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# Methods of Classification for State Association Tournaments

# Assigning of Schools to Classifications

- Schools are ranked by enrollment size grades 9 thru 12
- Number of classifications is determined
- A competitive enrollment size between schools is determined for each classification
- Schools meeting the enrollment criteria are placed in the same classification
- NOTE: This may result in having a different number of schools in each classification

# Assigning of Schools to Regions

- Each classification is divided into regions of 6, 7 or 8 depending on geographical makeup and number of schools in each classification
- **NOTE:** In a perfect scenario, there would be the same number of:
  - Schools in each classification
  - Regions in each classification
  - Schools in each region.....but this is almost never the case

# Assigning of Schools to Regions, con't

- Region assignments are based on the following and in the following order:
  - Geographic location of schools (this may affect the number of schools in placed each region)
  - Number of schools in each region (minimum of 5)
  - Established rivalries between schools
  - Multiple schools under the same superintendent/school board
- **NOTE:** Number of schools in each region range between 5 and 8 schools

# Process for State Tournaments

- Two scenarios
  - Each classification has its own state tournament
  - Multiple classifications share in the same state tournament

# State Tournament by Classification

- In most cases schools qualify by region record/finish
- Number of schools to qualify from each region is dependent upon number of schools in each region
- Larger regions are permitted more schools to qualify
- **NOTE:** Tournament brackets are preset as it relates to inter-region matchups

# State Tournament Multiple Classifications

- This process is a little more complicated
  - Involves schools from different classifications
- School qualifiers are selected by a Seeding Committee
- Selection based on a number of predetermined criteria in no particular order:
  - Season record
  - Strength of schedule
  - Head to head competition
  - Etc.

# ~ Takeaways ~

- Classification and Region assignments of schools are handled by the League office staff
- For Single-Classification State Tournaments, number of schools to qualify from each region are determined with the help of each respective classification
- For Multi-Classifications State Tournaments, school qualifiers are selected and placed with the help of a seeding committee representing each participating classification

# ~ Questions ~



# Methods of Classification for State Association Tournaments

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# Current

- Private and Public Schools compete together
  - 477 Public Schools
  - 230 Private Schools
  
- Each Sport is classified on its own
  - Girls Volleyball and Basketball
  - Baseball and Softball



# Current

- Student Enrollment
  - 4,717 to 24
- Geography
  - Northview High School to Key West High School
    - 843 miles
    - 12 hours 41 minutes
- Rural Classification - 2010

# Current

- Classifications
    - 9 for VB (girls), BK, BA, SB
    - 8 for FB
    - 5 for SC\*
    - 4 for T&F, TN, CC, SWD
    - 3 for GO, WR
    - 2 for WLT, Flag FB
    - 1 for LAX\*, WP, BO, VB (boys)
- \* SC and LAX adding next cycle



# Moving Forward

- Legislation
  - Open Enrollment/Open Seats
- Adding a Competitive Component?
  - 2017 Football: point system for playoff rankings



# Moving Forward

- Major Team Sports (VB, FB, BK, SB, BA)
  - Last 5 years:
    - 67% of the championships won by Metropolitan schools
- Metropolitan: largest 8 counties by population density
- Metropolitan schools: 355
- Suburban schools: 352



# Questions?

# Discussion