

SOFTBALL

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CR 24

Report No.

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. By Colorado state association adoption, a double first base is required. The base shall be one-or-two-piece unit, 15 inches by 30 inches and manufactured to be of equal height. The base in foul territory shall be a color other than white. Preferably orange. Rule 1-2-1
- B. Sportsmanship and speed up rule. If after five complete innings of play, a team is ahead by 10 runs the game will be declared official. If, after 4 ½ innings of play, the home team is ahead by 10 runs, the game will be declared official. (15 runs after 3, 12 runs after 4).

II. RATIONALE FOR EACH MAJOR CHANGE:

- A. A safety base is used for what the name implies. The batter must run through the base, leaving the other base for the defensive fielder to make a play on the ball.
- B. The number of runs scored during a contest has been lowered to encourage good sportsmanship.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. The base shall be a one-or-two-piece unit, and cost will vary depending on quality.
- B. None

IV. DATES:

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

2019

First Practice – NFHS Calendar Week 6.....Monday, August 12
 3A, 4A, 5A Regular season games completed by..... Saturday, October 12
 3A, 4A, 5A Regional Tournament..... Saturday, October 19
 3A, 4A, 5A State Tournament.....Friday-Saturday, October 25-26

2020

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 3A, 4A, 5A Regional Tournament.....October 17
 3A, 4A, 5A State Tournament.....October 23-24

V. QUALIFYING FORMAT AND CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CLASS:**A. Class 3A (Enrollment: 1-618) 37 Teams – 24 Teams Qualify for the Regional Tournament – District Champions and District runners-up (see notes below) are Automatic Qualifiers on the Regional Bracket**

<u>District 1 (6)</u>	<u>District 2 (8)</u>	<u>District 3 (8)</u>
Academy (The) – 567	Alamosa – 596	Brush – 444
Faith Christian – 393	Dolores Huerta – 206	Eaton – 545
Jefferson – 407	Florence – 347	Lyons – 227
Peak to Peak – 589	James Irwin – 426	Platte Valley – 348
Platte Canyon – 263	La Junta – 380	Sterling – 524
Sheridan – 346	Lamar – 443	Strasburg – 314
	Rocky Ford – 227	University – 599
	St. Mary's – 251	Valley – 584
<u>District 4 (6)</u>	<u>District 5 (7)</u>	<u>Colorado (2)</u>
Akron – 90	Aspen – 547	Ft. Lupton – 619
Burlington – 227	Basalt – 485	Riverdale Ridge – 525
Holyoke – 164	Cedaredge – 298	
Limon – 135	Delta – 574	
Wray – 171	Gunnison – 393	<u>Independent (1)</u>
Yuma – 224	Meeker – 198	% Strive Prep-Smart – 486
	**Montezuma-Cortez -- 635	
Resurrection Christian – JV only		
**= Place down		
% = Not eligible for post season		

The Regional Tournament will be scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019. The number of 3A Regional qualifying teams will be a total of twenty-four (24) teams. The qualifiers for the Regional Tournament will be: Five (5) Regular Season District Champions; five (5) Regular Season District Runner-up teams; fourteen (14) RPI teams for a total of 24 total teams. All Regular Season District Champions (5) plus (3) RPI teams^ will serve as host sites for the Regional Tournament.

^The 3 RPI hosts will be selected based on the final Rating Percentage Index rankings.

-The Colorado league schools may qualify into the Regional Tournament if they are ranked in the top 24 of the final Rating Percentage Index. An automatic qualifier not ranked in the top 24 may supersede a top 24 RPI ranked team from the bracket. Note: Teams that participate in a Multi-Class District/League may earn an automatic berth on the playoff bracket by placing first in their district/league.

The higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament host sites must have one adequate field with a fence at a dimension of the NFHS recommended 200-220 feet.

1. The District Champion will be the host team but is not guaranteed the highest seed in the Region; teams will be seeded using the following criteria that is listed in no particular order; RPI, geography, league finish, strength of schedule, overall record and head-to-head. 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 up or down to help with geography, competitive balance and to avoid league match-ups in the first round of the Regional Tournament.
2. District Champions will be guaranteed a top 12 seed in the Regional Tournament which will allow them to play as a host site.
3. Two teams from each regional will qualify for the State Tournament field of sixteen (16).
4. Regional Champions are guaranteed a top 8 seed at the State Tournament; the state tournament will be re-seeded following the completion of the Regional Tournament. The committee will use the same criteria as regional seeding. Committee may also move teams up or down to attempt to avoid playing the same team from the Regional Tournament in the first round of the state tournament.
5. Teams must play a minimum of 17 regular season games to be considered for Regional play. Inclement weather or catastrophe will be viewed as a reason not to be able to complete the required 17 game varsity schedule.

