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## New Sectional Assignments Approved by IHSAA Executive Committee

Earlier today, the IHSAA Executive Committee approved the sectional assignments in six team sports for next school year.

Sectional groupings for 2021-22 in boys basketball, girls basketball, football, boys soccer, girls soccer and volleyball were approved by the Committee. Baseball and softball assignments will be determined and announced later this summer following conclusion of those tournaments.

Last month, the IHSAA Executive Committee voted to freeze member school enrollment figures from the current classification cycle for one additional year (2021-22) after this year's school enrollments showed significant fluctuation likely affected by the pandemic which raised questions about their true representation.

As a result, all schools will remain in the same respective current classifications in each sport for one more year with the exception of those who meet the Tournament Success Factor criteria to move up, down or remain in a higher class.

In football, Columbus East and Fort Wayne Snider both return to Class 5A due to the Tournament Success Factor, but their previous spots in 6A will not be filled by two schools as they would under normal circumstances. As a result, Sectionals 3 and 8 will proceed as three-team sectionals during the 2021 state tournament.

Host sites for the groupings will be announced in the fall.

Boys Basketball Sectionals | Girls Basketball Sectionals | Football Sectionals

Boys Soccer Sectionals | Girls Soccer Sectionals | Volleyball Sectionals

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## About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 410 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.