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To: SSA Member Schools  
Date: January 26, 2026  
From: Brad Van Raalte, Executive Director  
cc: Rugby Commissioners  
Re: Rugby 15s Classifications

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At the December 2025 Annual Planning, the Board of Governors implemented a working group including members of the Executive Committee, Rugby Commissioners and Zone representatives. The group was tasked with providing a Rugby 15s classification solution before the 2026 season of play began. That working group met on Friday, January 23, 2026, and reached consensus to adopt the following classifications for Rugby 15s for both boys and girls:

**4A = <1400**

**5A = 1400+**

The rationale for the decision is as follows:

1. This is inline with the association's overarching classification structure
2. It provides the most equitable split for quantity and perceived strength of teams and zones

The SSA Office and Rugby Commissioners will annually review the data and provide feedback to the Executive Committee, which is required by SSA Policy to determine every five years (years ending in 0 and 5) whether this structure should be revisited.

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