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Executive Committee to freeze Enrollment Numbers for One Year

The IHSAA Executive Committee today approved retaining the member school enrollment figures from the current classification cycle thus delaying realignment and reclassification for one year.

This year's enrollment numbers showed significant fluctuation in the case of many schools likely affected by the pandemic and raising questions about their true representation.

Following prolonged discussion during today's monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, members voted 18-1 to extend the classification cycle by a year. However, points earned through the Tournament Success Factor last year (2019-20) and this year (2020-21) will still be applied toward sectional groupings for the 2021-22 school year.

To reiterate, all schools will remain in their respective current classifications in each sport for one more year except for those who meet the Tournament Success Factor criteria.

Next year, the IHSAA will resume reclassification of team sports using certified enrollment figures from the 2021-22 school year for the next two-year cycle (2022-23, 2023-24). Tournament Success Factor points from the 2020-21 and 2021-22 tournament results will be applied toward that next two-year cycle.

Given that last year's state tournaments in boys basketball, softball and baseball were cancelled, no schools in those sports will move up in 2021-22 since those schools will not be able to achieve the point totals necessary (6 points). Schools already playing up a class in those sports could remain in their same classification (2 points) or revert to their enrollment class once point totals are applied.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 410 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.