

***CLASSIFICATION***  
***AND***  
***CULMINATING EVENT***  
***STRUCTURE***  
***FOR***  
***2016-17 AND 2017-18***



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2016-17 AND 2017-18 SPORTS CLASSIFICATIONS

Two administrative districts are allowed to combine and hold a regional tournament to determine their qualifiers to the State Culminating Event. This can be done by class and by sport. The number of state qualifiers will not exceed the combined total for both of their original allotments.

The Opt Up Rule allows a school to petition the WHSAA Board to move up in a sport for the two years of the reclassification cycle. This must be done before the November Board Meeting of the year that the reclassification cycle is finalized.

*BASKETBALL, TRACK, AND VOLLEYBALL*

The WHSAA recognizes four classifications in volleyball, basketball, and track. The schools with the twelve largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next largest sixteen shall be 3A, the next largest twenty shall be 2A, and the remaining schools shall be 1A.

**CLASS 1A**

**1A WEST**

Burlington  
Cokeville  
Dubois  
Encampment  
Farson-Eden  
Little Snake River  
Meeteetse  
Saratoga  
St. Stephens  
Ten Sleep

**1A EAST**

Arvada-Clearmont  
Chugwater  
Glendo  
Guernsey-Sunrise  
H.E.M.  
Hulett  
Kaycee  
Lingle-Ft. Laramie  
Midwest  
NSI Academy  
Rock River

**1A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held in basketball and volleyball with four teams from each regional advancing to the state tournament. In track, the top eight individual qualifiers and the top four relay teams will advance to the state meet from each regional meet, in addition to those individuals that have met the qualifying standard at WHSAA approved track meets.

## CLASS 2A

### 2A WEST

Big Piney

Greybull

Kemmerer

Lovell

Riverside

Rocky Mountain

Shoshoni

Wind River

Wyoming Indian

### 2A EAST

Big Horn

Burns

Glenrock

Moorcroft

Niobrara County

Pine Bluffs

Southeast

Sundance

Tongue River

Upton

Wright

### 2A Culminating Event Structure

Two regional tournaments will be held in basketball and volleyball with four teams from each regional advancing to the state tournament. In track, the top eight individual qualifiers and the top four relay teams will advance to the state meet from each regional meet, in addition to those individuals that have met the qualifying standard at WHSAA approved track meets.

## **CLASS 3A**

### **3A WEST**

**Cody  
Lander  
Lyman  
Mountain View**

**Pinedale  
Powell  
Riverton  
Star Valley**

### **3A EAST**

**Buffalo  
Douglas  
Newcastle  
Rawlins**

**Thermopolis  
Torrington  
Wheatland  
Worland**

### **3A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held in basketball and volleyball with four teams from each regional advancing to the state tournament. In track, the top eight individual qualifiers and the top four relay teams will advance to the state meet from each regional meet, in addition to those individuals that have met the qualifying standard at WHSAA approved track meets.

## **CLASS 4A**

### **4A WEST**

**Casper Kelly Walsh  
Casper Natrona  
Evanston**

**Green River  
Jackson  
Rock Springs**

### **4A EAST**

**Campbell County  
Cheyenne Central  
Cheyenne East**

**Cheyenne South  
Laramie  
Sheridan**

### **4A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held with the top four teams from each regional advancing to the state tournament. In track, the top eight individual qualifiers and the top four relay teams will advance to the state meet from each regional, in addition to those individuals and relay teams that have met the qualifying standard at WHSAA approved track meets.

## ***CROSS COUNTRY***

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for cross country with 4A & 3A schools participating in the same classification as they compete in volleyball, basketball, and track; 2A and 1A schools shall comprise the 2A classification. Each member school is permitted one boys team and one girls team at the state meet.

## ***GOLF***

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for boys and girls golf with 4A & 3A schools participating in the same classification as they compete in volleyball, basketball, and track; 2A, and 1A schools shall comprise the 2A classification. Each member school may enter one boys team and one girls team at the state meet.

## ***NORDIC AND ALPINE SKIING***

The WHSAA recognizes one classification in nordic skiing and one classification in alpine skiing.

## ***SWIMMING***

The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in swimming with 4A schools participating in the same classification as they compete in volleyball, basketball, and track; 3A, 2A, and 1A schools shall comprise the 3A classification. Participants qualify to the state meet when they meet the qualifying standards established by the WHSAA. Each member school may enter one team in each relay at the state meet.

## ***TENNIS***

The WHSAA recognizes one classification in tennis.

## ***SOCCKER***

The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in soccer with 4A schools participating in the same classification as they compete in volleyball, basketball and track; 3A, 2A and 1A schools shall comprise the 3A classification.

### **CLASS 3A**

#### **3A NORTHWEST**

**Cody  
Powell  
Worland**

#### **3A SOUTHWEST**

**Pinedale  
Riverton  
Star Valley**

#### **3A NORTHEAST**

**Buffalo  
Douglas  
Newcastle**

#### **3A SOUTHEAST**

**Lander  
Rawlins  
Torrington**

#### **3A Culminating Event Structure**

The top 8 teams will advance to the state tournament. The number 1 seeds from each quadrant will automatically qualify for the state tournament. The number 2 seeds will play the number 3 seeds in qualifying matches as follows:

**#2 NE vs. #3 NW; #2 SW vs. #3 SE; #2 SE vs. #3 SW; #2 NW vs. #3 NE**

The winners of the qualifying matches will be placed on the state bracket as shown in Rule 7.11.46.

