

Athlete Quota/Advancement Criteria

Quota Procedure

SOLA will publish this process and criteria in advance of any state-level competition.

SOLA will determine the number of athletes or teams that will be allowed to participate at the competition in question by sport and/or event based on the number of athletes or teams that the event can safely and efficiently serve. This is the quota to be filled.

If the number of eligible athletes or teams from subprograms does not exceed the quota, all athletes and teams will advance.

If the number of eligible athletes or teams from subprograms exceeds the quota, athletes or teams that advance will be selected as follows:

- SOLA will identify the number of athletes or teams eligible for advancement within the sport and/or event according to participation in competition at the subprogram level by assigning remaining spots based on the percent of athletes training in a program as compared to the total athletes training in the sport.
- Priority will be given to first-place finishers from all divisions of the sport and/or event. If the number of first-place finishers exceeds the quota, athletes or teams are selected to advance by random draw.
- If there are not enough first-place finishers to fill the quota, all first-place finishers shall advance.
- The remaining quota shall be filled by a random draw of second place finishers from all divisions of the sport and/or event.
- If the quota is large enough for all second-place finishers to advance, the remaining quota shall be filled by a random draw of third place finishers from all divisions of the sport and/or event.
- Repeat this process, adding each place of finish as necessary, until the quota is filled.

- These procedures apply to both individual and team sports, including Unified Sports. *(The state office reserves the right to adjust advancement criteria for team sports, including Unified to ensure quality state competition)*

- Once the area quota is distributed to the areas, it is the Area Team Leader's responsibility to distribute them amongst local teams/parishes using the equation on the last page.

Formula used to determine area quota for individual sports.

These sports include but are not limited to:

Athletics
Bocce
Bowling
Golf
Horseshoes
Powerlifting
Swimming
Tennis

$$\sum \text{Athletes training at Area} = \text{Area \#} = X \qquad \sum \text{Athletes training in State} = \text{Total \#} = Y$$

$$\frac{X}{Y} = \text{Area \%}$$

$$\text{Area Quota} = \text{Area \%} \cdot \text{Total Event Allotment}$$

Example:

$$\sum \text{Athletes training at Area} = 40 = X \qquad \sum \text{Athletes training in State} = 400 = Y$$

$$\frac{40}{400} = 0.10$$

$$\text{Area Quota} = 0.10 \cdot 120$$

$$\text{Area Quota} = 12$$

****Athletes training at area numbers are determined by the Area Team Leader and submitted to state office.***