

## FOOTBALL

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Report No.

### **I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:**

- A. In 6-man-5A, new conferences were configured for the upcoming 2018-2020 cycle.
- B. Date for the beginning of formal practice will be August 6, 2018. This will coincide with the NFHS Calendar week number six.
- C. The 5A football classification will capture a 24-team playoff bracket.
- D. Seeding criteria language was modified for all classes to allow the committee more flexibility to move teams within the bracket once qualifiers have been determined by the final RPI Rankings. (See Seeding Criteria)
- E. In the 2A and 3A classifications, the Championship game site will be hosted at a neutral venue. The CHSAA will provide the information as it becomes available.

### **II. RATIONALE:**

- A. Each of the classifications took the following into consideration: Geography; Competitive Balance and Risk Minimization.
- B. Teams will be allowed to have additional practice days. Each practice date will consist of one practice per day and follow the requirements of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- C. The six conference champions will receive an automatic qualifier onto the playoff bracket. The remainder of teams will be selected utilizing the final RPI Rankings along with criteria for an At-Large bid.
- D. This will provide the seeding committee flexibility and a human element within the bracket.
- E. The Football Committee voted to eliminate the home site minimum seating requirement and move to a neutral venue for the Championship games.

### **III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

- A. None
- B. None
- C. None
- D. None
- E. The CHSAA will be charged with locating and negotiations of a contract for a host venue.

**IV. DATES:**

**2018**

<u>NFHS Calendar</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Week 6	August 6 August 6-8 August 9-10  August 11	Begin Formal Practice No Protective Equipment (Helmets – Only) Full Pads – Limited Level of Contact Air, Bags, Control, Full Contact – Thud and Live Action
Week 7	August 16	First Available Scrimmage Date
Week 8	August 23	First Allowable Contest
Week 17	October 27	End of Regular Season 6-man/8-man/1A/2A/5A
Week 18	November 3	End of Regular Season 3A/4A First Round Playoffs 6-man/8-man/1A/2A/5A
Week 19	November 10	Quarterfinals 6-man/8-man/1A/2A First Round Playoffs 3A/4A Second Round Playoffs 5A
Week 20	November 17	Semifinals 6-man/8-man/1A/2A Quarterfinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 21	November 24	State Championships 6-man/8-man/1A/2A Semifinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 22	December 1	State Championships 3A/4A/5A

**2019** – tentative dates until the release of the 2019-2020 NFHS Activities Calendar

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Week 7	August 15	First Available Scrimmage Date
Week 8	August 22	First Allowable Contest
Week 17	October 26	End of Regular Season 6-man/8-man/1A/2A/5A
Week 18	November 2	End of Regular Season 3A/4A First Round Playoffs 6-man/8-man/1A/2A/5A
Week 19	November 9	Quarterfinals 6-man/8-man/1A/2A First Round Playoffs 3A/4A Second Round Playoffs 5A
Week 20	November 16	Semifinals 6-man/8-man/1A/2A Quarterfinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 21	November 23	State Championships 6-man/8-man/1A/2A Semifinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 22	November 30	State Championships 3A/4A/5A

**V. FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2018-2020 6-MAN (32 schools):**

<b>6-MAN</b>					
<b>North (6)</b>		<b>East Central (5)</b>		<b>Central (5)</b>	
Briggsdale	64	Arickaree/Woodlin	49	Colorado D&B	56
Fleming	43	Flagler/Hi-Plains	69	Deer Trail	55
North Park	46	Idalia	51	Edison	52
Peetz	60	Otis	67	Genoa-Hugo	47
Prairie	51	Stratton/Liberty	44	Hanover	77
Weldon Valley	57				
<b>South East (6)</b>		<b>South Central (5)</b>		<b>South West (5)</b>	
Cheraw	42	Aguilar	30	Antonito	59
Cheyenne Wells	40	Branson/Kim	42	Cotopaxi	70
Eads	47	La Veta	66	Cripple Creek-Victor	87
Granada	51	Manzanola	44	Mountain Valley	38
Kit Carson	33	Primero	54	Sierra Grande	75
Walsh	40				

**6-Man QUALIFYING FORMAT**

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**Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)**

- Seeding numbers 1-8 will be seeded according to the final RPI standings and will be the home teams in Round 1. Teams that are seeded numbered 9-16 will be seeded using RPI and geography. When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Conference champions not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI will be placed in the bracket but conference champions are not guaranteed a top-8 seed.

**Information Items**

- Playing a JV team will not count for the Final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI)
- A team that wins due to forfeit will count the game as a win for their season record. A team that forfeits a game will count the game as a loss for their season record.
- If a school fails to field a team before the start of the season (does not play a game) each scheduled game they were supposed to play shall be counted as a no contest.
- If a team plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its remaining games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed into the power points.

