

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



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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

Southwest

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

1A EAST

Northeast

Hulett
Upton
Kaycee
Midwest
Arvada-Clearmont

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.

SOCCKER

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 4th place finishers and the conference runners-up playing the 3rd 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 4th place finishers and the conference runners-up playing the 3rd 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 4th place finishers and the regional tournament runners-up playing the 3rd 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

**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
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 4th place finishers and the conference runners-up 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.