

## **2018-19 New Classification System - Postseason Format**

The KSHSAA reviewed the Classification Rules and protocol over the past two years. Based upon this review, the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and the member schools approved changes which will impact classification for post-season play beginning with the 2018-19 school year. The following calendar and activity specific information is a summary of anticipated postseason competition format.

A brief summary of the 2018-19 postseason calendar changes are noted below. These updates have also been added to the online KSHSAA calendar found at <http://www.kshsaa.org/calendar.cfm>.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

October 16, 2018 (Tuesday, SCW #16): Class 1A Regional tournaments  
No change to Volleyball Sub-State or State dates

### **FOOTBALL**

October 26, 2018 (Friday, SCW #17): All Classes, Week #9 bracket games  
October 30, 2018 (Tuesday, SCW #18): Class 3A Bi-District game **REMOVED**  
November 2, 2018 (Friday, SCW #18): All Classes, Regional games  
No change to Football Sectional, Sub-State or State dates

### **BASKETBALL**

February 13, 2019 (Wednesday, SCW #33): Class 1A Regional seeding  
February 18-23, 2019 (Mon-Sat, SCW #34): Class 1A Regional tournaments  
February 20, 2019 (Wednesday, SCW #34): Class 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A Sub-State seeding  
February 23, 2019 (Saturday, SCW #34): Class 4A, 5A, 6A possible Sub-State bracket play-in games  
February 25-26, 2019 (Mon-Tues, SCW #35): Class 4A, 5A, 6A possible Sub-State bracket play-in games  
February 25-March 2 (Mon – Sat, SCW #35): Class 2A, 3A Sub-State tournaments  
February 27-March 2 (Wed – Sat, SCW #35): Class 4A, 5A, 6A Sub-State tournaments  
February 28-March 2, 2019 (Thu-Sat, SCW #35): Class 1A Sub-State tournaments  
No change to State dates

### **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**

May 8, 2019 (Wednesday, SCW #45): Seeding for all classes  
May 13, 2019 (Monday, SCW #46): Class 4A, 5A, 6A bracket play-in games  
No change to remaining Regional or State tournament dates

The information on the following pages is a summary of the anticipated postseason competition format on an activity by activity basis.

## **Baseball**

Based on 2016-2017 schools indicating they will participate.

Class 6A – 36 schools

Class 5A – 36 schools

Class 4A – 38 schools

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups – 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#45
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools
- On Monday – play in games 16 vs. 17 and 15 vs. 18 to get into the bracket – played at highest seed.
  - Winner of 16 vs. 17 plays #1 seed
  - Winner of 15 vs. 18 plays #2 seed
- Second tournament day – Tues, Wed, Thurs. at highest seed to group. (total 3 games at site)
  - 1 vs. 16 (play-in winner); 8 vs. 9; winners play same day
  - 4 vs. 13; 5 vs. 12; winners play same day
  - 2 vs. 15 (play-in winner); 7 vs. 10; winners play same day
  - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11; winners play same day
- All games played at higher seed (Seeds, 1, 2, 3, 4 would host – 3 games – 1 day.)
- Host schools must secure registered umpires for all regional games. Three umpires per game.
- If 4A has 38 schools the 19<sup>th</sup> team will be added into the bracket where needed.
- Classes 3A & 2-1A postseason format would remain the same.

## **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. BYES in regular season games/tournaments ARE NOT to be counted.

Tie-breaking procedure if teams have identical percentage:

1. If teams played each other the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
2. Average fewest number of runs allowed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
3. Average most number of runs scored. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
4. Coin flip

## **Basketball**

### **Class 6A, 5A, 4A – 36 schools in each**

Proposal to move forward to Executive Board

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups – 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Remember in all scenarios there are actually two tournaments taking place a boys and girls
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#34
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools based on geography.
- Play in games 16 vs. 17 and 15 vs. 18 – to get into the bracket.
  - Winner of 16 vs. 17 plays #1 seed
  - Winner of 15 vs. 18 plays #2 seed
  - Play in games would be on Saturday, Monday or Tuesday at higher seed.
- Bracket play
  - 1 vs. 16 (play-in winner); 8 vs. 9;
    - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
  - 4 vs. 13; 5 vs. 12:
    - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
  - 2 vs. 15 (play-in winner); 7 vs. 10;
    - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
  - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11
    - Winner of these games play for opportunity to go to state at higher seed.
- All games played at higher seed
  - May have challenges in class 4A due to number of officials needed and the travel distance.
  - If not all games played at #1, #2, #3, #4 seed so officials can work two games a night.