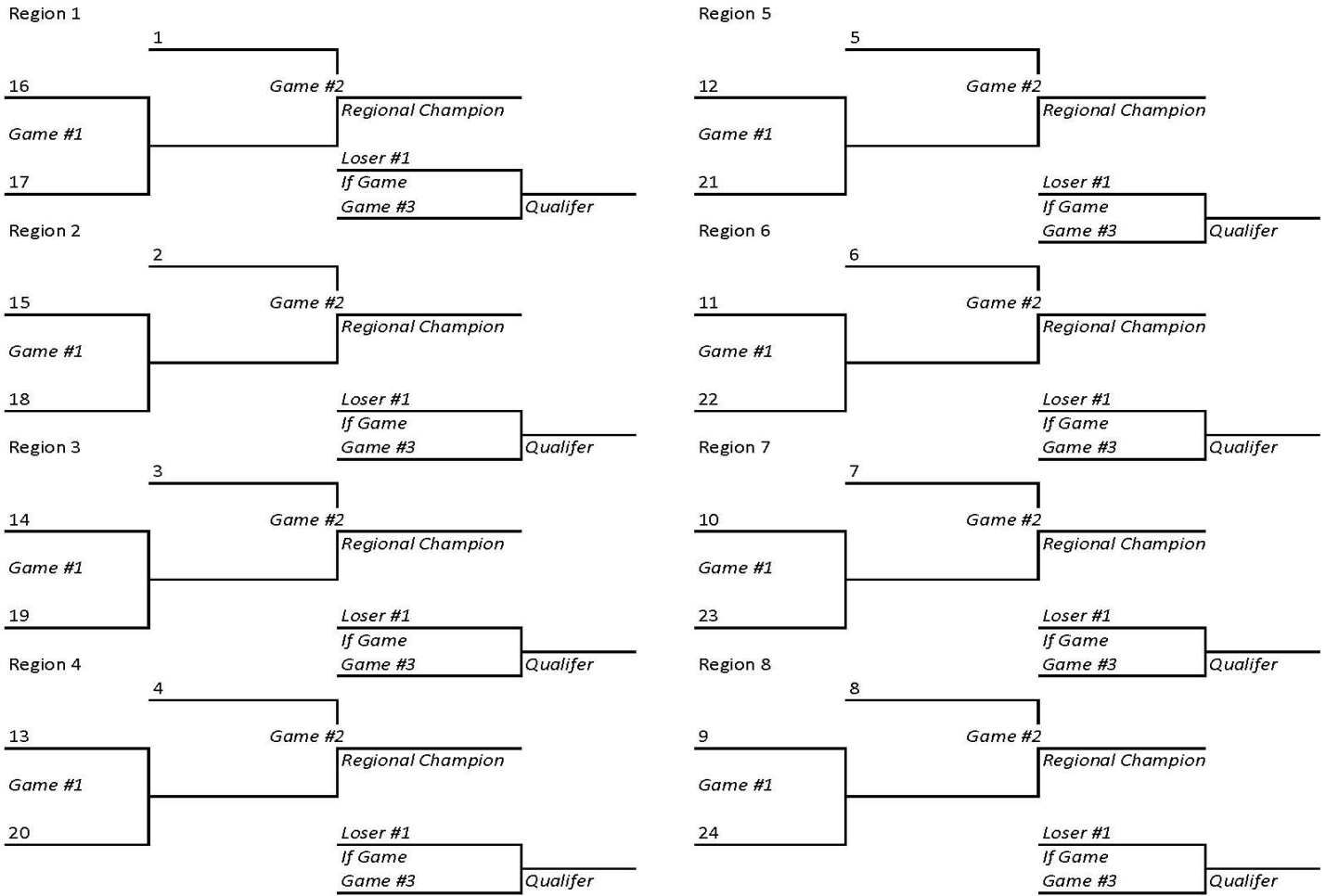
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2019 3A REGIONAL BRACKET – October 19, 2019



1. The Regional Champions (8) are guaranteed to receive a seed of numbers 1 through 8 for the State Tournament.

2. Preferred Game times for Regional Bracket: Use of 1 field for play.

Game #1-10:00am Game #2-12:15pm Game #3-2:30pm (If Game)

3. The "If Game" (Game #3) will only be played if the higher seeded team "Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8" loses game #2. The winner of game #2 and game #3 will then be the state qualifiers.

4. If the higher seeded team "Seeds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8" wins game #2, game #3 will not be played and the two participants in game #2 will be the state qualifiers.

