

Big Seven Accepts ACCHS & Riverside into League but Horton Denied

The displaced ACCHS and Riverside high school's have found a new league home starting the 2013-14 academic year, as the Big Seven league has voted to accept them as new members to the league. The move will make the Big Seven league now a 10 team league and give them the opportunity to form five team divisions.

With the addition of ACCHS and Riverside, the Big Seven plans on having a north and south division, with the north division made up of the five Class 3A schools (Riverside, ACCHS, Hiawaha, Sabetha and Nemaha Valley) in the league and the south division made up of the five Class 4A teams (Holton, Royal Valley, Jeff West, Perry Lecompton, Santa Fe Trail) in the league.

Horton, also petitioned the Big Seven to join the league, but their petition was denied by the league, thus leaving them to search for another league. Of the eight current Big 7 Schools, six votes were needed to pass. ACCHS received all eight votes, Riverside received seven and Horton fell just shy with only five votes (Holton, Jeff West and Perry Lecompton voted no).

Doniphan West, Troy and KC Christian are also still in search of leagues themselves, also; as those four plus ACCHS and Riverside had to begin looking for a new league affiliation after the Delaware Valley League as we currently know it will be disbanding after this school year.

The eight schools of Oskaloosa, McLouth, Valley Falls, Jackson Heights, Maur-Hill Mount Academy, Pleasant Ridge, Jefferson County North and Immaculata decided to leave the league and former their own eight team league starting in 2013-14 school year.

Options are on the table for the area schools still looking for leagues to join as Doniphan West and Troy have been extended invites to join the Twin Valley League and could decide as early as tomorrow if they will accept the invitation to join the league. While, Horton who was denied a spot in the Big Seven as a reported offer on the table to join the TVL but is also still researching other possibilities. KC Christian is planning to become an independent school again like they were prior to joining the DVL.

Other Notes:

KSHSAA looks to be determining the outcome of the proposed change to the classification system, tomorrow, as they will tally all the votes from the principals, school boards and athletic directors from across the state in Class 4A-1A. The proposal would condense the size of Class 4A from the current 64 schools to 48, moving the bottom 16 schools down a class to 3A, then the bottom 16 in 3A would move down to 2A. The proposal has to have a majority from the classification of 4A and down to passes.

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