

3.3 Bracketing and Sites

3.3.2 Recognized Team Sports

3.3.2.1 For the recognized team sports of lacrosse, boys volleyball and water polo the following procedure will be followed:

3.3.2.1.1 Play-in Games. One of the competing schools shall serve as the host school for play-in games. The host school shall be designated by the FHSAA as follows (**NOTE: the host school line position, i.e. top line or bottom line, alternates each year; what initially begins on the top line this year will alternate to the bottom line next year**):

- (a) **First Round Play-in Games.** The home team for each game shall be the team on the top line of the bracket and the visiting team shall be the team on the bottom line of the bracket in the first round play-in game in each region. Consequently, the host school of the tournament may not necessarily be the “home team” during competition in that event.
- (b) **Second Round Play-in Games.** The champion on the top line of the bracket shall serve as host to the champion on the bottom line of the bracket in the second-round play-in game in each region. If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school in the first-round play-in game and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was a visitor in the first-round play-in game, the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school for the second-round play-in game.
- (c) **Third Round Play-in Games.** The champion on the top line of the bracket shall serve as host to the champion on the bottom line of the bracket in the third-round play-in game in each region. If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school in the second-round play-in game and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was the visitor in the second-round play-in game, the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school for the third-round play-in game.
- (d) **Determination of Host.** Determination of a host school using these criteria is not absolute. In all cases, the FHSAA Office reserves the right to select an alternate site.

3.3.2.1.2 Florida High School State Championship Series. The school on the top line of the bracket shall be the home team for the state championship tournament.

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