

- (2) Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A
  - Semifinals – Friday, November 18 (Week 20)
  - Championship – Friday, November 25 (Week 21)

All regional tournament games shall begin at 7:30 p.m. local time. Any exception must be approved by the FHSAA Office.

- (d) Bracketing. Qualifying teams in each class shall be placed on brackets for regional tournaments by the FHSAA Office as follows:
  - (1) Regional Tournament. The champion of odd-numbered districts will host the runners-up from their neighboring even-numbered districts, and vice versa.
  - (2) Release of Tournament Brackets. The completed bracket for each classification will be released on FHSAA.org no later than 5 p.m. EST Sunday, November 13.
- (e) Determining the Host School. One of the two competing schools shall be designated as the host school for each regional tournament quarterfinal, semifinal and final game, and shall determine the site of the game for which it serves as host. **In all regional tournament rounds, when a district champion plays a district runner-up, the district champion always shall be designated the host school.** Otherwise, the host school shall be determined as follows:
  - (1) Regional Quarterfinals
    - Classes 8A, 6A – Schools on the lower lines of bracket (lines 2, 4, 6, 8).
    - Classes 7A, 5A – Schools on the upper lines of bracket (lines 1, 3, 5, 7).
  - (2) Regional Semifinals
    - Classes 8A, 6A – School on lower line of bracket; if, however, school on lower line was home for regional quarterfinals and school on upper line traveled for regional quarterfinals, then school on upper line will be designated host school.
    - Classes 7A, 5A – School on upper line of bracket; if, however, school on upper line was home for regional quarterfinals and school on lower line traveled for regional quarterfinals, then school on lower line will be designated host school.
    - Classes 4A, 3A – School on lower line of bracket.
    - Classes 2A, 1A – School on upper line of bracket.
  - (3) Regional Finals
    - Classes 8A, 6A – School on lower line of bracket; if, however, school on lower line was home for both the regional quarterfinals and regional semifinals and school on upper line traveled for either the regional quarterfinals or regional semifinals, then school on upper line will be designated host school.
    - Classes 7A, 5A – School on upper line of bracket; if, however, school on upper line was home for both the regional quarterfinals and regional semifinals and school on lower line traveled for either the regional quarterfinals or regional semifinals, then school on lower line will be designated host school.
    - Classes 4A, 3A – School on lower line of bracket; if, however, school on lower line was home for regional semifinals and school on upper line traveled for regional semifinals, then school on upper line will be designated host school.
    - Classes 2A, 1A – School on upper line of bracket; if, however, school on upper line was home for regional semifinals and school on lower line traveled for regional semifinals, then school on lower line will be designated host school.
- (e) Awards. The FHSAA will award a trophy, at no expense to the school, to each regional champion football team.

### 3.7.3.4.2 State Semifinals

- (a) Dates and Times. State semifinal games shall be played on the following dates:
  - Classes 8A, 7A, 6A, and 5A – Friday, December 9 (Week 23)
  - Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A – Friday, December 2 (Week 22)

All state semifinal games shall begin at 7:30 p.m. local time. Any exception must be approved by the FHSAA Office.

- (b) Bracketing. The Region 1 champion will play the Region 2 champion, and the Region 3 champion will play the Region 4 champion in the state semifinal games in each classification.
- (c) Host Schools. One of the two competing schools shall be designated as the host school for each state semifinal game, and shall determine the site of the game for which it serves as host. The host schools shall be designated as follows:
  - Classes 8A, 6A, 4A, 3A – Region 2 champion and Region 4 champion.
  - Classes 7A, 5A, 2A, 1A – Region 1 champion and Region 3 champion.

*Some policies, procedures and guidelines listed in the previous sport manuals may be found in the FHSAA Policies Section of this Handbook. Please refer to the policy section of the Handbook for information not found in these Administrative Procedures.*