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FOOTBALL

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Report No.

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- A. Establish new 6-man dates for the end of regular season and playoff schedule. The regular season will end on October 26, 2019. First round playoffs would begin November 2, 2019. The State Championship game will be scheduled for November 23, 2019.
- B. Seeding Criteria language was modified for 1A-4A classifications to utilize data to seed the playoff bracket. The four sources of data computed for seeding would be equally weighted: RPI; MaxPreps; Packard Ranking; Coaches Poll.
- C. Seeding Criteria language was modified for the 5A classification. Conference champions will receive an automatic qualifier onto the playoff bracket. The next qualifiers are the next - highest 17 teams in the final RPI rankings of the regular season from all teams outside the Metro 10. Total 23 qualifiers. The 24th qualifier or At-Large qualifier will be determined by the seeding committee. The Metro 10 Conference can have, at maximum, two qualifiers. The second qualifier can only qualify for the bracket via the At-Large process.
- D. Increase the allowable practice time for the regular season and post-season by twenty minutes. The time will be allotted for dynamic warm-up and non-contact instructional time. The dynamic warm-up and instructional time will be helmets only, no shoulder pads. The instructional time will follow the USA Football Fundamentals model.
- E. The final conference alignments for the 2020 and 2021 seasons will be approved by the CHSAA Board of Directors at their June meeting.

II. RATIONALE:

- A. The 6-man classification would like to return to the regular and post-season schedule for that was used during the previous cycle.
- B. The seeding committee will have consistent data from four sources to seed the playoff bracket. Conference champions will receive an automatic qualifier onto the playoff bracket. The remainder of the teams will be selected utilizing the final RPI Rankings. Head coaches are required to vote 8 of 10 weeks (3A-5A) or 7 of 9 (1A-3A) in the Coaches Poll during the regular season.
- C. The seeding committee will have consistent data from four sources collected to seed the playoff bracket. Conference champions will receive an automatic qualifier onto the playoff bracket. The remainder of the teams will be selected utilizing the final RPI Rankings. Head coaches are required to vote 8 of 10 weeks (3A-5A) or 7 of 9 (1A-3A) in the Coaches Poll during the regular season.

- D. This will enable coaches to have enough time to ensure student-athletes have proper warm-up. The USA Football Fundamentals can include: Tackling Tubes; Shadowman; Form fit tackling and Teaching progression.
- E. With the new timelines approved by CLOC in April, this will allow football programs to begin scheduling.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- A. None
- B. None
- C. None
- D. None
- E. None

2019

<u>NFHS Calendar</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Week 6	August 12 August 12-14 August 15-16 August 17	Begin Formal Practice No Protective Equipment (Helmets – Only) Full Pads – Limited Level of Contact Air, Bags, Control, Thud Full Contact – Live Action
Week 7	August 22	First Available Scrimmage Date
Week 8	August 29	First Allowable Contest
Week 16	October 26	End of Regular Season 6-man
Week 17	November 2	End of Regular Season 8-man/1A/2A/5A First Round Playoffs 6-man
Week 18	November 9	End of Regular Season 3A/4A Second Round playoffs 6-man First Round Playoffs 8-man/1A/2A/5A
Week 19	November 16	Semifinals 6-man Quarterfinals 8-man/1A/2A First Round Playoffs 3A/4A Second Round Playoffs 5A

Week 20	November 23	State Championship 6-Man Semifinals 8-man/1A/2A Quarterfinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 21	November 30	State Championships 8-man/1A/2A Semifinals 3A/4A/5A
Week 22	December 7	State Championships 3A/4A/5A

V. FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 6-MAN (30 schools):

6-MAN							
North (6)		East Central (5)		Central (5)		South Central (4)	
Briggsdale	64	Arickaree/Woodlin	49	Colorado D&B	56	Branson/Kim	42
Fleming	43	Flagler/Hi-Plains	69	Deer Trail	55	La Veta	66
North Park	46	Idalia	51	Edison	52	Manzanola	44
Peetz	60	Otis	67	Genoa-Hugo	47	Primero	54
Prairie	51	Stratton/Liberty	44	Hanover	77		
Weldon Valley	57						
South East (6)		South West (4)		Independent (1)			
Cheraw	42	Cotopaxi	70	Kiowa	68		
Cheyenne Wells	40	*Cripple Creek-Victor	87				
Eads	47	Mountain Valley	38				
Granada	51	Sierra Grande	75				
Kit Carson	33						
Walsh	40						
				*Approved Reclassification (AR)			

6-Man QUALIFYING FORMAT

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Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)

- Seeding numbers 1-8 will be seeded according to the final RPI standings and will be the home teams in Round 1. Teams that are seeded numbered 9-16 will be seeded using RPI and

geography. When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.

- Conference champions not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI will be placed in the bracket but conference champions are not guaranteed a top-8 seed.

Information Items

- Playing a JV team will not count for the Final Ratings Percentage Index (RPI)
- A team that wins due to forfeit will count the game as a win for their season record. A team that forfeits a game will count the game as a loss for their season record.
- If a school fails to field a team before the start of the season (does not play a game) each scheduled game they were supposed to play shall be counted as a no contest.
- If a team plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its remaining games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed into the power points.

