

Advancement Procedure for Individual Sports
(Single-event sports)

Area Qualifier

- If an athlete is put into a heat that is less than 3 people, they are able to compete at area but are unable to advance to state.
- In order to advance to state the athlete must compete in a heat that consists of at least 3 participants.
- To be eligible for advancement to state an athlete must compete at their area qualifier. If the athlete does not have an area qualifier, he or she must travel to the nearest qualifier to compete.

State Qualifier

- In order for an athlete to advance to state, an athlete must fall into the advancement tiers in the table below until the area's quota is met.
- If multiple athletes have the same finishing results, then they will be subject to a random drawing until quota is filled.
- Alternates will be determined by continuing the tier process on a need to basis.

Tier	Criteria	State Advancement Status
1	Finish area qualifier while accumulating a first place finish.	Until area quota is filled
2	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 2 nd place finish.	Until area quota is filled
3	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 3 rd place finish.	Until area quota is filled
4	Use process for remaining place finishes until quota is filled.	Until area quota is filled

Athlete must obtain 1st place, 2nd place, or 3rd place at an area qualifier to be eligible for advancement to state competitions.

Advancement Procedure for Athletics, Swimming, and Powerlifting
(Multiple-event sports)

Area Meet

(3 individual events and 1 relay)

-Area relay results will not count towards advancement

- If an athlete is put into a heat that is less than 3 people, they are able to compete at area but are unable to advance to state.
- In order to advance to state the athlete must compete in a heat that consists of at least 3 participants.
- To be eligible for advancement to state an athlete must compete in a minimum of 2 events that fall under the same category. Click [here](#) to see Sport Category Table.

State Meet

(3 individual events and 1 relay)

-Relay teams at state will be formed after quota is met with the athletes that are advancing to state.

- In order for an athlete to advance to state, an athlete must fall into the advancement tiers in the table below until the area's quota is met.
- Athletes must medal at area qualifier to be eligible for Tier 5.
- Alternates will be determined by continuing the tier process on a need to basis.

Tier	Criteria	State Advancement Status
1	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 3 first place finishes. <i>(Must compete in 3 events to be Tier 1 eligible)</i>	Until area quota is filled
2	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 2 gold medals. (Must compete in at least 2 events to be Tier 2 eligible)	Until area quota is filled
3	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 1 gold medal and medal in other events. Silver medals will take priority over bronze medals to fill remaining quota. <i>(Must compete in 3 events to be Tier 3 eligible)</i>	Until area quota is filled
4	Finish area qualifier while accumulating 1 gold medal and 1 medal out of the 3 events the athlete competed in. Silver medals will take priority over bronze medals to fill remaining quota. <i>(Must compete in 3 events to be Tier 4 eligible)</i>	Until area quota is filled
5	Highest remaining finishers will be eligible for advancement but subject to a random drawing.	Until area quota is filled