

## HIGH SCHOOL

# AHSAA website crashes after public-private championship split announced



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The Alabama High School Athletic Association website crashed Friday, Jan. 23, after the organization announced a new playoff structure for fall sports starting in 2026 that will [split public and private school championship competition](#).

The AHSAA sent out an email alerting media members of the crash. It did not specify the reason for the website breakdown, but the announcement of a public-private championship playoff structure split marked one of the biggest changes in state high school sports in years.

[Football will have eight championships](#) starting in 2026, with six public-school classes and two for private school.

The organization also announced region alignments for football for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years along with alignments for other sports.

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Private school representatives met with AHSAA leaders this past December to outline issues with a multiplier for classification, competitive balance process that moved private schools up in classification after repeated postseason success and other issues. Those, along with the AHSAA's interpretation of the CHOOSE Act that provides tax credits to offset tuition for private school attendees, were addressed in the AHSAA's reclassification.