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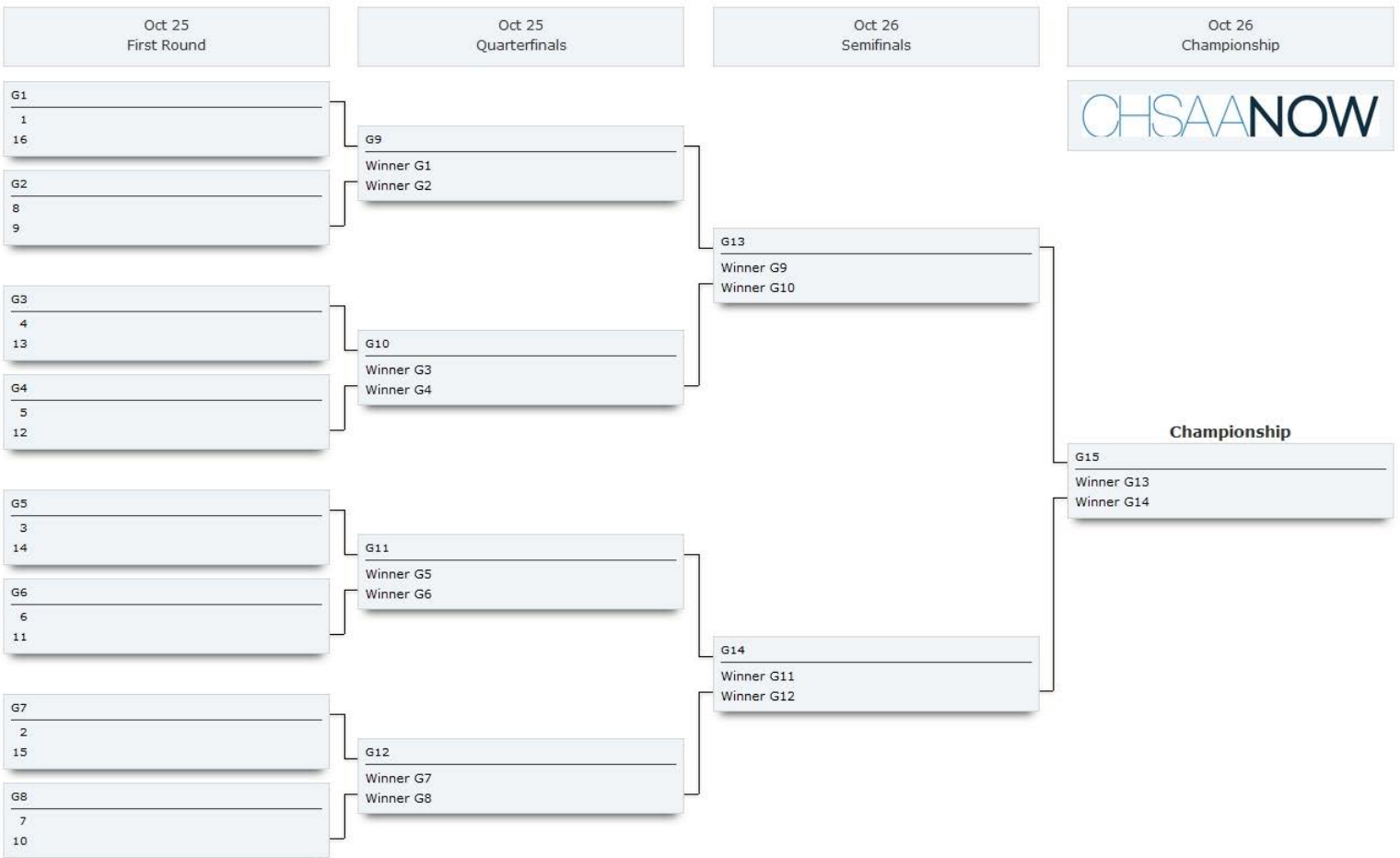
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B. Class 4A (Enrollment: 619-1391) 65 Teams – 32 Qualifiers for the Regional Tournament – League Champions (see notes below) are Automatic Qualifiers to the Regional Bracket

