

Div I & Div II Proposal:

Eliminate JV Division. Create DI and DII. No rules for age. Programs may have DI and DII teams. Still required to split if the number threshold hits for host schools.

- Division I
 - All games must be played 10v10. 3 Officials recommended for all games. Must play each team in state to qualify for states.
- Division II
 - May play down to 8v8 and have it count as a game.
 - Programs can play 10v10 if both teams agree.
 - 2 officials per game.
 - Teams encouraged to determine if they will be playing 10v10 for specific games as early as possible so teams can practice/prepare.
 - 10v10 or 8v8 can be decided up to start time (but not recommended)
- Seniors on DII
 - If a team has a DI and DII program and intends to have seniors play on DII, they must notify the league of who these players are and why they are playing DII.
 - In the past, a waiver was required for seniors to play JV. Every one of them was approved. Instead of a waiver, a letter notifying the league should be satisfactory, allowing a streamlined process and not requiring a vote that historically has always been passed.
 - DII only programs should not prevent seniors from playing.
- Interdivisional play allowed, but does not affect standings.
 - Interdivisional can be played 8v8 or 10v10
- State Tournament Hosts DI and DII tournaments. –
 - Topic of discussion will be field space/format, to be done as soon as we have registration set.
- Work with officials to create a new per game budget for each division –
 - DI 3-man games will have similar costs for 2020 season
 - DII proposal – 2man costs plus an observer fee cut to 25% of observer costs (realistically ¼ or less games will be observed)
- Play Up/Play Down
 - Rosters capped at 26 players for State Tournament
 - In order to be eligible for State, players must play 4 games (at either Division)
 - Players eligible to float between DI & DII
 - Player loses DII eligibility if they play in 4 DI games. Play defined as being listed on a Scoresheet
- Programs allowed 1 DI team and as Many DII teams as necessary.
 - Allowing only a single DI team encourages growth through individual schools and still allows for development of players
 - DII programs can be a conglomerate mix and feed multiple DI schools, so long as the structure fits.
 - Example – Helena may have the numbers for two DI programs (Helena Capital and then a Conglomerate.) Under this proposal,

- they could operate a single DII team encompassing DII level players from all schools in the area. This provides flexibility
- It could be messy, but the 2021 season could be a great trial period for something like this.
- Programs still must split teams when reaching Boundary Document Threshold numbers for overall Program
 - Ex: If there are 50 players between 1 DI and 2 DII teams and more than 18 go to a single school, that program will need to form new teams with a new boundary proposal unless a waiver is granted by the board
 - Current Bozeman – Right now they would have two DII teams (not broken up by Boundaries.) As of this proposal, they would need to Stick with 1 DI and then multiple DII, until the 2nd high school has enough players to sustain a true split as per a revised boundary document
 - If Bozeman wishes to retain two DI teams for 2021, a waiver should be submitted for board review/approval
 - Conferences
 - To Be determined after registration shakes out
 - Either no conferences and play all teams in Division OR;
 - 2 conferences for DI, Play each team in division twice. Can play out of division

Once approved, an official rulebook update will be drafted and voted upon at the Fall Meeting.