

EARLY
SEASON
FOOTBALL
PROCEDURES & RULES



2011





Colorado High School Activities Association

TO: COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES
FROM: HARRY WATERMAN, CHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
DATE: APRIL, 2011
RE: EARLY SEASON FOOTBALL PROCEDURES - RULES

Attached, please find items of information regarding pre-season procedures and the start of fall 2011 football practice. This information is given to you in brief form and is not intended to be a complete review of all rules.

The 2011 CHSAA Football Bulletin should be received in your building in an envelope addressed to the athletic director with the bulletins for other fall sports. This information will also be placed on the CHSAA web site (www.chsaa.org) by August 1, 2011, found under Sports - Football. Please take the time to find the Football Bulletin and review its contents prior to the start of fall practice.

After receiving this document, if you have any questions, please consult last year's Football Bulletin, meet with your athletic director, check a copy of the CHSAA By-laws and Constitution, or call me. If you have any questions, regardless, please seek an answer before a potential violation occurs.

Denver area coaches: If you are hosting a varsity football scrimmage on Thursday, Friday or Saturday August 25, 26 or 27, and would like officials, please contact Pat Klein with the time, place and number of teams.

**Pat Klein, pjklein1@comcast.net
720-280-6697 (Cellular)
303-278-0300 (Home)**

Other area coaches: Contact your officials' area director before August 1 if you are hosting a scrimmage and want officials. Officials will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

The CFOA still needs more officials to cover all levels of high school football. If you know of anyone interested in officiating high school football, please have them contact: recruiting@cfoadenver.org

CALENDAR

Start of Formal CHSAA Practice: August 15, 2011

All players must have completed physicals and signed parent permission forms submitted to the athletic director prior to start of practice on this date. Players may start accumulating the required nine days of practice only after the start of practice on August 15.

Please note: You may have informal practice, camps/clinics prior to August 15, 2011 but no school protective equipment may be used, nor can these informal sessions, camps or clinics have mandatory attendance required (see CHSAA By-laws, 1790 Physical Exams and 2300 Practice). Dummies, shields, etc. are not considered to be protective equipment.

Equipment Use Dates:

Formal Practice Begins: August 15-16, 2011 – Shoes, jerseys and helmets may be worn. Wednesday, August 17, 2011 – Full uniform/pads, but no contact allowed between players. Sleds, dummies may be used on all days. Thursday, August 18, 2011 – Full contact allowed.

Summer Equipment Issue Limitations (Article 33, rule 3310, Exception)

The issuing of protective football equipment except during the formal sports season is a violation.

MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. In Class A6, Arickaree will replace Aguilar in the Southwest Conference for one year.
- B. In Class A8, Miami-Yoder was moved from the I-70 Division to the Black Forest Division of the Eastern Conference.
- C. In Class 1A, several changes were made to the playoff selection and seeding process. See playoff format in the 1A section.
- D. In Class 2A, if opponents have an equal number of playoff home games, then the higher seed will host.
- E. In Class 4A, several changes were made to the playoff selection and seeding process. See playoff format in the 4A section.
- F. Mercy Rule – the mercy rule will now be applied at any point during the game if the point differential reaches 40 points or more (A6 – 45 points). The rule will be in effect for the remainder of the game regardless of the score.
- G. The PAT (point after touchdown) is not required in contests where time has expired and the extra point does not factor in the outcome.

3310.

EQUIPMENT DATES

3310.1 No pads or other components of regular football uniforms except shoes, jerseys and helmets may be worn by the players until the third day (exclusive of Sundays) of the formal sports season. (Note: For 2011, August 17.) On the third day of the formal sports season, players may wear a full regular football uniform and pads while engaging in blocking and tackling exercises that do not include physical contact between players.

- (a) ISSUE RESTRICTIONS -- The issuing of protective football equipment except during the formal sports season is a violation.

EXCEPTION 1: To allow individual players who participate in 7 on 7 competition or 7 on 7 drills to use Colorado high school issued football helmets under the following criteria:

- 1. The issuing of the football helmet for 7 on 7 is approved by the local school district.
- 2. Football helmets for 7 on 7 may NOT be distributed before Memorial Day or after July 31st.

EXCEPTION 2: An individual or team camp may use Colorado high school-issued protective football equipment under the following criteria:

- 1. The issuing of the equipment is approved by the local school district.
- 2. Camps must be conducted by a college/university, an appropriate commercial organization or an individual high school.
 - a. High schools may develop their own team camp on site or at any other location.

3. The camp must show proof of liability insurance.
4. Camps must be for students and/or teams from a variety of different schools if it is conducted by a college/university or an appropriate commercial organization. Players from a minimum of six schools must be involved in the camp. Individual school camps limit participation to those students who have completed the registration process for enrollment into that high school. (Note: only students from the high school sponsoring the camp may participate.)
5. The camp should be for a period of time that is typical for camps/clinics (3-5 days) at a college/university or an appropriate commercial organization. Camps held at individual high schools can be a maximum of 10 days at the individual school site over a period of 14 calendar days.
6. Camps held at individual high schools will be allowed one scrimmage with up to **THREE** other schools who are conducting an individual team camp. The schools must be in days 8-10 of their own camps.
7. Issuing equipment for camps held at individual school sites will mirror the restrictions of the formal football sports season. No pads or other components of regular football uniforms except shoes, jerseys, and helmets may be worn by the players until the third day of the team camp. On the third day of the team camp, players may wear a full regular football uniform and pads while engaging in blocking and tackling exercises that do not include physical contact between players. On the fourth day, full player-player contact may begin.
8. Equipment must be returned and collected immediately.
9. Equipment for team camps cannot be issued after August 1.

The following questions are designed to provide clarification on the Summer Contact Camp Rule. They are actual questions that have been asked regarding the expanded rule.

Q – Can a school hold both a team contact camp at a college and then have one on our campus?

A – No. The by-law specifies one or the other.

Q – Can a player attend both a full contact camp with his team and go to the Mile High Football Camp (or some camp like that for individual players)?

A – Yes. This change does not affect an individual player's ability to go to multiple individual skills camp, even if they are contact oriented.

Q – When can a school have the team contact camp on its campus?

A – The by-law specifies dates for both a team camp at a college or sponsored by a corporation or the team camp at a school as being from after Memorial Day until July 31st. No contact team camps are allowed on or after August 1. Individual players may attend individual contact camps after that date.

Q – Who can participate in a team camp held at a school and sponsored by that school?

A – Only those students who are registered as students with your school. Incoming ninth graders are also eligible if they have completed the registration process with your school.

Q – What are the primary differences between the camp sponsored by a school and one run by a college/university or commercial organizations?

A – Camps that are run by a college/university or commercial organizations must have multiple teams involved, are held for the typical number of days (3-5) most other similar camps are and there is a scrimmage element to them. (No work up into pads is required.) The camp sponsored by the school may be up to 10 days in length in a 14-day period, the players work up into full pads like they do in the fall.

Q – Can a school charge a fee for a team camp that takes place on our campus?

A – Yes.

Q – Can a varsity team go to a contact camp sponsored by a college or commercial organization and its sub-varsity teams hold a team contact camp on my school's campus?

A – No. You need to determine if all levels of your team will go to a team contact camp sponsored by a college/university or commercial organization, or if it will hold a team contact camp at the school.

Q – School A is holding a team contact camp on its campus from June 1 to June 14 and School B is holding a similar camp on those same dates. Can the two schools meet for a scrimmage at any point during the camps?

A – Yes. Up to 4 schools may scrimmage on day 8, 9 or 10 of an individual team camp.

Q – School A is planning on attending the 5-day team contact camp at a college/university. Can it also use the five days preceding the camp to prepare its athletes using any kind of player equipment (helmets, pads, etc.)?

A – No. A school must choose which kind of camp it will be participating in. The school may prep its athletes prior to the team contact in a non-contact camp (no pads).

Q – How long each day may the team practice if they hold their own team contact camp? What other limitations are placed on the activities of a school-sponsored team contact camp?

A – There are no limitations to length of practices. That is a coach- and school-related issue. It is important that all coaches remember the safety needs of the players, particularly those heat-related issues. Any limitations should follow those that have been established by the school for the regular season.

Q - What is the definition of a football “team contact camp?”

A – The definition of a team camp is one where 11 or more members of a school team attend the same camp in 11-man football, in 8-man the number would be 8 or more and in 6-man, 6 or more players must attend.