**2018 6-Man BRACKET**

**2018 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 6-Man Football Playoffs**

**Location** Various Cities, CO

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Home team is the higher seed in the first round

**FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2018-2020 8-MAN (43 schools):**

<b>8-MAN</b>							
<b>Arkansas Valley (7)</b>		<b>Plains (7)</b>		<b>Mountain (7)</b>		<b>Independent (1)</b>	
Fowler	120	Akron	90	Del Norte	136	Dolores Huerta	206
Holly	95	Byers	137	Dove Creek	70		
Las Animas	139	Caliche	73	Mancos	120		
McClave	68	Dayspring Christian	90	Norwood	77		
Springfield	85	Haxtun	80	Sanford	94		
Hoehne	116	Merino	84	Sangre de Cristo	83		
Wiley	84	Sedgwick County	104	Sargent	117		
<b>Southern (7)</b>		<b>Northwest (7)</b>		<b>Central (7)</b>			
Calhan	167	Gilpin County	123	Belleview Christian	66		
Custer County	132	Hayden	135	Elbert	79		
Pikes Peak Christian	52	Plateau Valley	97	Front Range Christian	141		
Kiowa	68	Rangely	112	Justice	81		
Simla	90	Soroco	99	Nederland	139		
Swink	116	West Grand	137	Rocky Mountain Lutheran	58		
Miami-Yoder	95	Vail Christian	148	South Park	142		

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**Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)**

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### **Seeding Procedure**

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**FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2018-2020 1A (40 schools):**

<b>CLASS 1A</b>							
<b>North Central (6)</b>		<b>Foothills (6)</b>		<b>Sante Fe (6)</b>		<b>Western Slope (6)</b>	
Holyoke	164	Jefferson	407	Crowley County	116	Olathe	315
Wray	171	Sheridan	346	Rocky Ford	227	Paonia	151
Yuma	224	Platte Canyon	263	Peyton	248	Hotchkiss	197
Burlington	227	Clear Creek	232	Ellicott	292	Cedaredge	298
Wiggins	160	Manual	316	John Mall	164	Grand Valley	319
Limon	135	Lake County	264	Trinidad	272	Meeker	198
<b>Southern Peaks (5)</b>		<b>Tri-Peaks (5)</b>		<b>Northern (6)</b>			
Dolores	182	Florence	347	Strasburg	314		
Ignacio	259	Buena Vista	291	Highland	267		
Center	153	Colorado Springs Christian	310	Cornerstone Christian	74		
Monte Vista	272	St. Mary's	251	Pinnacle	520		
Centauri	298	Rye	228	Lyons	227		
				Estes Park	335		

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### **Informational Items**

- Following the first round of the playoffs, if both teams have played the same number of home games during the playoffs, the team with the higher seed will host.
- The 1A championship home site must accommodate a seating capacity equal to twice the maximum enrollment of the respective classification. Example: 1A has an enrollment maximum of 321 x 2 = 642 minimum seating capacity. Bleachers may be brought in to the site to accommodate the seating requirement.

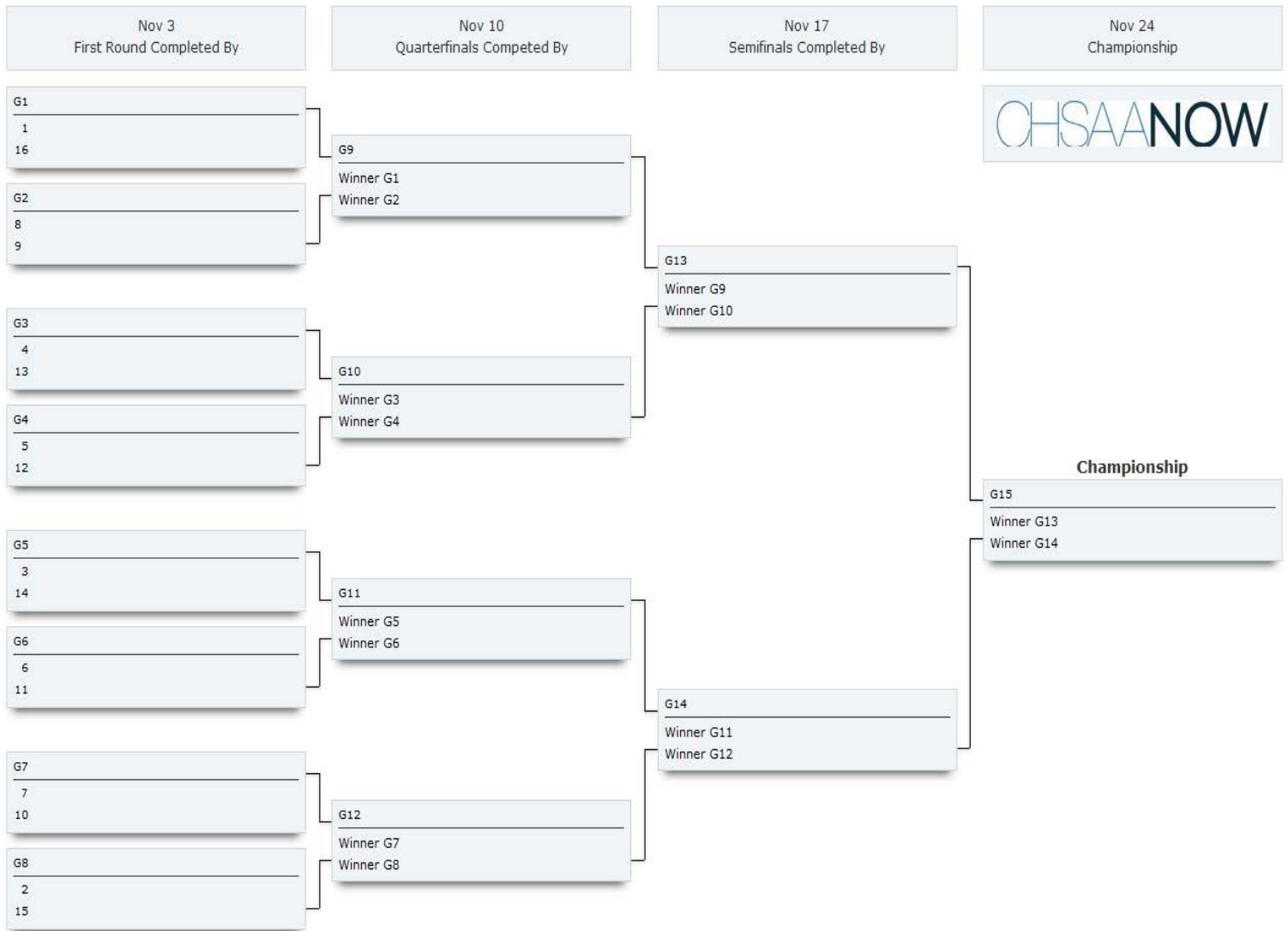
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**FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2018-2020 2A (42 schools):**