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. BYES in regular season games/tournaments ARE NOT to be counted.

Tie-breaking procedure if teams have identical percentage.

1. If teams played each other the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
2. Lowest average defensive points allowed during the year. Add the number of points allowed and divide by the number of games played.
3. Highest average offensive points scored during the year. Add the number of points scored and divide by the number of games played.
4. Coin flip.

### **Class 2A & 3A – 64 schools in each**

- Schools are placed in groups of 8 based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#34
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Quarterfinal games are played at higher seeded team on Monday/Tuesday
- Semi-final games are played at host site on Thursday and Friday
- Final games at Host site – Girls and Boys
- 8 teams qualify for state

**Class 1A – 117 schools (not counting cooperative teams)**

**There would be 108 teams that need assignment.**

Use the regional format previously used, regional games played during SCW #34

- 16 regional sites – four in each quadrant of the state.
- Seeding done on Wednesday of SCW#33
  - 27 schools per quadrant
  - 3 regionals of 7 and one of 6 in each quadrant.
- Quarterfinal games played at higher seeded team – SCW #34 (Monday, Tuesday)
- Semi-final and Final games played at Host school – SCW #34 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- Top two teams qualify to two Sub-States from each regional in a quadrant.
- Sub-States at a neutral site.
- #1 and #2 from a regional are sent to the opposite sub-states.
- Sub-State tournaments – SCW #35 – games Thursday, Friday, Saturday (girls and boys championship)
- Four boys teams and four girls teams at each sub-state.
- 8 teams to state – same format as we currently do.
- Would need to find 2 neutral sites (schools) to host the sub-state games on Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

**Cross Country**

Class 6A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
  - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
  - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
  - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
  - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 5A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
  - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
  - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
  - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
  - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

Class 4A – 36 Schools

- Final Proposal
  - 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
  - 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
  - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
  - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

#### Class 3A – 64 Schools

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- 61 boys and girls schools based on 2016 participation.
- 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
- Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
- This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

#### Class 2A – 64 Schools

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- Based on 2016 participation – 59 Boys and 56 girls schools
- 3 teams from each regional qualify for state
- Top 10 individuals and if there are not 5 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 5 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
- This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 20

#### Class 1A – 117 Schools

- Based on 2016 schools participating of the 117 schools we would have:
- 74 boys schools (not teams – schools that may have only one or two runners)
- 66 girls schools (not teams – schools that may have only one or two runners.
- 3 regionals
  - 24 or 25 schools per regional site (similar to track now)
  - 4 teams from each regional qualify for state.
  - Top 10 individuals and if there are not 7 non-team qualifiers in the top 10 – go until we have 7 from non-qualifying teams. (current procedure)
  - This will qualify 12 teams to state plus individuals – at least 21

#### **Golf (Boys) – based on 2016-17 schools participating**

**No change recommended to current format**

6A – 35

5A – 32

4A – 33

3A – 52

2A – 43

1A – 43

### **Golf (Girls) – based on 2016-17 schools participating**

6A – 33  
5A – 27  
4A – 21  
3A - 30  
2A – 14  
1A – 2  
Total = 127

Quasi-team 40/60 rule:

6A and 5A would keep the 36 schools that compete in girls golf:

6A – 33, 5A – 27

Of the 67 schools remaining; 40% is the next 27 largest schools which would be 4A, followed by the remaining 60% (40 schools) which would be 3-2-1A.

May necessitate three regionals in girls golf (if needed).

### **Scholars Bowl**

**6A – 26 Teams**

2 Regionals of 13

2-pools of 6/7

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 6A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first- place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team. The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

**5A – 34 Teams**

2 Regionals of 17

2-pools of 8/9

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 5A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first- place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team. The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

**4A – 30 Teams**

2 Regionals of 15 2-pools of 7/8

State – top 4 from each Regional – 1 pool of 8 at State

In 4A state tournaments a single pool of eight (8) teams will be conducted. At the end of the round robin pool play competition, the top four (4) schools in the pool will advance to the championship final bracket competition. The first- place team will meet the fourth-place team, and the second-place team will meet the third-place team. The winners in each bracket will meet to determine first and second place, and losers will meet in the consolation for third and fourth.

**3A – 63 Teams**

4 Regionals of 15/16

2-pools of 7/8

State – top 3 from each Regional – 2 pool of 6 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

**2A – 62 Teams**

4 Regionals of 15/16

2-pools of 7/8

State – top 3 from each Regional – 2 pool of 6 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

**1A – 110 Teams**

8 Regionals of 13/14

2-pools of 6/7

State – top 2 from each Regional – 2 pool of 8 at State

First, second and third-place teams in each pool advance to the championship round robin competition. Advancing schools will draw by lot their competition order (A, B, C, D, E or F). Tiebreaking procedures for the championship final round robin competition will use the championship final round robin matches only, not the pool play rounds.