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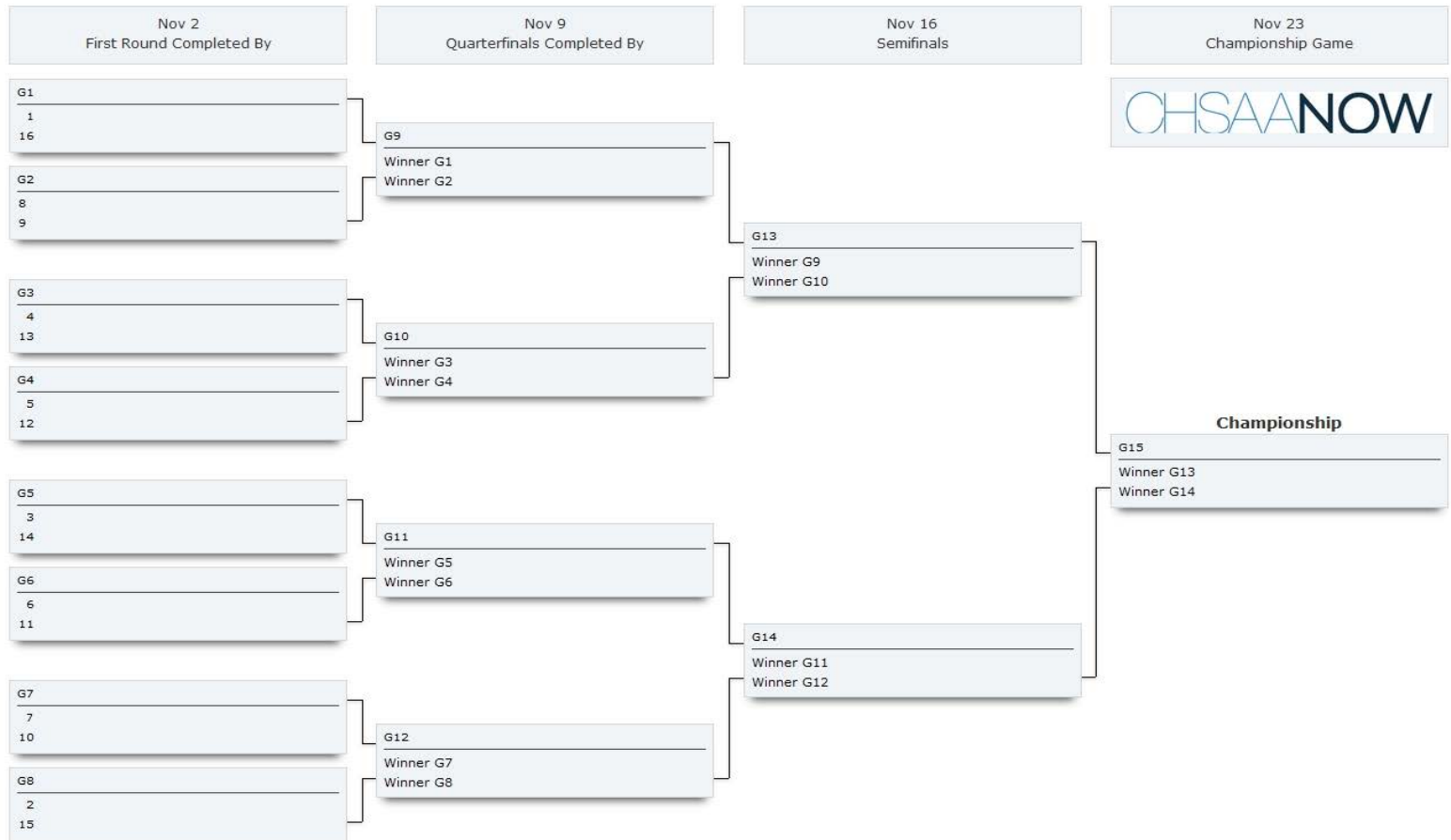
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Home team is the higher seed in the first round

FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 8-MAN (42 schools):

8-MAN							
Arkansas Valley (7)		Plains (7)		Mountain (7)		Independent (1)	
Fowler	120	Akron	90	Del Norte	136	*Dolores Huerta	206
Hoehne	116	Byers	137	Dove Creek	70		
Holly	95	Caliche	73	Mancos	120		
Las Animas	139	Dayspring Christian	90	Norwood	77		
McClave	68	Haxtun	80	Sanford	94		

Springfield	85	Merino	84	Sangre de Cristo	83		
Wiley	84	Sedgwick County	104	Sargent	117		
Southern (7) 6		Northwest (7)		Central (6)			
*Calhan	167	Gilpin County	123	Bellevue Christian	66		
Custer County	132	Hayden	135	Elbert	79		
Kiowa	68	Plateau Valley	97	Front Range Christian	141		
Miami-Yoder	95	Rangely	112	Justice	81		
Pikes Peak Christian	52	Soroco	99	Rocky Mountain Lutheran	58		
Simla	90	Vail Christian	148	South Park	142		
Swink	116	West Grand	137			<i>*Approved Reclassification (AR)</i>	

Denver Christian (144) – JV ONLY 2019

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Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)

- The following criteria should be taken into consideration when seeding bracket, in no particular order: RPI, common opponents, strength of schedule and head to head competition.
- A conference champion in the top-10 of the seeded playoff bracket will host a first-round game, unless they are playing another league champion. For example, if the No. 8 vs. No. 9 seed are both league champions, the higher seed will host the game. Once seeded, the seeds of the teams will not change, regardless of who hosts the game.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 10 of the seeded playoff bracket will be placed in the bracket but will not host a first-round game.
- A conference champion not ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket but will not be guaranteed a top 10 seed and will not be guaranteed to host a first-round game.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Geography will be a consideration in the first round.

Seeding Procedure

- Conference champions that are ranked in the top 16 of the final RPI rankings are placed on the board for consideration.

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- The seeding committee will determine the #1 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #1 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. The seeding committee will then determine the #2 overall seed and place that team on the bracket. The #2 team from the same conference as the #2 overall seed will then be placed on the board for consideration. This process will be followed until all 16 teams are seeded.

2019 8-Man BRACKET



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Home team is the higher seed in the first round

FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 1A (40 schools):

CLASS 1A							
North Central (6)		Foothills (6)		Sante Fe (6)		Western Slope (6)	
Burlington	227	Clear Creek	232	Crowley County	116	Cedaredge	298
Holyoke	164	*Jefferson	407	Ellicott	292	Grand Valley	319
Limon	135	Lake County	264	John Mall	164	Hotchkiss	197
Wiggins	160	Manual	316	Peyton	248	Meeker	198

Wray	171	Platte Canyon	263	Rocky Ford	227	Olathe	315
Yuma	224	Sheridan	346	Trinidad	272	Paonia	151
Southern Peaks (5)		Tri-Peaks (5)		Northern (6)			
Centauri	298	Buena Vista	291	Cornerstone Christian	74		
Center	153	Colorado Springs Christian	310	Estes Park	335		
Dolores	182	Florence	347	Highland	267		
Ignacio	259	Rye	228	Lyons	227		
Monte Vista	272	St. Mary's	251	*Pinnacle	520		
				Strasburg	314	<i>*Approved Reclassification (AR)</i>	

1A QUALIFYING FORMAT

The seeding committee for the 1A through 5A classifications will be the members of the football committee, minus any active coaches. If necessary, replacements for the active coaches will come from the same classification in roughly the same geographic area of the state. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

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Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)

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- The sources of data collected will be utilized to place teams on the 16-team bracket. Once on the bracket, teams can be moved one spot at maximum based upon a head-to-head regular season game, if they are consecutive seeds on the bracket.
- If the scenario exists where three or more consecutive seeded teams have all played one another, they will remain as originally placed on the bracket.
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- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round and geography will be a consideration in the first round. These adjustments can be made for seeds #9-16.

