

My name is David Bell. I am the Athletic Director at Baconton Community Charter School. We presently have 232 students in grades 9-12. The previous coach elected to play a non-region schedule because of the size of some of the schools in the region. I have sent this email to several schools our size and it has been met with positive responses. The problem is not scheduling larger schools or competing with schools during the regular season, but there is a competitive advantage. The small schools that I have talked to want to continue to play 11-man football but find it difficult to maintain especially against larger schools in single A. A school with 400 can in theory compete with a school with 600 easier than a school with 200 can compete with a school with 400. I attached a proposal and how Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee handles the number issue. The difference between smallest and largest school in each class should grow as the class increases. There should be a bigger number differential in 4A than in 1A. I think this would help schools like Stewart and Calhoun continue to play 11-man football, softball, and spring sports.

Thanks,

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Alabama-AHSA

Class	# of Schools	Range	Difference between upper and lower in each class
7A	32	2126-1046	1080
6A	57	1039-569	470
5A	58	566-374	192
4A	63	372-283	89
3A	59	282-221	61
2A	62	221-143	78
1A	76	142-36	137

Georgia-GHSA

Class	# of Schools	Range Reclass #	Difference between upper and lower in each class	Range FTE	Difference between upper and lower in each class
7A	47	3768-2291	1477	3651-2196	1455
6A	56	2654-1808	846	2179-1790	389
5A	56	1802-1444	358	1740-1363	377
4A	57	1437-1192	245	1300-1189	111
3A	56	1191-941	250	1184-865	319
2A	57	928-554	374	883-554	329
1A Public	85	611-23 FB(611-106)	588 FB( 505)	515-20 FB(515- 106)	495 FB( 409)
1A Private	54	924-35 FB(924- 261)	889 FB(663)	550-25 FB ( 550-171)	525 379

Florida-FHSAA

Class	# of Schools		Difference between upper and lower in each class
8A	82	4799-2406	2933
7A	81	2404-2009	395
6A	82	1993-1663	330
5A	81	1648-1169	479
4A	43	1153-752	401
3A	43	749-384	365
2A	43	376-56	320
1A Rural	37	600-1	599
Independent	61	Independent playing schools	

Rural is defined as a small county school in minimum population areas.

## Tennessee

### Division I

There are eight alignments in Division I for the 2017-2021 classification cycle.

- Football: participating schools, six classes, split evenly
- Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Baseball, Softball: all schools, three classes, split evenly
- Volleyball: participating schools, three classes, split evenly
- Soccer, Girls' Soccer: Participating schools, three classes, split evenly
- Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Track and Field, Girls' Track and Field, Boys' Golf, Girls' Golf, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Tennis: participating schools, two classes, split evenly
- Wrestling (Individuals), Wrestling (Duals): based on Basketball/Baseball/Softball alignment, Class A and AA combined
- Bowling, Girls' Bowling: participating schools, one class

### Division II

There are four alignments in Division II for the 2017-2021 classification cycle.

- Football: participating schools, split by set enrollments (A: 0-265, AA: 266-530, AAA: 531+)
- Wrestling: participating schools, one class
- Boys' Bowling, Girls' Bowling: participating schools, one class
- All other sports: all schools, two classes, split by set enrollments (A: 0-450, AA: 451+)

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All associations are trying to are trying to look after the small rural systems in their association.

In single A now the discrepancy between the largest and smallest school is larger than any class except 7A. The difference is almost 500 students which would equate to 250 more boy or girl athletes. Stewart County has 106 students total and they are in a class with Dublin at 548. Stewart has 53 boys to choose from and Dublin has 274. That's a large discrepancy.

Proposal:

Class	# of Schools	Range	Difference between upper and lower in each class
7A		2301+	
6A		1701-2300	599
5A		1201-1700	499
4A		801-1200	399
3A		501-800	299
2A		301-500	199
1A		300 Below	
1A Private		300 Below	