2019-20 Update on Competitive Balance

Introduction

With the membership approving the four referendum issues that are related to Competitive Balance in May 2019, we wanted to provide you with a few reminders:

1.) The only issue approved by the membership that became effective immediately is the Tier for non-enrolled students (at public schools) being lowered from Tier 2 to Tier 1. This means the roster data entered during the 2018-19 school year will reflect Tier 1 for non-enrolled students for use in determining divisional assignments for schools during the 2019-20 school year. Therefore, NO ACTION from member schools is needed.

2.) The other three modifications become effective when roster data is entered during the 2019-20 school year. Since roster data is used in arrears, this means the impact of the other changes will not be seen until the 2020-21 school year.

3.) Due to the roster submission changes, schools (particularly for the sports of football and soccer) are highly encouraged to work with coaches in developing procedures for determining if a student participated in a contest.

4.) Check the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) for updated guidance on Competitive Balance in a PowerPoint Summary presentation (via a PDF).

Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Softball

In the sports of soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball, all students who are listed on your OHSAA tournament roster, plus any student who played in a varsity regular season contest (including students who played but later were not part of the team due to injury, transfer, move, quit, dismissal, etc.), MUST annually be entered in the rostering system and assigned a specific tier.

NOTE: This is a change from past practice when all students in grades 9 through 12 were entered.

• The tournament roster limits are 22 for soccer, baseball and softball and 15 for basketball and volleyball.
• Some schools will be below that number.
• Some schools will be above that number due to:
  — Rotating players in and out of their tournament rosters, and/or
  — Including students who were not on the tournament roster but who played in a regular season contest.

Football

In the sport of football, all students in grades 10 through 12 listed on ANY roster, plus any ninth-grade student who played in a varsity regular season contest, MUST annually be entered in the rostering system and assigned a specific tier.

NOTE: This is a change from past practice when all students in grades 9 through 12 were entered.

• It does not matter on what team the students in grades 10 through 12 are listed (varsity, junior varsity, reserve, Gold squad, Black squad, etc.). Each of those students in grades 10 through 12 MUST be entered (including students who were on the roster but later were not part of the team due to injury, transfer, move, quit, dismissal, etc.). Only enter ninth-grade students if they played in a varsity regular season contest (including ninth-graders who played but later were not part of the team due to injury, transfer, move, quit, dismissal, etc.).
• Any ninth-grade student who participates in one play in a varsity contest shall count as having played in a contest (a play nullified due to penalty does not count).

NOTE: Counting whether a freshman played in a contest for Competitive Balance purposes in football is different than the regulation on counting whether he/she played in a quarter.

Basic Principles of Tiering

Tier 0 = each student on a particular team’s roster meeting the criteria of this factor, multiplied by 0 (so that number will always be 0).

Tier 1 = each student on a particular team’s roster meeting the criteria of this factor, multiplied by 1 (so that number will always be 1).

Tier 2 = each student on a particular team’s roster meeting the criteria of this factor, multiplied by the sport specific factor (Football = 3; Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, & Softball = 7).

NOTE: These factors were modified based on the referendum voting in May 2019.

Tier 1 Non-Enrolled = each student on a particular team’s roster meeting the criteria of this factor (so that number will always be 1).

NOTE: Tier 1 Non-Enrolled was new beginning with 2018-19 roster data entry (previously was Tier 2 Non Enrolled).

Roster Submission Deadlines*

NOTE: Beginning with the 2019-20 school year there is only ONE roster entry period.

• FALL SPORTS •
  (Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Volleyball)
  **TUESDAY, OCT. 15, 2019 – SUNDAY, DEC. 1, 2019**

• WINTER SPORTS •
  (Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball)
  **SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 2020 – WEDNESDAY, APR. 1, 2020**

• SPRING SPORTS •
  (Baseball, Softball)
  **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020 – MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020**

* Schools are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to begin entering roster data when the roster submission date begins and only save the ending date for making any updates.

Additional Competitive Balance Assistance

We want to make sure you are receiving help if it is needed. The OHSAA website has a comprehensive Competitive Balance Resource Center that has help for a variety of situations (www.ohsaa.org/CompetitiveBalance.htm) including a video for tiering students through ArbiterGame: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiP5qvuOtRQ&t=1s For specific answers to questions that could not be found within the Competitive Balance Resource Center, please contact the following OHSAA staff members:

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