Informational Items

- Following the first round of the playoffs, if both teams have played the same number of home games during the playoffs, the team with the higher seed will host.
- The 1A championship home site must accommodate a seating capacity equal to twice the maximum enrollment of the respective classification. Example: 1A has an enrollment maximum of 407 X 2 = 814. minimum seating capacity. Bleachers may be brought in to the site to accommodate the seating requirement.

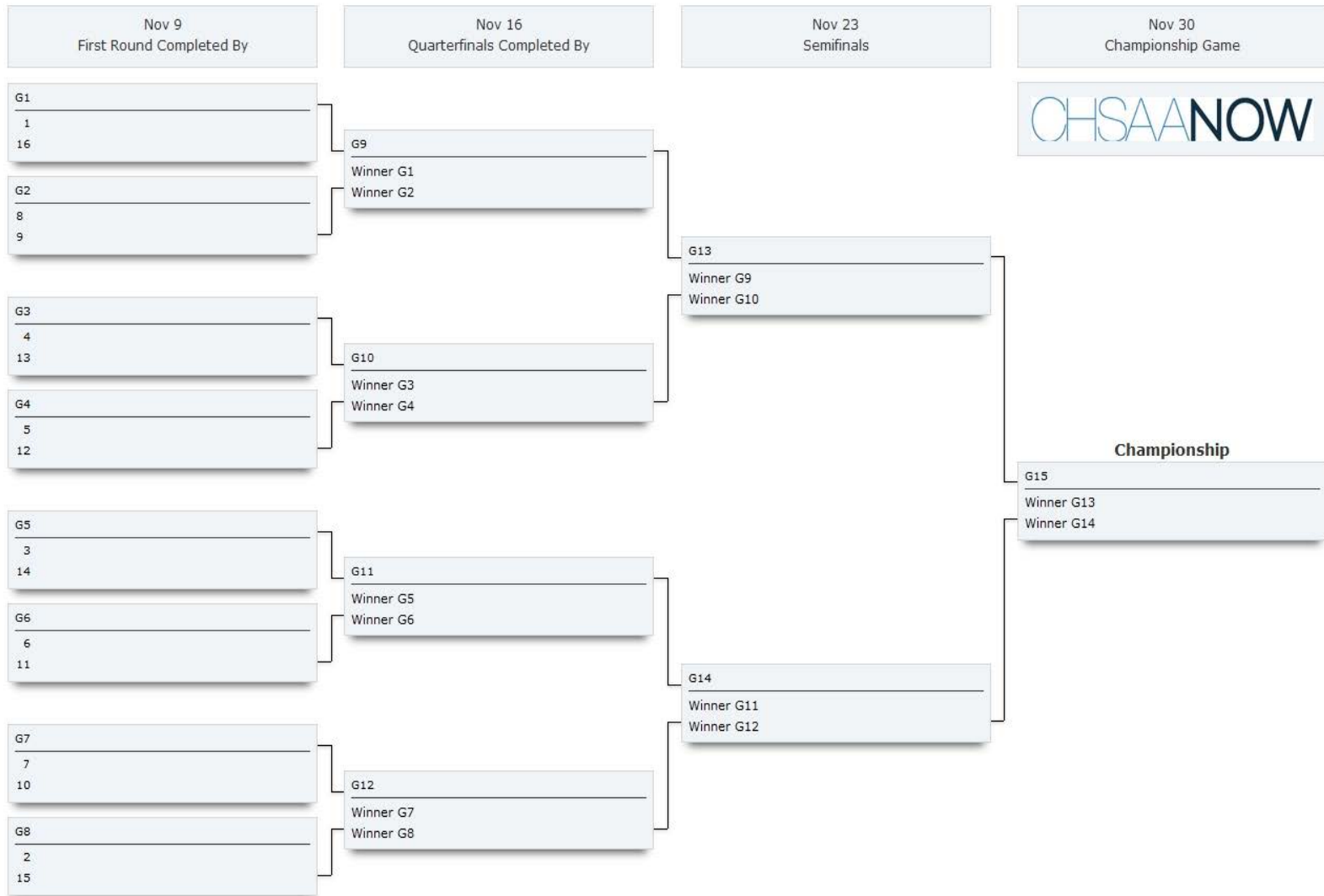
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FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 2A (41 schools):

CLASS 2A

Patriot East (6)		Patriot West (6)		Flatirons (6)		Colorado (6)	
Brush	444	Berthoud	715	*Arvada	822	Alameda International	800
Fort Lupton	619	Eaton	545	Bennett	365	Bishop Machebeuf	370
Platte Valley	348	Prospect Ridge	424	Denver West	642	Englewood	547
Sterling	524	Resurrection Christian	304	D'Evelyn	624	Kent Denver	485
Valley	584	The Academy	567	Faith Christian	393	Ridge View Academy	350
Weld Central	670	University	599	Middle Park	372	Riverdale Ridge	525
Tri-Peaks (6)		Western Slope (6)		Intermountain (5)			
Elizabeth	676	Aspen	547	Alamosa	596		
La Junta	380	Basalt	485	Bayfield	379		
Lamar	443	Coal Ridge	556	Montezuma-Cortez	635		
Manitou Springs	450	Delta	574	Pagosa Springs	450		
The Classical Academy	653	Moffat County	582	Salida	359		
Woodland Park	767	Rifle	759			* Approved Reclassification (AR)	
				**Gunnison	393	** JV ONLY	

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Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure

- The higher seeded team shall be the host in the first round. In subsequent rounds, the team with the fewest number of home games shall be the host. If equal, the following criteria will determine the host:
 - If opponents are from the same conference, the school with the higher conference standing in the regular season shall be the host.
 - If opponents are not from the same conference, the higher seed shall host.

