3.2 Bracketing and Sites

3.2.1 Team Sports

3.2.1.1 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:

3.2.1.1.1 Class 7A-2A for Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball and Girls Volleyball:

(a) Schools will be seeded for the regional tournament using the Florida MaxPreps ranking.
(b) District tournament champions will be seeded 1-4. The highest ranked district tournament champion will be named the one (1) seed. The 2nd highest ranked district champion will be seeded as the two (2) seed. This process will continue until all district tournament champions are seeded.
(c) The remaining four (4) teams will be selected as an at-large qualifier. The at-large qualifiers will be determined by the Florida MaxPreps rankings once the district tournament has completed. The highest ranked team in each region that is not a district tournament champion will be seeded as the five (5) seed for the regional tournament. The next highest team that is not a district tournament champion will be seeded as the six (6) seed for the regional tournament and this will continue for the remaining seven (7) and eight (8) seeds.
(d) In all regional rounds, the higher seed will be designated the 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.

3.2.1.1.2 Class 1A for Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Softball and Girls Volleyball:

(a) In the regional semifinals, the champion of each district will host the runner-up from their neighboring district.
(b) In the regional championships, the school on the top line of the bracket in each game shall be designated the host school. If, however, the school on the bottom line of the bracket served as a host school in the regional semifinals and the school on the top line of the bracket was a visitor in the regional semifinals, the school on the top 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.
(c) 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.

3.2.1.1.3 Flag Football, Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball and Water Polo:

(a) Regional Quarterfinals (Lacrosse), Regional Semifinals (Flag Football and Water Polo) and Regional Final (Boys Volleyball). 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. Consequently, the host school of the tournament may not necessarily be the “home team” during competition in that event.
(b) Regional Semifinal (Lacrosse), Regional Final (Flag Football and Water Polo). The champion on the top line of the bracket shall serve as host to the champion on the bottom line of the bracket. If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school during the previous round and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was a visitor during the previous round, the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school.
(c) Regional Final (Lacrosse). The champion on the top line of the bracket shall serve as host to the champion on the bottom line of the bracket. If, however, the school on the top line of the bracket served as a host school during the previous round and the school on the bottom line of the bracket was a visitor during the previous round, the school on the bottom line of the bracket will be designated the host school.
(d) Determination of Host. Determination if a host school using these criteria is not absolute. In all cases, the FHSAA Office reserves the right to select an alternate site.

3.3.1.2 Florida High School State Semifinal and State Championship.

3.3.1.2.1 Baseball, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Softball (Classes 7A-2A):

(a) Teams will be reseeded 1-4 based on the latest Florida MaxPreps rankings.
(b) Seed 1 will play seed 4; seed 2 will play seed 3 in the semifinal round with the winners advancing to play each other.
(c) The team with the higher Florida MaxPreps ranking, based on the latest publication, will be the home team.
(d) In the state championship, the team with the higher Florida MaxPreps ranking, based on the latest publication, will be the home team.

3.3.1.2.2 Boys and Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball (Classes 7A-2A):

(a) In the state semifinal, the champion of Region 1 will play the champion of Region 2 and the champion of Region 3 will play the champion of Region 4. The team with the higher Florida MaxPreps ranking, based on the latest publication, will be the home team.
(b) In the state championship, the team with the higher Florida MaxPreps ranking, based on the latest publication, will
be the home team.

3.3.1.2.3 Baseball (1A), Boys and Girls Basketball (1A), Softball (1A), Girls Volleyball (1A), Flag Football, Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball and Water Polo:

(a) The school on the top line of the bracket shall be the home team for the state semifinal and championship contests.