity perspective, this is in line with other classifications regarding the percentage of teams that qualify for the post season.
- B. This change allows boys and girls soccer to be similar in all respects regarding teams participating and classifications.
- C. This will allow the 3A boys' and girls' teams to recover and train between rounds.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. Adding teams to the postseason will result in eight more games, meaning that there will be travel, missed class time, and expenses to be paid for those eight games.
- B. Adding 2A will result in more travel for those teams that qualify for the postseason in 2A. To counteract the missed class time for 2A (which will generally have more travel time due to geographic makeup of the classification), the committee chose to play boys' games after the first round on either Friday or Saturday. The boy's postseason is one week longer than the girls, allowing for this type of flexibility.
- C. Depending on travel for the first and second rounds of the playoff bracket.

IV. DATES:

BOYS SOCCER, FALL 2018

Playoff dates for Boys' Fall 2018 Championship Bracket –

Practice Begins: August 13th, Competition Begins: August 23rd, End of Season: Oct. 20th

Rules of thumb for state championship dates:

2A Semifinal – Saturday prior to championship

3A, 4A, 5A Semifinal – Wednesday prior to championship

2A, 3A Final – 12th week – Friday

4A, 5A Finals – 12th week - Saturday

Qualifying system submitted to CHSAA office

Friday, September 1, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A last regular season games

Completed by:

Saturday, October 20, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A qualifiers determined by:

Saturday, October 20, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A first round on:

2A Wednesday, October 24, 2018

3A Thursday, October 25, 2018

4A Wednesday, October 24, 2018

5A Thursday, October 25, 2018

2A quarterfinals on:

2A Saturday, October 27, 2018

3A, 4A & 5A round of 16 on:

3A Tuesday, October 30, 2018

4A Tuesday, October 30, 2018

5A Wednesday, October 31, 2018

2A semifinals, 3A, 4A & 5A quarterfinals on:

Saturday, November 3, 2018

3A, 4A & 5A semifinals on:

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

2A, 3A finals on:

Friday, November 9, 2018

4A, 5A finals on:

Saturday, November 10, 2018

IV. DATES - continued:

GIRLS SOCCER, SPRING 2019

Playoff dates for Girls' Spring 2019 Championship Bracket –

Practice Begins: February 25th, Competition Begins: March 7th, End of Season: May 4th

Rules of thumb for state championship dates:

2A Semifinal 2nd Wednesday prior to Memorial Day

3A, 4A, 5A Semifinal 2nd Saturday prior to Memorial Day

2A, 3A Final Tuesday before Memorial Day

4A, 5A Final Wednesday prior to Memorial Day

Qualifying system submitted to CHSAA office

By the league or region, as required

Thursday, March 1, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A last regular season games

Completed by:

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A qualifiers determined by

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A 1st round on:

2A Tuesday, May 7, 2019

3A Wednesday, May 8, 2019

4A Wednesday, May 8, 2019

5A Tuesday, May 7, 2019

3A, 4A & 5A round of 16 on:

3A Saturday, May 11, 2019

4A Saturday, May 11, 2019

5A Friday, May 10, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A quarterfinals:

2A Friday, May 10, 2019

3A Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4A Wednesday, May 15, 2019

5A Wednesday, May 15, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A semifinals:

2A Wednesday, May 15, 2019

3A Saturday, May 18, 2019

4A Saturday, May 18, 2019

5A Saturday, May 18, 2019

2A, 3A, 4A & 5A finals:

2A Tuesday, May 21, 2019

3A Tuesday, May 21, 2019

4A Wednesday, May 22, 2019

5A Wednesday, May 22, 2019

V. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS:

The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator for each classification. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

2A qualifying procedures are determined by each region and submitted to the CHSAA office prior to the start of the competition season. If the region does not submit a qualifying system prior to the deadline, RPI will be used to determine the one automatic qualifier from that region. The remainder of the at-large qualifiers will be determined by the highest rated teams by RPI not already included in the playoff pool.

3A-5A Playoff Qualifying Procedures – Each league/region will receive automatic qualifiers based on the number of teams listed in the league/region. The committee assigned the automatic qualifiers: 3-6 teams listed in a league or region will have one (1) automatic qualifier advancing to the State Tournament bracket; 7 or more teams listed in a league or region will have two (2) automatic qualifiers advancing to the State Tournament bracket. (Excluding Multi Class leagues/region)

The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) will be utilized to capture the State Tournament bracket, with those automatic qualifiers not ranked in the top 32 teams by RPI in 3A-5A replacing the lowest ranked teams in the top 32 teams by RPI until all automatic qualifiers are included in the playoff bracket for consideration. The final RPI ranked teams will be listed #1-16 in order on the playoff bracket for the 3A-5A classifications. The placement of 3A-5A teams listed #17-32 will take geography and first round league opponents into consideration.