Q – Some colleges have team contact camps and then invite specific individuals from schools that do not send their teams to this camp. What happens if five individuals from School A are invite to a camp like this?

A – That camp would count as an individual camp for those players, but as a team camp for those teams that attend. The question above provides the parameters of what the membership has determined a team for a team contact camp.

Q – We have camps where no equipment is issued and occasionally those camps occur outside the summer team contact camp calendar. What is the status of those camps?

A – Nothing changes with the camps that do not issue equipment. By-law 3310 (page 111) addresses specific Equipment Dates, how the equipment is issued and under what conditions it may be issued.

SCHOOLS ATTENDING A TEAM CONTACT CAMP – WHETHER ON ITS OWN CAMPUS OR ONE SPONSORED BY A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OR COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION – MUST PROVIDE NOTIFICATION TO THE CHSAA OF THEIR INTENTION. SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ARE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHSAA BY-LAWS. A form can be accessed at www.chsaa.org under the football page.

Scrimmage Date: August 25, 2011

The first date for a scrimmage is August 25, 2011 for those players who are eligible for interscholastic competition and who have nine days of practice completed before this date. Each school can have two scrimmage dates. Check CHSAA By-law 2320, page 89 for complete information regarding scrimmages.

First Allowable Interscholastic Contest: Thursday, September 1st, 2011

Equipment Fitting

Coaches may fit equipment to players prior to the start of formal practice. This equipment must be secured in a location unavailable to players until the above stated equipment use dates. Players should not have access to this equipment until the specified equipment issue dates.

Transfer/Academic Eligibility

The eligibility for fall 2011 football players should be checked immediately following the end of the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. General eligibility requirements are found in CHSAA By-law 1700 and the Transfer Rule is found in CHSAA By-law 1800. A good rule of thumb to avoid problems with the transfer rule is that if you don't recognize the player; make sure the athletic director has cleared him/her to practice.

Summer School Make-Up

If you have students who have been declared academically ineligible due to failures during the second semester, they may regain eligibility through summer school courses. The student must make up previous failures and the school must accept this credit and place it on the school transcript. The deadline for the completion of summer school make-up credit is September 1st, 2011. (CHSAA By-law 1740.1)

Sunday Practice

A coach may not have contact with his players on Sunday from the Sunday prior to the first formal practice through the Sunday prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Out-of-State Travel

All travel out of state to participate in a scrimmage or game requires CHSAA approval 60 days prior to the contest.

Football Schedule Book

The CHSAA no longer publishes Football schedules on the CHSAA website. You can access schedules at www.denverpost.com

**National Federation Rule Changes - <http://www.nfhs.org/rules-football.htm>
Games Wanted - <http://www.chsaa.org/main/games.htm>**

VIDEO RULE

With the advent of all the videotaping technology, Colorado football coaches need to remember CHSAA rules regarding video taping: Rule 5000.5 has been deleted from the CHSAA By-laws. Consult your league rules for any by-laws addressing this issue.

Rules Meeting Required for All Head Coaches

Head coaches in all varsity sports are required to attend a CHSAA-approved rules clinic in their sport prior to the start of the first game of the season. This is a mandatory meeting and there are a number of ways coaches can meet this requirement, including attendance at the officials' rules session at Colorado High School Coaches Association Clinic in the summer. The list below includes these clinics as part of the National Association of Sports Officials National Summit. Go to www.chsaa.org and look for other meetings that will meet this requirement.

Coaches will be required to sign in and should be prepared to have a form to be signed for file with their athletic director.



Master Clinics 2011: Location, dates, time:

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION	ATTENDEES	DATE/TIME
Erie HS	Ft. Collins, Greeley, Longmont	Sat 7/16 9 AM
Yuma HS	Wray	Sun 7/17 12 PM
Eagle Valley HS	Glenwood, Steamboat	Sat 7/23 10 AM
Grand Junction	Grand Junction, Montrose, Durango, Cortez	Sun 7/24 10 AM
Lakewood HS	Denver	Sat 7/30 9 AM
John Mall HS, Walsenburg	Trinidad, Lamar, La Junta, Monte Vista Pueblo	Sun 7/31 11 AM
Rampart HS, CS	CS, Canon City	Tue 8/2 5 PM

The by-law appears below:

1650. COACHES REQUIRED TO ATTEND RULES MEETINGS

1650.1 All head varsity coaches shall attend annually a CHSAA approved rules clinic in their sport prior to the start of the first interscholastic contest.

Penalty: Coach placed on probation for first offense; restriction for subsequent offenses.

Q1: Are head coaches required to attend CHSAA approved rules clinics?

A1: Yes. A varsity head coach will be placed on probation for his/her first offense unless he/she has attended at least one rules interpretation clinic recognized by the CHSAA in his/her sport prior to the start of current season.

Q2: When did rule 1650.1 become mandatory?

A2: In the 2003-2004 school year.

Q3: Would a rules interpretation clinic, presented to the team and coaching staff during a preseason scrimmage, suffice as an approved clinic?

A3: Notification of the clinic, with the names of the clinic presenters, would have to be approved by the CHSAA prior to the scrimmage date.

Q4: What happens when a coach violates rule 1650.1?

A4: On the first violation, the coach will be put on probation. If a second violation occurs, the coach will be put on restriction.

ATTENTION ZERO WEEK TEAMS:

Teams playing zero week contests do NOT get to start formal practice prior to Monday, August 15th. Please see by-law below.

3300.2 Any school which is unable to schedule a game on or after the first allowable date for competition, which results in an open week during the regular season, may schedule a contest between the 11th and 14th day (including the first day of practice, but not including Sundays) after the start of formal practice with the approval of the Commissioner. In order for this request to be approved, the school must show that no reasonable opponent is available for a contest on this open date.

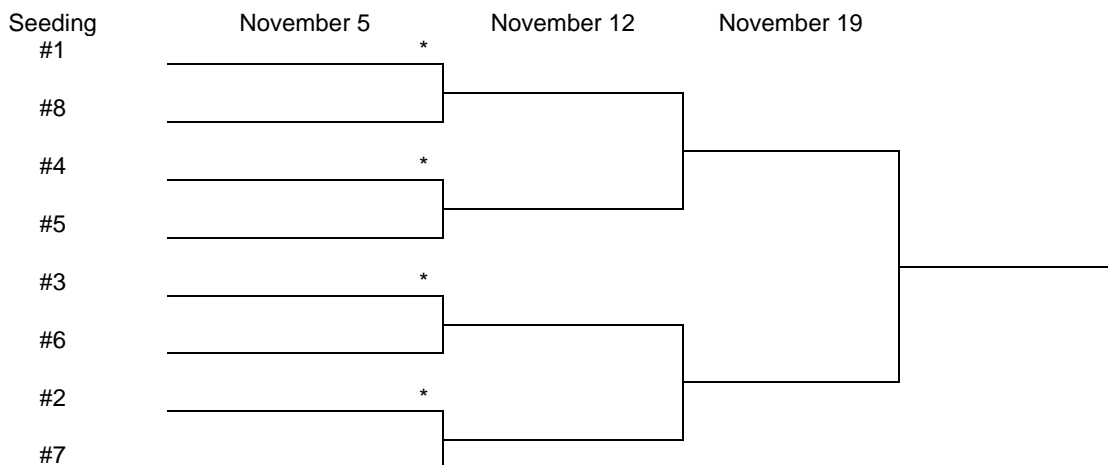
3300.21 This game will replace one of the two scrimmages allowed in 2320.11. Schools playing a zero week football game will be allowed one scrimmage date.

**2010-12 6-Man Football Conferences (25 schools)
(Enrollment: 1-75)**

<u>Central (6)</u>		<u>North (6)</u>		<u>Southeast (6)</u>		<u>Southwest (7)</u>	
Deer Trail	60	Briggsdale	45	Bethune	40	Arickaree	15
Idalia	43	Fleming	59	Cheraw	58	Colorado D & B	74
Liberty	29	Pawnee	34	Eads#	66	Cotopaxi	73
Lone Star	32	Peetz	45	Flagler	48	Edison#	32
Otis	72	Prairie	47	Hi-Plains	47	Hilltop Baptist	43
Woodlin#	35	Weldon Valley#	54	South Baca	61	Mountain Valley	41
						Pikes Peak Chr.	69

#= school responsible for standings and reporting qualifiers.

2011 A-6 BRACKET



*denotes home team in quarterfinals.