Informational Items

- Following the first round of the playoffs, if both teams have played the same number of home games during the playoffs, the team with the higher seed will host.
- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. For example: the first scheduled 1A opponent would count as 2A points for a 2A team.
- The 2A championship game site will be hosted at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

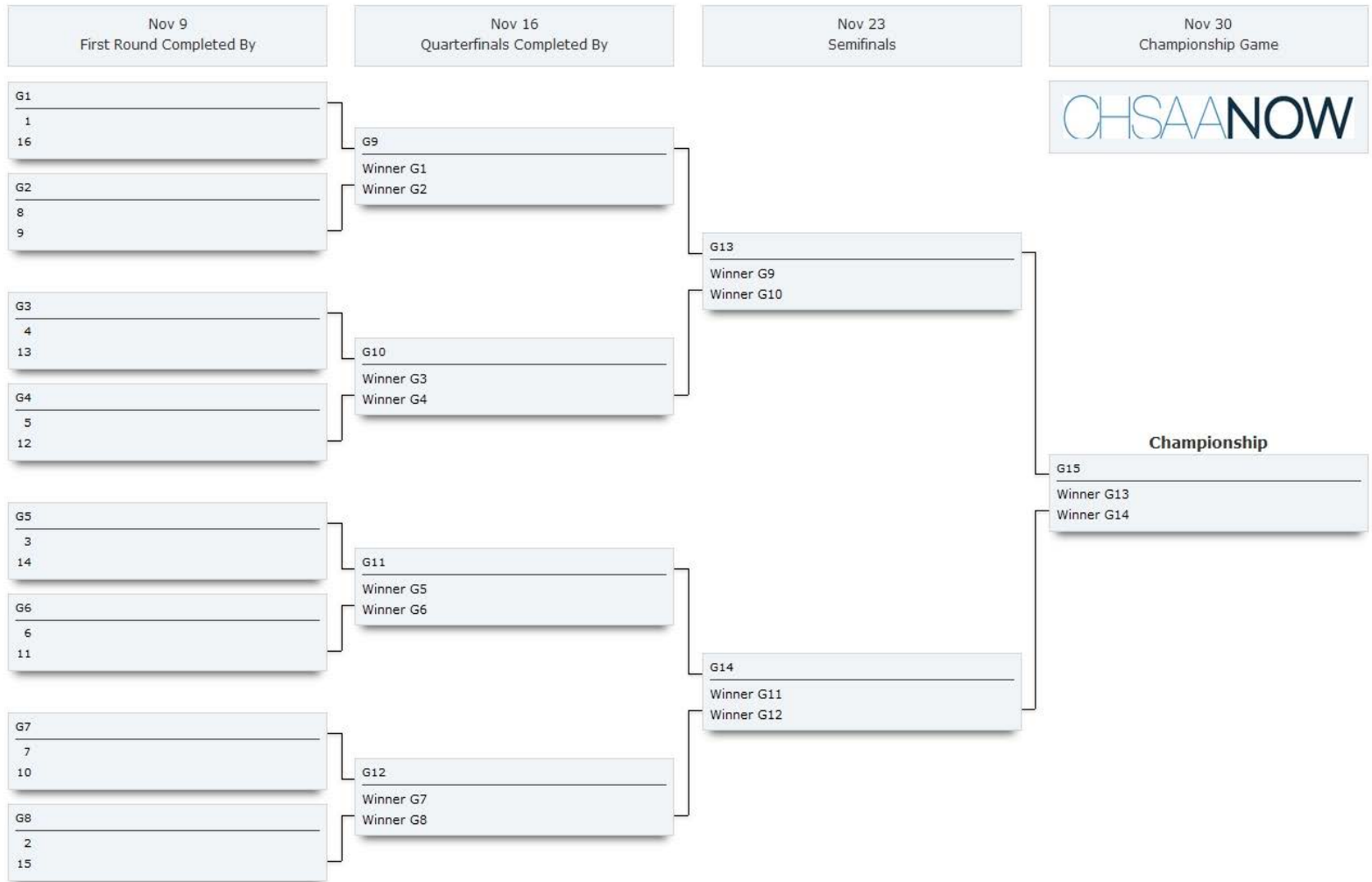
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FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 3A (42 schools):

CLASS 3A							
Mt. Metro (6)		Northern Metro (6)		North Valley (6)			
Abraham Lincoln	973	Denver North	1117	Erie	1154		
Conifer	870	Frederick	1013	Fort Morgan	907		
Evergreen	1117	Holy Family	649	Niwot	1204		
George Washington	1230	Mead	1115	Northridge	1201		
Green Mountain	1106	Northfield	788	Roosevelt	997		
John F. Kennedy	1072	Skyview	883	Thompson Valley	1165		
Central (6)		Southern (6)		South Central (6)		Western Slope (6)	
Discovery Canyon	1136	Canon City	1076	Durango	1132	Battle Mountain	955
Lewis-Palmer	1065	Falcon	1207	Pueblo Centennial	1194	Eagle Valley	931
Littleton	1217	Harrison	994	Pueblo Central	790	Glenwood Springs	947
Lutheran	525	Mitchell	1329	Pueblo County	980	Palisade	1051
Palmer Ridge	1185	Sand Creek	1207	Pueblo East	1087	Steamboat Springs	829
Thomas Jefferson	1082	Sierra	810	Pueblo South	1071	Summit	978

