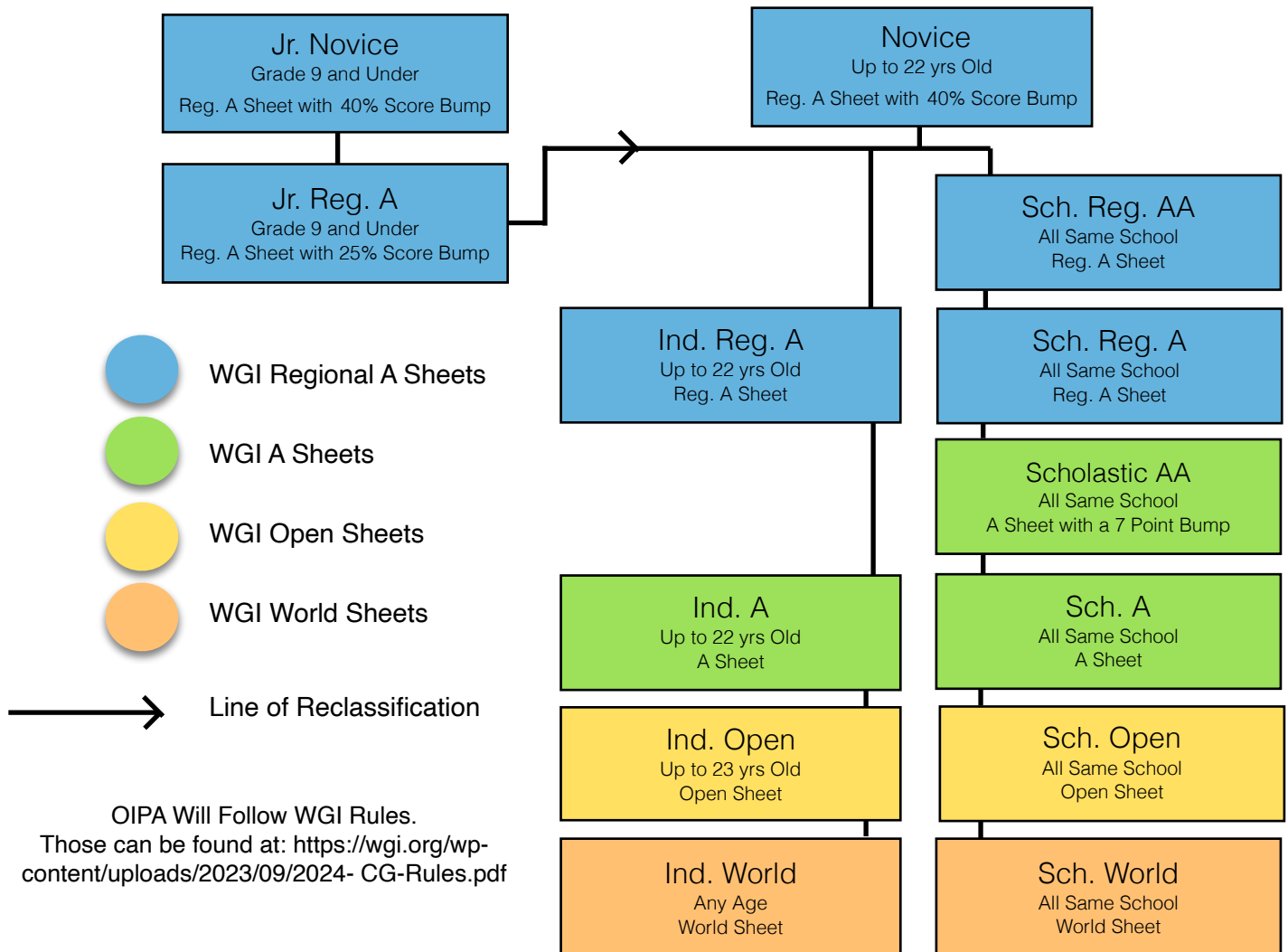


# OIPA Guard Class Structure

*effective for the 2024 Season* (Updated 12/23)



OIPA Will Follow WGI Rules.  
 Those can be found at: <https://wgi.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2024-CG-Rules.pdf>

Class	Interval Time	Min. Perf. Time	Max. Perf. Time	Required Equipment Time
<b>JR Novice</b>	7 minutes	2.5 Minutes	4 Minutes	2.0 Minutes
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<b>JR Reg A</b>	7 minutes	2.5 Minutes	4.5 Minutes	2.0 Minutes
<b>Regional A</b>	7 Minutes	3 Minutes	4.5 Minutes	3.0 Minutes
<b>AA Class</b>	8 Minutes	4 Minutes	5.5 Minutes	3.5 Minutes
<b>A Class</b>	8 Minutes	4 Minutes	5.5 Minutes	3.5 Minutes
<b>Open</b>	9 Minutes	4 Minutes	6.5 Minutes	3.5 Minutes
<b>World</b>	10 Minutes	4 Minutes	7.5 Minutes	3.5 Minutes

## What Guard Class should I be in?

Choosing a class can be a difficult task for any director, especially so in a year with a new class structure. Here are some pointers to help.

**Novice Class** is designed for young and inexperienced performers and staff. We expect to only see units remain in this class for 2-3 seasons at most. Any unit that was considering going into the Line Division used previously this is the class for you. Units can have as little as one piece of equipment and focus on basic skills and succeed in this division. There are no restrictions on use of equipment/floors/props beyond the normal WGI Restrictions in the rule book. The expectation is that units who are effectively utilizing a variety of equipment/props/etc. would find themselves being reclassified to the Regional AA Class keeping a level playing field for all.

**Regional AA Class** is a class fitting between Novice and Regional A, specifically for our scholastic programs. This class will use the Regional A sheet. If you are a guard who has found success in Novice but you don't feel quite ready for Regional A, this could be the perfect fit for you. JV programs for those with Varsity programs in AA/A could be a good fit in this class.

**Regional A Class** hasn't changed from the previous Season This lower score scale will prompt more reviews and help level the field between the Regional A and the Scholastic AA Class. If you were a Scholastic Regional AA Program in previous season and finished in the top third at States you may want to register for the Regional A. Keep in mind the Sheets and time requirements do change between Reg. A and Sch. AA so design accordingly if you feel reclassification could be in your future this season. Designing a show just over 4 minutes long with more than 3.5 minutes of equipment time may be a wise and safe bet.

**Scholastic AA Class** is newer to OIPA. It is a class fitting between the Regional A and A Class for our Scholastic Programs. This class will use the sheets and timing restrictions from the A Class. This structure gives us another growth class for our units progressing from the Regional Class to the A Class. If you were a Scholastic Regional A Program and finished in the top third at States you may want to register for the Scholastic AA.

**A Class** is the standard A class used by WGI. Units that are looking to compete nationally should enter themselves into the Class

**Open Class** and **World Class** has units that have found success on the national level in the A Class and find themselves progressing into the Open and World Classes. These units typically have larger more experienced staff's and larger budgets than the majority of units. Jumping into these classes too soon may not be the best decision for younger units.

**Junior Divisions** are for Units where all performers are currently in 9th grade or below