A6 PLAYOFF FORMAT

In Week 9, the top four teams in the North/Central and Southeast/Southwest will play a cross-over game (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3) to establish eight qualifiers to be placed on the state bracket. The remaining teams not playing in the cross-over games will schedule individually amongst themselves in Week 9. Week 9 cross-over games are not playoff games.

The cross-over game winners will be seeded by an 8-member committee that includes two representatives from each conference (no coaches). The committee will be named each year at the August A6 Football Association meeting to be held on the second Tuesday after the start of fall practice.

The final eight teams will be true seeded using the following criteria: overall record, head- to-head, conference record, strength of schedule, strength of conference and record of last five games.

In the event of a tie, the following tie-breaker shall be used:

1. Head to Head Competition (between or amongst all tied teams)
2. Overall Winning Percentage
3. California Playoff

Additional Play: California Playoff Style (if necessary by above)

Situation 1: Three or more tied with two qualifiers or three qualifiers

1. Coin flip to determine "odd team out"
2. A vs. B for one half
3. Winner of 1st half plays C (odd team)
4. Winner of 2nd half is highest seed
5. The loser of the 2nd half is next qualifier; or if the loser of the 2nd half did not face the loser of the 1st half, the teams will play a 3rd half to determine the eliminated team.

Situation 2: Three or more teams tied with one qualifier

1. Coin flip to determine "odd team out"
2. A vs. B for one half
3. Winner of 1st half plays C (odd team)
4. Winner of 2nd half is highest seed

**2010-12 8-Man Football Conferences (43 schools)
(Enrollment: 76-125)**

<u>East Conf. (8)</u>		<u>North Conf. (12)</u>		<u>South Conf. (12)</u>		<u>West Conf. (11)</u>	
<u>I-70 Division</u>		<u>Plains Division</u>		<u>Arkansas Vy.Div.</u>		<u>Mountain Div.</u>	
Cheyenne Wells*	58	Caliche*	71	Granada	79	Antonito	106
Genoa-H/Karval	81	Dayspring Chr.	86	Holly	80	La Veta	104
Simla	94	Haxtun	87	McClave*	75	Sanford	81
Stratton*	61	Longmont Chr.*	66	Springfield	92	Sangre de Cristo	92
		Merino	92	Walsh*	38	Sierra Grande	78
		Sedgwick County	113	Wiley	86	South Park**	143
<u>Black Forest Div.</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Southern Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Elbert	76	Gilpin County	79	Fowler	104	Dove Creek	96
Kiowa	105	Justice	123	Hanover	98	Mancos	111
Miami-Yoder	112	North Park*	58	Hoehne	125	Norwood*	69
RM Lutheran*	55	Soroco	112	Manzanola*	55	Nucla	88
		Vail Christian	89	Primerio	97	Plateau Valley	94
		West Grand	108	Swink	113		

*playing up
**playing down

A-8 PLAYOFF FORMAT

In Week 9, the top four teams in each division will play a cross conference game (1s vs. 4s and 2s vs. 3s) to establish four qualifiers from each conference to be placed on a 16-team bracket. Week 9 cross-over games are not playoff games.

The teams will be seeded by a committee that includes one representative from each division (no coaches). All teams will be seeded using the following criteria (in no particular order): overall record, head-to-head, common opponents, and strength of schedule. The selection/seeding committee will separate division opponents in the first round. Geography will be given strong consideration in the first round.

2011 A-8 BRACKET



**2010-12 1A Football Conferences (40 schools)
(Enrollment: 126-275)**

North Central (6)

Akron*	124
Highland	263
Holyoke	177
Wiggins	169
Wray	194
Yuma	229

Santa Fe (6)

Crowley County	159
Custer County	178
John Mall	169
Las Animas	148
Rocky Ford	224
Rye	250

South Central (6)

Burlington	235
Calhan	193
Cripple Crk-Victor	155
Ellicott	267
Limon	163
Peyton	215

Metro South (5)

Byers	133
Denver Christian	201
Front Range Chr.	181
Lutheran	186
Lutheran Parker	181

Southern Peaks (6)

Center	161
Del Norte	179
Dolores	211
Ignacio	253
Monte Vista	268
Sargent	133

Western Slope (6)

Hayden	148
Hotchkiss	270
Lake County**	287
Meeker	186
Paonia	156
Rangely	142

Metro North (5)

Clear Creek	258
Cornerstone Chr.*	77
Lyons	251
Nederland	202
Resurrection Chr.	169

*playing up
** playing down

1A PLAYOFF FORMAT

All seven conferences will receive one automatic qualifier. Conference champions will be guaranteed a first round home game but may be seeded anywhere from 1-16 on the bracket. The remaining nine teams will be determined by the 1A Selection/Seeding Committee.

The committee will be made up of seven administrators, one from each conference (no coaches). The committee will determine the seeding based on, but in no particular order: overall record, head to head, common opponents, strength of schedule and strength of conference. In determining seeding, if the committee does not have a majority vote, they will use victory/defeat points to break a tie.

The Selection/Seeding Committee will attempt to separate conference 1st and 2nd place teams in the first round. Geography will be considered in pairing the first round games.

2011 1A BRACKET



*Designates the home team. Conference Champions will be the home team in the first round regardless of seed.

**2010-12 2A Football Conferences (42 schools)
(Enrollment: 276-600)**

<u>Western Slope (8)</u>		<u>Mountain (7)</u>		<u>Patriot (8)</u>	
Aspen	530	Alamosa	595	Brush	414
Basalt	444	Bayfield	438	Eaton	494
Cedaredge	281	Buena Vista	296	Estes Park	383
Coal Ridge	458	Centauri	292	Platte Valley	350
Grand Valley	352	Montezuma-Cortez**	761	Strasburg	307
Gunnison	318	Pagosa Springs	467	University	385
Olathe	357	Salida	316	Valley	549
Roaring Fork	315			Weld Central	595
<u>Tri-Peaks (7)</u>		<u>Colorado (6)</u>		<u>Flatirons (6)</u>	
CS Christian	375	Bennett	340	Academy, The	395
Florence	505	Denver West**	796	Faith Christian	335
La Junta	388	Kent Denver	430	Machebeuf	361
Lamar	478	Manual	404	Mead#	629
Manitou Springs	485	Platte Canyon	400	Middle Park	418
St. Mary's	347	Sheridan	472	The Pinnacle	334
Trinidad	415				

*playing up

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#adjusted enrollment

2A PLAYOFF FORMAT

The top two teams in each conference qualify, with the remaining four qualifiers determined by Wild Card points. The four Wild Card selections will be based on the top four teams with the highest Wild Card point totals that did not receive an automatic bid.

A committee of administrators, one from each conference, will seed the 16 qualifiers. The conference champions will be placed in one of the top eight positions on the bracket. A second place team could be placed in one of the top eight seeds and above a conference champion. The committee will determine the seeding based on, but in no particular order: overall record, league record, league standing, strength of schedule, strength of conference, strength of non-league games, and record in the last five games. Note: Conference opponents shall not face each other in the first round and the committee shall consider geography an important factor in the first round games.

The higher seeded team shall be the host team in the first round.

2011 2A BRACKET



Higher seed is home team in the first round.

2A WILDCARD FORMAT

1. The four Wild Card selections will be based on the top four teams with the highest Wild Card point totals that did not receive an automatic bid. They may come from any conference.
2. The CHSAA office shall compute the playoff points, making all information available to schools in contention on the Sunday following the end of the regular season. The announcement of the Wild Card teams shall be made on the Sunday prior to the beginning of playoffs and shall be official at noon on Monday (unless emergency situations exist). No protest shall be entertained after the deadline unless it involves wrong information supplied by the qualifying team.
3. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the point system.

4. Victory Points - Defeat Points:

- a. Victory points and defeat points are earned for wins and losses in games played and completed by the last Saturday (unless weather causes delays) in the regular season of the classification for which points are being computed based on classification and quality of wins and losses. The regular season is determined by the Colorado football regular season and any games played during that season will count toward Wild Card points whether they represent regular season or playoff games in the state in which they are played.
- b. Schools earn victory points for each win and defeat points for each loss, based on the 2A Wild Card table.
- c. Total points will be divided by the number of games a team has played.

5. Enrollment for out-of-state schools will be equated to Colorado classifications.

- d. EXCEPTION: On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward Wild Card Points for the next highest classification. A first scheduled 1A opponent would count as 2A points for a 2A team.

