Request to Play Up in Classification

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IHSA Classification Policy
Playing Up in Classification Request

1. IHSA member schools may petition the Association to play up in classification.

2. The Executive Director will approve such requests provided schools meet the following criteria:

   - The request is received in the IHSA office by September 1.
   - The request is for a minimum of 2 years.
   - In football, the school must specify the class they intend to participate in should the school qualify for the IHSA Football Playoffs. In all cases, the request must be for a classification equal to or higher than the class they qualify for based on their IHSA enrollment.
   - In all other sports or activities, requests to play up in classification may be made on an individual sport or activity basis. In all cases, the request must be for a classification equal to or higher than the class they qualify for based on their official IHSA enrollment.

We would like to request to play up in classification in the following:

Sport/Activity

_____ **Class** _____

_____ **Class** _____

_____ **Class** _____

_____ **Class** _____

Competitive Cheerleading

Indicate the class in which you intend to participate: ___ Medium ___ Large

Signed: _____, Principal/Official Representative

_____ High School

_____ Address

_____, IL _____ Zip Code

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE IHSA OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

IHSA ACTION

_____ Approved _____ Denied (because _____)

_____ _____

(Date) (Executive Director)

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