

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

IT IS A NUMBERS GAME



School has started, games are being played, September is winding down, the playoffs a little over one month away, so this is an excellent time to review some important numbers. First, transfers. August is by far our busiest month of the year, and as you see below, we had a marked reduction in our total number of transfers so far this year in comparison to the 2018-2019 school year. The Valid Change of Residence Documentation Checklist seems to be having an effect on valid residence changes decreasing and Sit-Out Period transfers increasing slightly. September numbers will be coming soon, and it will be interesting to see if this trend continues.

Total Transfers – July and August, 2018 and 2019

July, 2018 – 279

July, 2019 – 258

Reduced 7.63%

August, 2018 – 1,885

August, 2019 – 1,673

Reduced 12.25%

2018-2019 Totals for July and August = 2,164

2019-2010 Totals for July and August = 1,931

Reduced 10.77%

Valid Residence Change

July, 2018 – 114

July, 2019 – 47

Reduced by 67 = 58.78%

August, 2018 – 752

August, 2019 – 423

Reduced by 329 = 44.75%

Totals for July and August, 2018 – 866

Totals for July and August, 2019 – 470

Reduced by 396 = 46.73%

Sit-Out Period

July, 2018 – 112

July, 2019 – 123

Increased by 11 = 9.05%

August, 2018 – 578

August, 2019 – 648

Increased by 70 = 10.71%

Totals for July and August, 2018 – 690

Totals for July and August, 2019 – 771

Increased by 81 = 10.51%



Another important issue to examine is ejections of players and coaches. Here are some numbers regarding ejections...

Total Ejections – Last 4 Years

2018-2019 - 1888

2017-2018 - 1945

2016-2017 - 1846

2015-2016 - 1799

After three years of total ejections increasing, we see that in 2018-2019 that number was reduced. An argument could be made that we should not be seeing any ejections of players and coaches at all! With Fall Sports just a few weeks old, I do believe this is an excellent opportunity to visit this issue and knowing that total ejections have gone down since last year, we should all make a conscious effort section-wide to see if those numbers can continue go down in 2019-2020. I look forward to updating you on this issue again later this school year.

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I also thought it would be interesting to share ejection numbers by sport and they appear below.

Ejections by Sport – 2018-2019

Badminton - 1
Baseball - 170
Basketball - 194
Football - 324
Lacrosse - 53
Soccer - 866
Softball - 44
Swimming and Diving - 2
Volleyball - 8
Water Polo - 216
Wrestling – 9



Soccer continues to be the sport with the most ejections, by a wide margin. Over the years, people seem to just accept that situation as particular to that sport. I say no, it does not need to be that way. I say we resolve to do everything we can with our players and coaches to make a major difference in that number this year, with a commitment to reduce ejections, not only in Soccer, but in every sport. Let us see what can happen when we channel our energies in that direction. It is a numbers game. Let us make the numbers work for us!

As always, I thank you very much for your continued help and support, it is truly appreciated.

All the best,

Rob Wignol