Examples:

- o School A (which is a 2A school) schedules Schools B (1A), C (2A) and D (2A) in non-conference games. All of those games would be factored based on 2A Wild Card Points.
 - o School E (which is a 2A school) schedules Schools F (2A), G (1A) and H (1A) as non-conference opponents. Under the exception above, School G would be factored as a 2A school, while H would be factored for 1A points.
6. A team that wins because they are awarded a forfeit will count the game as a win for their season record. A team that loses because of a forfeit will count the game as a loss for their season record.
 7.
 - a. If a school fails to field a team and does not play one game, each of its scheduled games shall be counted as no contest.
 - b. If a school plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed in the Wild Card standings. If a non-conference game is canceled because a team discontinues its schedule, a school may reschedule another game to count in place of the originally scheduled game. If they cannot reschedule the game they will be awarded a forfeit.
 - c. All games scheduled after the start of the season must be approved by the Commissioner in order to count in the Wild Card standings.
 8. Teams playing an opponent twice will receive separate victory and bonus points for each game.
 9. In brackets involving multiple Wild Cards, the Wild Cards shall be placed on the bracket by the Commissioner.

Classification
Of Opponent

VICTORY POINTS

DEFEAT POINTS

	Varsity	Varsity
4A	110 pts. (Opp. 9 wins)	80 pts. (10 wins)
	108 pts. (Opp. 8 wins)	70 pts. (9 wins)
	105 pts. (Opp. 7 wins)	70 pts. (8 wins)
	102 pts. (Opp. 6 wins)	60 pts. (7 wins)
	99 pts. (Opp. 5 wins)	60 pts. (6 wins)
	96 pts. (Opp. 4 wins)	50 pts. (5 wins)
	93 pts. (Opp. 3 wins)	50 pts. (4 wins)
	90 pts. (Opp. 2 wins)	40 pts. (3 wins)
	87 pts. (Opp. 1 wins)	40 pts. (2 wins)
	84 pts. (Opp. 0 wins)	35 pts. (1 win)
3A	100 pts. (Opp. 9 wins)	70 pts. (10 wins)
	97 pts. (Opp. 8 wins)	60 pts. (9 wins)
	94 pts. (Opp. 7 wins)	60 pts. (8 wins)
	91 pts. (Opp. 6 wins)	50 pts. (7 wins)
	88 pts. (Opp. 5 wins)	50 pts. (6 wins)
	85 pts. (Opp. 4 wins)	40 pts. (5 wins)
	82 pts. (Opp. 3 wins)	40 pts. (4 wins)
	79 pts. (Opp. 2 wins)	30 pts. (3 wins)
	76 pts. (Opp. 1 wins)	30 pts. (2 wins)
	73 pts. (Opp. 0 wins)	25 pts. (1 win)
2A	90 pts. (Opp. 9 wins)	60 pts. (10 wins)
	87 pts. (Opp. 8 wins)	50 pts. (9 wins)
	84 pts. (Opp. 7 wins)	50 pts. (8 wins)
	81 pts. (Opp. 6 wins)	40 pts. (7 wins)
	78 pts. (Opp. 5 wins)	40 pts. (6 wins)
	75 pts. (Opp. 4 wins)	30 pts. (5 wins)
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1A	80 pts. (Opp. 9 wins)	50 pts. (10 wins)
	77 pts. (Opp. 8 wins)	40 pts. (9 wins)
	74 pts. (Opp. 7 wins)	40 pts. (8 wins)
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	53 pts. (Opp. 0 wins)	5 pts. (1 win)

**2010-12 3A Football Conferences (51 schools)
(Enrollment: 601-1200)**

Metro North (8)

Alameda	746
Arvada	1199
Centaurus	1076
D'Evelyn	639
Denver North	953
Holy Family*	576
Kennedy	1121
Skyview	636

Metro South (7)

Conifer	1008
Elizabeth	787
Englewood	649
Evergreen	988
Jefferson	601
Ridge View Academy	764
Summit	816

* playing up

** playing down

Tri-Valley (6)

Fort Lupton	639
Fort Morgan	876
Frederick	863
Northridge	1090
Sterling	648
Windsor	1078

Northern (6)

Berthoud	624
Erie	700
Mountain View	1091
Roosevelt	729
Silver Creek	1085
Skyline**	1277

Southern (8)

Harrison	992
Mitchell	1118
Pueblo Central	1001
Pueblo County	787
Sierra	983
Vista Ridge	897
Wasson	1142
Woodland Park	947

South Central (8)

Canon City	1065
Classical Academy	602
Coronado**	1423
Discovery Canyon*	562
Lewis-Palmer	1162
Palmer Ridge	1100
Pueblo Centennial	979
Pueblo East	919

Western Slope (8)

Battle Mountain	736
Delta	685
Eagle Valley	738
Glenwood Springs	769
Moffat County	673
Palisade	1028
Rifle	615
Steamboat Springs	640

3A PLAYOFF FORMAT

2011 Qualifiers: The 7 league champions plus the top remaining Wild Card team will receive a top 8 seed (as determined by the seeding committee). Qualifiers 9-16 will be determined by Wild Card points and seeded by the seeding committee.

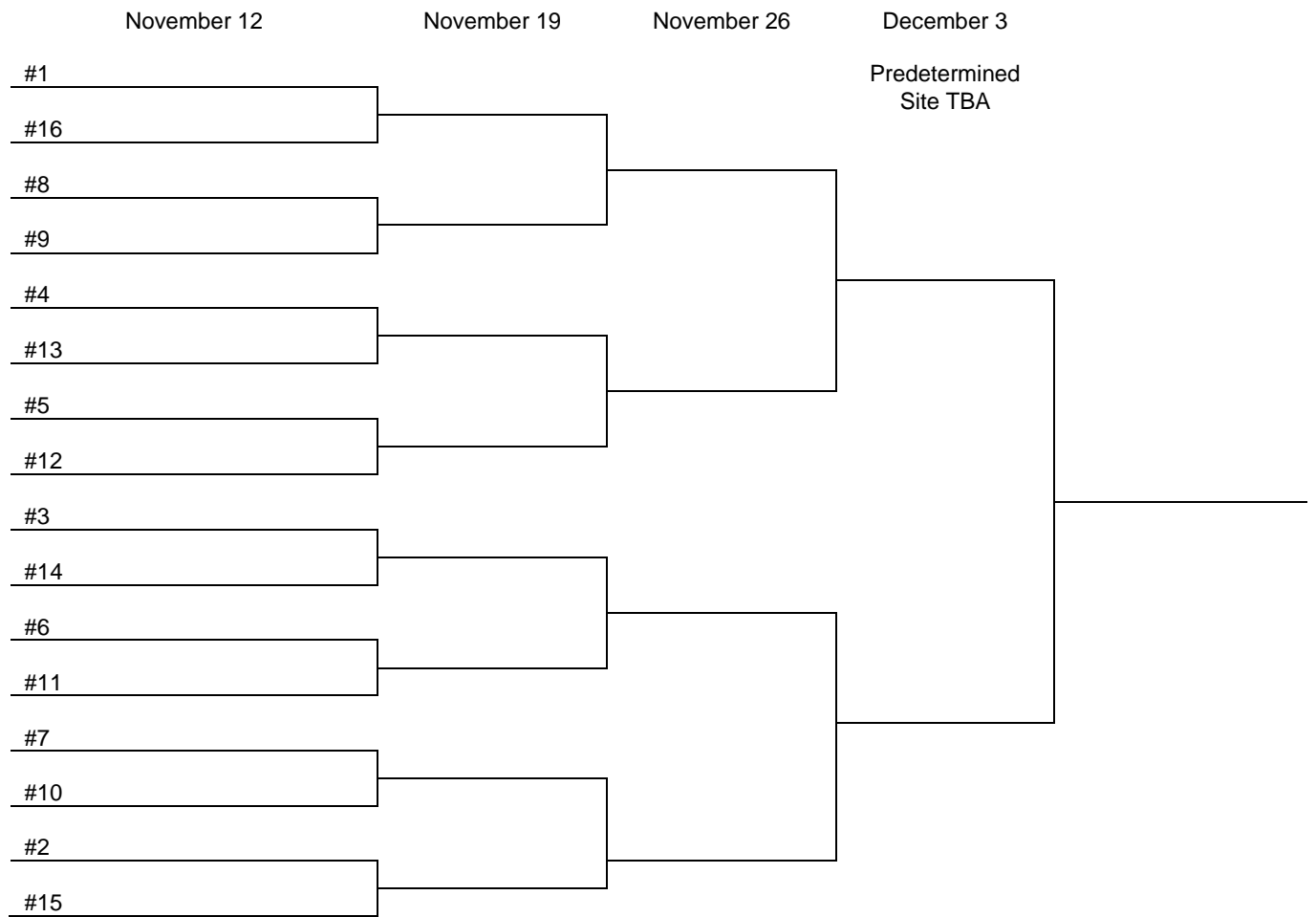
The teams will be seeded by a committee that includes one administrator from each conference (no coaches). The committee will seed using the following criteria (in no particular order): Wild Card points, head-to-head, common opponents and geography in the first round.