<u>Colorado (7)</u>	<u>CSML 4A (9)</u>	<u>Denver (7)</u>	<u>Jefferson County (6)</u>
<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>2 Qualifiers</i>
Alameda Int'l – 800	Canon City – 1076	Abraham Lincoln – 973	D'Evelyn – 624
Arvada – 822	Classical Academy – 653	Denver North – 1119	Evergreen – 1117
*Boulder – 2065	Elizabeth – 676	Denver West – 642	Golden – 1313
Conifer – 870	Harrison – 994	G. Washington – 1230	Green Mountain – 1106
Englewood/SMA - 857	Mesa Ridge – 1290	JF Kennedy – 1072	Standley Lake – 1363
Skyview – 883	Mitchell – 1329	Northfield -- 788	Wheat Ridge – 1251
Weld Central -- 670	Sierra – 810	T. Jefferson – 1082	
	Widefield – 1358		
	Woodland Park – 767		
<u>Northern (8)</u>	<u>Pikes Peak (7)</u>	<u>South Central (6)</u>	<u>South Western (2)</u>
<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>1 Qualifier</i>
Centaurus – 1234	Air Academy – 1354	P. Centennial – 1194	Durango – 1132
**Greeley Central – 1480	Cheyenne Mtn. – 1255	Pueblo Central – 790	Montrose – 1316
Longmont – 1287	Discovery Canyon – 1136	Pueblo County – 980	
Mountain View – 1245	Falcon – 1207	Pueblo East – 1087	
Niwot – 1204	Lewis-Palmer – 1065	Pueblo South – 1071	
Northridge – 1201	Palmer Ridge – 1185	Pueblo West – 1391	
Silver Creek – 1359	Sand Creek – 1207		
Th. Valley – 1165			
<u>Tri-Valley (7)</u>	<u>Western Slope (3)</u>	<u>Centennial (1)</u>	<u>Continental (1)</u>
<i>2 Qualifiers</i>	<i>1 Qualifier</i>	Mullen – 852	Ponderosa – 1349
Berthoud – 715	Eagle Valley – 931		
Erie – 1154	Palisade – 1051		
Frederick – 1013	Rifle – 759	<u>CSML 5A (1)</u>	
Holy Family – 649		Coronado – 1369	
Mead – 1115			
Roosevelt – 997			
**Skyline – 1443			
* <i>Approved Reclassification (AR)</i>			
**= Place down			

Softball Committee Report

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The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each 4A league. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

In the 4A classification, leagues listed with 2-5 teams will receive one (1) automatic qualifier to the Regional Tournament bracket and leagues listed with 6 or more teams will receive two (2) automatic qualifiers to the Regional Tournament Bracket. Vista Ridge & Windsor being the only team in their league (5A) will have the opportunity to qualify for the Regional Bracket through the final RPI ranking. The automatic qualifying numbers will be listed below the league name in the bulletin.

Multi-Class League Qualifiers – (Mullen and Ponderosa) An RPI Bid for Multi-Class Leagues can be selected by the seeding meeting utilizing the final RPI rankings. The seeding committee will utilize the same criteria listed for the tournament selection below. If a 4A team is awarded first place in a 5A Multi-Class League, the 4A team shall be placed on the 4A bracket (automatic qualifier) and the 5A league will receive the number of automatic qualifiers listed in the Softball Bulletin.

The Regional Tournament seeding committee shall select and place teams on the 4A bracket by establishing the teams and the bracket seeding based on the following criteria:

- 4A Automatic Qualifiers - 18 (eighteen) Automatic Qualifiers with 14 (fourteen) RPI Bids to be determined by the seeding committee utilizing the final Rating Percentage Index.

- RPI teams will be selected using Final RPI Rankings. Teams will be selected and placed on the tournament bracket by the seeding committee during the Seeding Committee Meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019.

- The RPI ranking system will be utilized by the seeding committee as the data tool for the purpose of selecting the playoff bracket teams.

- The final RPI teams listed #1-16 will be seeded on the playoff bracket as they are listed in the rankings for the 4A/5A classification. The seeding committee will review the teams listed #17-32 and can adjust teams taking geography and potential league match-ups in the first round of Regional play.

- In classifications where an automatic qualifier does not appear in the top thirty-two (32) final RPI ranking, the automatic qualifier will supersede the final RPI ranking.

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

- The final RPI rankings published on the Monday of the seeding committee meeting will be the primary seeding consideration.

