

2017-18 AND 2018-19 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 (2015-16 and Beyond) – BOYS ONLY ADM Count

11AAA – 400 ADM and above, including at least eight largest schools

11AA – 225-399.999, including at least eight schools

11A – 100.000 - 224.999

11B – 56.001 - 99.999

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

All schools in one class

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 – SF O’Gorman, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan, McCook Central/Montrose, Groton Area
Golf – Aberdeen Roncalli, Groton Area, Parkston
Wrestling – Lennox, Chamberlain

NOTE: (Football Only) 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 (9-11) 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 as of October 23, 2014 (for 2015-16). For each active, rostered participant grades nine through eleven from the satellite school(s), 10% of that school’s ADM will be counted. It will be necessary for the satellite school to identify students from their school listed on the roster.

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

1. Ten Percent Rule – Basketball & Volleyball. The rule as listed in the above note for “Football Only” will be extended to the sports of Basketball and Volleyball. Schools’ rosters will be evaluated based upon the number of students listed on the final date of allowable regular-season play to determine appropriate percentage(s), if necessary, for future classifications and alignments.

2. 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.

3 – Football Only – Co-Operatives/Length: All co-operative agreements in the sport of football must now remain intact for a period of four years. 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.

FOOTBALL CO-OPS Utilizing the 10% Rule for 2017-18 and 2018-19:

Aberdeen Roncalli: Aberdeen Roncalli + 30% Aberdeen Christian = 65.200

WWSSC: Wessington Springs + 60% Woonsocket + 90% Sanborn Central = 56.917

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan: Bridgewater-Emery + 90% Ethan = 53.961

Miller/Highmore-Harrold: Miller + 40% Highmore-Harrold = 55.970
 Jones County/White River: White River + 70% Jones County = 53.853
 North Border: Eureka + 20 % Bowdle + 80% Leola + 70% Frederick = 50.713
 Tri-State: Rosholt + Cambell-Tintah, MN + 60% Fairmount, ND = 47.875
 Dakota Hills: Wilmot + 40% Waubay + 80% Summit = 44.328
 Menno/Marion: Menno + 90% Marion = 44.200
 Arlington/Lake Preston: Arlington + 90% Lake Preston = 43.637
 Kimball/White Lake: Kimball + 90% White Lake = 43.538
 Herreid/Selby Area: Selby Area + 80% Herreid = 41.374
 Canistota/Freeman: Canistota + 70% Freeman = 40.488
 Ipswich/Edmunds Central: Ipswich + 10% Edmunds Central = 36.600
 Potter County: Gettysburg + 50% Hoven = 35.000
 Oldham-Ramona/Rutland: Oldham-Ramona + 90% Rutland = 33.855
 Andes Central/Dakota Christian: Andes Central + 40% Dakota Christian = 33.664
 Lemmon/McIntosh: Lemmon + 40% McIntosh = 32.695
 Florence/Henry: Florence + 50% Henry = 30.716
 Burke/South Central: Burke + 60% South Central = 30.577
 Tripp-Delmont/Armour: Armour + 40% Tripp-Delmont = 24.372

BASKETBALL CO-OPS Utilizing the 10% Rule for 2017-18 and 2018-19:

Florence/Henry: Florence + 40% Henry = 65.538 (BBB), Florence + 60% Henry = 74.001 (GBB)

VOLLEYBALL CO-OPS Utilizing the 10% Rule for 2017-18 and 2018-19:

Florence/Henry: Florence + 40% Henry = 65.538

For all remaining coops, 100% of ADM (9-11) from both schools in the coop was used to determine classification.

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

[**BASKETBALL \(BOYS\)**](#)

[**GYMNASTICS**](#)

[**BASKETBALL \(GIRLS\)**](#)

[**SOCCER \(BOYS\)**](#)

[**COMPETITIVE CHEER**](#)

[**SOCCER \(GIRLS\)**](#)

[**COMPETITIVE DANCE**](#)

[**TENNIS \(BOYS\)**](#)

[**CROSS COUNTRY \(BOYS\)**](#)

[**TENNIS \(GIRLS\)**](#)

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