3A QUALIFYING FORMAT

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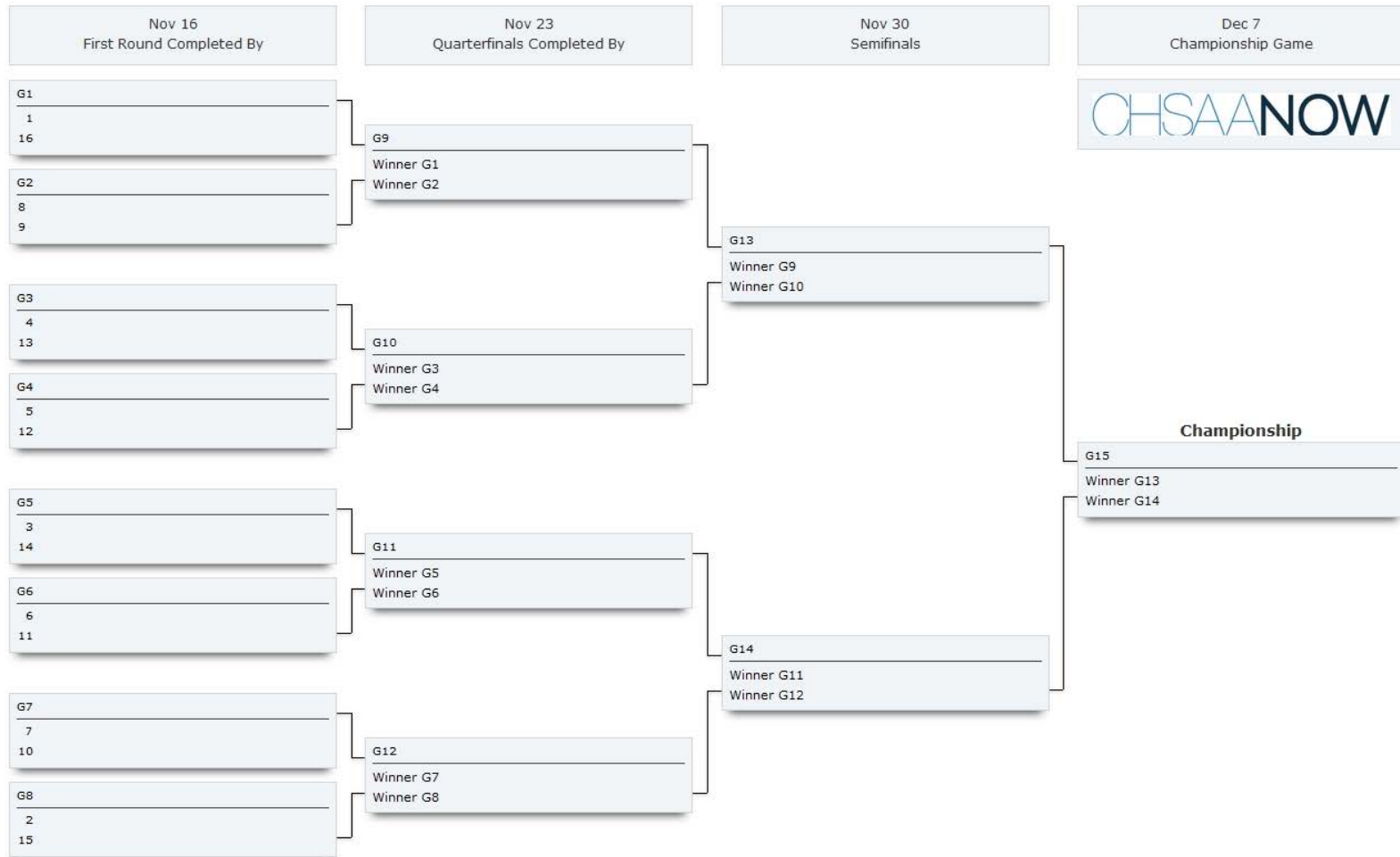
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FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 4A (42 schools):

CLASS 4A							
Northern (6)		Longs Peak (6)		Jeffco 1 (6)		Metro 2 (6)	
Brighton	1794	Fort Collins	1789	Bear Creek	1560	Aurora Central	1817
Broomfield	1591	Greeley Central	1480	Chatfield	1770	Denver South	1600
Greeley West	1628	Loveland	1631	Dakota Ridge	1530	Gateway	1654
Longmont	1287	Monarch	1714	Golden	1313	Heritage	1712
Mountain View	1245	Silver Creek	1359	Grand Junction	1574	Montrose	1316
Windsor	1485	Skyline	1443	Wheat Ridge	1251	Ponderosa	1349
Southern 1 (6)		Pikes Peak (6)		Pioneer (6)			
Cheyenne Mountain	1255	Air Academy	1354	Centaurus	1234		
Grand Junction Central	1520	Coronado	1369	Fruita Monument	1752		
Mesa Ridge	1290	Liberty	1621	Hinkley	2050		
Palmer	1631	Pueblo West	1391	Standley Lake	1363		
Pine Creek	1590	Rampart	1689	Thornton	1699		
Vista Ridge	1542	Widefield	1358	Vista PEAK	1444		

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Informational Items

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- 4A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 3,500. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