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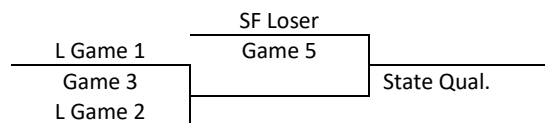
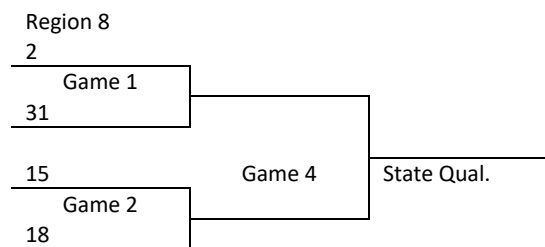
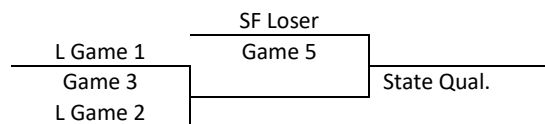
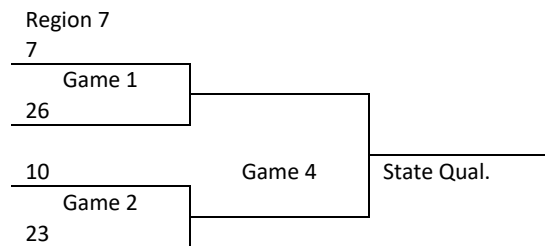
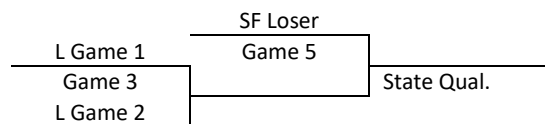
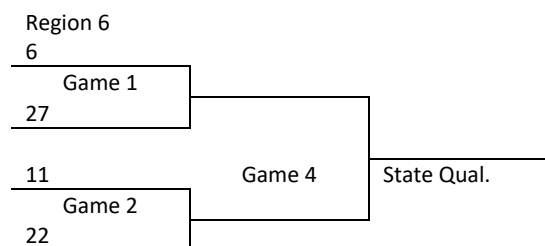
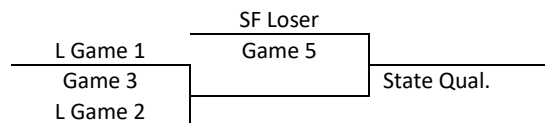
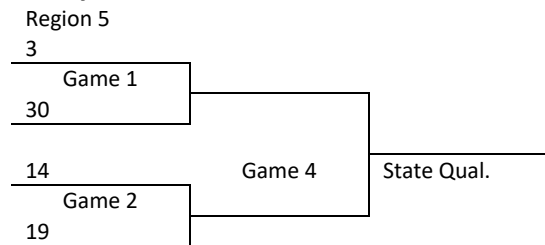
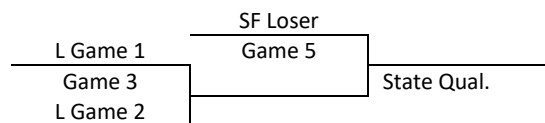
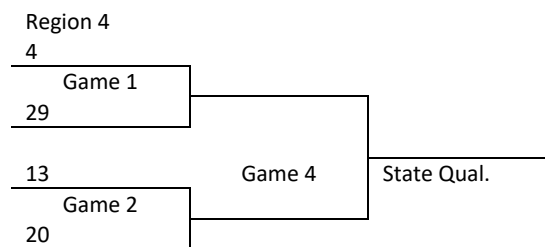
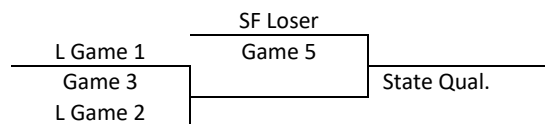
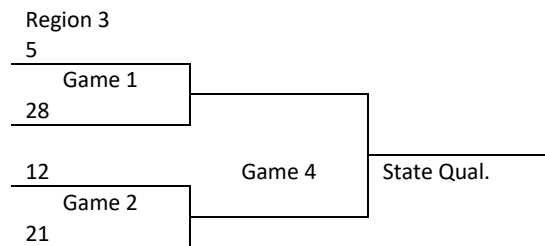
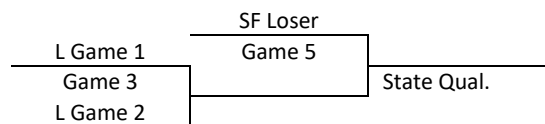
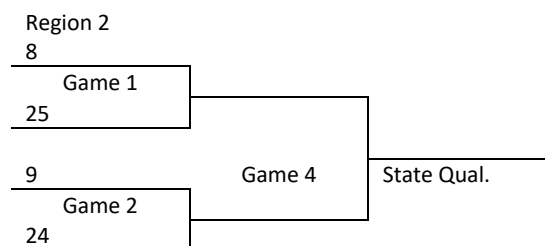
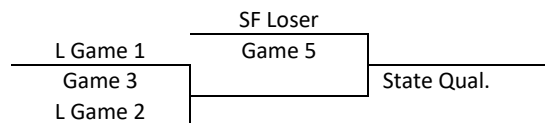
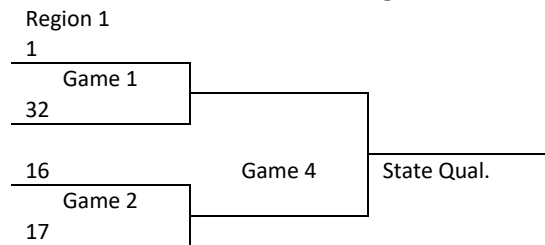
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Class 4A Regional Softball Brackets – Saturday, October 19, 2019



