



SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

#1 - 575 Park Street
 REGINA SK S4N 5B2
 PHONE: 306-721-2151 FAX: 306-721-2659
 E-mail: shsaa@shsaa.ca
 Web Site: www.shsaa.ca

RE: New Classification System (commencing August 2019) & Classification FAQ

Resolution approved at the 2018 SHSAA AGM has resulted in the following changes to the classification system used by SHSAA:

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

4. Schools with teams participating in the sports listed below shall be classified in the manner indicated based on the number of eligible students enrolled in Grades 10-12. Eligible students are those students within the period of eligibility as set out by these bylaws and do not hold a Grade 12 certificate as of September 1.

Schools shall be classified as follows:

1A – less than 41 total eligible students

2A – 41 to 85 total eligible students

3A – 86 to 200 total eligible students

4A – 201 to 450 total eligible students

5A – greater than 450 total eligible students

a) Boys Soccer	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A	5A Schools 1A, 2A, 3A, & 4A Schools 1A, 2A, & 3A Schools
Girls Soccer	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A	5A Schools 1A, 2A, 3A, & 4A Schools 1A, 2A, & 3A Schools
b) Boys Volleyball	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools
Girls Volleyball	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools
c) Boys Basketball	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools
Girls Basketball	Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools

d) Football	6-Man	Class 1A Class 2A	1A and 2A Schools 3A Schools
	9-Man	Class 3A Class 4A	One half of all 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A schools entered in the activity, made up of those schools having the lowest enrolments of students. All other schools entered in the activity
	12-Man	Class 5A Class 6A	Schools from the south rural league and one half of all schools in each the Regina and Saskatoon leagues having the lowest enrolment of students. Remaining entries in the Regina and Saskatoon leagues.
e) Boys Wrestling		Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A	5A Schools 4A Schools 1A, 2A, and 3A Schools
Girls Wrestling		Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A	5A Schools 4A Schools 1A, 2A, and 3A Schools
f) Cross Country		Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools
g) Track & Field		Class 5A Class 4A Class 3A Class 2A Class 1A	5A Schools 4A Schools 3A Schools 2A Schools 1A Schools

Grade 9-11 enrollment data from September 30, 2018 can be found at:

<https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/968445-enrolment-data>

Projections (based on grade 9-11 enrollment as of Sept 30, 2018) can be found at:

Soccer: <https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/992562-soccer>

Football: <https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/948235-football>

Volleyball: <https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/992566-volleyball>

Basketball: <https://www.shsaa.ca/page/show/992557-basketball>

CLASSIFICATION FAQ

1. How are joint sponsorship agreements dealt with?

Although the combined enrolment of both schools will be used to determine the Class that the joint sponsorship will compete in; joint sponsorships will only impact the activity and gender that the agreement refers to.

EXAMPLE: School A has an enrolment of 37 students and School B has an enrolment of 35 students. The two schools need to form a joint sponsorship in girls' volleyball. The combined enrolment of the joint sponsorship is 72 students and as a result the girls' volleyball team will compete in Class 2A Volleyball. All other teams from School A and School B will compete in Class 1A competitions or those Classes which include 1A Schools.

2. What impact is there on exceptions for the use of grade 8 students?

All 1A, 2A, and 3A schools can apply for the use of grade 8 students in order to provide a viable, school representative, team for grade 9-12 students at the school. 4A and 5A schools would need to make a request to the Executive Council for special consideration. (*There is a resolution suggesting the change allowing 1A – 3A schools)

3. How are reclassification agreements dealt with?

As with joint sponsorships, a reclassification will only impact the activity and gender that the agreement refers to.

EXAMPLE: School A has an enrolment of 67 students. The boys' basketball team at the school requests to be reclassified to Class 3A Basketball to access a higher caliber of competition. All other activities for School A will compete in Class 2A competitions or those Classes which include 2A Schools.

4. Why did the number of classifications in Track & Field and Cross Country increase from 4 to 5?

The number of entries is reasonable for 5 classifications and consistency is created where schools compete against the same schools across all activities where it is reasonable to have 5 classifications.

5. Why is the terminology now Class 1A, Class 2A, etc.?

New terminology is used to create a break away from the old classification system. All trophies will remain the same in the tradition of the Association.

6. Why did the classification system change?

The new classification system addresses societal changes in gender identification and accurately reflects the enrolment of co-ed teams participating in boys' competitions. The change also results in schools competing against the same schools in all activities where the number of entries has been reasonable for 5 classifications to exist.

7. What happens if one classification has more entries than another classification?

The playoff structure for each classification will be adjusted as needed to meet the demands created by the number of entries in the playoff for that current year. The conference, regional, provincial format continues for each competitive grouping (classification) of schools, but in some years, a level of playoff may not be required (i.e. fewer than 20 entries in a basketball classification will result in play in games to the regional level) or additional play in games may be used to qualify teams into the conference level of playoff (i.e. more than 96 entries in a volleyball classification).