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CL: The central office will determine enrollment for each school based on the figures submitted by the school to the Department of Education for state school aid. The enrollment figures shall include classified students. This determination of enrollment shall be deemed final, and not subject to appeal, unless it can be documented that there was an error in the Department of Education report.

3. To determine the number of schools in each Group for a particular sport, the number of public schools participating in that sport shall be divided by the number of Groups, and an equal number of schools shall be assigned to each of the Groups. If the total number of public schools cannot be divided evenly by the number of Groups, then the number of schools in the smallest shall be increased by the remainder.

B. Sections

1. Every two years, the public schools in each of the Groups shall be divided by geography into Sections, on a sport specific basis, as determined by the Executive Committee.

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B. Non-member, non-public, and out-of-state schools shall be classified as though they were public schools in New Jersey with the same enrollment.

D. If the enrollment of a non-member, non-public, or out-of-state school does not fall within the enrollment range of any then-existing Group, the non-member, non-public, or out-of-state school shall be classified with the Group that will, with the addition of that school, have the least disparity from largest to smallest school.

CL: A non-member school has an enrollment of 704. The Group III range that year includes New Jersey public schools with enrollments between 708 and 992. The Group II range includes schools with enrollments between 452 and 698. The non-member school would be considered to be a Group II school, since the enrollment disparity in Group III, with the addition of the non-member school, would be 288 (992 minus 704), whereas the disparity in Group II would be just 252 (704 minus 452).

Section 6
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B. Sections

1. Every two years, the non-public schools in each of the Groups shall be divided by geography into Sections, on a sport specific basis, as determined by the Executive Committee.

2. To determine the number of schools in each Section for a particular sport, the number of non-public schools participating in that sport shall be divided by the number of Sections, and an equal number of schools shall be assigned to each of the Sections. If the total number of non-public schools cannot be divided by evenly by the number of Sections, then one remainder will be added to each Section from the northernmost to the southernmost Section until there are no more remainders.

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Intentionally not used.

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A. Groups

1. Every two years, the public schools shall be divided by enrollment into four Groups. The Groups shall be designated as “Group I” (schools with fewer students) through “Group IV” (schools with a larger number of students). Football and wrestling will be divided into five groups, on a sports specific basis, as determined by the Executive Committee.

2. Enrollment shall be defined as the sum of a school’s student population for grades 9, 10 and 11. Enrollment figures shall be those reported to and certified by the Department of Education for the purpose of obtaining state school aid.

CL: The central office will determine enrollment for each school based on the figures submitted by the school to the department of Education for state school aid. The enrollment figures shall include classified students. This determination of enrollment shall be deemed final, and not subject to appeal, unless it can be documented that there was an error in the Department of Education report.

3. To determine the group classification number of schools in each Group for a particular sport, the total number of public schools with an enrollment greater than 150 participating in that sport shall be divided by the number of Groups, and an equal number of schools shall be assigned to each of the groups, in order of enrollment. If the total number of public schools with an enrollment greater than 150 cannot be divided evenly by four, the number of Groups, then the number of schools in Group 1smallest shall be increased by the remainder.

B. Sections

1. Every two years, the public schools in each of the four Groups shall be divided by geography into four Sections, to be known Sections, on a sports specific basis, as determined by the Executive Committee.

2. To determine the Section assignment of each school, the total number of schools in each group Section for a particular sport, the number of public schools participating in that sport shall be divided by the number of Sections, and an equal number of schools shall be assigned to each Section, based on north-south geography of the Sections. If the total number
of public schools cannot be divided by evenly by four, and the remainder is one, the number of schools in North I shall increase by one. If the remainder is two, the number of schools in North I and North II shall increase by one. If the remainder is three, the number of schools in North I, North II and Central shall increase by one. Sections, then one remainder will be added to each Section from the northernmost to the southernmost Section until there are no more remainders.

3. The geographic boundary of each Section shall run along the east-west parallel that shall be placed midway between the southernmost school of the North I Section and the northernmost school of the North II Section, associated with the southernmost school of the North II Section and the northernmost school of the Central Section, and the southernmost school of the Central Section and the northernmost school of the South Section (unless changed by the Northing number). that Section.

A. Public schools with an enrollment of 150 or fewer students are considered to be Group I schools and shall be placed in the geographic Section in which they are located.

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New Jersey non-public schools with football shall be classified together for football and then divided into three (3) Groups based on pupil enrollment in Grades 9, 10 and 11, as submitted to NJSIAA as follows:

Non-public IV, Non-public III, and Non-public II.

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