

3.3 Bracketing and Sites

3.3.1 Sanctioned Team Sports. For the sanctioned team sports of baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball and girls volleyball the following procedure will be followed:

3.3.1.1 Regional Tournament. One of the competing schools shall serve as the host school for regional tournament quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games. The host school shall be designated by the FHSAA as follows:

(a) In the regional quarterfinals for 5A through 9A and boys and girls soccer and in the regional semifinal for 1A through 4A, the champion of each district will host the runner-up from their neighboring district.

(b) In the regional semifinals for 5A through 9A and boys and girls soccer and in the regional semifinal for 1A through 4A, the school on the top line of the bracket in each game shall be designated the host school, except that when a district champion plays a district runner-up, the district champion always shall be designated the host school.

(c) In the regional championships for 5A through 9A and boys and girls soccer, the school on the **top line** of the bracket in each game shall be designated the host school. **If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school in the regional semifinals and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was a visitor in the regional semifinals, the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school for the regional final.** In any case, when a district champion plays a district runner-up, the district champion always shall be designated the host school. **NOTE: the host school line position (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.**

(d) 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.

3.3.2.1.3 Determination of Host. Determination of a host school is not absolute. In all cases, the FHSAA Office reserves the right to select an alternate site.

3.3.3 Competitive Bracketing for Team Sports.

3.3.3.1 For all team sports, with the exception of baseball, boys and girls basketball, and softball, the bracket matches will consist of Region 1 versus Region 2 and Region 3 versus Region 4.

3.3.3.2 In establishing the competitive rotation of the bracket, Regions 2, 3, and 4 rotate clockwise against the stationary Region 1 for the sport of baseball, boys and girls basketball, and softball. The rotation for the next three years is as follows:

- 2017-18 – Region 1 vs. Region 2; Region 3 vs. Region 4