

2023-24 Approved MHSA Football Reclassification

Football classification will be organized on a **two-year basis** to align with reclassification of schools. Enrollment ranges are as follows: Six-player = 1-65; Eight-player = 65-130; Eleven-player = 130+.

A rubric using four criteria will be used for schools that petition to play at the level below the current placement:

- a. Grades 8 – 11 boys' enrollment and future boys' enrollment projections.
- b. Roster size from the past four years.
- c. Success factor (including win/loss record and postseason success) in the current placement for the past five years.
- d. Free and Reduced Lunch Percentage from OPI.

Each of these factors will be weighed equally.

If a school does not meet the rubric calculation, they may participate in the lower classification, but will not be eligible for playoff consideration. A school that opts down in classification may become eligible in the second season if their rubric calculation in the fall of the first season falls within the criteria.

If each school in an existing co-op has participation numbers to support a team at a lower classification, they must dissolve the co-op and participate on their own at the lower classification. Note: The MHSA will determine the roster number for Six-player and Eight-player football regarding "numbers to support a team."

Football co-op agreements are now two years. All other MHSA co-ops remain at three years.