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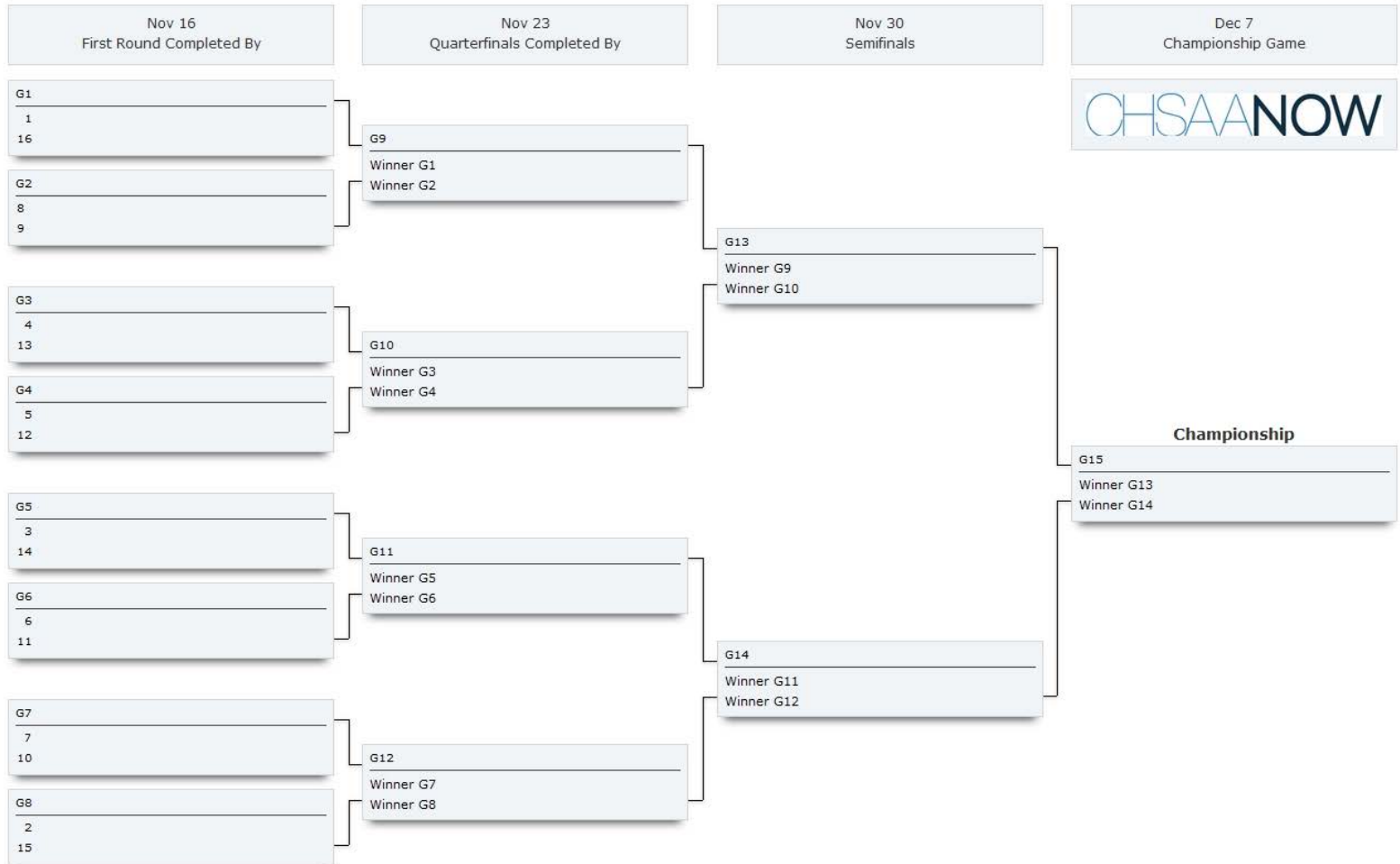
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FOOTBALL QUALIFYING 2019-2020 5A (40 schools):

Class 5A					
Front Range (6)		Metro West (6)		South (6)	
Fairview	2228	Arvada West	1750	Chaparral	2276
Fossil Ridge	1994	Columbine	1698	Doherty	2032
Horizon	2037	Lakewood	2120	Douglas County	1863
Legacy	2363	Mullen	852	Fountain-Fort Carson	1865
Poudre	1825	Pomona	1432	Legend	2119
Rocky Mountain	1970	Ralston Valley	1850	Regis Jesuit	1800
Metro South (6)		Metro East (6)		Metro 10 (10)	
Castle View	2155	Arapahoe	2155	Adams City	1847
Highlands Ranch	1742	Cherokee Trail	2953	Boulder	2065
Mountain Vista	2320	Cherry Creek	3654	Denver East	2644
Rock Canyon	2220	Eaglecrest	2820	Far Northeast	2964
ThunderRidge	2072	Grandview	2781	Mountain Range	1989
Valor Christian	1094	Overland	2375	Northglenn	1921
				Prairie View	1880
				Rangeview	2109
				Smoky Hill	2079
				Westminster	2350

5A QUALIFYING FORMAT

The seeding committee for the 1A through 5A classifications will be the members of the football committee, minus any active coaches. If necessary, replacements for the active coaches will come from the same classification in roughly the same geographic area of the state. The committee will meet at the CHSAA office on the Sunday following the final week of the regular season.

Following the end of the regular season, the procedures listed below will be utilized to capture the playoff bracket and serve as the criteria used for seeding the bracket.

Six conference champions will receive an automatic bid onto the playoff bracket. The next 17 qualifiers will be determined by the final RPI rankings from all teams outside the Metro 10. This is a total of twenty-three playoff teams. The final bracket playoff spot will be an At-Large bid determined by the seeding committee.

The top 23 teams in the classification based on the final RPI rankings, outside of the Metro 10 Conference, will be placed onto the post-season bracket. If a conference champion is not ranked in the top 23 based on RPI ranking, they will replace the lowest ranked team that is not a conference champion in the top 23.

The Metro 10 Conference can have, at a maximum, two qualifiers. The second qualifier can only qualify for the bracket via the At-Large process.

The top eight seeded teams will receive a first-round bye, and host in the second-round of the playoff bracket. Teams seeded numbers 9-24 will play in the first round, with the higher seeded team hosting.

Seeding Criteria (once qualifiers are determined)

- A conference champion not ranked in the top 23 of the final RPI rankings will be placed in the bracket but will not be guaranteed a top 8 seed and will not be guaranteed to host a first-round game.
- When possible, conference opponents will not be paired against one another in the first round.
- Geography will be a consideration in the first round.

Playoff Hosting Policy and Procedure

- On each schedule, the first scheduled (chronologically) non-classification opponent shall count toward RPI for the next higher classification. A first scheduled 4A opponent would count as 5A points for a 5A team.
- 5A semifinal sites must accommodate a seating capacity equal to or greater than 5,000. Playoff schools that cannot accommodate the minimum seating capacity of their classification must designate a regional site prior to their first playoff contest.

** - The Metro 10 can qualify for the postseason under the following circumstances: The league champion will automatically qualify for the postseason. A second team can be considered for placement on the bracket through the at-large process conducted by the seeding committee. The league can, at maximum, have two postseason qualifiers.*