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Cherry Creek – 3654	Douglas County – 1863	Liberty – 1621	Denver South – 1600
Eaglecrest – 2820	Heritage – 1712	Palmer – 1631	
Grandview – 2781	Highlands Ranch – 1742	Pine Creek – 1590	
Overland – 2375	Legend – 2119	Rampart – 1689	
Smoky Hill – 2079	Mountain Vista – 2320		
	Regis Jesuit – 1446		
	Rock Canyon – 2220		
	ThunderRidge – 2072		
<u>EMAC (10)</u>	<u>Front Range (12)</u>	<u>Jefferson County (9)</u>	<u>South Western (3)</u>
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Adams City – 1847	Broomfield – 1591	Arvada West – 1750	Central (GJ) – 1520
Aurora Central – 1914	Fairview – 2228	Bear Creek – 1560	Fruita Monument – 1752
Brighton – 1794	Ft. Collins – 1789	Chatfield – 1770	Grand Junction – 1574
Hinkley/Gateway – 2050	Fossil Ridge – 1994	Columbine – 1698	
Northglenn – 1921	Greeley West – 1628	Dakota Ridge – 1530	
Prairie View – 1880	Horizon – 2037	Lakewood – 2120	
Rangeview – 2109	Legacy – 2363	Pomona – 1432	<u>PPAC (1)</u>
Thornton – 1699	Loveland – 1631	Ralston Valley – 1850	Vista Ridge – 1542
Vista Peak – 1444	Monarch – 1714	Valor Christian – 1094	
Westminster – 2350	Mountain Range – 1989		<u>Tri-Valley (1)</u>
	Poudre – 1825		Windsor – 1485
	Rocky Mountain – 1970		

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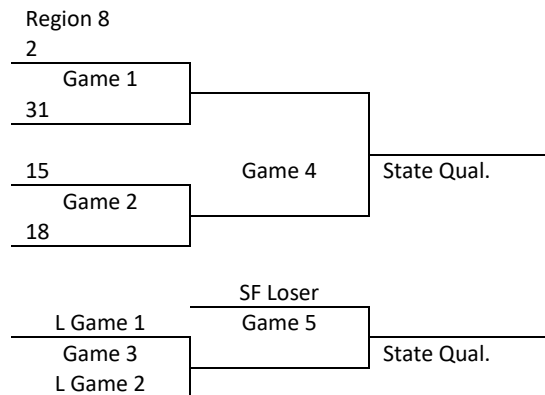
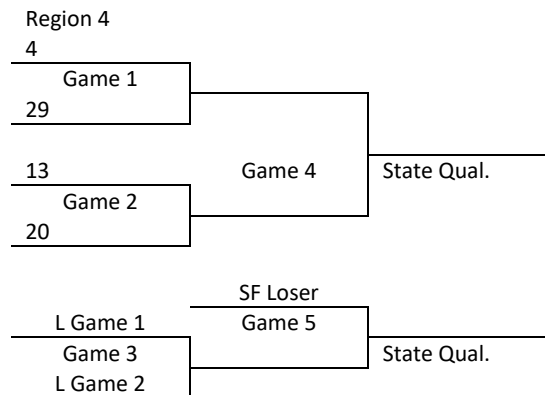
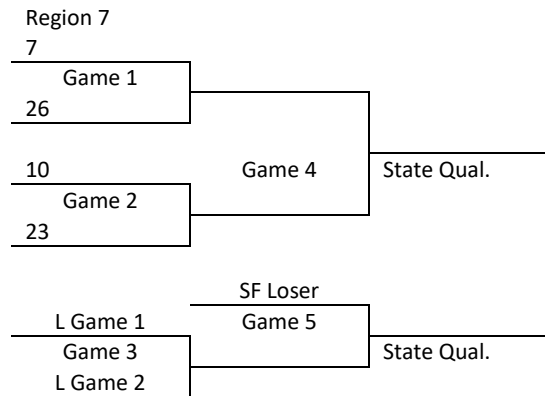
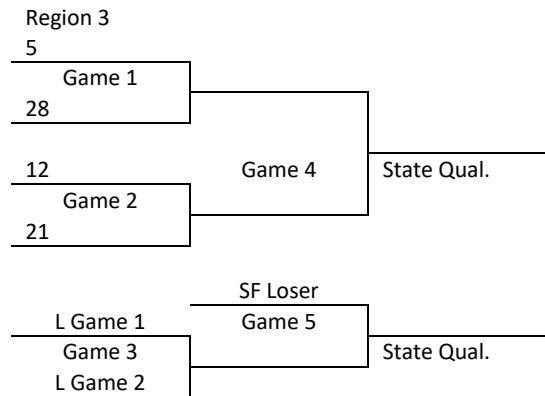
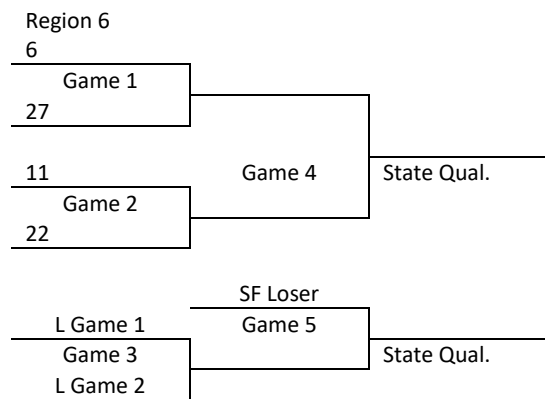
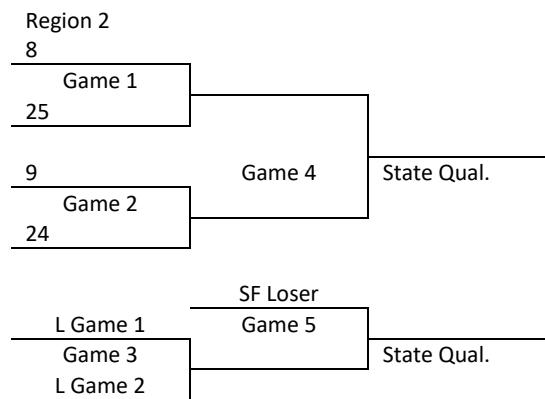
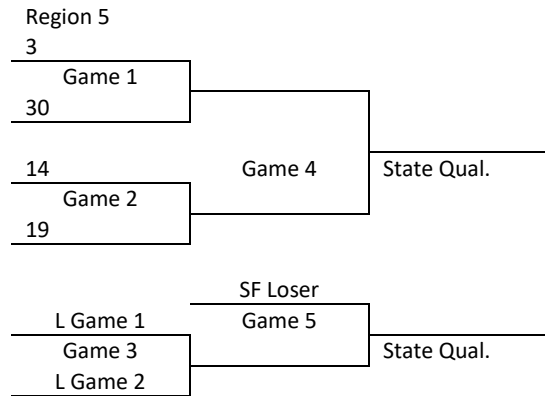
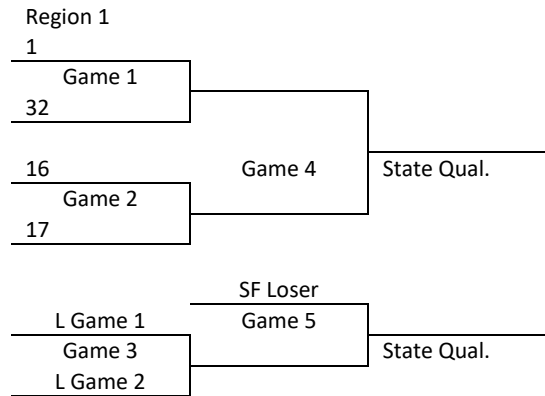
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VI. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):