<b>CLASS 2A</b>							
<b>North 1 (6)</b>		<b>North 2 (6)</b>		<b>Metro 1 (6)</b>		<b>Metro 2 (6)</b>	
Weld Central	670	The Academy	567	Arvada	822	Alameda	800
Fort Lupton	631	Eaton	545	Bennett	365	Bishop Machebeuf	370
Valley	584	Prospect Ridge	424	D'Evelyn	624	Kent Denver	485
Sterling	524	Resurrection Christian	304	Faith Christian	393	Ridge View Academy	350
Brush	444	University	599	Middle Park	372	Englewood	547
Platte Valley	348	Berthoud	715	Denver West	642	Riverdale Ridge	525
<b>South (6)</b>		<b>West (6)</b>		<b>Southwest (6)</b>			
Elizabeth	676	Delta	574	Montezuma-Cortez	635		
The Classical Academy	653	Rifle	759	Alamosa	596		
Manitou Springs	450	Moffat County	582	Pagosa Springs	450		
Lamar	443	Coal Ridge	556	Gunnison	393		
La Junta	380	Aspen	547	Bayfield	379		
Woodland Park	767	Basalt	485	Salida	359		

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#### **Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

- The higher seeded team shall be the host in the first round. In subsequent rounds, the team with the fewest number of home games shall be the host. If equal, the following criteria will determine the host:
  - If opponents are from the same conference, the school with the higher conference standing in the regular season shall be the host.
  - If opponents are not from the same conference, the higher seed shall host.
- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 1A opponent would count as 2A points for a 2A team.

