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Memo to the Directors of ISSA

Subject: Allocation procedure for berths at National championships

This is the procedure approved by the Board some years ago, here repeated since we have some new Board members. It is also described in the Yearbook.

ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

The number of berths at Nationals is fixed, 20 for the Mallory, 12 for the Baker and 16 each radial and full-rig for the Cressy. District allocations for national championships are calculated twice a year, based on paid memberships at two specific times, the 1 January dues date and the June end of school year. This encourages the payment of dues on time, – 1 January, but allows districts to accept memberships until the end of the school year. Since some teams are only active in the Spring, this allows them to participate and also allows a district to improve its member total for allocations at championships.

Here are the two specific times:

(1) At the end of the school year, the final allocations for the Cressy in the Fall and preliminary allocations for the Mallory and Baker the following Spring are determined, using membership totals to develop proportions for each district. For example if a district has 70 member schools of a national total membership of 350, $70/350 = 0.2$, which produces 4 berths of 20 for Mallory, 2.4(rounds to 2) for Baker and 3.2(rounds to 3) for Cressy. To repeat : these are the final allocations for the Cressy in the Fall, and preliminary allocations for the Mallory and Baker the following Spring.

Soon after the 1 January dues date, the final Mallory and Baker allocations for the Spring and the preliminary allocations for the Cressy the following Fall are determined, using the new district membership totals which are then compared to the previous June's school-year-end totals. The larger of these two numbers is used to prepare the final Mallory and Baker allocations as the numerator in calculating the allocation proportion. For the hypothetical district above with 70 as a year-end total, if the 1 January member total is 75, that will be used. If it's 68, the year-end total of 70 is used for the numerator. The denominator (divisor) is the sum of the larger of the total number of members for each district drawn from June or January totals.

Results are rounded and fit to the total number of berths in any one championship. All districts receive at least one berth in each of the three Nationals.

In the final closing detail, the June total may be 340 and the next January total may be 335 but the divisor for the calculation may be 350 based on using the larger of each district's two member totals(January and June). Knowing everyone's numbers to confirm the calculations only works if you have them all for both the June and January data points.

The shifts in allocations are the product of shifting proportions in member totals against the national total.

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