

2021-22 CLASSIFICATIONS & ALIGNMENTS

CURRENT SPORTS CLASSIFICATION FORMULAS

Basketball – Cross Country – Track & Field – Volleyball

Class AA – 450.000 and above

Class A – 90.000 to 449.999

Class B – 89.999 and below

Football (2021-22 and Beyond) – BOYS ONLY ADM Count

11AAA – Eight Largest Schools & O’Gorman

11AA – Next 11 Largest Schools

11A – Next 14 Largest Schools

11B – All Remaining schools with ADM 56.001 and greater

9AA – The top one-third of all nine-man teams

9A – The middle one-third of all nine-man teams

9B – The bottom one-third of all nine-man teams

If the number of nine-man teams is not divisible by three, the odd number will go to the lower classes.

NOTE: Schools with an ADM of less than 56.001 may elect to play 11-man football. Any 9-man school/coop whose ADM jumps from below 56.001 to 56.001 or above has two years to make the transition from 9-man to 11-man pursuant to the policy stated in the football section.

Gymnastics – Comp Cheer – Comp. Dance – Soccer

Class AA – 450.000 and above

Class A – 449.999 and below

Golf

Class AA – 450.000 and above

Class A – 140.000 to 449.999

Class B – 139.999 and below

Tennis

Class AA – Top Ten Schools

Class A – All Remaining Schools

Boys’ Wrestling

Class A – 225.000 and above

Class B – 224.999 and below

Classification is based upon the Average Daily Membership (ADM) for grades 9-11.

NOTE: The Board of Directors will grant permission to any school to participate in a higher classification than their ADM places them. If a school requests and is granted permission, they will remain in the higher classification for a two-year alignment period. At the end of the two years, they could exercise their option again if they so desire. If a school requests to move up in one activity, they must move up one classification in all other activities that use the same classification formula.

Petitioning Up: Football – O’Gorman
Golf – Aberdeen Roncalli, Groton Area, Parkston, Tiospa Zina
Wrestling – Lennox, Chamberlain

UPDATED, 2020: For football classification purposes, If two (2) or more schools enter into a cooperative agreement, the larger school will be considered the “base” school and the smaller school(s) will be considered the “satellite” school(s). The entire ADM of the base school will be counted. The number of student participants from the satellite school(s) will be determined from the active participants listed on the roster submitted on the SDHSAA website on a staff-determined week of the preceding football season. For each active, rostered participant grades nine through eleven from the satellite school(s), 20% of that school’s ADM will be counted up to 100%..

Beginning in 2017-18 and 2018-19, the following additional rule changes are in effect governing co-operative agreements:

1. Football Only – Classifications/Grace Period. Rules that allow a nine-man team to apply for a two-year grace period are to remain in place. However, a requirement is now added that requires any team applying for a two-year grace period to demonstrate, using published South Dakota Department of Education figures, that the enrollment of the team in question will return to a nine-man classification level based upon those projections. Without this proof utilizing publicized numbers, no two-year grace period shall be granted.

2 – Football Only – Co-Operatives/Length: All co-operative agreements in the sport of football must now remain intact for a period of two classification cycles. If a co-op is broken by either school before four years have passed, neither school will be eligible for post-season play unless a hardship is granted by the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Please use the links below to view alignments for each athletic activity

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