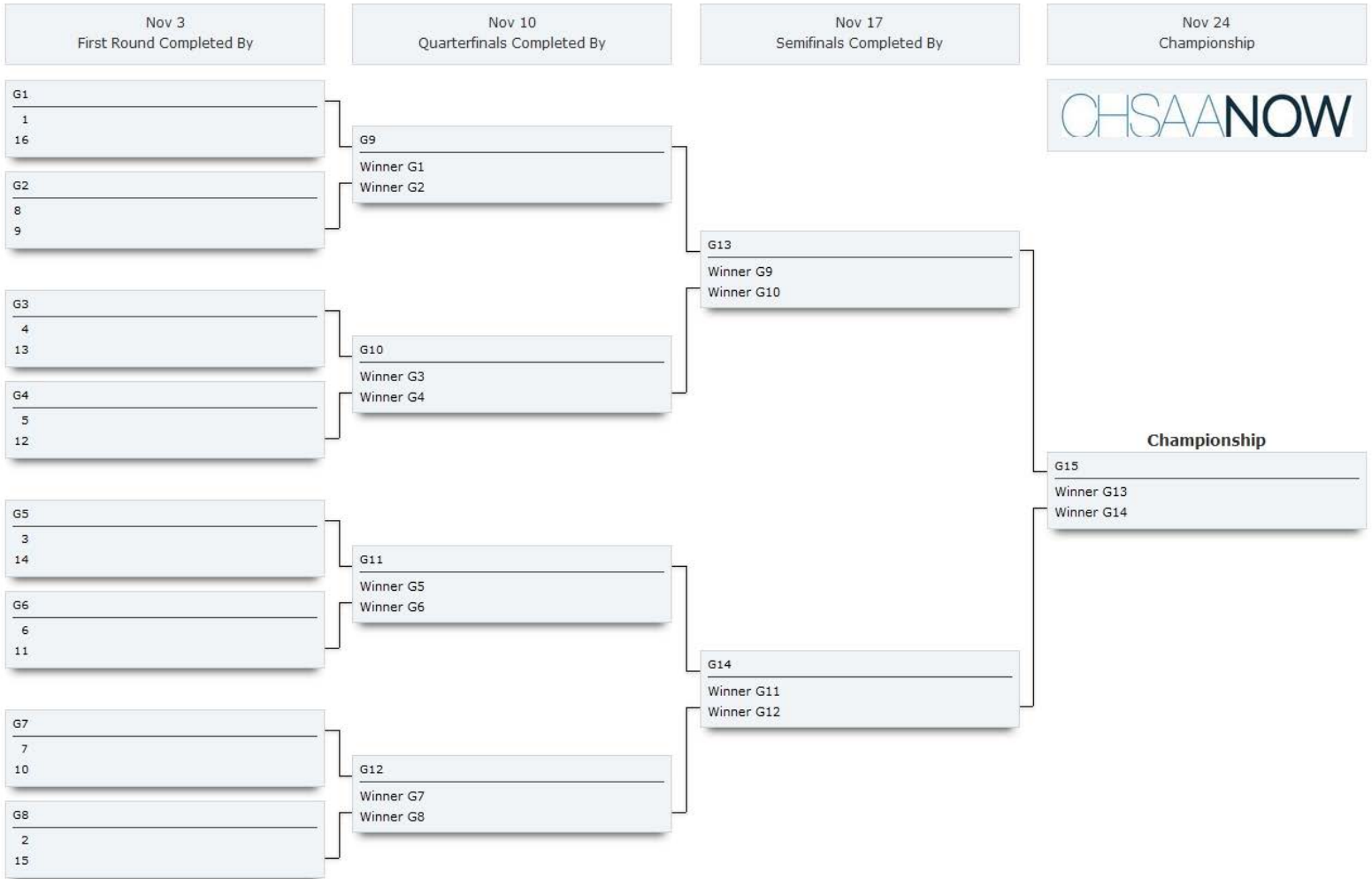
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**FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2018-2020 3A (42 schools):**

<b>CLASS 3A</b>							
<b>North Central 1 (6)</b>		<b>North Central 2 (6)</b>		<b>North Central 3 (6)</b>			
George Washington	1230	Mead	1115	Roosevelt	997		
Evergreen	1117	Holy Family	649	Erie	1154		
Conifer	870	Frederick	1013	Fort Morgan	907		
John F. Kennedy	1072	Denver North	1117	Northridge	1201		
Abraham Lincoln	973	Skyview	883	Thompson Valley	1165		
Green Mountain	1106	Northfield	788	Niwot	1204		
<b>Southern (6)</b>		<b>Southern 2 (6)</b>		<b>Southern 3 (6)</b>		<b>Central West (6)</b>	
Discovery Canyon	1136	Mitchell	1329	Pueblo Centennial	1194	Palisade	1051
Palmer Ridge	1185	Sand Creek	1207	Pueblo East	1087	Summit	978
Lewis-Palmer	1065	Falcon	1207	Pueblo South	1071	Battle Mountain	955
Lutheran	525	Harrison	994	Pueblo County	980	Glenwood Springs	947
Littleton	1217	Sierra	810	Pueblo Central	790	Eagle Valley	931
Thomas Jefferson	1082	Canon City	1076	Durango	1132	Steamboat Springs	829

**3A QUALIFYING FORMAT**

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**Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

