



Cross Country Advisory Committee Meeting

Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building

Date: December 4th, 2018

Item: District Realignment

Action: **Discussion:** _____

Recommendation:

Realign cross country districts per classification, for the purpose of establishing a fixed number of advancing teams from district meet to regional meet.

Rationale:

To reduce the confusion when it comes to how many teams are “entered” during each district meet and how many teams advance to the regional meet as a result of the amount of teams “entered” to the meet.

Currently, the amount of teams that advance from district to regions is determined by how many teams (5 or more runners) are “entered” during the meet. Per the rule, “entered” is defined as being present at the starting line and competing and if a district has 6 or less teams entered, 3 teams advance, if there are 7 to 9 teams entered, 4 advance, and if there are 10 or more teams entered, 5 advance. With that mind, as example of the current procedures, if a district has 10 schools which compete in the district throughout the year, but during the district meet 4 of the 10 schools bring less than 5 runners to the meet, only 6 teams would have been considered as “entered” and only 3 teams would advance to the regional meet. Over the past few years scenarios like these have caused a lot of confusion on who should be advancing to the regional meet from district. (See attachment)

Alternatives to Recommendation:

1. Approve recommendation.
2. Modify the recommendation
3. Deny the recommendation

Committees Voting Summary:

XCAC – 12/04/2018: Motion: Rittenour; 2nd Halliday – Vote: 6-1 to Approve

VAC Vote:

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

FHSAA Staff

Name of Committee Member/Staff Member

Signature of Committee Member/Staff Member

Current Cross Country Setup

Classification and District Alignment:

- (a) 4 classifications per gender
- (b) 4 regions per classification
- (c) 4 districts per region (16 total districts).
- (d) Assignments for classification and district are based on demographics (school populations) and geographic (school location).

Advancement Procedures:

- (a) **District Meet to Regional Meet.** In a districts with six (6) or less teams entered, the first three (3) placing teams and the top fifteen (15) runners will advance to the region meet, in a districts with seven (7) to nine (9) teams entered, the first four (4) placing teams and the top fifteen (15) runners will advance to the region meet, and in a districts with ten (10) or more teams entered, the first five (5) placing teams and the top fifteen (15) runners will advance. “Entered” is defined as being present at the starting line and competing.
- (b) **Regional Meet to Florida High School State Championship Meet.** The first six (6) placing teams and the top fifteen (15) runners in each regional meet shall advance to the Florida High School State Championship Series.

Proposed Cross Country Setup

Classification and District Alignment

- (a) 4 classifications per gender
- (b) 4 regions per classification
- (c) 2 districts per region (8 total districts).
- (d) Assignment for classification and district are based on demographics (school populations) and geographic (school location), however, each district would have same amount of teams (+/- one or two teams).

Advancement Procedures:

- (a) **District Meet to Regional Meet.** The first ten (10) placing teams and the top thirty (30) runners in each district meet shall advance to the regional meet. Team is defined as having 5 or more runners on the starting line and competing.
- (b) **Regional Meet to Florida High School State Championship Meet.** The first six (6) placing teams and the top fifteen (15) runners in each regional meet shall advance to the Florida High School State Championship Meet. Team is defined as having 5 or more runners on the starting line and competing.