

CLASSIFICATION
AND
CULMINATING EVENT
STRUCTURE
FOR
2022-23 AND 2023-24



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2022-23 AND 2023-24 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 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

1A WEST

Northwest

Burlington
Dubois
Meeteetse
Riverside
Ten Sleep
Fort Washakie (GBB, VB)

Southwest

Cokeville
Encampment
Farson-Eden
Little Snake River
Saratoga

1A EAST

Northeast

Arvada-Clearmont
Hulett
Kaycee
Midwest
Upton

Southeast

Chugwater
Glendo
Guernsey-Sunrise
H.E.M.
Rock River
Southeast

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

Southwest

Big Piney

Kemmerer

St. Stephens

Wyoming Indian

2A EAST

Northeast

Big Horn

Sundance

Tongue River

Wright

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.

SOC CER

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**

**Mountain View
Pinedale
Powell**

3A EAST

**Buffalo
Douglas
Newcastle**

**Rawlins
Torrington
Worland**

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**

**Jackson
Riverton
Rock Springs
Star Valley**

4A EAST

**Campbell County
Cheyenne Central
Cheyenne East**

**Cheyenne South
Laramie
Sheridan
Thunder Basin**

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

Mountain View

Pinedale

Powell

Riverton

3A EAST

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

3AWEST

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

3A EAST

**Buffalo
Douglas
Lander
Rawlins
Riverton
Worland**

CLASS 2A – 15 Teams

2AWEST

**Cokeville-opting up
Kemmerer
Lovell
Lyman
Mountain View
Pinedale
Thermopolis**

2A EAST

**Big Horn-opting up
Burns
Glenrock
Newcastle
Tongue River
Torrington
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**

CLASS 1A – 6 MAN - 11 Teams

1A NORTH - 6 MAN

**Burlington
Hulett
Kaycee
Meeteetse
Midwest
Ten Sleep**

1A SOUTH - 6 MAN

**Dubois
Encampment
Farson-Eden
H.E.M.
Little Snake River
Casper Christian (2023)**

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.