- 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 3, 12 after 4) 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 - 17 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 for regular and post-season games; the game shall be resumed from the point of suspension.
- D. The 4A, 5A regional tournaments are a modified double elimination. The state tournament for the 3A/4A and 5A classifications is a single elimination tournament. Class 3A regional tournament (24 teams) will provide 16 qualifiers to the state tournament. Classes 4A and 5A will qualify 32 teams to the regional tournament on Saturday, October 19, 2019, with 16 advancing to the state tournament. The regional tournament brackets will be seeded by the tournament seeding committee on Monday, October 14, 2019. The 16 teams qualifying for the state tournament in the 4A and 5A classifications along with 16 teams qualifying in the 3A classification will be re-seeded using the seeding criteria listed in the Softball Bulletin on Monday, October 21, 2019, for the state tournament. NOTE: Those schools that play host to the Regional Tournaments in 3A/4A and 5A will have the financial obligations including (but not limited to): Umpires; rental of facilities; site workers; One (1) dozen Wilson A9011 game balls; security and insurance.
- E. The Board of Directors have requested that every regional site, carry insurance coverage provided by the CHSAA office. Therefore, if you are hosting (fields are off site from your school) we will be requesting the location and contact for the additional insured for the certification of insurance. We will need this information immediately after a location is determined. This certificate of insurance will be processed through our office and will be kept on file at the CHSAA office. Just to be clear this is additional insurance that the CHSAA will be providing to cover the regional site.
- F. 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.

- G. The Regional Tournament will be scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019. The number of 3A Regional qualifying teams are listed within the report as twenty-four (24) along with 4A/5A Regional qualifying teams are thirty-two (32).
- H. During the Regional and State Tournaments – both teams (home/visitors) can play music during pre-game only, NO walk-up music is allowed for Regional or State Tournament games. All music played during pre-game must show a copyright supported by the school administration or NFHS.
- I. Warm-up areas at the State Tournament (Aurora Sports Park) – All team warm-ups prior to the 12:15 first round games and the 2:30 quarterfinal games will take place on fields marked 40-45. No team warm-ups for the 12:15 first round games and the 2:30 quarterfinal games will take place in the complex in the areas behind the outfield fence nor greenbelt areas.
- J. Each team qualifying for the State Tournament is required to have an Official Scorekeeper (home/visitor) for each game. The home and visitor official scorekeeper will be seated in the press box for each game and their name placed on the team's gate list for entrance into the tournament.

