

***CLASSIFICATION***  
***AND***  
***CULMINATING EVENT***  
***STRUCTURE***  
***FOR***  
***2026-27 AND 2027-28***



**WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
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**2026-27 AND 2027-28 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 16 largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next 16 largest shall be 3A, the next 18 largest shall be 2A and the remaining schools shall be 1A.

**CLASS 1A**

**1A WEST**

**Northwest**

Meeteetse  
Burlington  
Ten Sleep  
Dubois  
Riverside

**1A EAST**

**Northeast**

Hulett  
Upton  
Kaycee  
Midwest  
Arvada-Clearmont

**Southwest**

Arapaho Charter  
St. Stephens  
Cokeville  
Farson-Eden  
Little Snake River

**Southeast**

Casper Christian  
Guernsey-Sunrise  
Encampment  
HEM  
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

Northwest  
Greybull  
Rocky Mountain  
Shoshoni  
Thermopolis  
Wind River

### Southwest

Big Piney  
Kemmerer  
Fort Washakie  
Saratoga  
Wyoming Indian

### 2A EAST

Northeast  
Big Horn  
Sundance  
Moorcroft  
Wright

### Southeast

Lingle-Fort Laramie  
Niobrara County  
Pine Bluffs  
Southeast

### 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**  
Lander  
Lovell  
Powell  
Worland

### Southwest

Rawlins  
Lyman  
Mountain View  
Pinedale

### 3A EAST

**Northeast**  
Douglas  
Buffalo  
Newcastle  
Tongue River

### Southeast

Burns  
Glenrock  
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

Natrona County-NW  
Cody-NW  
Riverton-NW  
Jackson-NW  
Evanston-SW  
Green River-SW  
Rock Springs-SW  
Star Valley-SW

### 4A EAST

Campbell County-NE  
Sheridan-NE  
Thunder Basin-NE  
Kelly Walsh-NE  
Central-SE  
East-SE  
South-SE  
Laramie-SE

### 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 16 largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next 16 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 16 largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next 16 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 16 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 & DIVING***

**The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in swimming. The schools with the 16 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.**

## ***SOCER***

The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in soccer. The schools with the 16 largest enrollments shall be 4A and the remaining schools shall be 3A.

### **CLASS 3A**

#### **3A WEST**

**Mountain View  
Lander  
Lyman**

**Powell  
Pinedale  
Worland**

#### **3A EAST**

**Buffalo  
Douglas  
Newcastle**

**Rawlins  
Torrington**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers and the conference runners-up playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the opposite conference.

### **CLASS 4A**

#### **4A WEST**

**Natrona County  
Cody  
Evanston  
Green River**

**Jackson  
Riverton  
Rock Springs  
Star Valley**

#### **4A EAST**

**Campbell County  
Central  
East  
Kelly Walsh**

**South  
Laramie  
Sheridan  
Thunder Basin**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers and the conference runners-up playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the opposite conference.

# ***SOFTBALL***

**The WHSAA recognizes one classification in softball.**

## **CLASS 4A**

### **4A NORTH**

**Campbell County  
Cody  
Jackson Hole  
Kelly Walsh  
Natrona County  
Sheridan  
Thunder Basin  
Lander**

### **4A SOUTH**

**Central  
East  
South  
Green River  
Laramie  
Rock Springs  
Torrington  
Wheatland**

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

**Two regional tournaments will be held with the top 4 teams from each regional tournament advancing to the state tournament. A cross bracketing format will be used with the regional tournament champions playing the 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers and the regional tournament runners-up playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers from the opposite conference.**

## ***BOY'S WRESTLING***

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for boy's wrestling. The schools with the 16 largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next 16 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  
Greybull/Riverside  
Rocky Mountain  
Shoshoni  
Wind River  
Wyoming Indian  
Thermopolis

#### **2A EAST**

H.E.M.  
Hulett  
Lingle-Ft. Laramie/Southeast  
Moorcroft  
Niobrara County  
Saratoga  
Sundance  
Wright  
Upton

#### **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**

Rawlins  
Powell  
Lander  
Lovell

Mountain View  
Pinedale  
Lyman  
Worland

#### **3A EAST**

Buffalo  
Douglas  
Newcastle  
Tongue River

Torrington  
Wheatland  
Glenrock  
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

Cody  
Natrona County  
Evanston  
Green River  
Jackson  
Riverton  
Rock Springs  
Star Valley

### 4A EAST

Campbell County  
Central  
East  
South  
Laramie  
Sheridan  
Thunder Basin  
Kelly Walsh

### 4A Culminating Event Structure

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

## ***GIRL'S WRESTLING***

**The WHSAA recognizes one classification for girl's wrestling.**

**WEST**

**Big Piney**  
**Cokeville**  
**Dubois**  
**Kemmerer**  
**Greybull/Riverside**  
**Rocky Mountain**  
**Shoshoni**  
**Wind River**  
**Wyoming Indian**  
**Thermopolis**  
**Cody**  
**Mountain View**  
**Powell**  
**Pinedale**  
**Lander**  
**Lyman**  
**Lovell**  
**Worland**  
**Rawlins**  
**Natrona County**  
**Evanston**  
**Green River**  
**Jackson**  
**Riverton**  
**Rock Springs**  
**Star Valley**

**EAST**

**H.E.M.**  
**Hulett**  
**Lingle-Ft. Laramie/Southeast**  
**Moorcroft**  
**Niobrara County**  
**Saratoga**  
**Sundance**  
**Tongue River**  
**Wright**  
**Upton**  
**Buffalo**  
**Torrington**  
**Douglas**  
**Wheatland**  
**Newcastle**  
**Glenrock**  
**Burns/Pine Bluffs**  
**Campbell County**  
**Central**  
**East**  
**South**  
**Laramie**  
**Sheridan**  
**Thunder Basin**  
**Kelly Walsh**

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

## ***FOOTBALL***

The WHSAA recognizes five classifications of football. The football schools with the 10 largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next largest 12 shall be 3A, the next largest 14 shall be 2A and the next largest 14 shall be 1A 9-Man and the remaining schools will be in the 1A 6-Man classification.

### **CLASS 4A – 10 Teams**

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

**South**  
**Laramie**  
**Rock Springs**  
**Sheridan**  
**Thunder Basin**

### **CLASS 3A – 12 Teams**

**3AWEST**  
**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**  
**Burns**  
**Glenrock**  
**Newcastle**  
**Tongue River**  
**Moorcroft**  
**Wheatland**  
**Torrington**

### **CLASS 1A – 9 MAN - 14 Teams**

**1A WEST - 9 MAN**  
**Big Piney**  
**Greybull**  
**Rocky Mountain**  
**Shoshoni**  
**Wind River**  
**Wyoming Indian**  
**Saratoga**

**1A EAST - 9 MAN**  
**Lingle-Ft. Laramie**  
**Niobrara County**  
**Pine Bluffs**  
**Sundance**  
**Southeast**  
**Wright**  
**Upton-opting up**

## CLASS 1A – 6 MAN - 14 Teams

### 1A NORTH - 6 MAN

Burlington  
Hulett  
Kaycee  
Meeteetse  
Midwest  
Ten Sleep  
Riverside

### 1A SOUTH - 6 MAN

Dubois  
Encampment  
Farson-Eden  
H.E.M.  
Little Snake River  
Casper Christian  
Guernsey-Sunrise

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers and the conference runners-up hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.