



SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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SUBJECT: 2022-2024 Reclassification/Realignment Guidelines

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Appreciation is expressed to the administrators and coaches who served on the reclassification/realignment guidelines committee. These committee members met on September 28, October 12, October 27, and November 9 to set parameters for League staff to work within as they conduct the classifications and region assignments of schools. They established the following guidelines for the **2022-2024** Reclassification/Realignment of schools:

1. The 5A Classification shall have a base of 36 schools – with flexibility to move plus or minus 4 schools, thus a range of 32 to 40 schools.

Note: All schools ranging from 33 through 40 shall be considered for Classification AAAAA.

2. The 1A Classification shall have a base of 50 schools – with flexibility to move plus or minus 4 schools, thus a range of 46 to 54 schools.

NOTE: All schools ranging 47 through 54 shall be considered for Classification A.

3. Once 5A and 1A Classifications have been established, the remaining schools will be divided equitably among the 2A, 3A, and 4A classification, with the flexibility to move plus or minus 4 schools as it pertains to that classification.

Schools in the plus/minus may be moved up or down to address primary concerns of:

1. Geography and travel
2. Even number of teams in regions - specifically 6 to 8 teams per region
3. For schools in the same district to be considered/maintained in the same regions if possible

Schools in the plus/minus may be moved up or down to address the secondary concern of

1. To avoid hybrid conferences when possible

Note: Please see the attached information as it relates to the 2022-2024 Reclassification/Realignment Process.



Tentative Reclassification/Realignment Timeline

December 3, 2021	The League Office receives 45 ADM enrollment information from the State Department of Education
December 8, 2021	Forward 45 ADM enrollment information to member schools for verification of enrollment count
December 10 -15, 2021	SCHSL staff will conduct Reclassification/Realignment process.
December 17, 2021	Reclassification/Realignment information forwarded to member schools
January 18, 2022	Class AAAA and AAAAA regular and organizational meeting
January 19, 2022	Class AA and AAA regular and organizational meeting
January 20, 2022	Class A regular and organizational meeting.
January 24 - 26, 2022	Classification(s) Executive Committee(s) hears appeals to member school(s) Classification and/or Region placement
February 9, 2022	SCHSL's Executive Committee hears appeals to Classification(s) Executive Committee(s) decisions.
February 16, 2022	SCHSL's Appellate Panel hears appeals to SCHSL's Executive Committee decisions
February 22, 2022	Send final Reclassification/Realignment information to member schools.