RPI ranked teams will be selected by the seeding committee based on the final Rating Percentage Index results that are published on Sunday following the conclusion of the regular season.

Multi-Class Leagues/Regions: Teams that are playing in multi-class leagues will have the opportunity to qualify for the State Tournament bracket through the final RPI rankings if there are not at least 3 teams from that league represented in the classification.

What happens if two teams are tied in the final RPI standings?

We have created a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Winning percentage
3. Opponents' winning percentage
4. Opponents' opponents winning percentage
5. Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
6. Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)
7. Coin flip

The only reason for the coin flip is as a last result if all other scenarios happen to be tied.

Boys 2A Soccer (22 schools - 11 qualifiers)

<u>Region 1 (6)</u>		<u>Region 2 (6)</u>		<u>Region 3 (4)</u>	
Rye	250	Dawson	257	Lotus	250
Dolores Huerta	206	Union Colony	223	Victory Prep	142
Fountain Valley	203	Denver Academy	203	Loveland Classical	113
Thomas McLaren	142	Denver Christian	144	Beth Eden	66
CO Springs School	96	Front Range Christian	141		
Evangelical Christian Acad	84	Heritage Christian	91		
<u>Region 4 (3)</u>		<u>Region 5 (3)</u>		<u>Not competing in playoffs</u>	
Lake County	264	Telluride	253	Campion Academy	145
CO Rocky Mountain	164	Crested Butte	208	Denver Jewish Day	81
Caprock Academy	149	Ridgway	99	Mile High Academy	68

Each region is responsible for creating a plan to determine the region's automatic qualifier

Region's plan is due to CHSAA prior to start of season, otherwise RPI will determine automatic qualifier

7 at-large qualifiers will be determined by RPI

Schools choosing to not play in the post season – Campion Academy, Denver Jewish Day School, and Mile High Academy.

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Boys 3A Soccer (59 schools - 32 qualifiers)

Tri-Peaks (8)

2 qualifiers

Manitou Springs	450
Lamar	443
James Irwin Charter	426
Atlas Prep	416
Salida	359
Colo Springs Christian	310
The Vanguard	305
Ellicot	292
St. Mary's ^	251

Confluence (9)

2 qualifiers

DSST-Green Valley Ranch	530
Eagle Ridge	519
Strive Prep Smart	486
DSST Byers	408
DSST-College View	406
Aurora West College Prep	380
Ridgeview Academy	350
William Smith	319
Venture Prep ^	131

Frontier (10)

2 qualifiers

DSST-Stapleton	576
The Academy	567
Pinnacle	520
KIPP Denver Collegiate	437
Arrupe Jesuit	425
Jefferson	407
Middle Park	372
Bennett	365
Sheridan	346
Bruce Randolph	344

Metro (11)

2 qualifiers

Peak to Peak	589
Lutheran	525
Kent Denver	485
Jefferson Academy	424
Prospect Ridge	424
Colorado Academy	411
Stargate School	406
Faith Christian	393
Bishop Machebeuf	370
SkyView Academy	330
Manual	316

Western Slope (8)

2 qualifiers

Vail Mountain ^	161
Moffat County	582
Delta	574
Coal Ridge	556
Aspen	547
Basalt	485
Roaring Fork	384
Grand Valley	319

Patriot (5)

1 qualifier

Valley	584
Sterling	524
Frontier Academy	361
Liberty Common	350
Estes Park	335

Intermountain (4)

1 qualifier

Montezuma-Cortez %	635
Alamosa	596
Pagosa Springs	450
Bayfield	379

Colorado 7 (2)

Englewood	547
Riverdale Ridge	525

Tri-Valley (1)

Mead *	1115
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12 automatic qualifiers

**20 at-large qualifiers
by RPI**

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Boys 4A Soccer (71 schools - 32 qualifiers)

4A CS Metro (9)

2 qualifiers

Widefield	1358
Mitchell	1329
Mesa Ridge	1290
Canon City	1076
Harrison	994
Sierra	810
Woodland Park	767
Elizabeth The Classical Academy	676 653

Tri-Valley (8)

2 qualifiers

Loveland *	1631
Skyline %	1443
Erie	1154
Frederick	1013
Roosevelt	997
Fort Morgan	907
Berthoud	715
Holy Family	649

