



Individual Sports Classification

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On Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, the AIA Executive Board approved a recommendation that Individual Sports Division and Section Assignments remain as they currently are and allow the sport advisory committees to recommend what schools should be promoted up every two years (three years for the first cycle) based on sectional and/or state tournament success of the course of the last five to six years. All member schools would still have the ability to appeal their current placement for individual sports. The following is the timeline:

Between Jan. 20 and Feb. 13 – Sport Advisory Committees meet and make recommendations for teams that should be promoted up assigning them a new Division and Section.

Feb. 17 – Board approves/denies the recommendations, and new member schools are placed into a division and section.

March 5 – Deadline for schools to appeal the recommendations approved by the Board, as well as for any school wanting to appeal their current division and/or section placement.

March 16 – Board hears and approves/denies member schools appeals for individual sport division and section placement.

March 17 – Division and Section for individual sports made public for the next three-year block.

After the upcoming three-year block to get in line with surrounding states, this model would be used for both individual and team sports every two years. On the team sports side, the sport advisory committees would be able to look at the historical strength formula to see what schools can be recommended to be promoted up and relegated down. Individual sports will still be looked at for promoting up only.

New member schools for both individual and team sports would be placed in a division and section as approved by the Board.

New member schools for both individual and team sports during the middle of a scheduling block would continue to have to create their own schedule. Those schools would be assigned a division but would not be assigned a section. New member schools could qualify for post season play solely on rankings as long as they've meet the minimum game requirement per sport.