



# NEW CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

**BEGINNING 2019-20**

**SPORTS AFFECTED:** Baseball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball, Girls Volleyball

Classification by sport is determined by **STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

## DISTRICTS

- Equal number of teams in each district
  - ⇒ NOT required to play regular season district games
- Required end-of-season district tournament
  - ⇒ Site(s) determined at District Planning Meeting
- District tournament seeding determined by using end of the current season MaxPreps rankings

## REGIONS

- 4 Regions Per Classification
- 4 Districts Per Region
- District champions automatically qualify for playoffs
  - ⇒ Top 4 seeds in each region (Seeded by MaxPreps)
- Teams 5-8 receive at-large bids via MaxPreps rankings
- Higher seed hosts
- Regional Tournament seeding determined by using MaxPreps rankings inclusive of regular season games and district tournament

CLASS	TEAMS PER DIVISION	REGIONS	TEAMS PER REGION THAT MAKE PLAYOFFS	TEAMS MAKING PLAYOFFS
7A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
6A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
5A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
4A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
3A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
2A	Evenly divided	4	8 (4 Auto Qualifiers & 4 At-Large)	32
1A (Rural)	Varies By Sport (Soccer Not Incl.)	4	Current Playoff Structure Remains Intact	

## NEW CLASSIFICATION AND PLAYOFF CHANGES BEGIN IN 2019-20

The Florida High School Athletic Association [Board of Directors](#) voted 12-3 Monday to approve the classification proposal. The new two-year classification cycle reduces the classifications in the following sports to six classes plus rural (rural is not affected): baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, softball and girls volleyball.

District tournaments will remain and be seeded by MaxPreps rankings released at the end of the regular season. However, schools are no longer required to play regular-season district contests. Following district tournaments, the regional playoff brackets for Class 2A-7A (1A rural playoff structure remains the same) will consist of four regions per class and four districts per region. District champions now automatically qualify for the playoffs, with the top four seeds in each region being seeded by MaxPreps. Following the top four automatic qualifiers being seeded, teams 5-8 will receive at-large bids via their MaxPreps rankings. Higher seeds would host. All regional MaxPreps rankings will combine schools' regular season and district tournament results.

### NEW FHSAA CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### When will our school know what classification and district we are in?

We plan to release the new classification setup once the sports season have concluded. Fall sports will be released after the completion of the fall sports season.

### Does this new system encourage member schools to run up the score?

According to the MaxPreps representative who spoke at the FHSAA Board of Directors meeting Monday, there is no incentive to run up the score when it comes to MaxPreps rankings.

### Could a district champion have to travel to a higher-seeded district runner-up?

No. The district champions automatically qualify for playoff seeds 1-4. After the district champions are seeded 1-4 via MaxPreps rankings, four at-large teams then qualify for seeds 5-8 via their MaxPreps rankings. The higher seed always hosts.

### Is it true teams do not have to play regular-season district games to qualify for their district tournament?

Regular season district games are not required to participate in the district tournament.

### Can I petition to move up or down a class?

Schools can petition for geographic isolation reasons per FHSAA Policy 12.

### Will all teams be required to report their scores on MaxPreps?

Yes. Scores are required to be inputted in MaxPreps. For football this fall, 99 percent of games have been inputted. For volleyball this fall, 97 percent of games have been inputted. Member schools who do not input their scores will be subject to sanctions.

### Will schools be required to enter stats into MaxPreps with this new system?

No. Only schools advancing to the Florida High School State Championships will be required to have updated stats on MaxPreps.

## Top Headlines



FHSAA board approves classification and playoff changes for 7 sports



High school football gets playoff bracket reveal show

### Don't Be Fined - Fill Out AT11 For Football Playoff Broadcasts

Any school or media outlet wishing to broadcast a contest in the FHSAA State Series (starting with district tournaments) \*MUST\* submit an [AT11](#) and be granted rights by the FHSAA no later than 3 p.m. on the business day preceding the first date of the state series event.

A host school principal or contest manager who permits the broadcast of an FHSAA State Series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA will subject his/her school, organization or facility to a monetary penalty to [include payment of the appropriate rights fees and, for member schools, a financial assessment in the amount of \\$50 per game broadcast.](#)

Schools who are not members of the NFHS Network Student Broadcast Program are subject to the [same fees](#) as media outlets.

Per [FHSAA Policy 44](#), Authorized working personnel employed by an outlet which has been approved to broadcast a Florida High School State Championship Series contest \*MUST\* be admitted to the facility without charge upon presentation of proper identification and FHSAA approved media rights. State series hosts must notify the FHSAA seven days before the start of postseason play if they have banned any broadcasting outlets from their campus.

### Drive To December TV Show This Sunday

[Drive to December](#), a new high school football playoff bracket reveal television show, will air THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. The show is FREE to watch and will unveil the playoff brackets for all eight classes in Florida. Additionally, high school football experts from around the state will appear to provide analysis and preview the marquee games. The FHSAA encourages all schools to host watch parties in their communities to share the excitement of the football playoffs. Be sure to tweet and tag the @FHSAA on social media with all your photos from the watch parties.

#### HOW TO WATCH

1. Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, Apple TV or Samsung Smart TV by downloading "WFTV Now" app
2. [WFTV.com](#)
3. [Facebook.com/WFTV](#)
4. [WFTV Channel 9 News App](#)
5. Traditional television on TV 27 (Orlando-area only)

### [October 30 FHSAA Football Point Standings](#)

### [FHSAA Football Team-By-Team Results](#)

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### Past Due: Population Report

The 2018 Student Population Report is now **PAST DUE**. It is required to be filled out by all member schools as the submission of this information is mandatory. Please read the instructions [carefully](#) before starting on the process. If you have any questions, please e-mail J.A. Colasanti at [jcolasanti@fhsaa.org](mailto:jcolasanti@fhsaa.org)

### [POPULATION REPORT FORM](#)

### Class 3A Region 4 Wrestling Regional Host Needed

If your school is interested in serving as host for the Class 3A Region 4 Wrestling Tournament to be held on March 1 & 2, 2019, please email [emailwrestling@fhsaa.org](mailto:emailwrestling@fhsaa.org) or [rlindeman@fhsaa.org](mailto:rlindeman@fhsaa.org).

## Fall Academic Team Champion Nominations Due November 12

Nomination forms for [Academic Team Champion Fall Sports](#) are being accepted and are due **Monday November 12**.

The FHSAA Academic Team Champion recognition program honors teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. The program recognizes teams in each of the Association's sanctioned and recognized sports, naming an Academic Team Champion in each classification.

For more information, contact Danielle Hogle at [dhogle@fhsaa.org](mailto:dhogle@fhsaa.org).

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If you look at maxpreps rankings over the past several seasons, you will see that their rankings are pretty accurate when lined up with teams that made it into the state playoff system. Their formula works and is accurate. Makes total sense to use them as a guide for seedings.

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