I. **MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR’S REPORT:**

A. The 3A Classification is reducing the number of Regional Qualifiers to 18 teams.
B. The 3A Regional/State Tournament will be seeded according to the information documented in the 3A Playoff Bracket information contained within this report.
C. The 3A Classification will utilize the criteria of the Regional Champions (6) are guaranteed to receive a seed of numbers 1-6 for the State Tournament.
D. Defined the 4A/5A Regional and State Tournament seeding procedures.

II. **RATIONALE FOR EACH MAJOR CHANGE:**

A. With the number of team competing (33) thirty-three, the 3A classification believed that the total number of teams playing versus the qualifiers will bring the percentage of playoff bracket teams in-line with the 4A/5A classification.
B. Eighteen (18) teams will qualify to the regional Tournament, 5 District Champions Regular Season) and 13 At-Large teams determined by the MaxPreps ranking system.
C. Every district Champion and one (1) At-Large team will play host to a Regional Tournament.
D. The seeding committee will be charged with selecting and seeding teams according to the procedures set in place during the softball committee meeting.

III. **DATES:**

Rule of Thumb for Setting State Championship Date: 10th Saturday of Competitive Softball Season.

**2014**
- 3A, 4A, 5A Regular season games completed by………………………………Sat., October 4
- 3A, 4A, 5A Regional Tournaments……………………………………………Sat. October 11
- 3A, 4A, 5A State Tournament…………………………………………………Fri-Sat., October 17-18

**2015**
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- 3A, 4A, 5A Regional Tournaments……………………………………………Sat., October 17
- 3A, 4A, 5A State Tournament…………………………………………………Fri-Sat., October 23-24
IV. **QUALIFYING FORMAT AND CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CLASS:**

A. **Class 3A (Enrollment: 1-600) 33 Teams – 18 Teams Qualify for the Regional Tournament**

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**District 4 (6) | District 5 (5)**

| Akron – 117 | Aspen – 555 |
| Burlington – 232 | Basalt – 373 |
| Holyoke – 176 | Cedaredge – 239 |
| Limon – 135 | Grand Valley – 291 |
| Wray – 196 | Gunnison – 326 |
| Yuma – 225 | |

* = play down

James Irwin – 411 = playing JV

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**General Class 3A Regional Playoff Policies**

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8. Teams must play a minimum of 17 regular season games to be considered for Regional play.
Class 3A Regional Softball Bracket – Saturday, October 11, 2014

Region 1

1. (Regional Champion)

12. (Regional Champion)

13. (If Game) (Qualifier)

Region 2

2. (Regional Champion)

11. (Regional Champion)

14. (If Game) (Qualifier)

Region 3

3. (Regional Champion)

10. (Regional Champion)

15. (If Game) (Qualifier)

Region 4

4. (Regional Champion)

9. (Regional Champion)

16. (If Game) (Qualifier)

Region 5

5. (Regional Champion)

8. (Regional Champion)

17. (If Game) (Qualifier)

Region 6

6. (Regional Champion)

7. (Regional Champion)

18. (If Game) (Qualifier)

- The Regional Champions (6) are guaranteed to receive a seed of numbers 1 through 6 for the State Tournament.
- The top four seeded teams, by the seeding/pairing committee on the State Tournament bracket, will receive a bye in the first round of play. (See State Tournament bracket)
- Preferred Game times for Regional Bracket:
  - Use of 1 field for play: Game 1 10:00 am, Game 2 12:15 pm, Game 3 2:30 pm
- The “If Game” will only be played if higher seed loses their first game.

Note: The higher seeded team on the Regional/State bracket will be the “home team” and have the last at bat for all tournament games. The higher seeded team or “home
team” shall occupy the third base dugout.