Conference opponents shall not face each other in the first round. The top eight teams will receive a first round home game.

The top Wild Card point team (not league champ) will be seeded on the opposite side of the bracket as their league champ.

EXCEPTION: On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward Wild Card Points for the next highest classification. A first scheduled 2A opponent will count as 3A points for a 3A team.

2011 3A BRACKET



Home team is the higher seed in the first round.

Classification
Of Opponent

VICTORY POINTS

DEFEAT POINTS

5A

Varsity
120 pts. (Opp. 9 wins)
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2010-12 4A Football Conferences (33 schools)

(Enrollment: 1201-1640)

Northern (7)

Broomfield	1400
Greeley Central	1415
Greeley West	1463
Longmont	1225
Loveland	1621
Niwot	1315
Thompson Vy.	1366

Mountain Plains (8)

Brighton	1532
Dakota Ridge	1583
Golden	1296
Green Mtn.	1351
Monarch	1509
Prairie View	1455
Standley Lake	1535
Wheat Ridge	1276

South Metro (6)

Castle View	1514
Legend#	1684
Littleton	1538
Ponderosa#	1677
Rock Canyon	1465
Valor Christian*	562

Foothills (5)

Cheyenne Mtn.	1357
Mesa Ridge	1257
Pueblo South	1365
Pueblo West	1268
Widefield	1275

Pikes Peak (5)

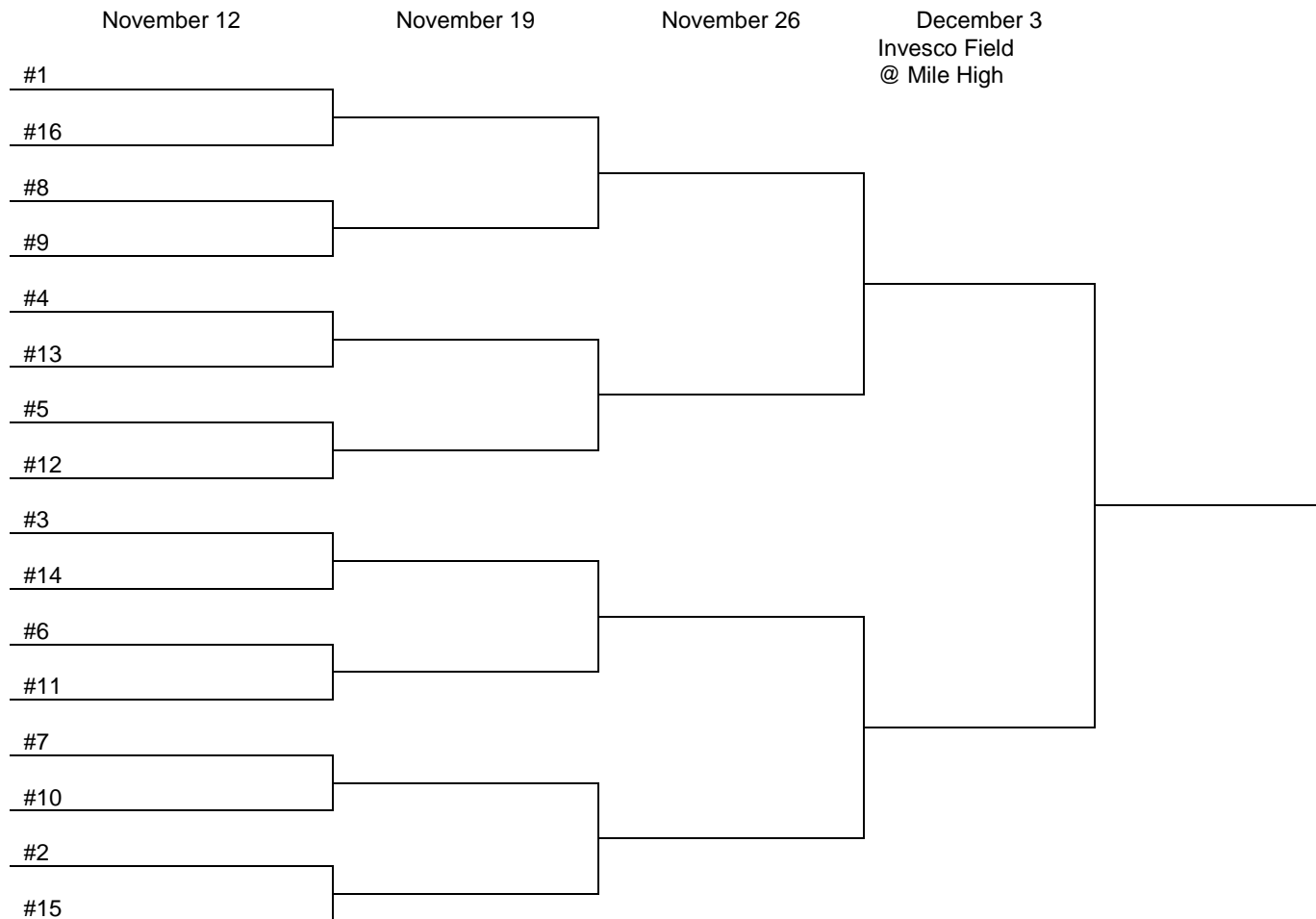
Air Academy	1309
Falcon	1295
Liberty	1554
Pine Creek	1509
Sand Creek	1302

Southwest (2)

Durango	1393
Montrose	1319

*playing up
#adjusted enrollment

2011 4A BRACKET



Home team is the higher seed in the first round.

4A PLAYOFF CRITERIA

A committee of administrators (no coaches), one from each conference, and the CHSAA football liaison will select and seed the 16 qualifiers. The conference champions are automatic qualifiers (a Southwestern team may be an automatic qualifier if it finishes first, tied for first or second outright in the Southwestern Conference which also has three 5A schools). The top 16 qualifiers will be based on the final Wild Card standings. If a league champion is not in the top 16 in Wild Card points, they will replace the 16th qualifier.

The committee will determine the seeding based on, but in no particular order: Wild Card points, head to head, overall record, league standing and geography. Conference opponents will not be paired in the first round.

FORMAT

1. The CHSAA office shall compute the playoff points, making all information available to schools in contention following week 7 games.
2. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the point system.
3. Victory Points – Defeat Points:
 - a. Victory points and defeat points are earned for wins and losses in games played and completed by the last Saturday (unless weather causes delays) in the regular season of the classification for which points are being computed based on classification and quality of wins and losses. The regular season is determined by the Colorado 10-week 4A regular season and any varsity games played during that season will count toward Wild Card points whether they represent regular season or playoff games in the state in which they are played.
 - b. Schools earn victory points for each win and defeat points for each loss, based on the following table:
 - c. Total points will be divided by the number of games played.
 - d. EXCEPTION: On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward Wild Card points for the next highest classification. A first scheduled 3A opponent could count as 4A points for a 4A team.

