

Selection Classification vs. Athletic Placement Process

Selection Classification (Current)

Waivers:

Waivers of maturation permitted by school medical director. Waivers of physical fitness test permitted by NYSED. If a student does not meet the maturation or physical fitness test, the student could apply for a waiver.

Approval:

Students were not required to receive administrative approval to selectively classify.

Medical Clearance:

The district medical director determines a student's physical maturity level.

Physical Fitness Test:

Student had to meet 5 of 5 sport specific test components. If the student did not meet 5 of 5, the student could apply for a waiver.

Athletic Placement Process (Implemented Fall 2015)

Waivers:

There are no waivers. A student must meet the appropriate standards of physical and emotional maturity, size, fitness, and skill, in order to qualify. If a student does not meet the maturation or physical fitness test, the process stops; the student cannot go any further.

Approval:

The athletic administrator should confirm that the student is suitable for consideration, which includes the likelihood that the student would play in at least 50% of the games. Additionally, because of the increased time demands of participation at the high school level, the student's academic performance (as determined at the local level) should be at or above grade level. Furthermore, administration should assess the student's emotional readiness to socialize with high school-aged students. If the student is not academically or socially ready, the student should not proceed through the APP.

Medical Clearance:

The district medical director will determine a student's physical maturity level, and compare the physical size of the student in relation to that of the students against whom the student wishes to compete. If the student is determined to have attained the appropriate physical maturity level and comparable physical size for the desired sport and level (see Appendix C and H), the student may proceed with step 5.

Physical Fitness Test:

The President's Physical Fitness Test has been selected as the test for this process (there is no longer sport specific test components), and the student must meet the 85th percentile level for their age in 4 out of 5 test components. If the student does not meet 4 of 5, the student cannot apply for a waiver.

Note: *The above items are not intended to be inclusive of "all" changes to the Selection Classification Process, but merely to highlight four of the most important revisions. Document developed by NYSPHSAA.*