

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Reclassification Meeting

MINUTES

Georgia High School Association – Thomaston, GEORGIA

June 4, 2025 – 10:20 AM

Scarlett Grantham	Steve Waters	Eli Connell	Danny Redshaw	Rendell Jackson-Abs
Reginald Curry-Sub	Brian Montgomery	Michael Thompson	Steven Simpson	Jose Fernandez
Regina Montgomery	Kevin Petroski	Jim Finch	Lamarr Glenn	Ricky Turner
Andrew Calhoun	Myron Newton-Abs	Harley Calhoun-Abs	Kevin Hobbs-Sub	Davis Russell-Abs
Bill Garnett-Sub	Curt Miller			

GHSA President Jim Finch called the meeting to order. Director of Media Relations, Marvin James called the roll. Jim Finch called for the Adoption of Agenda. Steve Simpson accepted and Brian Montgomery seconded.

Reclassification Chairman, Dr. Curt Miller opened the meeting stating this is our 5th meeting since January 24, 2025 and have received numerous proposals and have allowed them to be presented to us. We have also heard different opinions on power rankings over the same time frame. Now that we have had enough time to sort through all of this information it is time to move forward with proposals we are going to consider.

There was a document with all of the proposals and power ranking information the committee has received over time and the committee went one by one on each. All members of the committee contributed in the discussions that are listed below.

The first 4 proposals were not identified by the committee to act on but it was noted one had some good ideas and thoughts.

Two of the proposals that were discussed more than most over the course of these meetings were competitive balance and the Big 90. Both proposals were voted down and to be discussed during the next reclassification cycle if the committee chooses to do so. The motion to move on from competitive balance was by Scarlett Grantham and the motion to move on from the Big 90 was by Regina Montgomery. There was much discussion from members of the committee prior to the votes. Dr. Scott offered some insight about how the state office sets things for the state tournament.

This left the current model as the sole proposal for the committee to discuss. Dr. Curt Miller added that he would like to see an adjustment to the current model to account for lower performing schools to have an opportunity to appeal to move down in classification. Those details will be ironed out at the August meeting (date to be determined later.)

Curt Miller led discussion on submitted proposals to focus on narrowing down options. After discussion, Scarlett Grantham motion to table "Competitive Balance" discussion to next region cycle which would be 2026. Steve Simpson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13 – 5 (NO: Petroski, Fernandez, Montgomery, R. Calhoun, Glenn)

After the vote and further discussion, Regina Montgomery brought forth the motion to keep the current model we have for the next cycle while continuing to gathering more data, allowing tweaks to the plan such as looking at lower classifications dropping down. Danny Redshaw seconded the motion.

VOTE: 13 – 5 (NO: Petroski, Simpson, Fernandez, R. Calhoun, Connell)

Regarding PSR (Post Season Power Rankings),\

Power Rankings-

This discussion was about how many schools should qualify, how many places should be guaranteed in the bracket, and should there be points for playing larger schools. After much discussion, the following was determined:

1. If you give points for schools playing larger schools, there is a way for schools to gain the system and make their ranking higher than what it should be.
2. The committee listened to members who have experienced the current power ranking model and how the guaranteed spots have distorted the playoff bracket.
3. The committee settled on ensuring all region champions will host at least one playoff game. This means they will keep their seeding if they fall in the top 16 seeds. If a region champion is outside of the top 16, they will be moved to the 16th seed and schools will slide down by one. (or however many schools fall in this category). Steve Waters motioned to continue PSR from 1A-6A as discussed. Seconded by Scarlett Grantham.
4. The committee feels this model does not lock regions into only sending 4 teams to state, they could send more and protect stronger regions.
5. This plan allows for a true power ranked bracket that our schools have asked for.

Miller called to adjourn the meeting, Redshaw made the motion and Grantham seconded it.