CLASSIFICATION

AND

CULMINATING EVENT

STRUCTURE

FOR

2022-23 AND 2023-24
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 sixteen largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next largest sixteen shall be 3A, the next largest sixteen shall be 2A and the remaining schools shall be 1A.

### CLASS 1A

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**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
Northwest
Greybull
Rocky Mountain
Shoshoni
Wind River

2A EAST
Northeast
Big Horn
Sundance
Tongue River
Wright

Southwest
Big Piney
Kemmerer
St. Stephens
Wyoming Indian

Southeast
Burns
Lingle-Ft. Laramie
Niobrara County
Pine Bluffs

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

Northwest
Lovell
Powell
Thermopolis
Worland

Southwest
Lander
Lyman
Mountain View
Pinedale

3A EAST

Northeast
Buffalo
Glenrock
Moorcroft
Newcastle

Southeast
Douglas
Rawlins
Torrington
Wheatland

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

Northwest
Casper Kelly Walsh
Cody
Riverton
Rock Springs

Southwest
Evanston
Green River
Jackson
Star Valley

4A EAST

Northeast
Campbell County
Casper Natrona
Sheridan
Thunder Basin

Southeast
Cheyenne Central
Cheyenne East
Cheyenne South
Laramie

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. The schools with the twelve largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A. Each member school is permitted one boys team and one girls team at the state meet.

GOLF

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for golf. The schools with the twelve largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A. Each member school may enter one boys team and one girls team at the state meet.

INDOOR TRACK

The WHSAA recognizes two classifications for indoor track. The schools with the ten largest enrollments shall be 4A and the remaining schools shall be 3A.

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. The schools with the twelve largest enrollments shall be 4A and the remaining schools shall be 3A. 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.
**SOCCER**

The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in soccer. The schools with the fourteen largest enrollments shall be 4A and the remaining schools shall be 3A.

**CLASS 3A**

**3A WEST**

Cody
Green River
Lander
Lyman

**3A EAST**

Buffalo
Douglas
Newcastle

**3A Culminating Event Structure**

The top four teams from each conference will advance to the state tournament, with no regional tournament. A cross bracketing format will be used with the conference champions playing the 4th place finishers and the conference runner-ups playing the 3rd place finishers from the opposite conference.

**CLASS 4A**

**4A WEST**

Casper Kelly Walsh
Casper Natrona
Evanston

**4A EAST**

Campbell County
Cheyenne Central
Cheyenne East

**4A Culminating Event Structure**

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

The WHSAA recognizes one classification in softball.

CLASS 4A

4A WEST

Cody
Green River
Kelly Walsh
Natrona County
Rock Springs
Worland

4A EAST

Campbell County
Cheyenne Central
Cheyenne East
Cheyenne South
Laramie
Thunder Basin
Wheatland

4A Culminating Event Structure

The top four teams from each conference will advance to the state tournament, with no regional tournament. A cross bracketing format will be used with the conference champions playing the 4th place finishers and the conference runner-ups playing the 3rd place finishers from the opposite conference.
WRESTLING

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for wrestling. The schools with the twelve largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A. Each member school is allowed two entries per weight class at regional tournaments.

CLASS 2A

2A WEST
Big Piney
Cokeville
Dubois
Kemmerer
Lovell
Greybull/Riverside
Rocky Mountain
Shoshoni
Wind River
Wyoming Indian
Thermopolis

2A EAST
Glenrock
H.E.M.
Hulett
Lingle-Ft. Laramie/Southeast
Moorcroft
Niobrara County
Saratoga
Sundance
Tongue River
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
Evanston
Green River
Lander
Lyman

3A EAST
Mountain View
Pinedale
Powell
Riverton
Buffalo
Douglas
Newcastle/Upton
Rawlins
Torrington
Wheatland
Worland
Burns/Pine Bluffs

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
Jackson
Laramie
Rock Springs
Star Valley

4A EAST
Campbell County
Cheyenne Central
Cheyenne East
Cheyenne South
Sheridan
Thunder Basin

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 9-Man. The remaining schools will be in the 1A 6-Man classification.

CLASS 4A – 10 Teams

Campbell County  
Casper Kelly Walsh  
Casper Natrona  
Cheyenne Central  
Cheyenne East  
Cheyenne South  
Laramie  
Rock Springs  
Sheridan  
Thunder Basin

CLASS 3A – 12 Teams

3A WEST

Cody  
Evanston  
Green River  
Jackson  
Powell  
Star Valley  

3A EAST

Buffalo  
Douglas  
Lander  
Rawlins  
Riverton  
Worland

CLASS 2A – 15 Teams

2A WEST

Cokeville-opting up  
Kemmerer  
Lovell  
Lyman  
Mountain View  
Pinedale  
Thermopolis  

2A EAST

Big Horn-opting up  
Burns  
Glenrock  
Newcastle  
Tongue River  
Torringon  
Upton-Sundance  
Wheatland

CLASS 1A – 9 MAN - 16 Teams

1A WEST - 9 MAN

Big Piney  
Greybull  
Riverside-opting up  
Rocky Mountain  
Shoshoni  
St. Stephens  
Wind River  
Wyoming Indian-opting down  

1A EAST - 9 MAN

Guernsey-Sunrise  
Lingle-Ft. Laramie  
Moorcroft-opting down  
Niobrara County  
Pine Bluffs  
Saratoga-opting up  
Southeast  
Wright
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## 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-9 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 4th place finishers and the conference runner-ups hosting the 3rd place finishers from the opposite conference.

Each team in the upper and lower bracket will be assigned a seed number. 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 will be the conference champion and rotated every year between conferences. The opposite conference champion from the previous year will be the number one seed.