- The State Championship game will be played at a neutral site determined by the CHSAA office.
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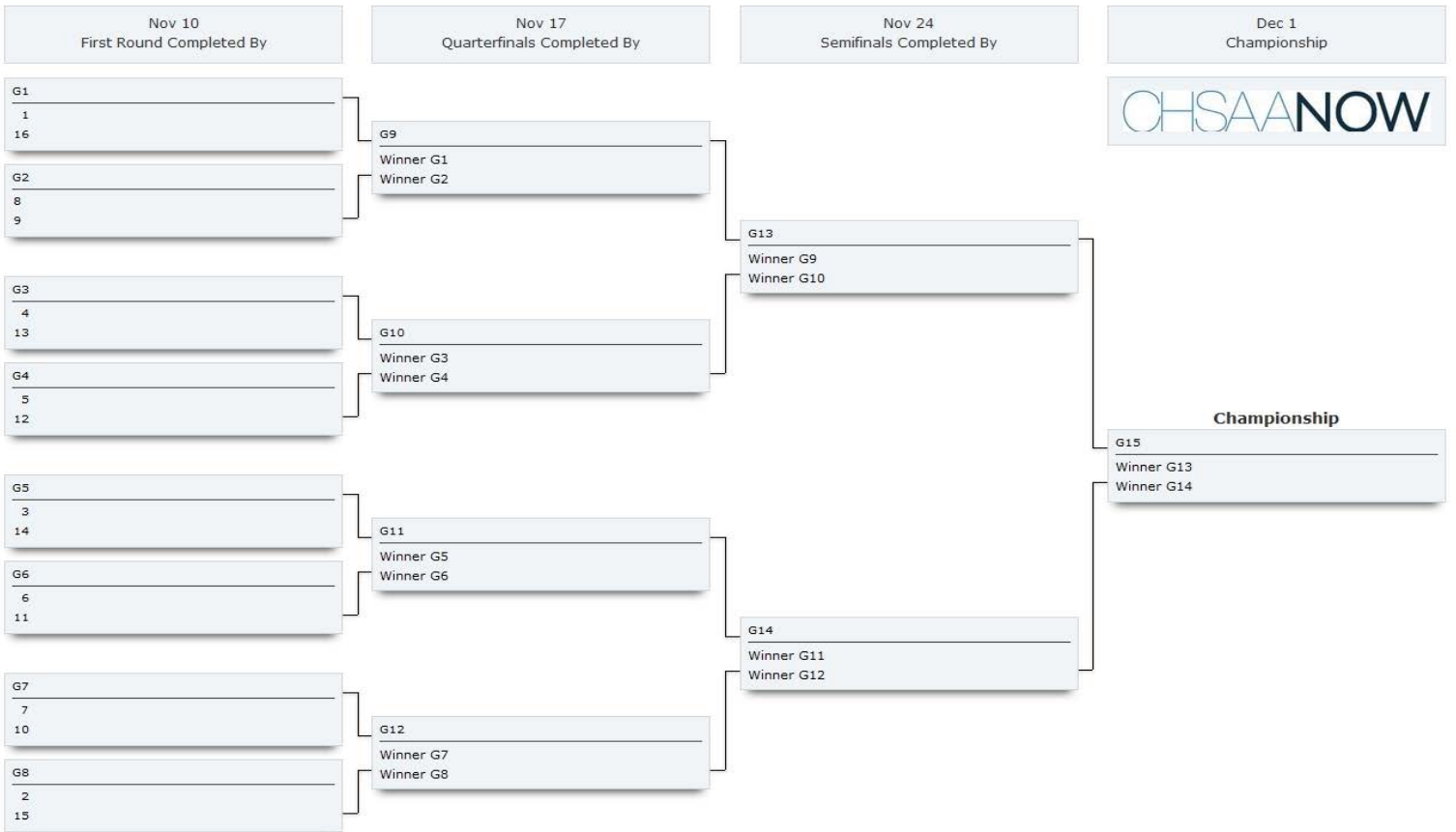
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Windsor	1485	Monarch	1714	Dakota Ridge	1530	Ponderosa	1349
Broomfield	1591	Loveland	1631	Wheat Ridge	1251	Denver South	1600
Greeley West	1628	Silver Creek	1359	Golden	1313	Aurora Central	1817
Longmont	1287	Skyline	1443	Chatfield	1770	Heritage	1712
Mountain View	1245	Fort Collins	1789	Bear Creek	1560	Gateway	1654
Brighton	1794	Greeley Central	1480	Grand Junction	1574	Montrose	1316
<b>Southern 1 (6)</b>		<b>Southern 2 (6)</b>		<b>Metro 3 (6)</b>			
Pine Creek	1590	Pueblo West	1391	Centaurus	1234		
Vista Ridge	1542	Air Academy	1354	Vista PEAK	1444		
Mesa Ridge	1290	Liberty	1621	Hinkley	2050		
Cheyenne Mountain	1255	Coronado	1369	Thornton	1699		
Palmer	1631	Rampart	1689	Standley Lake	1363		
Grand Junction Central	1520	Widefield	1358	Fruita Monument	1752		

**4A QUALIFYING FORMAT**

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#### **Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 3A opponent would count as 4A points for a 4A team.
- 4A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 3,500. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

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Fairview	2228	Arvada West	1750	Regis Jesuit	1800
Horizon	2037	Columbine	1698	Chaparral	2276
Legacy	2363	Lakewood	2120	Douglas County	1863
Fossil Ridge	1994	Pomona	1432	Legend	2119
Poudre	1825	Ralston Valley	1850	Fountain-Fort Carson	1865
Rocky Mountain	1970	Mullen	852	Doherty	2032
<b>Metro South (6)</b>		<b>Metro East (6)</b>		<b>10 (10)</b>	
Valor Christian	1094	Cherokee Trail	2953	Denver East	2644
Highlands Ranch	1742	Cherry Creek	3654	Smoky Hill	2079
Mountain Vista	2320	Eaglecrest	2820	Rangeview	2109
ThunderRidge	2072	Grandview	2781	Adams City	1847
Rock Canyon	2220	Overland	2375	Far Northeast	2964
Castle View	2155	Arapahoe	2155	Westminster	2350
				Boulder	2065
				Mountain Range	1989
				Prairie View	1880
				Northglenn	1921

**5A QUALIFYING FORMAT**

The seeding committee will be made up of 1 member from each conference. No coaches are permitted to serve on the committee. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

Six conference champions will receive an automatic bid onto the playoff bracket. The next 17 qualifiers will be determined by the final RPI rankings. The final bracket playoff spot will be an At-Large bid determined by the seeding committee. The seeding committee will use the following criteria to determine the At-Large bid in no particular order: RPI final standing, head to head, strength of schedule and common opponents.

The top 23 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings will be placed into the post-season bracket. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 23 based on RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 23.

The top eight seeded teams will receive a first-round bye, and host in the second-round of the playoff bracket. Teams seeded numbers 9-24 will play in the first round, with the higher seeded team hosting.

**Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)**

- The following criteria should be taken into consideration when seeding bracket, in no particular order: RPI, common opponents, strength of schedule and head to head competition.
- A conference champion in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be a top 8 seed and will host a first-round game.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 23 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket but will not be guaranteed a top 8 seed and will not be guaranteed to host a first-round game.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Geography will be a consideration in the first round.

**Seeding Procedure**

- Conference champions that are ranked in the top 24 of the final RPI rankings are placed on the board for consideration.
- The seeding committee will determine the #1 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #1 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. The seeding committee will then determine the #2 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #2 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. This process will be followed until all 24 teams are seeded.

**Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure**

- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 4A opponent would count as 5A points for a 5A team.
- Sub-varsity contests must be at the opposite site of the varsity contest.
- 5A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 5,000. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

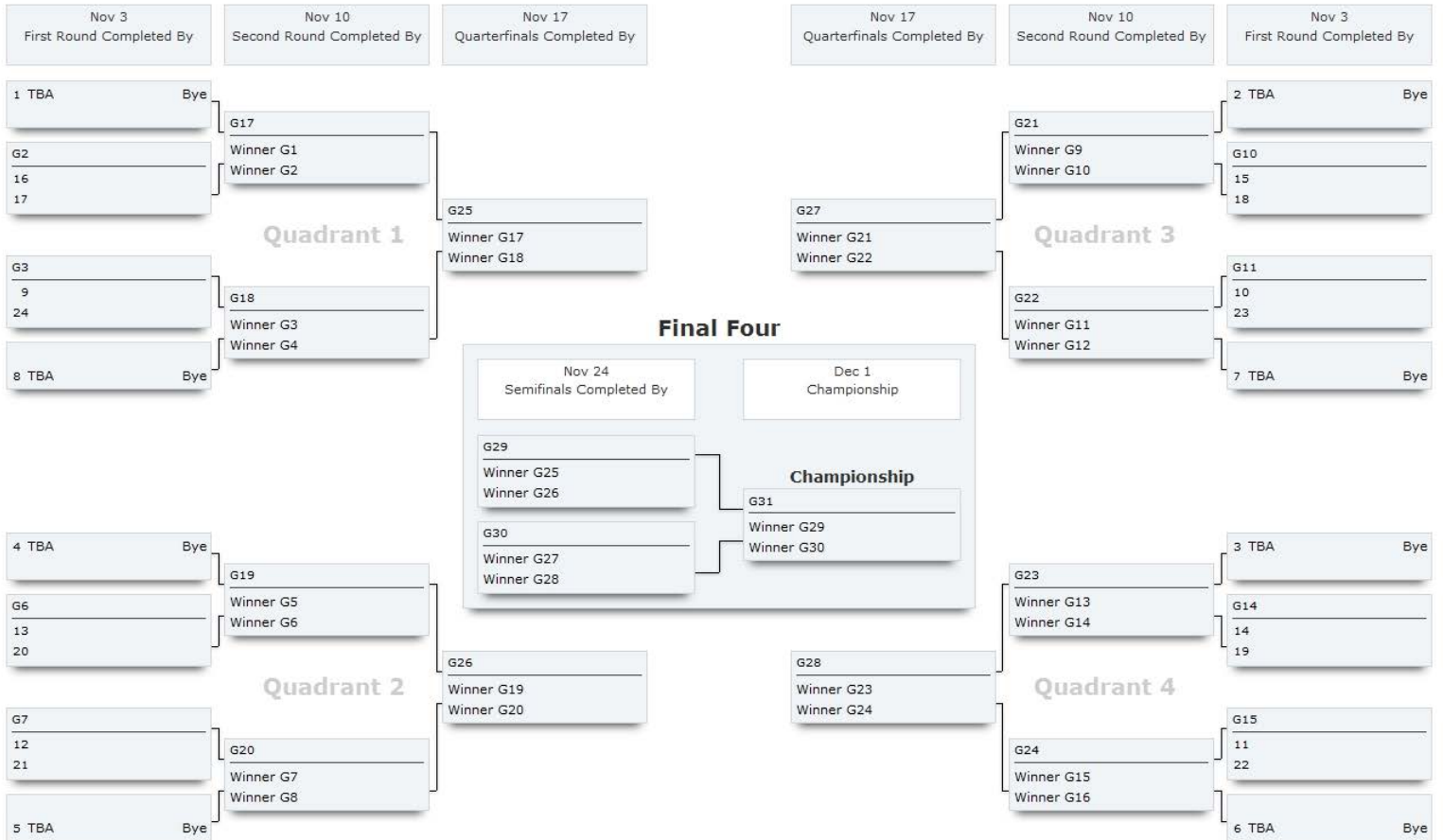
2018 5A BRACKET

2018 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 5A Football Playoffs

Location Various Cities, CO

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Home team is the higher seed in the first round.



**I. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):**

1. Forfeits:

- A. A team that wins because it is awarded a forfeit will count the game as a win for its season record. A team that loses because of a forfeit will count the game as a loss for its season record.
- B. If a school fails to field a team and does not play one game, each of its scheduled games shall be counted as no contest.
- C. If a school plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed in the RPI standings. If a non-conference game is canceled because a team discontinues its schedule, a school may reschedule another game during that week to replace the forfeit, or accept the forfeit.
- D. All games scheduled after the start of the season must be approved by the Commissioner to count in the RPI standings.

2. RPI Tie-breaker:

- A. If two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreaker shall be used (in the order listed):
  - 1) Head-to-head competition
  - 2) Winning percentage
  - 3) Opponents' winning percentage
  - 4) Opponents' opponents' winning percentage
  - 5) Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
  - 6) Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
  - 7) Coin flip
3. Teams playing an opponent twice will receive separate RPI points.
4. JV opponents will not accumulate Final RPI Standing points.
5. Enrollment for out-of-state schools will be equated to Colorado classifications.
6. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the RPI point system.
7. NO GAMES - conference or non-conference - WILL END IN A TIE. If the game is to be extended, the National Federation tiebreaker method (10-yard line) shall be used.