### **CLASS 4A**

#### **4A WEST**

**Casper Kelly Walsh  
Casper Natrona  
Evanston**

**Green River  
Jackson  
Rock Springs**

#### **4A EAST**

**Campbell County  
Cheyenne Central  
Cheyenne East**

**Cheyenne South  
Laramie  
Sheridan**

#### **4A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held with the top four teams from each regional advancing to the state tournament.

## **WRESTLING**

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications in wrestling with 4A & 3A schools participating in the same classification as they compete in volleyball, basketball, and track, 2A and 1A schools shall comprise the 2A classification. Each member school is allowed two entries per weight class at regional tournaments.

### **CLASS 2A**

#### **2A WEST**

Big Piney  
Cokeville  
Dubois  
Kemmerer  
Lovell  
Riverside / Greybull  
Rocky Mountain  
Shoshoni  
Wind River  
Wyoming Indian

#### **2A EAST**

Burns / Pine Bluffs  
Glenrock  
H.E.M.  
Hulett  
Lingle-Ft. Laramie  
Midwest  
Moorcroft  
Niobrara County  
Saratoga  
Southeast  
Sundance  
Upton  
Wright

#### **2A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held with the top eight wrestlers in each weight class advancing to the State Tournament.

### **CLASS 3A**

#### **3A WEST**

Cody  
Lyman  
Powell  
Star Valley  
Lander  
Mountain View  
Pinedale  
Riverton

#### **3A EAST**

Buffalo  
Douglas  
Newcastle  
Rawlins  
Thermopolis  
Torrington  
Wheatland  
Worland

#### **3A Culminating Event Structure**

Two regional tournaments will be held with the top eight wrestlers from each regional advancing to the State Tournament.

## **CLASS 4A**

### **4A WEST**

**Casper Kelly Walsh  
Casper Natrona  
Evanston  
Green River  
Jackson  
Rock Springs**

### **4A EAST**

**Campbell County  
Cheyenne Central  
Cheyenne East  
Cheyenne South  
Laramie  
Sheridan**

### **4A Culminating Event Structure**

**Two regional tournaments will be held with the top eight wrestlers from each regional advancing to the State Tournament.**



## ***FOOTBALL***

The WHSAA recognizes four classifications of eleven-man football and one classification of six-man football. The schools with the ten largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next largest twelve shall be 3A, the next largest fourteen shall be 2A and the next largest fourteen shall be 1A 11-Man. The remaining schools will be in the 1A 6-Man classification.

### **CLASS 4A**

**Campbell County  
Casper Kelly Walsh  
Casper Natrona  
Cheyenne Central  
Cheyenne East**

**Cheyenne South  
Evanston  
Laramie  
Rock Springs  
Sheridan**

### **CLASS 3A**

#### **3AWEST**

**Cody  
Green River  
Jackson  
Powell  
Star Valley  
Worland**

#### **3A EAST**

**Buffalo  
Douglas  
Lander  
Rawlins  
Riverton  
Torrington**

### **CLASS 2A**

#### **2AWEST**

**Big Piney  
Greybull  
Kemmerer  
Lovell  
Lyman  
Mountain View  
Pinedale**

#### **2A EAST**

**Big Horn  
Burns  
Glenrock  
Moorcroft  
Newcastle  
Thermopolis  
Wheatland**

### **CLASS 1A – 11 Man**

#### **1A WEST - 11 MAN**

**Cokeville  
Rocky Mountain  
Saratoga/Encampment  
Shoshoni  
Wind River  
Wyoming Indian**

#### **1A EAST - 11 MAN**

**Niobrara County  
Pine Bluffs  
Southeast  
Upton/Sundance  
Tongue River  
Wright**

**CLASS 1A – 6 Man**

**1A WEST - 6 MAN**

**Burlington  
Dubois  
Farson-Eden  
Little Snake River  
Meeteetse  
Riverside  
St. Stephens  
Ten Sleep**

**1A EAST- 6 MAN**

**Guernsey-Sunrise  
H.E.M.  
Hulett  
Kaycee  
Lingle-Ft. Laramie  
Midwest  
NSI Academy  
Rock River**

**CULMINATING EVENT SERIES**

A culminating event series will start on week 17 of the WHSAA calendar with 3 weeks of playoff competition culminating with the five classification State Championships.

**Championship Series by classification:**

**4A**

The top 8 teams will advance and be seeded in the first round of the playoffs based on their regular season records. The higher seed will host the lower seed through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

The Championship game will be played at one site, with the higher seed being the home team.

**3A, 2A and 1A, 11-Man and 1A, 6-Man**

The top 4 teams from each conference will advance to the first round of the playoffs. A cross bracketing format will be used with the conference champions hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers and the conference runner-ups hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the opposite conference, as shown below.

Each team in the upper and lower bracket will be assigned a seed number as shown in the bracket below. The second round games will be hosted by the highest upper and lower bracketed seeds.

The Championship game will be played at one site, with the higher seed being the home team. The number one seed is given based on the conference that was the home team in the Championship game the previous year. The opposite conference champion of the home team from the previous year will be the number one seed.

Example below:

