

6A & 5A football brackets – how the brackets are determined:

Complete information is found in the KSHSAA football manual. Multiple copies of that manual are sent to every KSHSAA member school in the state. The following applies only in class 6A and 5A football pairings – once the district winners and runner's up in each district are identified, the winners of Districts #1, 2, 3 and 4 are "seeded" onto the bracket based on the criteria established by the KSHSAA Executive Board. The seeding criteria is listed in the football manual. The winner's of those district are seeded in the top ½ of the bracket. Once the winners of district's 1, 2, 3 and 4 are seeded, then the runner up teams are seeded in a modified form – they are placed on the bracket so the two teams from each district are placed on the bracket in the opposite 1/4 from each other – the results of this seeding process means that if the two teams from the same district continue to win they could not play each other until the sub-state game. The winners and runner-up teams from districts #5, 6, 7 and 8 are seeded in the same manner but they will be placed in the bottom half of the bracket – again resulting in the winner's being seeded and the runner-up teams from the same districts in the opposite quarter of the bottom half of the bracket. As per KSHSAA Executive Board policy, using this process will result in a state championship game that is between the winner of the top half of the bracket (districts 1-4) against the winner of the bottom half of the bracket (districts 5-8).

Determining which site will host in class 6A and 5A:

In the first round, the team that wins their district will serve as the host. If seeded (i.e., District winners) advance and play each other then the higher seeded team will serve as the host school (provided they have both hosted the same number of playoff games this year). If both teams have not hosted the same number of games, the team hosting the fewer times will be the host school. If non-seeded teams (i.e., district runner-ups) advance to play each other and they have hosted the same number of playoff games, the East-West formula will be used to identify the host site. If they have not hosted the same number of playoff games this season, the team hosting the fewer number of playoff games will serve as the host.

4A, 3A, 2-1A, 8 Man Division I and 8 Man Division II

THERE IS NO SEEDING OF THE TEAMS ONTO THE BRACKET IN THESE CLASSES. Districts are "paired" on the bracket – District #1 is paired with District #2, District #3 is paired with District #4, etc. Winners of each district will play the runner-up of the district they are paired with. Districts #1 – #8 form the top-half of the bracket and Districts #9 - #16 form the bottom-half of the bracket in classes 4A, 3A and 2-1A. In the 8-Man classes, Districts #1 - #4 form the top-half of the bracket and Districts #5 – 8 form the bottom-half of the bracket. The top 1/4 of the bracket will be the winners of the odd numbered districts, the second 1/4 of the bracket will be the winners of the even numbered districts (same applies to the bottom 1/2 of the bracket). Again in this arrangement, the two teams from the same district that advanced into the playoffs could not meet each other until the sub-state game.

Determining which site will host in class 4A, 3A, 2-1A, 8 Man Division I and 8 Man Division II

The winners of each district host the first round playoff game. After the first round if the two paired teams have hosted a different number of playoff games (does NOT include any games other than PLAYOFF games), the team that has hosted the fewest number of playoff games this year will host the game. If the teams have hosted the same number of playoff games this year, then the East-West formula is used to identify the host school.

EAST-WEST FORMULA

FARTHEST EASTERN SCHOOL WILL SERVE AS HOST

ROUND	REGIONAL	SECTIONAL	SUB-STATE
EVEN years	3A, 8-Man D I	6A, 4A, 2-1A	5A, 3A, 8-Man D II
ODD years	4A, 2-1A, 8-Man D II	5A, 3A	6A, 4A, 2-1A, 8-Man D I

FARTHEST WESTERN SCHOOL WILL SERVE AS HOST

ROUND	REGIONAL	SECTIONAL	SUB-STATE
EVEN years	4A, 2-1A, 8-Man D II	5A, 3A	6A, 4A, 2-1A, 8-Man D I
ODD years	3A, 8-Man D I	6A, 4A, 2-1A	5A, 3A, 8-Man D II