OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Doug Ute, Executive Director

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING A CHANGE IN DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT: EXCEPTION 2 (INDIVIDUAL SPORTS ONLY) – 2026-27

2-1-1 *By entering into an OHSAA sponsored tournament, schools, on behalf of their teams and individuals, agree to compete at the sites, dates and times assigned to them by the OHSAA. Schools that enter into an OHSAA sponsored tournament shall compete in only the division to which they have been assigned for the applicable sport.*

Note: In team sports, schools are permitted to enter only one team in OHSAA-sponsored tournaments. In individual sports, schools are only permitted to enter the maximum number of individuals in OHSAA-sponsored tournaments as prescribed in the respective sports' playing rules and/or tournament regulations.

EXCEPTION 2: *Schools may request an alternative divisional assignment in* ***the individual sports of bowling, cross country, golf, swimming and diving, track and field, and wrestling*** *if the school offers the sport for both genders and the teams are assigned to different divisions. If such a request is made for the teams to participate in the same division, both teams shall be assigned to the highest division to which one of the teams was originally assigned. Such a request must be submitted to the Executive Director's Office by the deadline to be published on the OHSAA website on an annual basis. Requests to compete in the lower of the two divisional assignments shall not be considered.*

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: This form is to be completed no later than May 8, 2026, for fall *individual* sports, no later than June 5, 2026, for winter *individual* sports**, and no later than September 18, 2026, for spring *individual* sports**. Once completed, please return to the OHSAA office via email attachment, **Attn: Mr. Ronald Sayers (rsayers@ohsaa.org)**. All requests received by the appropriate deadline will be reviewed in accordance with the OHSAA Board of Directors approved business rules. Requests received after the date listed above will not be considered. Notification of a decision will be relayed no later than 2 weeks after review by the OHSAA Board of Directors.

1. **Date of Request**: _____
2. **School Name**: _____ **OHSAA ID:** _____
3. **Sports Requesting Alternative Divisional Assignment (If more than 5, please list on separate attachment):**

For School Use			For OHSAA Office Use:	
Sport(s):	**Current Boys Division(s):**	**Current Girls Division(s):**	**Approve**	**Deny**
a) _____	a) _____	a) _____	☐	☐
b) _____	b) _____	b) _____	☐	☐
c) _____	c) _____	c) _____	☐	☐
d) _____	d) _____	d) _____	☐	☐

4. I understand that Exception 2 to OHSAA Bylaw 2-2-1 only allows the identified team(s) to compete in the highest division to which one of the genders of the same sport was originally assigned. No requests to be reassigned to the lower of the two divisions will be taken into consideration. _____ (**Initials of School Administrator**).

5. I understand that application of Exception 2 to OHSAA Bylaw 2-2-1 shall result in the entire team moving to the highest of the two divisions division, not just individual athletes. _____ (**Initials of School Administrator**)

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I hereby acknowledge that the responses on the above are accurate and correct, to the best of my knowledge.	
_____	_____
Print Name School Administrator	Signature

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Date Reviewed: _____	**Reviewed By:** _____