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![Tournament Bracket](image-url)
### B. Class 4A (Enrollment: 601-1410)  67 Teams – 32 Qualifiers for the Regional Tournament

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Following the conclusion of the 4A/5A Regional Tournament, the State Tournament Bracket seeding will be determined by the committee through assigning teams on the bracket based on the following criteria (but not limited to):

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- If an upset occurred that involved a top (8) eight seeded team, the upset would create the original top (8) seeded team to be placed at a seed from number 9-12.

The seeding committee will place the teams on the State Tournament Bracket on Sunday, October 12, 2014.
Class 4A Regional Softball Brackets – Saturday, October 11, 2014

Regional Game Times - Games 1 and 2 will be played at 10:00 a.m.; Games 3 and 4 at 12:15 p.m.; Game 5 at 2:30 p.m.
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C. Class 5A (Enrollment: 1411-up) 61 Teams – 32 Qualify

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Class 5A Regional Softball Brackets – Saturday, October 11, 2014

Region 1
1
Game 1 32
16 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 17
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 2
8
Game 1 25
9 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 24
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 3
5
Game 1 28
12 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 21
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 4
4
Game 1 29
13 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 20
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 5
3
Game 1 30
14 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 19
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 6
6
Game 1 27
11 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 22
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 7
7
Game 1 26
10 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 23
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

Region 8
2
Game 1 31
15 Game 4 State Qual.
Game 2 18
L Game 1 Game 5 State Qual.
L Game 3 L Game 2

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All scores and statistics are provided by MaxPreps.com
V. **POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):**

A. National Federation uniform rules are in effect throughout the regular season, along with the regional and state tournaments.

B. The 10-run rule (15 after 4, 20 after 3) will be in effect for all tournament games during the regular season, the regional tournament, and the state tournament.

If a team has a 10-run lead, **following the completion of 5 innings**, no new inning will begin and the game will be declared official. (Example: Team A - 22 runs, Team B - 2 runs, 3rd inning, game over. If the home team is behind then the inning must be completed).

If a team has a 10-run lead and the **losing team has batted 5 times** the game will be declared official.

C. Should inclement weather or darkness postpone regional or state tournament play, the first available date, including Sunday, will be used for continuation of play. Suspended Game: A halted or suspended game is a game that is temporarily suspended by the umpire with the intent that it will be continued at a later time or date. Colorado has adopted the suspended game procedure; the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension.

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E. The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each district (3A) or League (4A/5A). The administrator shall be selected by the District/League president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval. The softball committee also determined the higher seeded team on the Regional through the State Championship bracket game will be referred to as the “home team” and will have the last at bat. The “home team” will occupy the third base dugout.

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2. Every District Champion and one (1) At-Large will host a Regional Tournament. The higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the Regional Tournament.
3. The Regional Tournament host sites must have one adequate field with a fence at a dimension of the NFHS recommended 200-220 feet.
4. The District Champion will be the host team, but is not guaranteed the highest seed in the Region; teams will be seeded according to Max Preps Ranking Systems. The seeding committee can move up or down district champions in order to be a top 12 seeded team. The committee can also move teams ranked 13-18 up or down to help with geography for the regional tournament. The seeding committee will try and following the rankings to perfection unless geography or District Champion conflicts.
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H. The following criteria will be used to pair the regional and tournaments for Classes 4A and 5A. Membership on the pairings committee shall be administrators. No coaches shall be used as part of this process. (Please refer to the pairing criteria for the 3A classification located in the Softball Bulletin)

1. The 4A/5A regional tournament pairing committee will seed/pair by establishing the bracket based on (but not limited to) the following:

   • Each League (4A/5A) will automatically qualify 30% of all teams competing during the regular season and listed in the Softball Bulletin. Note: When figuring the automatic qualifiers .4 and below of the whole number will be rounded down to the nearest whole number; .5 and above will be rounded up to the nearest whole number (Example 3.6 = 4). The automatic qualifying number of teams will be listed below the League name in the Bulletin.

