

Proposal to Incorporate a Competitive Balance Formula into the Determination of how Public Schools are Classified

The proposal is being presented in two parts. **Ballot No. 1 (below)** would amend the Bylaws to allow a public school's classification to be changed based on a competitive balance formula as approved by the Executive Committee and set forth in the Policies and Procedures.

Ballot No. 2 would amend the Policies and Procedures and adopt the specific competitive balance formula that was endorsed by the Executive Committee this year.

BALLOT NO. 1

Proposal to Amend Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, to Incorporate a Competitive Balance Formula for Classifications of Public Schools

NJSIAA staff has proposed amending Article III of the Bylaws, which outlines how public schools are classified into groups (based on enrollment) and sections (based on geography). The amendment would allow the NJSIAA to adjust the group classification of certain public schools based on their competitiveness as determined by a "competitive balance formula." The types of schools and specifics of the "competitive balance formula" would be approved by the Executive Committee and set forth in the Association's Policies and Procedures.

The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the Annual Meeting.

BYLAW CHANGE

(Additions to the current Bylaws are shown underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~.)

NJSIAA Bylaws, Article III, Section 3, "Classifications of Public Schools for Purposes of State Championship Tournaments," (*Handbook* page 23-24) shall be amended as follows:

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 into 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 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.

CL: For the purposes of this Section 3, public charter schools and public cooperative sports programs will not be included in the original total number of schools to be divided by enrollment and then geography for each sport. Public charter schools and public cooperative sports programs with confirmed varsity status shall then be added to the appropriate group and section based on the school's and/or program's total enrollment and northing number.

C. Competitive Balance. A public school's classification may be changed based on a competitive balance formula as approved by the Executive Committee and set forth in the Policies and Procedures.

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