

22-24 Reclassification Proposal

This proposal was created by the nine independent schools currently above the 1A Private classification in collaboration with the GHSA leadership.

The benefits of this proposal are the following:

1. Limits the number of independent schools above 1A Private to six schools in two classifications, 4A and 5A, removing 21 state championships won by private schools in classes 2A and 3a.
2. Retains large Private Schools under the formal governance of the GHSA.
3. Moves the largest private schools into higher classifications required by their adjusted enrollment numbers using the multiplier AND moves up the 28 successful programs from those schools an additional classification.
4. Enhances efforts to restore competitive imbalances that are not captured by the multiplier or narrowing of school zones.
5. Allows all members of the GHSA to participate in robust classifications capable of filling similarly sized, equitable postseason opportunities.
6. Retains a familiar structure that requires only six schools to report to the GHSA additional modifications or administrative work for the GHSA and region leadership.

Proposal - 1 / 4 / 5 + Competitive Balance

We propose that the GHSA place these independent schools in the classifications posted below.

- 1A Private: GAC, Lovett, Pace
- 4A: Benedictine, Marist, Westminster
- 5A: Blessed Trinity, St. Pius, Woodward

This framework reduces the number of private schools above 1A Private by placing the three smallest schools into 1A Private.

Private Schools in 4A and 5A will apply the Competitive Balance Model (CBM) that promotes specific sports up a classification or relegates sports down a classification based on their respective performances over the past two (2) years. Schools nor individual programs may not drop below the classifications posted above. The CBM will initiate during the 22-23 calendar year using results from 19-20 and 20-21 calendar years with the most recent year being weighted at 75% of the total score.

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CBM SCORING SYSTEM

CBM separates sports into two categories: Single Sports and Coed Sports:

Single Sports: Sports that field one (typically single gendered) varsity sports team. Those sports are posted below.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cheerleading	Wrestling	Gymnastics
Flag Football		
Football		
Softball		
Volleyball		

Coed Sports: Sports that compete as two separate gendered varsity teams.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cross Country	Basketball	Golf
	Swimming & Diving	Lacrosse
		Soccer
		Tennis
		Track & Field

CBM SCORING TABLE

Teams earn points according to the following table.

Placement	Awarded Points
Round of 16 (Top 16)	.5
Quarterfinals (Top 8)	1
Semifinal (Top 4)	2
Runner Up (2nd)	3
State Championship	4

CBM WEIGHTING TABLES

The CBM model looks back at the most recent two years of performances to place programs. The most recent year's results provide a more accurate reflection of the next year's

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performance. In recognition of this, the CBM weights the most recent year's results as 75% of the total score. The other year accounts for 25% of the total score.

CBM THRESHOLDS

Teams that surpass the promotion threshold will move up one additional classification. Teams that score less than the relegation threshold will be eligible to move down one classification provided that classification is not lower than the baseline classification.

Type	Promotion Threshold	Relegation Threshold
Single Sports	> 4	<1
Coed Sports	> 8	<2

IMPACT ON 22-24 CLASSIFICATION OF THIS PROPOSAL BY SCHOOL AND SPORT

ADJUSTED CLASSIFICATIONS BY SPORT

	Benedictine	Marist	Westminster	Blessed Trinity	St. Pius	Woodward
Base Line Classification	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Baseball	5A	5A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Basketball	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	6A
Cheer	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Football	4A	5A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Golf	4A	5A	5A	5A	6A	6A
Lacrosse	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A	5A
Literary	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A
One Act Play	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Soccer	4A	4A	5A	6A	5A	5A
Softball	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	5A
Swim & Dive	4A	5A	5A	5A	5A	5A
Tennis	4A	5A	5A	5A	5A	6A
Track	4A	5A	5A	6A	5A	5A
Volleyball	4A	5A	5A	6A	6A	5A
Wrestling	4A	4A	4A	5A	5A	6A
XC	4A	5A	5A	6A	6A	5A

Note: Lacrosse and Swim & Dive will not move into a classification that competes against 7A schools in postseason competition.

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Additional Stipulations / Conditions:

- GHSA's By-Law 4.23(b) Out of Zone Multiplier will be modified to include the following statement:
 - Every student attending a school from outside the school's district-assigned attendance zone shall be counted as two (2.0) students when it comes to calculating the school's Reclassification Student Count. And that school shall be placed in the classification where the increased count falls, **except** that NO school shall be moved up into class 7A, or out of Class A, and no school shall have to move up more than two (2) classes, by this rule *AND no private school shall have to move up to 7A as a result of the application of the competitive balance model but may do so voluntarily.*
 - Neither the Swimming and Diving Program nor the Lacrosse Program from any private school in class 1A private, 4A or 5A may be promoted into a classification that competes in the postseason with 7A schools.
- Private Schools in 1A Private, 4A and 5A will remain as Full Members of the GHSA, entitled to the same competitive opportunities as our Public School members including region, area, and state championship contests.

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