   • Multi-Class League Qualifiers – A team participating in league play during the regular season in a higher classification can receive an automatic qualifying bid if they finish in the top 30% + 1 of the teams listed in the league. An At-Large Bid for Multi-Class Leagues can be selected by the seeding committee during the seeding meeting. The seeding committee will utilize the same criteria listed for the tournament selection listed below.
The Regional Tournament seeding committee shall select and place teams on the 4A/5A bracket by establishing the teams and the bracket seeding based on the following criteria (but not limited to):

- Each League will receive automatic qualifiers equaling not more than 30% of the number of teams in the league. In the case the percentage of teams’ results in a non-whole number the number of qualifiers will be rounded to the nearest whole number. (Example 3.6 = 4) All leagues are guaranteed a minimum of one automatic qualifier.

- Automatic Qualifiers – 4A: 19 (nineteen) Automatic Qualifiers with thirteen (13) At-Large Bids to be determined by the seeding committee; 5A: 18 (eighteen) Automatic Qualifiers with fourteen (14) At-Large Bids to be determined by the seeding committee.

- At-Large teams will be selected using the following resources (in no particular order): MaxPreps Ranking; head-to-head competition; and common opponents. The seeding committee shall honor league finish when identifying teams that are selected to be placed on the bracket. Teams will be selected and place on the bracket by the seeding committee during the Seeding Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

- MaxPreps Ranking System – The MaxPreps Ranking System will be utilized by the seeding committee as a data tool for the purpose of selecting and bracketing teams. The information contained in the MaxPreps Ranking System will aid the committee with identifying the; head-to-head competition; strength of schedule; common opponents. The MaxPreps Ranking System will not be the final determining factor when selecting and placing teams on the 4A/5A brackets.

- The seeding committee shall honor league finish when identifying teams that are selected to be placed on the bracket.

- The committee will utilize geography as a consideration in the placing teams on the bracket for regional play.

2. League and district opponents may be paired against each other. League finish must be honored when the seeding committee is selecting At-Large teams and during the bracket placement in the 4A/5A classifications. Once the pairings have been determined, the CHSAA will establish the game times. Umpires will be assigned by the CHSAA for all regional and state tournament games.

SPECIAL SEEDING NOTE: The committee shall not be bound by the above criteria when placing the number 25 through 32 seeds in the 4A/5A classifications. The committee shall pair these teams with geography taking primary priority.

I. The Wilson Optic Yellow Softball A9011 is the official ball and will be used at all levels of the Regional and State Playoff Bracket.

J. End of regular season – The committee recommends that the regular season schedule will reflect that all games should be completed by Thursday prior to the last date listed on the CHSAA Sports Calendar. This will enable teams the opportunity to complete regular season scheduled play postponements due to inclement weather.
VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. The committee recommended the following state association adoption: The International Tie Breaker may be implemented, at the site director’s discretion, for sub-varsity tournaments after the 8th inning or after the established time limit has expired. Note: This recommendation is for tournament use only.

B. CHSSUA President – Scott Cochran gave report to committee via conference call. CHSSUA had 315 umpires throughout the state. This number was a slight drop (retirements, age, moving, etc.) from last year and Cochran anticipated this number to stay same for next year. Pretty successful season. 3 man mechanics at state level the umpires appreciated it and thought it lead to a successful tournament. There will be continued training every year in 3 man mechanics to help improve all mechanics. Cochran thanked the committee for their time and asked for questions from the committee. No questions came from committee.

C. 4A/5A Host Regional Format to include – Backstops and fields are preferred to meet the NFHS Rules Book recommended distance.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kelley Eichman, Fountain-Fort Carson, Chair; Mitch Martinez (Holy Family); Jim Butterfield (Niwot); Bruce Wright (Highlands Ranch); Todd Potestio (Brighton); Ken Howell (Roosevelt); LeRoy Lopez (Abraham Lincoln); Leslie DiLorenzo (Gunnison); Tanya Ramsey (Discovery Canyon)