Denver (8)

2 qualifiers

George Washington	1230
Denver North	1117
Thomas Jefferson	1082
John F. Kennedy	1072
Abraham Lincoln	973
KIPP Northeast/Strive Prep Rise	942
Northfield	788
Denver West	642

Northern (8)

2 qualifiers

Greeley Central %	1480
Silver Creek	1359
Longmont	1287
Mountain View	1245
Centaurus	1234
Niwot	1204
Northridge	1201
Thompson Valley	1165

Jeffco (7)

2 qualifiers

Standley Lake	1363
Golden	1313
Wheat Ridge	1251
Littleton	1217
Evergreen	1117
Green Mountain	1106
D'Evelyn ^	624

Pikes Peak (7)

2 qualifiers

Air Academy	1354
Cheyenne Mountain	1255
Sand Creek	1207
Falcon	1207
Palmer Ridge	1185
Discovery Canyon	1136
Lewis-Palmer	1065

Western Slope (7)

2 qualifiers

Palisade	1051
Summit	978
Battle Mountain	955
Glenwood Springs	947
Eagle Valley	931
Steamboat Springs	829
Rifle	759

Colorado 7 (6)

1 qualifier

Skyview	883
Conifer	870
Arvada Alameda International	822 800
Weld Central	670
Fort Lupton	631

South Central (6)

1 qualifier

Pueblo West	1391
Pueblo Centennial	1194
Pueblo East	1087
Pueblo South	1071
Pueblo County	980
Pueblo Central	790

Southwestern (2)

Montrose	1316
Durango	1132

Centennial (1)

Mullen	852
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Continental (1)

Ponderosa	1349
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5A CSML (1)

Coronado	1369
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16 automatic qualifiers

16 at-large qualifiers by RPI

Boys 5A Soccer (63 schools - 32 qualifiers)

Front Range (12)

2 qualifiers

Legacy	2363
Fairview	2228
Boulder	2065
Horizon	2037
Fossil Ridge	1994
Mountain Range	1989
Rocky Mountain	1970
Poudre	1825
Fort Collins	1789
Monarch	1714
Greeley West	1628
Broomfield	1591

East Metro (11)

2 qualifiers

Westminster	2350
Rangeview	2109
Hinkley	2050
Northglenn	1921
Aurora Central	1914
Prairie View	1880
Adams City	1847
Brighton	1794
Thornton	1699
Gateway	1654
Vista PEAK	1444

Contintental (10)

2 qualifiers

Mountain Vista	2320
Chaparral	2276
Rock Canyon	2220
Castle View	2155
Legend	2119
ThunderRidge	2072
Douglas County	1863
Regis Jesuit (Boys)	1800
Highlands Ranch	1742
Heritage	1712

Jeffco (9)

2 qualifiers

Lakewood	2120
Ralston Valley	1850
Chatfield	1770
Arvada West	1750
Columbine	1698
Bear Creek	1560
Dakota Ridge	1530
Pomona	1432
Valor Christian ^	1094

CO Springs Metro (6)

1 qualifier

Doherty	2032
Fountain-Fort Carson	1865
Rampart	1689
Palmer	1631
Liberty	1621
Pine Creek	1590

Centennial (7)

2 qualifiers

Cherry Creek	3654
Cherokee Trail	2953
Eaglecrest	2820
Grandview	2781
Overland	2375
Arapahoe	2155
Smoky Hill	2079

Denver (3)

1 qualifier

Far Northeast	2964
Denver East	2644
Denver South	1600

Pikes Peak (1)

Vista Ridge	1542
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Southwestern (3)

1 qualifier

Fruita Monument	1752
Grand Junction	1574
Grand Junction Central	1520

Tri-Valley (1)

Windsor	1485
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13 automatic qualifiers

19 at-large qualifiers by RPI

QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS – (continued):

Girls 2A Soccer (31 schools - 12 qualifiers)

<u>Region 1 - South (6)</u>		<u>Region 2 - West (5)</u>		<u>Region 3 - Metro 2 (3)</u>		<u>Region 4 - Southwest (6)</u>	
Rye	228	Lake County	264	Cornerstone Christian	74	Ignacio	259
Fountain Valley	220	Clear Creek	232	Bellevue Christian	66	Telluride	253
Thomas McLaren	207	CO Rocky Mountain	164	Rocky Mtn Lutheran	58	Crested Butte	208
Dolores Huerta	206	Vail Christian	148			Center	153
Colorado Springs School	96	Rangely	112			Del Norte	136
Evangelical Christian Acad	84					Ridgway	99
<u>Region 5 - Metro 1 (5)</u>		<u>Region 6 - North (3)</u>		<u>Not competing in playoffs</u>			
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20 at-large qualifiers by RPI