**I. PLAYOFF TIMES, SITES AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. It is the desire of the Association that schools mutually establish game times and dates which best accommodate the interests of each school and community.

NOTE: All mutually established game times and dates are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office. When mutual agreement for the game time and date cannot be reached the following statements will apply:

  - A. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 p.m. are preferred.
  - B. Semifinal games will be played on Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Exception: Semifinal games may be played on Friday, 7:00 p.m. if it is mutually agreed upon by both teams, if there is a facility conflict, or there is a television opportunity.
  - C. Thursday playoff games will be allowed through the quarterfinals if mutually agreed upon by both teams. If not agreed upon the preferred game times will be Friday at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

- D. When mutual agreement cannot be reached and travel distance is 150 miles or greater, then the game will be played on Saturday. Friday night will be considered a reasonable option if the distance is less than 150 miles.
  - E. Both home and visitor will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the scheduling process but more weight shall be given to the home team preference.
  - F. Six or seven days rest following the previous game shall be considered adequate and will not be a consideration when establishing the date.
  - G. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate game times, dates and sites, including weeks when a school district is hosting more than one game.
2. Stadium Arrangements – The Commissioner (or his designee) has the authority to select the site based on the adequacy of the seating, field conditions, etc. Minimum seating capacities have been established and can be found in the respective playoff format sections.
3. Playoff games shall not be postponed without the permission of the Commissioner (or his/her designee).
4. The Commissioner (or his/her designee) shall have the authority to select an alternate site in the event of poor playing conditions.
5. Determining sites for State Football Playoff Games (**ALL CLASSIFICATIONS**) - In the opening round of the state playoffs, the teams with the higher designation (No. 1 higher than No. 2) will host.  
The home team at each subsequent playoff game shall be that team which has had the fewer home games during the state playoffs. If both teams have had an equal number of home games, then:  
In Class **A6 & A8**, a coin flip will be conducted by the Commissioner to determine home site.  
In Class **1A/2A/3A/4A & 5A**, the team with the higher designation will host that game.  
**EXCEPTIONS:** in **2A**, the championship game will be played at a neutral site determined by the CHSAA office.  
In **3A**, the championship game will be played at neutral site determined by the CHSAA office.

For bracketing purposes, the team designated on the bracket or by a coin flip shall remain as the designated home team regardless of where the game is played.

Situation 1: Team A is designated the home team by a coin flip, but will not guarantee Team B's expenses. Team B guarantees A's expenses and hosts the game.

Ruling 1: For future site consideration, Team A has played a home game, while team B has been away.

Situation 2: Team A wins the coin flip, but chooses to travel to Team B.

Ruling 2: Team A has been home; Team B has been away.

Situation 3: Team A, designated as the home team, cannot meet the seating requirements and plays the game at Team B's field.

Ruling 3: Team A has been at home; Team B has been away.

Situation 4: Teams A and B agree to play at a neutral site.