## **Softball**

### **Class 6A, 5A, 4A – 36 schools in each**

Based on 2016-2017 schools indicating they will participate.

Class 6A – 35 schools

Class 5A – 34 schools

Class 4A – 37 schools

### **Final Proposal**

- 36 teams – Divide into two groups based on geography
- 18 schools in each group. Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
- Seeding done on Wednesday SCW#45
- Divide those 18 into two groups of schools
- On Monday – play in games 15 vs. 17 and 16 vs. 18 to get into the bracket – played at highest seed.
  - Winner of 16 vs. 17 plays #1 seed
  - Winner of 15 vs. 18 plays #2 seed
- Second tournament day – Tues, Wed, Thurs. at highest seed to group. (total 3 games at site)
  - 1 vs. 16 (play-in winner); 8 vs. 9; winners play same day
  - 4 vs. 13; 5 vs. 12; winners play same day
  - 2 vs. 15 (play-in winner); 7 vs. 10; winners play same day
  - 3 vs. 14; 6 vs. 11; winners play same day
- All games played at higher seed (Seeds, 1, 2, 3, 4 in each half of state would host – 3 games – 1 day.)
- Host schools must secure registered umpires for all regional games. Three umpires per game.

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed. BYES in regular season games/tournaments ARE NOT to be counted.

Tie-breaking procedure if teams have identical percentage.

1. If teams played each other the one defeating the other the greater number of times will receive the higher seed.
2. Average fewest number of runs allowed. Add together runs allowed for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
3. Average most number of runs scored. Add together runs scored for all regular season games and divide by the number of games played.
4. Coin flip



**Class 3A – 64 schools in each**

- Based on 2016-17 numbers we would have 62 teams
- Schools are placed in groups of 8 (2 groups of 7) based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#45
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Format for quarterfinals and semifinals is left up to the host site. Sometimes because of travel and umpire availability it is easier to have all schools come to host site to play.
- Some play quarterfinals at higher seed and then semi-final and final at host site (3 games).
- We have allowed some flexibility in the format during the week based on umpires, site availability, graduations, promotions, etc.

**Class 2-1A – The rest of participating schools**

- Based on 2016-17 numbers we would have 60 teams
- Schools are placed in groups of 8 (4 groups of 7) based on geography.
- Seeding on Wednesday SCW#45
- 8 teams in a group are seeded.
- Format for quarterfinals and semifinals is left up to the host site. Sometimes because of travel and umpire availability it is easier to have all schools come to host site to play.
- Some play quarterfinals at higher seed and then semi-final and final at host site (3 games).
- We have allowed some flexibility in the format during the week based on umpires, site availability, graduations, promotions, etc.

**Soccer (Boys)**

**6A – 36 Teams**

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4  
 8 7 6 5  
 9 10 11 12  
 16 15 14 13  
 17 18

**5A – 36 Teams**

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4  
 8 7 6 5  
 9 10 11 12  
 16 15 14 13  
 17 18

**4-3-2-1A – 33 Teams**

2 Regionals of 16/17

1 2 3 4  
 8 7 6 5  
 9 10 11 12  
 16 15 14 13  
 17

**6A & 5A**

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17; Team #8 will play Team #9  
 Regional 2 -Team #2 will play the winner of Team #15 vs. Team #18; Team #7 will play Team #10  
 Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11  
 Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

#### **4-1A**

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17; Team #8 will play Team #9

Regional 2 -Team #2 will play Team #15; Team #7 will play Team #10

Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11

Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

#### **Soccer (Girls)**

##### **6A – 36 Teams**

2 Regionals of 18

1 2 3 4

8 7 6 5

9 10 11 12

16 15 14 13

17 18

##### **5A – 35 Teams**

2 Regionals of 17/18

1 2 3 4

8 7 6 5

9 10 11 12

16 15 14 13

17 18

##### **4-3-2-1A – 22 Teams**

2 Regionals of 11

1 2 3 4

8 7 6 5

9 10 11

#### **6A & 5A**

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of Team #16 vs. Team #17;

Team #8 will play Team #9 Regional 2 -Team #2 will play Team #15;

Team #7 will play Team #10

Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11

Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #13; Team #5 will play Team #12