**% Reclassified 3A by
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Tri-Valley (9)

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Erie	1154
Mead	1115
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CS Metro (9)

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16 at-large qualifiers by RPI

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Girls 5A Soccer (63 schools - 32 qualifiers)

<u>Front Range (12)</u>		<u>East Metro (11)</u>		<u>Contintental (10)</u>		<u>Jeffco (9)</u>	
<i>2 qualifiers</i>		<i>2 qualifiers</i>		<i>2 qualifiers</i>		<i>2 qualifiers</i>	
Legacy	2363	Westminster	2350	Mountain Vista	2320	Lakewood	2120
Fairview	2228	Rangeview	2109	Chaparral	2276	Ralston Valley	1850
Boulder	2065	Hinkley	2050	Rock Canyon	2220	Chatfield	1770
Horizon	2037	Northglenn	1921	Castle View	2155	Arvada West	1750
Fossil Ridge	1994	Aurora Central	1914	Legend	2119	Columbine	1698
Mountain Range	1989	Prairie View	1880	ThunderRidge	2072	Bear Creek	1560
Rocky Mountain	1970	Adams City	1847	Douglas County	1863	Dakota Ridge	1530
Poudre	1825	Brighton	1794	Highlands Ranch	1742	Pomona	1432
Fort Collins	1789	Thornton	1699	Heritage	1712	Valor Christian^	1094
Monarch	1714	Gateway	1654	Regis Jesuit (Girls)	1446		
Greeley West	1628	Vista PEAK	1444				
Broomfield	1591						

<u>Centennial (7)</u>		<u>CO Springs Metro (6)</u>		<u>Denver (3)</u>		<u>Southwestern (3)</u>	
<i>2 qualifiers</i>		<i>1 qualifier</i>		<i>1 qualifier</i>		<i>1 qualifier</i>	
Cherry Creek	3654	Doherty	2032	Far Northeast	2964	Fruita Monument	1752
Cherokee Trail	2953	Fountain-Fort Carson	1865	Denver East	2644	Grand Junction	1574
Eaglecrest	2820	Rampart	1689	Denver South	1600	Central (GJ)	1520
Grandview	2781	Palmer	1631				
Overland	2375	Liberty	1621	<u>Pikes Peak (1)</u>		<u>Tri-Valley (1)</u>	
Arapahoe	2155	Pine Creek	1590	Vista Ridge	1542	Windsor	1485
Smoky Hill	2079						

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 qualifiers**

19 at-large qualifiers by RPI

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V. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS – (continued):

Regular season matches must be completed by Saturday, October 20, 2018 for boys. Regular season matches must be completed by Saturday, May 4, 2019 for girls. All post-season qualifiers must be determined no later than Saturday, October 20, 2018 for boys; and Saturday, May 4, 2014 for girls. The CHSAA staff can approve alternates dates in extreme situations.

The host school is responsible for MATCH OFFICIALS in all first round matches. The CHSAA is responsible for the assignment of MATCH OFFICIALS in the second round of the state tournament to the finals. All boys' & girls' post-season matches are to be played as per the specific bracket dates in each classification. Host schools are responsible for the payment of officials through the quarterfinals matches in each classification.

It is the responsibility of the region/league representative to correctly list the Automatic Qualifiers for each classification and verify that they appear on the tournament bracket.

In the sports of field hockey, lacrosse and soccer, schools hosting contests which are on the state championship bracket in that sport may pay a fee to the CHSAA in lieu of charging admission. This fee will be set by the CHSAA and will be based on an average of the 20% of the gross sent to the CHSAA in previous playoffs in that sport. **When paying this fee, hosting schools are still responsible for any travel guarantee due to the opponent, officials' payments and other costs associated with hosting these contests. Pre-approval from CHSAA is required for implementation.**

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Home Sites

In all classifications the higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoff bracket, and will host the 1st round, 2nd round and quarterfinal round matches. In the 2A classification, the top 4 seeded teams will receive a first round bye in the tournament bracket. The higher seed in all classifications will be designated as the home team in semifinal and final matches.

It is required by the CHSAA that quarterfinal post-season host sites follow all CHSAA playoff requirements included but not limited to admission and all other amenities of a championship game, including bleacher seating, lighted venue and a secure playing field for players, coaches and officials.

