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CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGIONAL ALIGNMENTS

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CLASSIFICATIONS

For the purpose of parity and equity in state championship competition, the following criteria shall be used for determining classifications.

1. Classifications shall be established according to COMAR 13A.06.03.06 *Classification*.
2. The classification committee shall use a summary of sport offerings for each member school as well as enrollment figures as of September 30th for grades 9, 10, and 11 submitted by the local school systems to conduct an individual analysis of each MPSSAA-administered sport. The classification committee shall then assign classifications and region/section alignments for each sport.
3. Boys/Girls teams in the same sport/same school shall be assigned to the same classification.

REGIONAL ALIGNMENTS

1. Regions/sections shall be numerically balanced as best as possible.
2. Regions/sections shall be geographically clustered as best as possible.
3. Schools within the same city/county/conference shall be aligned in the same region whenever possible.
4. Boys/Girls teams in the same sport/same school shall be assigned to the same region/section whenever possible.

GENERAL

1. The Classification Committee and the Executive Director of the MPSSAA will present a recommendation of classifications and region/section alignments of member schools to the MPSSAA Board of Control. The Board of Control will ratify all classifications and region/section alignments at the spring meeting.
2. Classifications for each sport shall be listed in their respective sport bulletin.