2019 5A BRACKET

2019 CHSAA State Football Playoffs - CHSAA 5A Football Playoffs

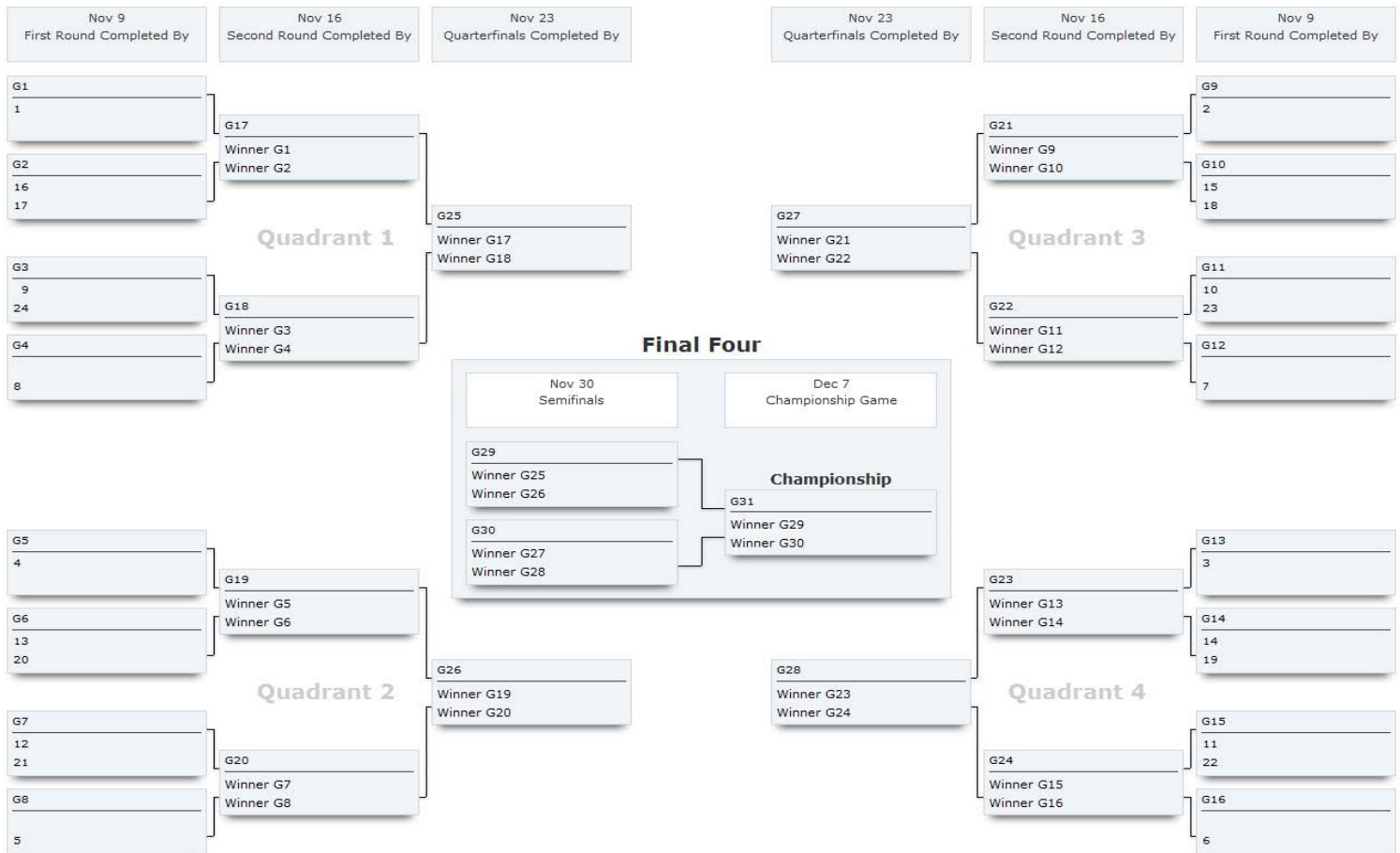
Location Various Cities, CO

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Home team is the higher seed in the first round.

I. POLICIES (ALL CLASSES):

1. Forfeits:

- A. A team that wins because it is awarded a forfeit will count the game as a win for its season record. A team that loses because of a forfeit will count the game as a loss for its season record.
- B. If a school fails to field a team and does not play one game, each of its scheduled games shall be counted as no contest.
- C. If a school plays at least one game and discontinues its schedule, each of its games scheduled prior to the season shall count as a forfeit and will be computed in the RPI standings. If a non-conference game is canceled because a team discontinues its schedule, a school may reschedule another game during that week to replace the forfeit or accept the forfeit.
- D. All games scheduled after the start of the season must be approved by the Commissioner to count in the RPI standings.

2. RPI Tie-breaker:

- A. If two teams have the same RPI in the final standings, the following tiebreaker shall be used (in the order listed):
 - 1) Head-to-head competition
 - 2) Winning percentage
 - 3) Opponents' winning percentage
 - 4) Opponents' opponents' winning percentage
 - 5) Highest-rated win against a team in the final RPI standings
 - 6) Next-highest rated win until the tie is broken
 - 7) Coin flip
- 3. Teams playing an opponent twice will receive separate RPI points.
- 4. JV opponents will not accumulate Final RPI Standing points.
- 5. Enrollment for out-of-state schools will be equated to Colorado classifications.
- 6. The number of points a team scores in a game will have no bearing on the RPI point system.
- 7. NO GAMES - conference or non-conference - WILL END IN A TIE. If the game is to be extended, the National Federation tiebreaker method (10-yard line) shall be used.

I. PLAYOFF TIMES, SITES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

1. It is the desire of the Association that schools mutually establish game times and dates which best accommodate the interests of each school and community.

NOTE: All mutually established game times and dates are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office. When mutual agreement for the game time and date cannot be reached the following statements will apply:

- A. **First round through Quarterfinal Games:** Saturday, 1:00 p.m. and Friday 7:00 p.m. are preferred.
 - B. **First round through Quarterfinal Games:** Thursday playoff games will be allowed through the quarterfinals if mutually agreed upon by both teams. If not agreed upon the preferred game times will be Friday at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
 - C. **First round through Semifinal Games:** When mutual agreement cannot be reached, and travel distance is 150 miles or greater, then the game will be played on Saturday. Friday night will be considered a reasonable option if the distance is less than 150 miles.
 - D. Six or seven days rest following the previous game shall be considered adequate and will not be a consideration when establishing the date.
 - E. **Semifinal Games Only** - Semifinal games will be played on Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Exception: Semifinal games may be played on Friday, 7:00 p.m. if it is mutually agreed upon by both schools, if there is a facility conflict, or there is a television opportunity.
 - F. The Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate game times, dates and sites, including weeks when a school district is hosting more than one game.
2. Stadium Arrangements – The Commissioner (or his designee) has the authority to select the site based on the adequacy of the seating, field conditions, etc.
 3. Playoff games shall not be postponed without the permission of the Commissioner (or his/her designee).
 4. The Commissioner (or his/her designee) shall have the authority to select an alternate site in the event of poor playing conditions.
 5. Determining sites for State Football Playoff Games (**ALL CLASSIFICATIONS**) - In the opening round of the state playoffs, the teams with the higher designation (No. 1 higher than No. 2) will host.

