

# 2024-25 and 2025-26 CLASSIFICATIONS & ALIGNMENTS

## CURRENT SDHSAA CLASSIFICATION FORMULAS

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

### 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

### Gymnastics – Comp Cheer – Comp. Dance – Soccer

- Class AA – 450.000 and above
- Class A – 449.999 and below

### Golf – Softball

- Class AA – 450.000 and above
- Class A – 140.000 to 449.999
- Class B – 139.999 and below

### Tennis

- Divide the total number of teams competing based on ADM equally, with the odd number moving up to Class AA

### Boys Wrestling

- Class A – 225.000 and above
- Class B – 224.999 and below

### Girls Wrestling

- One class

### Football (uses Male Only ADM)

- 11AAA – Eight largest schools, plus O’Gorman
- 11AA – Next 11 largest schools
- 11A – Next 14 largest schools
- 11B – All remaining schools with ADM of 56.001 and above
- 9AA – The top one-third of all schools with ADM of 56.000 and below
- 9A – The middle one-third of all schools with ADM of 56.000 and below
- 9B – The bottom one-third of all schools with ADM of 56.000 and below

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

Schools with an ADM of less than 56.001 may elect to play 11-Man football.

Any 9-Man school/co-op whose ADM jumps from below 56.001 to above 56.001 has two years to make the transition from 9-Man to 11-Man pursuant to the policy stated in the football section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.

**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. **NEW 2024- Schools may petition up in a single sport or fine arts activity and/or single gender within a sport.**

Schools currently petitioning up include:

- Basketball – Crow Creek (Boys/Girls)
- Cross Country – Crow Creek (Boys/Girls)
- Football – O’Gorman (11AA to 11AAA), Wagner (9AA to 11B)
- Golf – Aberdeen Roncalli (Boys), Groton Area (Boys/Girls), Parkston (Boys/Girls), Redfield (Boys/Girls), St. Thomas More (Boys/Girls), Wagner (Boys/Girls)
- Soccer – Sioux Falls Christian (Boys)
- Softball – Wagner
- Track & Field – Crow Creek (Boys/Girls)
- Volleyball – Crow Creek
- Wrestling – Chamberlain

**UPDATED, 2020:** For football classification purposes, if two 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, the following additional rule changes are in effect governing co-operative agreements:

1. Football Only – Classifications/Grace Period. Rules that allow a 9-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 9-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 cooperative 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 postseason 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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