



Submission of Administrative Proposal: Class A Football Sustainability

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Dear Commissioner Tackett,

On behalf of Chad Pennington and myself, please find the attached formal proposal concerning **Classification Sustainability in Class A Football**.

This document represents a collaborative effort among several Class A programs to provide the KHSAA Board of Control with data-driven insights regarding the enrollment multiplier. Our goal is to ensure the classification system remains an accurate reflection of competitive reality for the Commonwealth's smallest football programs while protecting long-term participation and student-athlete safety.

Specifically, the proposal outlines:

- **A "Class A Floor"**: Recommending that the 32 smallest football-playing schools be exempt from the multiplier to protect "roster-thin" programs.
- **Success-Based Metrics**: Suggesting a shift toward on-field performance data rather than speculative enrollment potential for future classification.
- **Historical Data**: Providing analysis from 1959–2025 that demonstrates competitive balance within the current Class A structure.

We respectfully request that this proposal be shared with the Board of Control and that a brief window be provided on the upcoming meeting agenda for a discussion of these findings.

Thank you for your time and for your continued leadership of high school athletics in Kentucky.

Best regards,

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