



TO: Athletic Directors
 FROM: Jeffrey T. Collins, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Changes in Tournament Teams
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The NHIAA Council supported allowing the sports committees to make the final recommendation on the number of teams that make the tournament from each division as long as the number was no more than 70% of the division. By-Law Article IV: Classification, Sect.10: Tournament Selection Requirement outlines the maximum number of teams to make the tournament, below is the recommendation by the sports committees. The Tournament format will be determined as outlined in By-Law Article I: Policy, Sect. 16: Tournament Pairings. The numbers below are based on the number of teams in a division as of July 2021 for the 2021-22 season.

Sport	Division I	Division II	Division III	Division IV
Baseball	15	14	14	15
Basketball Boys	15	14	15	16
Basketball Girls	14	14	15	15
Field Hockey	11	13	11	N/A
Football	8	8	4	4
Golf	10+ ties	7+ ties	10+ ties	7+ ties
Ice Hockey – Boys	11	7	8	N/A
Ice Hockey – Girls	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lacrosse – Boys	9	14	9	N/A
Lacrosse – Girls	8	8	8	N/A
Soccer – Boys	15	12	16	16
Soccer – Girls	15	12	15	14
Softball	14	13	16	14
Tennis – Boys	13	11	11	N/A
Tennis – Girls	12	13	11	N/A
Volleyball – Boys	11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Volleyball – Girls	15	13	12	N/A
Unified Soccer	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unified Basketball	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unified Volleyball	5 (All)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: If a team drops a sport “prior to the first date to play” the amount of teams in the division will be directly affected and may change the number of teams that make the tournament. If a team drops “after the start of the season” and forfeits are awarded, no change in the number of teams in the division will be made and the number of tournament teams will remain as stated from the beginning.
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