

**IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
**Classification Guidelines**  
**Two-Year Cycle**

2-1 School enrollment will be the primary basis for establishing classification. Final placement may be determined by consideration of the following factors:

1. Minimizing loss of instructional time.
2. Reducing travel time and distance.
3. Facilitating equitable scheduling.
4. Evaluating safety concerns relative to competitive scheduling and pairing.
5. Competitive equity of schools' program/s.

2024-2025

- Start of new, two-year classification cycle.
- Enrollment Year for the 2026-2028 cycle – Numbers are received from the State Board of Education (or self-reported for private schools) in November 2024 and March 2025.
- 2-2-2 All proposals for reclassification shall be reviewed by the IHSAA Classification Committee before being considered by the Board of Directors.
  - a. The proposal must be submitted to the Classification Committee by February 15 of the enrollment year.
  - b. The proposal must be submitted as outlined on these guidelines.
- Classification Committee shall make their recommendation to the IHSAA Board of Directors no later than the April Board meeting.
- August Board Meeting
  - a. Final reading on classification proposals
  - b. Set classification for 2026-2028 cycle

2025-2026

- Grace Year / Petitions Accepted
  - 2-3 The IHSAA Board of Directors shall make the final determination on all classification petitions during their annual September meeting. Classification petitions will be considered for two-year cycles. Petitions must be submitted to the IHSAA by September 10 of the grace year.
  - 2-3-2 Petitions must include the following to be considered when petitioning down a classification:
    - a. The IHSAA office will tabulate votes from all superintendents of the classification in which the school wishes to be placed as well as the classification they will be leaving. A simple majority of the superintendent votes, one vote per high school, must be obtained to move the petition to the Board for a final decision.
    - b. Cover letter and letters of support.
    - c. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman combined winning percentage is near or below 25% during the most recent two years of competition against their assigned classification.
    - d. Evidence that the varsity, JV, and freshman teams finished near or below the bottom 33% of their postseason tournaments during the most recent two years of competition.
    - e. The IHSAA office will organize team sport committees to review all petitions prior to coming to the IHSAA Board of Directors to be used as advisory information.
- \*Note – guidelines for petitioning up can be found in IHSAA Rule 2-3-3*
- September Board Meeting
    - a. IHSAA Board of Directors approves or denies classification petitions.