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"Enrollment, Sports Divisions & Odds and Ends"

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With all the focus on the OHSAA's Board to re-count school enrollments, here are some of the effects that most Athletic Directors and coaches are concerned about and often misunderstand. I have included a few other "odds and ends" as the fall seasons begin.

Link to Member School Enrollments:

http://ohsaa.org/members/EMIS/2015-16_Tournament_Representation.htm



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Several OHSAA Sport Regulations have been changed for 2015-16 (see "ejections" below). For a complete list of changes that are shaded in the OHSAA Handbook, go here:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/201516GeneralSportRegulationChanges.pdf>

How Are Number of Regional Teams From a District Decided?

Why Are there 7 Regional Teams from the NE and only 1 from the NW?

We call them "Regional Qualifiers" and the number is called "Regional Representation."

And, it gets complicated with the traditional method of OHSAA Tournament structure – why a Columbus team has to come all the way up to BGSU to play in a regional with 3 NW Ohio teams. **Who decides what District sites are paired with other district sites for Regional Tournaments?**

It starts with these 3 simple facts:

- There are 4 Regions for each Division in basketball
- There are 6 Different Athletic Districts set by the OHSAA
- There are usually more teams in a division in 1 district than another So, trying to create equity in this is the challenge.

How do you get 4 Regional Qualifiers out of SIX different Athletic Districts? To answer, consider this first:

- Each Athletic District has a certain number of teams in its boundaries
- The number of teams that qualify to a Regional is in proportion to the number of TOTAL teams in that division.

For example for 2015-16:

- The Northwest has 17 Division I Boys' Teams while the NE has 82 Division I Boys' Teams. Since there are 199 TOTAL Division I teams in Ohio, it stands to reason the NE SHOULD get a greater number of qualifiers to the Regional Tournament. IF the NW was permitted 4 qualifiers with 17 teams and the NE 4 with 82 teams, everyone would want change immediately!!

So, years ago, a formula was developed to create a fair **Representation**.

Here's How it Works:

1. Total Teams in Division divided by the total teams in Regional (16) = "the ratio"

So, using this above example, $199/16 = 12.44$ (or "the ratio")

Now, it is broken down by District in the following way:

Total teams in the District (per division) / the ratio.

So...using the NE as an example in Division 1:

$$82/12.44 = 6.6734$$

Voila...the NE gets **SEVEN QUALIFIERS** to the Regional Tournament!

And what about the Northwest?

With only 17 teams - 17 divided by the ratio of '12.44' = 1.37 Using normal methods of rounding, it rounds to **ONE**. The NW therefore, receives **ONE QUALIFIER** to the Regional tournament.

Now.....

Do the math...for every 1 Regional Qualifier, there is 1 District Tournament. So, you can now see how each District Athletic Board arranges their Sectional District tournaments with the ultimate task of getting the number of Regional Qualifiers assigned to them in each Division through the above formula.

How Are Divisional "Cut offs" Determined?

People often wonder how the Divisional cut offs are determined or where the line is drawn to decide where the enrollment cut off is between Division III and IV for example.

Answer: General Sports Regulation 16 addresses this. By OHSAA Board of Director adoption, here are a few facts:

- The total number of teams counted for created divisions are based upon the number of teams that participated in the tournament the previous year.
- Each division is to have an equal number of teams as possible (this takes into consideration ties in enrollment numbers)

Who is actually counted in a School's Enrollment?

Enrollment in your school was determined by the total number of BOYS for boys teams' and GIRLS for girls' teams in Grades 9, 10 & 11 on October 31, 2014 by numbers submitted to the ODE through the EMIS system. This count is to serve for divisional assignment for TWO YEARS. Here are a few facts:

- Enrollment numbers are determined by the number of students in a school that are **ELIGIBLE** to participate, not the number that actually do participate.
- Students identified as children with disabilities within the multiple handicap category submitted through EMIS do **not** count in the school's enrollment.
- Community school students who reside in a district are **not** counted in the school's enrollment
- STEM school students who reside in a district and attend a STEM school sponsored by a district are **not** counted in the school's enrollment
- Home Schooled Students are **not** counted in the school's enrollment numbers in the district where they reside
- Superintendents are provided enrollment numbers in April/May of each year with the opportunity to challenge enrollment numbers.

Ejection Policy Changed!

We don't want 'em but we get 'em – Ejections. Effective this year, there are 3 MAJOR changes to the OHSAA's Ejection Policy:

1. Any player ejection from a scrimmage results in that student-athlete being ineligible for **the first regular season contest in that sport.**
2. Any ejected player may now ride the bus to an away contest.
3. Any ejected player **MAY** sit on the bench during the period of ejection, **BUT:**
 - a. May NOT BE IN UNIFORM OR WARM-UP
 - b. May NOT participate on the field in ANY part of the pre-game or halftime warm-up