Examples:

- School A (which is a 4A school) schedules Schools B (3A), C (4A) and D (4A) in non-conference games. All of those games would be factored based on 4A Wild Card Points.
 - School E (which is a 4A school) schedules Schools F (5A), G (3A) and H (4A) as non-conference opponents. Under the exception above, School G would be factored as a 4A school, while F would be factored for 5A points.
 - School I (which is a 4A school) schedules Schools J (3A), K (3A) and L (4A) as non-conference opponents. School J would be factored as a 4A school under the exception above and the other two games as their classification dictates.
3. JV opponents will not accumulate points.
 4. Enrollment for out-of-state schools will be equated to Colorado classifications.
 5. A team that wins because it is awarded a forfeit will count the game as a win for its season record. A team that loses because of a forfeit will count the game as a loss for its season record.
 7.
 - a. If a school fails to field a team and does not play one game, each of its scheduled games shall be counted as no contest.
 - b. If a school plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed in the Wild Card standings. If a non-conference game is canceled because a team discontinues its schedule, a school may reschedule another game during that week to replace the forfeit, or accept the forfeit.
 - c. All games scheduled after the start of the season must be approved by the Commissioner in order to count in the Wild Card standings.
 8. Teams playing an opponent twice will receive separate victory and bonus points for each game.
 9. Any CHSAA-approved Zero Week game shall count as a regular season game and be counted in Wild Card points in classes 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A. The opponent's game with the team and subsequent games in the regular season shall also count toward Wild Card points.

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	66 pts.	(Opp. 1 wins)	20 pts.	(2 wins)
	63 pts.	(Opp. 0 wins)	15 pts.	(1 win)

WILD CARD TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM - (all classes except 6-man & 8-man) - To be used if Wild Card teams have the same number of playoff points

Tie Breaker: Head-to-head competition--if three or more teams are tied, head-to-head competition will be used only if one team beats all of the other tied teams. If after applying Steps 1 and 2 of the tie breaker process, two teams are tied, head-to-head shall be applied. The team(s) with the highest number of Tie-breaker Points shall be awarded the playoff berth(s):

1st Level Points + 2nd Level Points = Tie-breaker Points

Games Played

A. Award 1st level Point as follows:

- 5A 4.0 points
- 4A 3.5 points
- 3A 3.0 points
- 2A 2.5 points
- 1A 2.0 points
- A-8 1.5 points

A victory over any team in these classifications is worth that number of points.

B. Award Second Level Points as follows:

If you beat a team, you also receive all of the points they accumulate during the season.

If they beat a 5A team, your school receives 4.0 points

If they beat a 4A team, your school receives 3.5 points, etc.

C. Example:

	2nd Level Points	1st Level Points
Fairview (4 wins) 3.5, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0	= 15.5	4.0
Longmont (7 wins) 4.0, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.5	= 25.5	3.5
Rocky Mtn. (4 wins) 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 4.0	= 14.5	4.0
Mullen (5 wins) 4.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0	= 19.5	4.0
Smoky Hill (1 win) 3.5	= 3.5	4.0
	78.5	+ 19.5 = 9.8 (TB Pts.)
		(10 games)

D. Coin Flip

**2010-12 5A Football Conferences (52 schools)
(Enrollment: 1641-up)**

<u>Centennial (6)</u>		<u>Continental (6)</u>		<u>North Metro (6)</u>	
Cherokee Trail	2328	Chaparral	2176	Arvada West	1699
Cherry Creek	3501	Douglas County	1762	Boulder	1784
Eaglecrest	2369	Highlands Ranch	1682	Fairview	1911
Grandview	2607	Mountain Vista	1976	Legacy	1982
Overland	2139	Regis	1736	Pomona*	1596
Smoky Hill	2374	ThunderRidge	1803	Ralston Valley	1675
<u>Front Range (6)</u>		<u>Super 6 (6)</u>		<u>Southwest (3)</u>	
Fossil Ridge	1747	Arapahoe	2251	Central (GJ)	1664
Fort Collins*	1728	Bear Creek	1861	Fruita Monument	1764
Horizon	1881	Chatfield	2012	Grand Junction	1757
Mountain Range	2048	Columbine*	1636		
Poudre	1908	Heritage	1722		
Rocky Mountain	2122	Mullen*	932		
<u>Denver (7)</u>		<u>East Metro (8)</u>		<u>C.S. Metro (4)</u>	
Abraham Lincoln	1900	Adams City	1665	Doherty	2176
Denver East	2159	Aurora Central	2437	Ftn. Ft. Carson	1651
Denver South*	1392	Gateway	1728	Palmer	2071
G. Washington*	1491	Hinkley	2067	Rampart	1653
Lakewood	1966	Northglenn	1821		
Montbello	1686	Rangeview	2268		
Thomas Jefferson*	1078	Thornton	1736		
		Westminster	1910		

*playing up

5A QUALIFYING FORMAT

Qualify the top 32 teams, as determined by Wild Card points and after ties are broken, to the playoffs, beginning in Week #10.

The first 16 teams will be set based on Wild Card standing and cannot be moved. Teams 17-32 will be set based on Wild Card standing but may be moved up or down one seed to avoid a conference match-up in the first round.

The higher seed will host all first round games. In the second semi's round, the team with the fewest playoff home games will host. If equal, the higher seed will host.

Non-qualifying teams Week 10 pairings: #33 v. #34; #35 v. #36; #37 v. #38; #39 v. #40; #41 v. #42; #43 v. #44; #45 v. #46; #47 v. #48; #49 v. #50; #51 v. #52. Higher seed will be the home team.

With the exception of the Southwest League, all week 10 lower levels are expected to match up with week 10 opponents. At least one level must be at the opposite site of the varsity contest unless mutually agreed upon.

2011 5A STATE FOOTBALL BRACKET

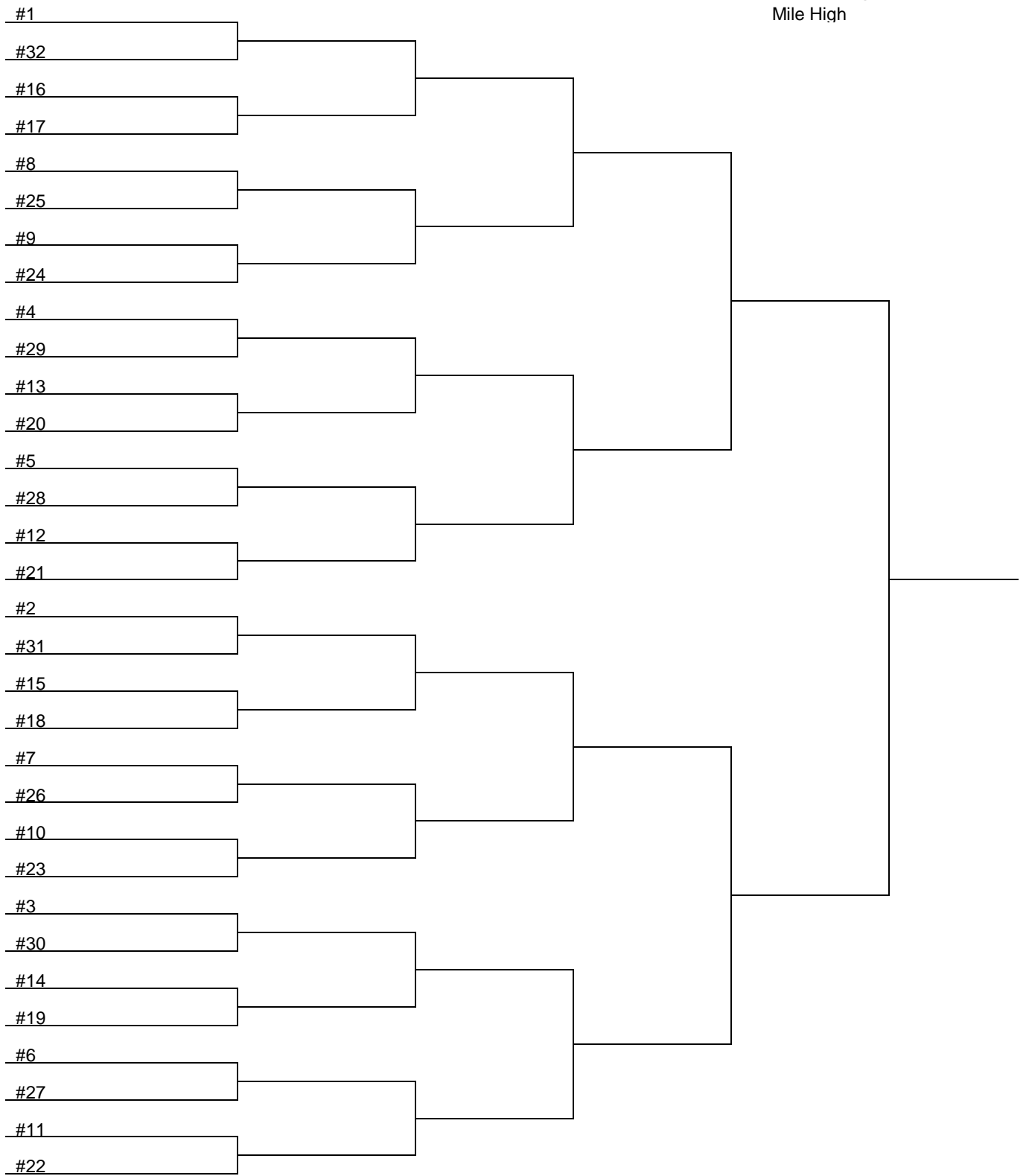
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December 3
Invesco Field @
Mile High



