

**II) Dates and Times for Playoff Games**

A) Playoff competition will begin on the Friday or Saturday three weeks prior to Thanksgiving Day. All playoff contests shall be held on Friday unless there exists a mutual agreement between the schools to hold the game on another day due to field conditions or availability, availability of officials, or in the mutual best interests of the competing teams.

- 1) The top four teams as determined by intra-district records after all tie breakers have been applied will qualify for the championship playoffs. The finishing position within the Region shall hereinafter be referred to as the "seeded position".
- 2) The playoffs shall be cross bracketed beginning with the first round in accordance with the following chart, and such chart shall form the order of the bracket for the five rounds of the playoffs. In the chart, the first column represents the Class and Region label for playoff awards and bracketing. The playoff bracketing for 2011 through 2014 is tentative.

Region	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1A-R1	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2
1A-R2	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4
1A-R3	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6
1A-R4	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8
2A-R1	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2
2A-R2	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4
2A-R3	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6
2A-R4	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8
3A-R1	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2
3A-R2	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4
3A-R3	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6
3A-R4	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8
4A-R1	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2
4A-R2	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4
4A-R3	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6
4A-R4	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8
5A-R1	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D2
5A-R2	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4	D3 vs. D4
5A-R3	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6	D5 vs. D6
5A-R4	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8
6A-R1	D1 vs. D4	D1 vs. D3	D1 vs. D5	D1 vs. D2	D1 vs. D4
6A-R2	D2 vs. D7	D2 vs. D4	D2 vs. D3	D3 vs. D6	D2 vs. D7
6A-R3	D3 vs. D5	D5 vs. D7	D6 vs. D7	D4 vs. D5	D3 vs. D5
6A-R4	D6 vs. D8	D6 vs. D8	D4 vs. D8	D7 vs. D8	D6 vs. D8

- 3) In each Class and Region unless otherwise noted, the first place team from the paired districts on the cross bracket chart will host the first round game against the fourth place team from the paired district, the second place team from the paired districts on the cross bracket chart will host the third place team from the paired district. In the second round the winner of the game between first and fourth place cross bracketed teams will play the winner of the game between the second and third place cross bracketed teams. All other districts will use the same playoff pattern. In all games in the second round, the team with the highest seeded position (finishing position in the district) shall host the game.
- 4) The highest seed (finishing position in the district) shall host the regional championship game (third round). Should teams with the same seeding meet in the third round, the team representing the even-numbered District shall host the games in even-numbered years, while the team representing the odd-numbered District shall host the game in odd-numbered years. If the paired districts are both even or both odd, the highest numbered district shall host the game in even numbered years and the lowest numbered district shall host the game in odd numbered years.

- 5) For the semi-state round (fourth round), the champion of region 1 will play the champion of Region 2 while the champion of Region 3 will play the champion of Region 4. The team representing the even-numbered Region shall host the games in even-numbered years, while the team representing the odd-numbered Region shall host the game in odd-numbered years.
  - 6) Winners of the fourth round games will play for the class championships.
  - 7) The Board of Control may review and consider for revision, the playoff pairings at any time.
- B) No playoff game shall be scheduled or played on a date or time that requires a loss of school time.
- C) The site of all games during the first four rounds in all classes shall be determined by the designated home team.
- D) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.