

The 2020 Results of the Legislative ballots have been tallied. All proposed changes passed. New rules become effective July 1, 2020. Below are the revised rules, new language is underlined and old language has been struck through.

RULE PROPOSAL	APPROVE	DO NOT APPROVE
Rule 8-10 New E and F	222	49
Rule 14 Section 1 b-iv; and Section 1-e	208	63
Rule 19-2-B	307	19
Rule 14 Section 2	227	121

RULE 8-10-NEW E AND F; RULE 14-1, and 14-2-c- v, NEW vi, vii; RULE 19-2

Determining Exceptions to Rule

a. Authority to grant exceptions

OSSAA may grant an exception to a student facing ineligibility when it is found that the application of this Rule works an undue hardship on the student, or that the application of the Rule would otherwise fail to accomplish the purposes for which it is intended.

b. Criteria and procedures for evaluating exceptions

The Board of Directors shall establish written criteria and procedures for evaluating applications for exceptions, and those written criteria and procedures shall be made available to member schools. Before submitting any application for exception, the member school shall provide the written criteria and procedures to the student and parents (or custodial parent or court appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) who are considering a request for an exception.

c. Application for exception

- (1) OSSAA shall make forms for applying for an exception to this Rule available to all member schools.
- (2) The member school submitting the forms required for the application is responsible for making certain that the forms are complete and that the application is being submitted in a good faith belief that an exception may be appropriate.
- (3) Member schools shall cooperate in providing any additional information that may be requested, or any investigation that may be conducted, in connection with any application for an exception.
- (4) The submission of any false or inaccurate information, or the failure to submit information requested by the OSSAA, may be grounds for denying or deferring action on an application.

d. Consideration by the Executive Director

All applications submitted pursuant to this Rule shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Director and staff. The Executive Director or staff designee is authorized to conduct any further investigation or to request any supplementation of the application or supporting materials deemed necessary to the evaluation of the application. The application shall be evaluated using the criteria established by the Board of Directors, and the determination of the Executive Director shall be transmitted, in writing, to the principal or administrative head of the school, or other designated school administrator submitting the application. Any person aggrieved by the determination may pursue an appeal pursuant to the procedures set forth in Rule 20.

e. If a student transfers schools during the school year and regains eligibility during that same year, the student will not be permitted to participate in any regular season game or contest against the school previously attended.

f. No student will be permitted to participate in more than one season of any activity in the same school year with the exception of fall baseball.

RULE 14 – CLASSIFICATION FOR TOURNAMENTS, MEETS, AND CONTESTS

Section 1.

- a. Member schools generally are placed in a classification for co-curricular activities according to ADM for grades 9 through 12 as reported on the Annual Statistical Report from the State Department of Education.
- b. In athletic activities, a member school that would be placed in Class 4A or below according to ADM shall be placed one classification above the classification in which the member school would be placed according to ADM if the member school meets any three of the following four criteria:
 - i) the school has the ability to decline admission or enrollment to a student, even if the student and the student's parents (or custodial parent or court-appointed guardian with legal custody of the student) reside within that school's public school district or designated geographic area;
 - ii) the school is located within a fifteen (15) mile radius of a school placed in the 5A or 6A classification according to ADM;
 - iii) fewer than twenty-five (25) percent of the children enrolled at the school in grades nine through twelve qualify for free or reduced lunches;
 - iv) the school's ADM in grades nine through 12 has increased by fifty (50) percent or more over the previous three school years.

No school shall be moved up to the highest classification (currently Class 6A) for ~~any~~ athletic ~~activity~~ activities except for tennis and volleyball under this subsection.

- c. A school that would be placed in Class 4A or below according to ADM, but which has been moved up one classification pursuant to the above criteria will be moved back down in classification in a particular activity if the school's team has not finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years.

For basketball, soccer, cross-country and track, if the school has both a boys team and a girls team, then both the boys and girls teams in that particular activity will be left in the higher classification for that activity as long as one of those teams has finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years. If neither the boys team nor the girls team has finished among the top eight teams in that activity in at least two of the previous three school years, then both the boys and girls teams will be moved back down in classification in that activity.

- d. A school that has been moved up in classification because it meets three out of the four criteria in subsection b above will be moved back down in classification in an activity if the school, at the beginning of the next school year in which reclassification for that activity is scheduled to occur, no longer meets three of the four criteria.

- e. Whenever reclassification in a particular activity occurs, no school team will be moved up more than one classification above the classification in which the school would be placed according to ADM.

If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to subsection b above, but in a subsequent school year in which reclassification occurs for a particular activity, the school would be placed, according to reported ADM, in that same higher classification, then the school will remain in that same classification for that activity and will not be moved up another classification in that school year. In those circumstances, the school will not be moved up in classification in ~~any particular an~~ activity again under this rule unless and until the school's team has finished among the top eight teams (exception: volleyball and tennis) in at least two out of three consecutive school years. In volleyball and tennis, the school will not be moved up in classification again under this rule unless and until the school's team has finished among the top 4 in at least two out of three consecutive school years.

If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to subsection b above, but in a subsequent year in which reclassification occurs for a particular activity, the school would be placed, according to reported ADM, in a lower classification in that activity than the classification in which the school would have been placed previously according to ADM, then the school will be moved down one classification in that activity.

Section 2.

- a. OSSAA's Board of Directors shall determine how often reclassification of schools shall occur in particular activities. Reclassifications will occur only before the start of a school year, and shall be effective as of the start of that same school year.
- b. For basketball and spring baseball, school teams will be divided into seven classifications designated Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A, and B. For football, school teams will be divided into eight classifications designated Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, A, B, and C. No classifications may be added or deleted for 4 years in these activities. OSSAA's Board of Directors shall determine the number of classifications for other activities.
- c. Initial classifications shall be made based on reported ADM for the preceding school year for grades 9 through 12, as shown on the initial Annual Statistical Report completed by the Examiner's Division of the State Department of Education.

In basketball:

- i) Class 6A will consist of the 32 schools with the largest ADM.
- ii) The next 32 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 5A.
- iii) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 4A.
- iv) The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 3A.
- v) ~~The remaining schools shall be divided equally between Classes 2A, A and B. If an even division of teams is not possible, then the greater number of remaining schools shall be in Class B. The next 64 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class 2A.~~
- vi) The next 96 largest schools according to ADM will be in Class A.
- vii) All remaining schools shall be in Class B.

RULE 19-2

Section 2. National and Interstate All-Star Contests

- ~~a. Graduating seniors only are permitted to participate in national level All-Star athletic contests, including football, which involve students selected from multiple states, during the school year, or after the conclusion of spring activities. Participation in practices, camps or clinics leading up to or associated with a national All-Star contest also is permitted. Before participating in any national all star contest during the school year, a graduating senior must obtain approval from the principal or head administrator of the student's school. A member school, or a booster organization for a member school, may assist in paying a selected senior's necessary travel expenses to enable that student to participate in a national level All-Star athletic contest.~~
- ~~b. Students may only participate in interstate All-Star athletic contests, involving All-Star teams representing different states, after all spring activities are concluded.~~

Students may participate in interstate All-Star athletic contests, including participation in practices, camps or clinics leading up to or associated with a national All-Star contest with approval from the principal of the student's school. A member school, or booster organization for a member school, may assist in paying a selected senior's necessary travel expenses to enable that student to participate in a national-level All-Star athletic contest.