#### **4-1A**

Regional 1 -Team #1 will play the winner of

Team #8 vs. Team #9 Regional 2 -Team #2

will play the winner of Team #7 vs. #10

Regional 3 -Team #3 will play Team #14; Team #6 will play Team #11

Regional 4 -Team #4 will play Team #5

#### **Swimming & Diving (Girls)**

##### **6A – 34 Schools**

State Qualifying/Consideration 6A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

##### **5-4-3-2-1A – 43 Schools**

State Qualifying/Consideration 5-1A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

### **Swimming & Diving (Boys)**

6A – 31 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 6A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

5-4-3-2-1A – 37 Schools

State Qualifying/Consideration 5-1A standards will stay the same. We take at least 3 full heats for individuals and relays (24 entries) if they hit qualifying and/or consideration times

### **Tennis (Girls & Boys)**

- Leave 6A & 5A as is
- 4A = 40% of the remaining participating schools
- 3-1A = The remaining participating schools (60%)

### **Track & Field**

#### **Class 6A, 5A and 4A – 36 Schools**

- 9 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- 3 entries per individual event, per school at regionals
- 1 relay entry per school at regionals
- No qualifying standards will be used
- There will be 4 qualifiers from each event to the state meet, from each regional

#### **Class 3A and 2A – 64 Schools**

- 16 schools per regional site (total of 4 sites needed)
- No change to the current structure

#### **Class 1A – 117 Schools (115 approximately)**

- 28 to 29 schools per regional site (total of 4 regionals needed)
- 2 entries per individual event, per school at regionals
- 1 relay entry per school at regionals
- Semi-Finals would possibly be used at regionals in the 100, 200, 100m (110m) hurdles.
- There will be 4 qualifiers from each event to the state meet, from each regional.

## Volleyball

- Single Elimination (Sub-state Tournaments)
- Pool Play & Bracket (State Tournaments)
  
- Classes 6A, 5A, 4A
  - 36 teams – Divide into two groups – 18 schools in each group.  
Seed each half of state 1 through 18.
  - Divide those 18 into 4 sub-state tournaments
  - Tournaments hosted at higher seeds. The play-in matches would take place at the same site, on the same day, prior to the first round match.
    - Sub-State 1:  
#1 vs TBD; #8 vs. #9 Winner advances to the state tournament  
TBD = #16 vs #17 Prior to the first round match
    - Sub-State 2:  
#2 vs. TBD; #7 vs. #10 Winner advances to the state tournament  
TBD = #15 vs #18 Prior to the first round match
    - Sub-State 3:  
#3 vs. #14; #6 vs. #11 Winner advances to the state tournament
    - Sub-State 4:  
#4 vs. #13; #5 vs. #12 Winner advances to the state tournament
  
- Classes 3A, 2A = 8 sub-states of 8;
  - Winner of each sub-state advance to state (8)
- Class 1A = Divide state equally into 4 sections
  - NOTE: Cooperative Agreements will diminish number of schools (117)
  - Each section conducts 4 regional tournaments on the Tuesday before SS Saturday
  - Top 2 teams from each regional advance to their section sub-state (placed in opposite brackets)
  - Play 2 sub-states of 4 teams each per section
  - Winner of each sub-state advance to state (8)
- Winners of all sub-states advance to state play (48)

## Wrestling

(Based upon 222 wrestling schools participating in 2016-17 school year.)

1. Class 6A = 36 schools
  - 18 schools per Regional (2 Regional sites)
  - Wrestle out to 8 places
  - 8 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional
  
2. Class 5A = 36 schools (2 Regional sites)
  - 18 schools per Regional
  - Wrestle out to 8 places
  - 8 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional
  
3. Class 4A = 60 schools (4 Regional sites)
  - 15 schools per Regional
  - Wrestle out to 4 places
  - 4 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

4. Class 3-2-1A = Remaining schools (90)
  - 22-23 schools per Regional (4 Regional sites)
  - Wrestle out to 4 places
  - 4 individuals advance to the State Tournament per Regional

## **Fine Arts: Debate/Speech/Drama/Music**

### **Debate/Speech and Drama**

Debate and Speech will be using the new classifications as adopted:

#### **Section 2: Senior High Regulations**

**Art. 1:** All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the thirty-six (36) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty six (36); 4A the next thirty-six (36); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

### **Music**

The 2018-19 Music Classifications will be announced later this school year based upon input from the KMEA Music Festivals Committee which will meet this fall to further discuss the Fine Arts proposal of: 6A (32), 5A (32), 4A (56), 3A (64), 2A (64), 1A (the remainder).