



Participation Levels and Divisions

Divisions, Levels & Sublevels

Schools and groups participate in different divisions and levels to allow for more equal competition among schools of varying sizes and resources. The divisions and levels are determined during the online registration process.

The division is not a factor in determining state level awards and is provided for information only.

School Divisions: High School

The eight high school divisions are based on the following criteria:

1. Admissions Policy

Open: Schools admitting all students regardless of academic excellence or competitive academic criteria (e.g. public schools, charter schools, lottery schools, and private schools where the “selective” definition does not apply).

Selective: Schools in which students are only admitted based on their demonstration of academic excellence, meeting a set of academic standards or competitive academic criteria. (e.g. magnet schools, governor’s schools or science and math private schools).

2. Senior Class Enrollment Size

The number of 12th grade students enrolled in the school.

School’s Admissions Policy	+	12 th Grade Enrollment Size	=	Division
Open	+	4–75	=	1
Open	+	76–175	=	3
Open	+	176–275	=	5
Open	+	276–375	=	7
Open	+	376–475	=	9
Open	+	More than 475	=	11
Selective	+	4–125	=	2
Selective	+	more than 125	=	4

School Divisions: Middle School

Middle school divisions are based on the enrollment size of the school.

School Enrollment	Division
Fewer than 200	15
201–400	17
More than 400	19

Home School and Group Divisions

Teams participating from home schools must choose the “**Home**” division.

Teams participating from youth organizations (Boy/Girl Scouts, 4–H, Junior Achievement, YMCA, church organizations, etc.) must choose the “**Group**” division.

Note: Students may NOT compete in more than one division. For example, if a student participates as part of a group, he/she may not also participate for his/her school or home school team.

Levels

There are two levels of competition:

1. Middle school grades 7 and 8 (grades 5 and 6 if applicable).
2. High school grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Supporting information may be different and/or modified per the corresponding grades.

Sublevels

Schools and groups with multiple teams each are assigned team letters to differentiate among teams and ensure proper scoring, rankings, and awards. Example: schools that have two high school teams will designate one team “A” and one team “B.”