Ruling 4: Home and visiting team must still be designated based on the criteria above.

6. State playoff officials for all classifications will be assigned by the CHSAA office.
7. For all playoff contests, there will be an exchange of the most recent two complete digitals. If one school films/videos and the other school does not, the upcoming opponent may secure a film from a previous opponent so that an exchange of digitals can be completed. The exchange must be consummated by 12:00 noon on Monday preceding the next contest. If distance is a factor, schools must use overnight mail to insure meeting the deadline.
8. A field to be used for any playoff game must have a field clock, or an extra official shall be hired in order that official time may be kept on the field by officials.
9. Five-person official crews will be used in all state playoff contests for football.
10. Regulation field for A8-Man is 40 x 100 yards with 15-yard side zones.
11. Mercy Rule:

In classes 8-man, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A and at all levels (all conference and non-conference games), when a 40-point differential exists at any time during the game a running clock shall be used for the remainder of the game regardless of whether the score drops back below the mercy rule differential. (In 6-man, the margin is 45 points). See the following procedures below:

The clock will not be stopped when:

1. The ball goes out-of-bounds.
2. A forward pass is incomplete.
3. A score or touchback occurs.
4. A fair catch is made or awarded.

The clock will be stopped when:

1. The period ends.
2. Charged or injury time out.

The mercy rule will not be used in any live televised championship games.

12. Equal Facilities (Field Phone)

If telephone facilities for both teams are provided as a standard practice (during the regular season) at a playoff site, then the same number of telephone facilities must be provided for both teams. This number must stay consistent throughout the contest. If one set of phones becomes inoperable during the contest, then neither team may use the phones initially provided. Teams are permitted to bring their own set of phones to a contest. These phones will be considered "extra" and are not under the procedure as outlined above.

The responsibility for notifying both teams of phone problems should belong to the referee.

If a school does not provide phone facilities to both teams as a standard practice (during the regular season), then it is up to each team, home or away, to provide its own phones. The home team will not be required to provide phones to the visiting team if it is not done during the regular season.

13. Warm-up Time

A minimum of 45 minutes should be allowed for each team for pre-game warm-up.

**III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. State Association Adoptions:

The NFHS rulebook (Table 1-7, pg 23) delegate's authority to the state associations for certain rules. The following shall apply in Colorado:

**1-1-4 Note** Determining the number of game officials – A6 = 4, A8 = 4 (5 preferred); 1A-5A = 5.

**1-3-2 Note** Mandating specific ball for all playoff competition – Any NFHS approved Wilson ball must be used for all playoff contests.

**1-3-7** Use of supplementary equipment – Authorized.

**1-5-1c4 Note** Commemorative Patches – Must be requested of CHSAA on a case-by-case basis.

**1-5-2d** Use of artificial limbs – Authorized.

**1-5-3b Note 1** Use of drum for deaf teams – Authorized.

**1-5-3b Note 2** Use of device to enhance a required hearing aid – Authorized.

**3-1-1** Procedure to resolve ties- NFHS overtime procedure.

**3-1-2** Mercy Rule – Running clock procedures are on p. 8 of the football handbook.

**3-1-4** Continuation of interrupted games – Subject to league policy.

**3-1-5 Note 2** Length of halftime intermission – Subject to league policy.

**3-2-1** Determining when coin toss is held – On the field, 3-5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

**3-5-7L** TV/radio timeouts are authorized when a game is broadcast.

**8-3-1 Exc & OT 5-1-1**– If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period or in overtime. The try is not attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.

**Rule 1** Size of A6 and A8 fields – 100 yards for 8-man; 80 yards for 6-man.

2. The football committee strongly recommends that coaches share film with officials following each contest in an educational effort to improve the game.
3. The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee reminds schools that in the case of extreme travel, teams can elect to establish a site more conducive to that travel for a playoff game. This does not, however, alleviate the home school of its responsibility as host.
4. The Wilson football has been the designated ball for the CHSAA playoffs and must be used in all playoff games.

5. It is strongly encouraged that leagues do not use a point differential as a tie-breaker in league standings. Having point differentials as part of the criteria has created hard feelings and unsporting acts, due to late scoring attempts in order to reach the maximum point differentials.
6. P. A. announcers shall remain neutral.
7. Schools should assign official's escorts to and from the locker rooms at halftime and at the conclusion of the game. Officials should never be escorted through spectators.

**VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Michael Krueger, Chair, Aurora Public Schools; Kenny Book, Genoa-Hugo; Mike Miller, Cheyenne Wells; Richard Hargrove, Springfield; Chris Brown, West Grand; Mike Schmidt, Platte Canyon; Troy Baker, Buena Vista; Scott Yates, Kent Denver; Zac Lemon, Eaton; Gregg Hawkins, Palisade; Scott Manchester, Canon City; Rob Berry, St. Vrain S.D.; Lyle Wright, Montrose; John Thompson, Smoky Hill; Chris Noll, Doherty