5A WILD CARD CRITERIA

FORMAT

1. Teams will qualify for Wild Card berths based on which team earns the highest number of playoff points.
(Victory Points + Defeat Points = Playoff Points)
Games played
2. The CHSAA office shall compute the playoff points, making all information available to schools in contention following week 6. The announcement of the Wild Card teams shall be made on the Sunday prior to the beginning of playoffs and shall be official at noon on Monday (unless emergency situations exist). No protest shall be entertained after the deadline unless it involves wrong information supplied by the qualifying team.
3. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the point system.
4. A team with a greater amount of playoff points may jump ahead of a team that has finished higher in conference standings.
5. Victory Points – Defeat Points:
 - a. Victory points and defeat points are earned for wins and losses in games played and completed by the last Saturday (unless weather causes delays) in the regular season of the classification for which points are being computed based on classification and quality of wins and losses. The regular season is determined by the Colorado 9-week 5A regular season and any varsity games played during that season will count toward Wild Card points whether they represent regular season or playoff games in the state in which they are played.
 - b. Schools earn victory points for each win and defeat points for each loss, based on the table below.
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Examples:

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$$\frac{1st\ Level\ Points + 2nd\ Level\ Points}{Games\ played} = Tie\text{-}breaker\ Points$$

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- 4A 3.5 points
- 3A 3.0 points
- 2A 2.5 points
- 1A 2.0 points
- A-8 1.5 points

A victory over any team in these classifications is worth that number of points.

B. Award Second Level Points as follows:

If you beat a team, you also receive all of the points they accumulate during the season.

If they beat a 5A team, your school receives 4.0 points

If they beat a 4A team, your school receives 3.5 points, etc.

C. Example:

	<u>2nd Level Points</u>	<u>1st Level Points</u>
Fairview (4 wins) 3.5, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0	= 15.5	4.0
Longmont (7 wins) 4.0, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.5	= 25.5	3.5
Rocky Mtn. (4 wins) 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 4.0	= 14.5	4.0
Mullen (5 wins) 4.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0	= 19.5	4.0
Smoky Hill (1 win) 3.5	= 3.5	4.0
	78.5	+ 19.5 = 9.8 (TB Pts.)
		(10 games)

D. Coin Flip

VI. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):

A. NO GAMES -- conference or non-conference -- WILL END IN A TIE. If the game is to be extended, the National Federation tiebreaker method (10-yard line) shall be used.

B. Ties in conference standings to determine state berths and/or state seeding shall be broken based leagues tie-breakers. Additional games may not be played to break ties.

EXCEPTION: A playoff (involving 2 or more teams) may be conducted in order to break tie(s) in conference standings. However, in no case may a school exceed the 10-game limit as a result of a game to break a tie in the standings. The CHSAA must be notified in writing, by September 1 if a tie is to be broken by additional play.

1. Conferences that break ties in standings without additional play will do so by the conference's adopted tiebreaker system, a copy of the same that must be filed with the CHSAA Office for review by September 1 of each year. In the event a conference does not file a tiebreaker system, it must break ties in the following manner: (Note: If there is a 3 (or more) way tie and one of the teams is removed from the tie, the remaining teams will revert to head-to-head (if possible) to determine which is the higher qualifier.)

a. Head-to-head (record against each of the teams involved).

b. In conferences or sub-divisions, the conference or sub-division may elect to use inter sub-division results as a factor in the tie-breaking method, after applying 1.

- c. Record against top team in conference or sub-division.
- d. Record against next highest common conference opponent above tie.
- e. Record against next lower common conference opponent below tie.
- f. Highest number of playoff points in the Wild Card Criteria.
- g. Coin flip by CHSAA Commissioner.

C. Playoff Times and Sites:

It is the desire of the Association that schools mutually establish game times and dates which best accommodate the interests of each school and community.

NOTE: All mutually established game times and dates are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office. When mutual agreement for the game time and date cannot be reached the following statements will apply:

1. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and Fri. 7:00 p.m. are preferred; except that all semifinal games will be played on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. unless there is facility conflict.
 2. When mutual agreement cannot be reached and travel distance is 150 miles or greater, then the game will be played on Saturday. Friday night will be considered a reasonable option if the distance is less than 150 miles.
 3. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate game times, dates and sites, including weeks when a school district is hosting more than one game.
 4. Both home and visitor will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the scheduling process but more weight shall be given to the home team preference.
 5. Six or seven days rest following the previous game shall be considered adequate and will not be a consideration when establishing the date.
- d. Stadium Arrangements - The Commissioner (or his designee) has the authority to select the site based on the adequacy of the seating, field conditions, etc. In order to host playoff contests, a predetermined number of seats (as determined by the Commissioner) must be available.
 - e. Playoff games shall not be postponed without the permission of the Commissioner (or his designee).
 - f. The Commissioner (or his designee) shall have the authority to select an alternate site in the event of poor playing conditions.
 - g. Determining sites for State Football Playoff Games (**ALL CLASSIFICATIONS**) - In the opening round of the state playoffs, the teams with the higher designation (No. 1 higher than No. 2) will host.

EXCEPTION – In 1A, Conference Champions will host in the first round regardless of seed.

The home team at each subsequent playoff game shall be that team which has had the fewer home games during the state playoffs. If both teams have had an equal number of home games, then:

In Class **A6/A8/1A**, a coin flip will be conducted by the Commissioner to determine home site.

In **CLASS 2A/3A/4A/5A** – the team with the higher designation will host that game.

1. For bracketing purposes, the team designated on the bracket or by a coin flip shall remain as the designated home team regardless of where the game is played.

Situation 1: Team A is designated the home team by a coin flip, but will not guarantee Team B's expenses. Team B guarantees A's expenses and hosts the game.

Ruling 1: For future site consideration, A has played a home game, while B has been away.

Situation 2: Team A wins the coin flip, but chooses to travel to Team B.

Ruling 2: A has been home; B away.

Situation 3: Team A, designated as the home team, cannot meet the seating requirements and plays the game at Team B's field.

Ruling 3: Team A has been at home; Team B away.

Situation 4: Teams A and B agree to play at a neutral site.

Ruling 4: Home and visiting team must still be designated based on the criteria above.

- h. State playoff officials for all classifications will be assigned by the CHSAA office.
- i. For all playoff contests, there will be an exchange of the most recent two complete digitals. If one school films/videos and the other school does not, the upcoming opponent may secure a film from a previous opponent so that an exchange of digitals can be completed. The exchange must be consummated by 12:00 noon on Monday preceding the next contest. If distance is a factor, schools must use overnight mail to insure meeting the deadline.
- j. A field to be used for any playoff game must have a field clock, or an extra official shall be hired in order that official time may be kept on the field by officials.
- k. Five-man official crews will be used in all state playoff contests for football.
- l. Regulation field for A8-Man is 40 x 100 yards with 15-yard side zones.
- m. Mercy Rule:
In classes A8, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A and at all levels (all conference and non-conference games), when a 40-point differential exists at any time during the game a running clock shall be used for the remainder of the game regardless of whether the score drops back below the mercy rule differential. (In A6, the margin is 45 points). See the following procedures below:

The clock will not be stopped when:

1. The ball goes out-of-bounds.
2. A forward pass is incomplete.
3. A score or touchback occurs.
4. A fair catch is made or awarded.

The clock will be stopped when:

1. The period ends.
2. Charged or injury time out.

The mercy rule will not be used in any live televised championship games.

- n. Equal Facilities (Field Phone)

If telephone facilities for both teams are provided as a standard practice (during the regular season) at a playoff site, then the same number of telephone facilities must be provided for both teams. This number must stay consistent throughout the contest. If one set of phones becomes inoperable during the contest, then neither team may use the phones initially provided. Teams are permitted to bring their own set of phones to a contest. These phones will be considered "extra" and are not under the procedure as outlined above.

The responsibility for notifying both teams of phone problems should belong to the referee.