One representative (administrator) for each classifications leagues/regions will be assigned to be seated on the seeding committee. The assignments to serve on the seeding committee will be submitted to the CHSAA office by region/league presidents and approved the CHSAA office. Also seated on the committee as non-voting members will be:

- (1) One non-voting representative from the CHSAA office
 - If possible, the committee will attempt not pair teams in the first round that have played each other during the league competition.
 - In 2A, the top 4 teams in the final RPI rankings are seeded and will receive a first round bye. Geography will be a consideration when seeding teams #5-12 using the final RPI rankings.
 - The RPI (Ranking Percentage Index) published the Sunday of the seeding committee meeting will be the primary tool for seeding consideration. Geography and first round match-ups with league opponents will be considered when placing 3A-5A teams #17-32 on the bracket utilizing the final RPI rankings.

Post Season Dates – Times

CHSAA will establish match dates. It is the desire of the CHSAA that schools **mutually establish** match times that best accommodate the interests of each school and community. Schools must take into account the conditions in which the match will be played and make the best decision to accommodate the schools involved. The CHSAA will not mandate schools to play matches in conditions that are not in the best interest of the schools involved. NOTE: All **mutually established** match times are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office as needed. When mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached, the following statements will apply:

- a. When post-season matches are to be played on a Saturday, 1:00 or 3:00 p.m. is the preferred scheduled times.
- b. When post-season matches are to be played on a weekday, 3:00 p.m. is the preferred time for non-lighted fields. The preferred time is 6:00 p.m. for lighted fields. **Following the completion of the first round, host sites must set match times at 1:00 p.m. for non-lighted fields. (Daylight Savings Time)**
- c. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate match times and sites, including when a school district is hosting more than one match. Conflicts, which could have a venue, academic or financial impact on the match, will be considered.
- d. All schools, both home and visitor, will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the match time scheduling process.
- e. The CHSAA post-season calendar will be adhered to when match conditions permit. When available, host schools shall attempt locate an artificial turf site that will be as an alternative to stay on schedule.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The committee commended the CHSAA staff, the Englewood School District and staff, along with Denver Public School; Douglas County School District; Cherry Creek School District; and Dick's Sporting Goods Park management, for their work as hosts of the boys' and girls' semifinal and final matches.
- B. An Automatic Qualifier that is not ranked in the final Rating Percentage Index will be placed on the bracket and the lowest ranked team on the final RPI rankings will be deleted from the playoff bracket.
- C. The HSSO President Bill Gessner informed the committee that HSSO was down about 40 people which puts the organization at 380 officials. Reasons seem to be people retiring or more moving out of state. The impact of fewer officials is there has been more trouble covering Tuesday/Thursday matches and more varsity games with only 2 officials per game. Gessner, explained to the committee that competition on Saturday's are harder due to pay of HS officials versus college & club pay. HSSO is continuing their efforts to recruit but officials have been harder to keep due to competition with the clubs & college games. Post season officials were selected using a weighted voting system.
- D. A better distribution of games throughout the week is something that is requested from Gessner and HSSO officials. There was talk among committee members about if it was possible to schedule games by conferences and what days they play during the week.

- E. CHSSCA Report – Justin Stephens request for transparency in the officials’ polls. Coaches don’t feel that they are heard. Coaches feel that the right teams were captured by RPI. Automatic qualifiers was atopic of discussion; when a league is guaranteed two automatic qualifiers are they the top two by league finish or the top two by RPI? It was determined that the league should have a system in place before the season to determine that for their league and submit that to CHSAA before competition. There was also discussion asking if 15 games too many games in the spring; it was brought up that the boys season and the girls season had to be the same length for equity purposes. No other discussion about season length after that. Stephens mentioned that Mero state looking to get involved in some sites. Ernie Derrera, CHSAA Asst Commissioner, asked Stephens to please remind coaches to vote for postseason officials as this is their time to have a voice. Marcie Ham, Pagosa Springs, stated that there are not enough officials that the coaches know.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Justin Saylor, Denver Public Schools, Chair; Hardy Kalisher (Boulder) *not in attendance*; Barb Landhuis (Denver Christian); Dan Knab (Liberty Common); Dan Watkins (Wheat Ridgestian); Brock Becker (Heritage); Brett Williams (Mitchell); John Thompson (Smoky Hill); Michael Green (Skyline); Chris Murray (Telluride); Marcie Ham (Pagosa Springs); Jason Rollins (Colorado Springs Christian).