

Article III

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER SCHOOLS

Section 1

Public and non-public member schools shall be divided into a “Public Schools Division” and a “Non-public Schools Division,” respectively.

Section 2

The affairs of the non-public secondary schools of the State shall be regulated in accordance with the Constitution.

Section 3

Classification of Public Schools for Purposes of State Championship Tournaments:

A. Groups

1. Every two years, the public schools shall be divided by enrollment into 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 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 Sections, on a sports 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 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 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.

3. The geographic boundary of each Section shall run along the east-west parallel associated with the southernmost school of that Section.

Section 4

Classification of Non-Public Schools for Purposes of State Championship Tournaments:

A. Groups

1. Every two years, the non-public schools shall be divided by enrollment into Groups, on a sport- 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, dated November 1. The Non-Public classifications will be based on gender specific enrollments for every sport.
3. To determine the number of non-public schools in each Group for a particular sport, the number of non-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 non-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 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.
3. The geographic boundary of each Section shall run along the east-west parallel associated with the southernmost school of that Section.

Section 5

Classification of non-member schools, non-public schools and out-of-state schools, for awarding power- points and determining tournament tie-breakers, shall be as follows:

- A. The enrollment of a non-member or out-of-state school must be verified, in writing, to the NJSIAA, by the principal or headmaster of the school.
- 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.
- C. 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).