

Interscholastic Sports (Participation)

Participation expectations

The Board does not expect students to be given identical playing time at any level. Amount of playing time will be determined by the coaches who will implement the philosophy at each level.

1. Middle school. At the middle school level, the emphasis will be placed on broad participation. If students maintain a positive attitude, try hard, meet practice schedules, and meet eligibility requirements, they will be allowed to participate in both practice and competitive contests. Multiple teams with different skill levels should be formed where possible. Teams of similar ability will play against other intra- or inter-school teams whenever possible.

Although a primary objective of athletic competition is to win, the following philosophy will be observed at each high school level.

1. Freshman. Involvement of as many students as practical will be encouraged in practice and competition. A broad range of athletes will be given the opportunity to play.
2. Junior varsity. Players will be those athletes judged by coaches to be best suited to compete successfully. At this level, there are still athletes who have partially developed talent and can profit by game experience. Junior varsity programs serve an important purpose by developing the skills of promising athletes not quite ready for varsity competition.
3. Varsity. Players will be those athletes judged by coaches to be best suited to compete successfully. Every effort within the bounds of good sportsmanship and playing by the rules will be made to win.

Team membership guidelines

Membership on high school teams will be determined by specific criteria developed for each sport. Criteria will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Skills test for specific sport
2. Knowledge of the sport

3. Game skills
4. Team skills
5. Attitude and sportsmanship

Specific criteria will be developed by the coaches for each sport, subject to review and approval by the building principal and/or athletic director at the start of each season. After a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twelve (12) practices, roster numbers will approximate CHSAA state guidelines for each sport. Final numbers will be determined by the coach, athletic director and building principal.

Freshman level students

Freshmen may participate and compete at higher levels provided (1) the coach and athletic director concur that the freshman is sufficiently physically developed and is mentally, emotionally, and relationally ready to play at such higher level; (2) the coach acknowledges that if the freshman makes the higher level team, the freshman will get playing time; and (3) the freshman's parents or guardian consent.

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