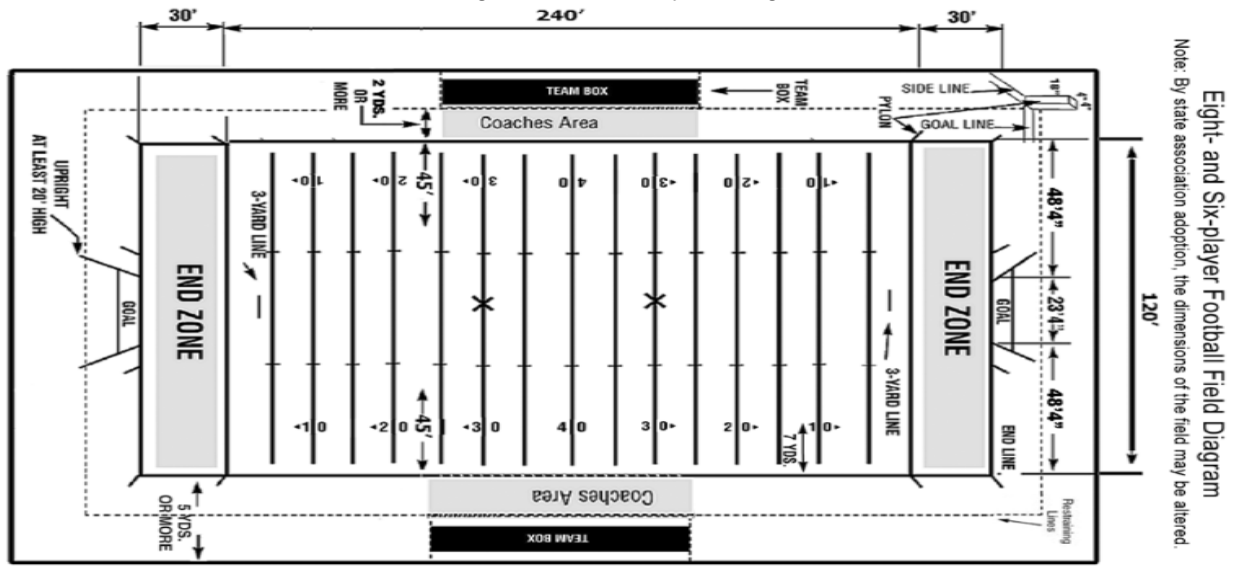
If a school does not provide phone facilities to both teams as a standard practice (during the regular season), then it is up to each team, home or away, to provide its own phones. The home team will not be required to provide phones to the visiting team if it is not done during the regular season.

o. Warm-up Time

A minimum of 45 minutes should be allowed for each team for pre-game warm-up.

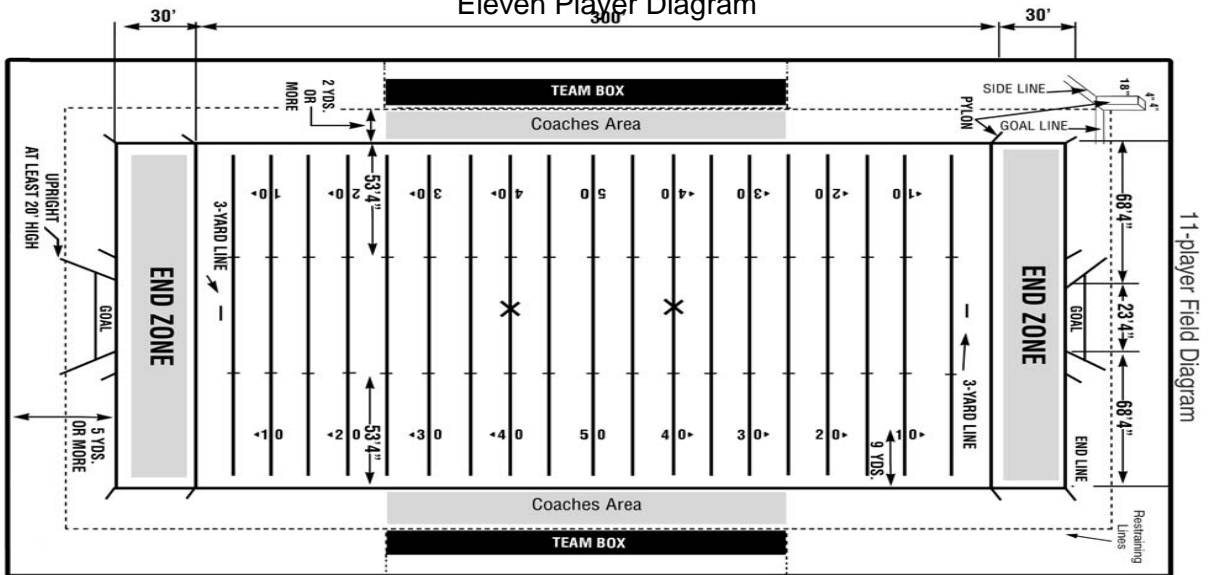
FOOTBALL FIELD DIAGRAMS

*Eight and Six Player Diagram



*Colorado Association adopted 8-man football to play on 100 yard field.

Eleven Player Diagram



Special Notes for the 2011 Season

- 1- All playoff games will have a 5-man officiating crew.
- 2- Many 8-man regular season games will have a 5-man officiating crew. This has been left to the discretion of the local officials' association, in agreement with the school. However, schools are not obligated to pay for the fifth official.
- 3- Per a NFHS rule change, 6-man and 8-man fields must have 6' numbers (preferred) or a second set of hash marks (acceptable). The hash mark or the top of the number must be seven yards from the sideline.
- 4- It is highly recommended that all fields be fully marked to include four sets of one-yard lines. The one-yard lines are 2' in length and 4" in width. Please see diagram above.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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A. State Association Adoptions

The NFHS rulebook (Table 1-7, pg 23) delegate's authority to the state associations for certain rules. The following shall apply in Colorado:

1-1-4 Note Determining the number of game officials – A6 = 4, A8 = 4 (5 preferred but not mandatory); 1A-5A=5. (NOTE: in playoffs, there will be 5 officials on all games regardless of classification).

1-3-2 Note Mandating specific ball for playoff competition – Any NFHS approved ball with logo except championship games will use a CHSAA supplied Wilson ball.

1-3-7 Use of supplementary equipment – Authorized.

1-5-1c4 Note Commemorative Patches – Must be requested of CHSAA on a case-by-case basis.

1-5-2d Use of artificial limbs – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 1 Use of drum for deaf teams – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 2 Use of device to enhance a required hearing aid – Authorized.

3-1-1 Procedure to resolve ties- NFHS overtime procedure (p.90-93 of Rules Book).

3-1-2 Mercy Rule – Running clock procedures are on pg. 39 of the Rule Book.

3-1-4 Continuation of interrupted games – Subject to league policy per CHSAA By-law.

3-1-5 Note 2 Length of halftime intermission – Subject to league policy.

3-2-1 Determining when coin toss is held.

3-5-7L TV/radio timeouts are authorized when a game is broadcast.

Rule 1 Size of A6 and A8 fields – 100 yards for 8-man; 80 yards for 6-man (p.93-94 of Rules Book).

- B. The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee strongly recommends that each field add a zone of two or more yards off the sideline to be used as a restraining line to maintain a clear area for players and officials along the sideline. The zone will be marked with hash marks and would extend to two yards in back of the end zone line and extended across the back of the end zone. A diagram of the suggested safety zone is in the CHSAA Football Bulletin.
- C. The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee reminds schools that in the case of extreme travel, teams can elect to establish a site more conducive to that travel for a playoff game. This does not, however, alleviate the home school of its responsibility as host.
- D. The Wilson football has been the designated ball for the CHSAA playoffs and must be used in all playoff games.
- E. Class 5A established that in Week 10, the schools matching up in the playoffs and those paired up for a Week 10 regular season game will match up lower levels, except for the Southwestern Conference schools.
- F. Class 2A/3A – If both teams involved in a particular classification in the 2A or 3A championship games are located west of the Continental Divide, then the predetermined site for playing that championship game will be Stocker Stadium, Lincoln Park in Grand Junction.
- G. It is strongly encouraged that leagues do not use a point differential as a tie-breaker in league standings. Having point differentials as part of the criteria has created hard feelings and unsporting acts, due to late scoring attempts in order to reach the maximum point differentials.