

# Classification Plan: Competitive Balance

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Beginning with the 2018-19 AHSAA classification period, a competitive balance factor will be integrated with the 1.35 enrollment multiplier for private schools.

1. A 1.35 enrollment multiplier will be calculated for all private schools.
2. A competitive balance factor will be implemented when a private school's sport meets the threshold on the championship data from the previous three years.
  - Points are earned by sport based on the team's overall finish each year over the past **three seasons**.
    - Quarterfinal (5-8 finish): 1 point
    - Semifinal (3-4 finish): 2 points
    - Final (1-2 finish): 4 points

Competitive Balance Factor		Points to level up one class
Single Sports	Football, Volleyball, Golf, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling	More than 6
Coed	Basketball, Soccer, Swim, Tennis, XC, ID Track, OD Track, Bowling	More than 11

Once the Competitive Balance is implemented		Points to stay in current class	Points to level down one class
Single Sports	Football, Volleyball, Golf, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling	2 to 6 points	0 to 1 points
Coed	Basketball, Soccer, Swim, Tennis, XC, ID Track, OD Track, Bowling	4 to 11 points	0 to 3 points

- **No ceiling:** A team could potentially raise one class/division every classification period.
- Teams that moved up according to the balance factor may **level down only one class/division** in the next classification period but may never drop below the 1.35 multiplier.
- Single teams in co-ed classifications will use the Single Sport balance factor.
- Once the Competitive Balance Factor has been applied for a classification period, the Factor will only be considered in the subsequent re-classification if the team in a single sport earns more than 2 points in the first year of the new class or more than 4 points in the first year of a coed sport.