



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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TO: All Member High School Athletic Administrators and Principals

RE: **New Competitive Balance Tiering Option within Arbiter**

Happy Monday!

With the Competitive Balance entry period for fall well underway, we wanted to reach out and alert our members of an issue that has come to our attention. With a new process of how to determine which students are to be added to a Competitive Balance roster, you may have run into a situation where a student who does not need to be added to the roster is still appearing on your Competitive Balance list because you have added them to the JV roster. For example, this would be a student on the JV or freshman soccer or volleyball team who never plays in a varsity regular season game and who does not make the tournament roster. For football, it would be a freshman who has not appeared in a varsity regular season contest. This is common if you assign all students to a team in Arbiter to run eligibility reports, track awards, etc.

In order to overcome this issue, we have added another option to the drop-down menu when tiering a student. This option is “Non Competitive Balance Student.” You will select this option when, and only when, a student **does not meet the rostering criteria** set forth in Bylaw 2-2-2. Those rostering criteria can be reviewed below:

Soccer and Volleyball

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.

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.

- In football, 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.

Again, students should **ONLY** be labeled as a “Non Competitive Balance Student” when **they do not meet the rostering criteria described above**. Students who **do meet** the criteria must be assigned an appropriate tier. Information on how to determine a student’s tier can be found within the flowcharts listed on the [Competitive Balance Resource Center](#).

For answers to questions regarding this additional option or competitive balance in general, please contact the following staff members within the OHSAA Office:

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