4A/5A REGIONAL HOST SITE CRITERIA

- **Tier 1 – Recreational City/Parks Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.
- **Tier 2 – School District Complex** – A complex that follows the bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is approved by the CHSAA Office.
- **Tier 3 – School Complex** – A complex that meets the criteria of a sports complex and follows bulletin playoff host responsibilities criteria and is in close proximity and is approved by the CHSAA Office will be considered at a final resort.

Host schools must begin at Tier 1, if not accessible then move to Tier 2, if no School District Complex is available, move to Tier 3. Schools must follow the criteria written by the softball committee in order to be named a Regional Host Site. All steps must be approved by the CHSAA Office on/before Monday, October 14, 2019.

The following criteria must be met in order to host a 4A or 5A Regional Tournament.

- The site must have two (2) fields for play
 - The site must be able to charge a gate admission
 - **One (1) dozen Wilson A9011 game balls must be provided by the host school and one (1) dozen game balls will be provided by CHSAA.**
 - The outfield fence on both fields should be set at the NFHS recommended 200-220 ft. (Exceptions can be made if necessary, CHSAA Office approval required)
 - The host site must have all game related materials submitted to the CHSAA Office on Monday, October 14, 2019.
 - Game times for Regional Tournaments remain: 10:00; 12:15; and 2:30.
- A. The Wilson Optic Yellow Softball A9011 is the official ball and will be used at all levels of the Regional and State Playoff Bracket.
 - B. 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 “End of the Regular Season” date listed on the CHSAA Sports Calendar. This will enable teams the opportunity to complete regular season scheduled play with postponements due to inclement weather.
 - C. The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) Rankings will be published the Monday of the seeding committee meeting. This tool will be the primary seeding consideration.
 - D. In the event that two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreakers shall be used:
 - Head-to-head competition
 - Winning percentage
 - Opponents’ winning percentage
 - Opponents’ opponents’ winning percentage
 - Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
 - Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
 - Coin flip

VII. 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 sub-varsity tournament use only. A double first base (safe base) is required for all levels of play. Speed up rule is in place during the regular and post-season play (10 runs after 5 innings; 15-runs after 3 innings and 12-runs after 4 innings). Protests are not allowed as listed in the NFHS Rules Book. Once the game begins, the umpire along with the site manager will determine if the weather or ground conditions are unfit/fit for play. After 30 minutes, the umpire may declare the game suspended. The suspended game will resume and continue from the point of interruption.
- B. CHSSUA President – Jeff Modellmog, CHSSUA President Elect addressed the committee and stated a 3% increase in officials but in all reality, he believes it was down. As an official's association and incoming president, he would like to have a 10% gain. Continue to work on recruitment. Work with the schools. Evaluations from coaches and on each other are low. Teaching umpires to not take things personally. Modellmog just wants to make the sport better for everyone. Open to all suggestions. Woodard (Strasburg HS), mentioned they are looking at starting a class at their school. Santarelli (Pomona HS), mentioned they got baseball players to do the lower level games and did a great job. Modellmog, working with baseball official's association more to get both to work together to help both programs. Leslie DiLorenzo (Gunnison HS) stated that job fairs at colleges are a great place to start.
- C. CCGS Report, President Khara West -- West introduced herself to committee and what CCGS is and how they recognize senior softball players. Had 100% participation from 3A and 5A and 4A missing only Jeffco & CSML ballots. Goal is the representation of the whole state and the only requirement is that they are a senior. 200 nominated and recognized 76. Need to put more pressure on high school coach to get this done and help the athlete to respond. Wants to get the girls recognized and wants to get more and more college coaches to the game see the girls from around the state. Talked about how she appreciates all the help from all areas of the game.
- D. CHSCA Report, President Mark Roberts – Roberts was unable to attend so Kristen Shirk gave CHSCA report to committee. All State game is June 4-5, 2019. Only players who play for CHSCA member head coaches are eligible to play in game. New policy this season. Hoping this will put more accountability to attend the game. CHSCA Softball memberships have increased this year among 4A and 5A head coaches adding 18 more coaches to those classifications since mid-September. Not a single coach in 3A joined this season. But overall pleased with the growing membership.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Steve Longwell (Eaton), Chair; Mike Santarelli, (Pomona); Jeremy McCormick, (Delta); Michelle Woodard, (Strasburg) David Craddock, (Pueblo Centennial); Andy Parks, (Rampart); Yvette Hendrian, (Eaglecrest); Steve Biller (Elizabeth); Tammy Ridennoure (Rocky Ford)