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## Team Sport Classifications Announced for 2022-23, 2023-24

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced today the new classifications for IHSAA member schools in the sports of basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball for the next two school years.

The enrollment figures, the total of boys and girls in grades 9-12, were submitted by the schools to the Indiana Department of Education last fall and are used to determine the classifications in all team sports.

Sectional groupings for each sport (except for softball and baseball) will be announced in early May following approval of the IHSAA Executive Committee. Softball and baseball sectional groupings will be released in August following the committee's first meeting of the new school year.

Four schools that have joined the IHSAA membership in the last four years become eligible for state tournament participation - pending Executive Committee approval - during the two-year period. Dugger Union and Evansville Christian would be eligible beginning in 2022-23 with MTI School of Knowledge and Purdue Polytechnic beginning in 2023-24.

Also, per IHSAA By-Law, C-2-3c, any school has the option to play up one or more classes in any sport they choose for the two-year classification period by notifying the Association Office.

Tournament Success Factor points will be accumulated in softball and baseball in June at the conclusion of those respective state tournaments.

Additionally, with the pandemic delaying reclassification for a year but the Tournament Success Factor still being applied, discussion continued on what to do with schools playing in a higher classification. The IHSAA Executive Committee has determined that the eight schools who earned at least one point this school year (2021-22) to continue playing in a higher classification due to the Tournament Success Factor, will be reevaluated after the 2022-23 school year and adjusted accordingly. Schools who failed to earn a point during the 2021-22 school year while playing in a higher class were returned to the next lower class for the next two years. This was to prevent schools from playing three consecutive years in a higher classification when their tournament results do not merit that placement.

Those eight schools include Fort Wayne Canterbury in boys soccer; South Bend St. Joseph in girls soccer; Barr-Reeve and Yorktown in volleyball; Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger and Lafayette Central Catholic in football and Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian in boys basketball.

Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Football

Boys Soccer Girls Soccer Volleyball

School enrollments were announced in March.

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## About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private — pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.