The home team at each subsequent playoff game shall be that team which has had the fewer home games during the state playoffs. If both teams have had an equal number of home games, then:

In Class **6man & 8man**, a coin flip will be conducted by the Commissioner to determine home site.

In Class **1A/2A/3A/4A & 5A**, the team with the higher designation will host that game.

The home team at each subsequent playoff game shall be that team which has had the fewer home games during the state playoffs. If both teams have had an equal number of home games, then:

In Class **A6 & A8**, a coin flip will be conducted by the Commissioner to determine home site.

In Class **1A/2A/3A/4A & 5A**, the team with the higher designation will host that game.

EXCEPTIONS: in **2A**, the championship game will be played at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

In **3A**, the championship game will be played at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

For bracketing purposes, the team designated on the bracket or by a coin flip shall remain as the designated home team regardless of where the game is played.

Situation 1: Team A is designated the home team by a coin flip but will not guarantee Team B's expenses. Team B guarantees A's expenses and hosts the game.

Ruling 1: For future site consideration, Team A has played a home game, while team B has been away.

Situation 2: Team A wins the coin flip, but chooses to travel to Team B.

Ruling 2: Team A has been home; Team B has been away.

Situation 3: Team A, designated as the home team, cannot meet the seating requirements and plays the game at Team B's field.

Ruling 3: Team A has been at home; Team B has been away.

Situation 4: Teams A and B agree to play at a neutral site.

Ruling 4: Home and visiting team must still be designated based on the criteria above.

6. State playoff officials for all classifications will be assigned by the CHSAA office.
7. For all playoff contests, there will be an exchange of the most recent two complete digitals. If one school films/videos and the other school does not, the upcoming opponent may secure a film from a previous opponent so that an exchange of digitals can be completed. The exchange must be consummated by 12:00 noon on Monday preceding the next contest. If distance is a factor, schools must use overnight mail to insure meeting the deadline.
8. A field to be used for any playoff game must have a field clock, or an extra official shall be hired in order that official time may be kept on the field by officials.
9. Five-person official crews will be used in all state playoff contests for football.
10. Regulation field for A8-Man is 40 x 100 yards with 15-yard side zones.
11. Mercy Rule:

In classes 8-man, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A and at all levels (all conference and non-conference games), when a 40-point differential exists at any time during the game a running clock shall be used for the remainder of the game regardless of whether the score drops back below the mercy rule differential. (In 6-man, the margin is 45 points). See the following procedures below:

The clock will not be stopped when:

1. The ball goes out-of-bounds.
2. A forward pass is incomplete.
3. A score or touchback occurs.
4. A fair catch is made or awarded.

The clock will be stopped when:

1. The period ends.
2. Charged or injury time out.

The mercy rule will not be used in any live televised championship games.

12. Equal Facilities (Field Phone)

If telephone facilities for both teams are provided as a standard practice (during the regular season) at a playoff site, then the same number of telephone facilities must be provided for both teams. This number must stay consistent throughout the contest. If one set of phones becomes inoperable during the contest, then neither team may use the phones initially provided. Teams are permitted to bring their own set of phones to a contest. These phones will be considered "extra" and are not under the procedure as outlined above.

The responsibility for notifying both teams of phone problems should belong to the referee.

If a school does not provide phone facilities to both teams as a standard practice (during the regular season), then it is up to each team, home or away, to provide its own phones. The home team will not be required to provide phones to the visiting team if it is not done during the regular season.

13. Warm-up Time

A minimum of 45 minutes should be allowed for each team for pre-game warm-up.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. State Association Adoptions:

The NFHS rulebook (Table 1-7, page 23) delegate's authority to the state associations for certain rules. The following shall apply in Colorado:

1-1-4 Note Determining the number of game officials – A6 = 4, A8 = 4 (5 preferred); 1A-5A = 5.

1-3-2 Note Mandating specific ball for all playoff competition – Any NFHS approved Wilson ball must be used for all playoff contests.

1-3-7 Use of supplementary equipment – Authorized.

1-5-1c4 Note Commemorative Patches – Must be requested of CHSAA on a case-by-case basis.

1-5-2d Use of artificial limbs – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 1 Use of drum for deaf teams – Authorized.

1-5-3b Note 2 Use of device to enhance a required hearing aid – Authorized.

3-1-1 Procedure to resolve ties- NFHS overtime procedure.

3-1-2 Mercy Rule – Running clock procedures are on p. 8 of the football handbook.

3-1-4 Continuation of interrupted games – Subject to league policy.

3-1-5 Note 2 Length of halftime intermission – Subject to league policy.

3-2-1 Determining when coin toss is held – On the field, 3-5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

3-5-7L TV/radio timeouts are authorized when a game is broadcast.

8-3-1 Exc & OT 5-1-1– If a touchdown is scored during the last down of the fourth period or in overtime. The try is not attempted unless the point(s) would affect the outcome of the game.

Rule 1 Size of A6 and A8 fields – 100 yards for 8-man; 80 yards for 6-man.

2. The football committee strongly recommends that coaches share film with officials following each contest in an educational effort to improve the game.
3. The CHSAA Football Advisory Committee reminds schools that in the case of extreme travel, teams can elect to establish a site more conducive to that travel for a playoff game. This does not, however, alleviate the home school of its responsibility as host.
4. The Wilson football has been the designated ball for the CHSAA playoffs and must be used in all playoff games.
5. It is strongly encouraged that leagues do not use a point differential as a tie-breaker in league standings. Having point differentials as part of the criteria has created hard feelings and unsporting acts, due to late scoring attempts to reach the maximum point differentials.
6. P. A. announcers shall remain neutral.
7. Schools should assign official's escorts to and from the locker rooms at halftime and at the end of the game. Officials should never be escorted through spectators.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Noll, Chair, District 11; Ryan Christiansen, Cotopaxi; Mike Miller, Cheyenne Wells; Bryan Dermer, Merino; Chris Brown, West Grand; David Schuessler, Clear Creek; Troy Baker, Buena Vista; Scott Yates, Kent Denver; Gary Geiger, The Classical Academy; Gregg Hawkins, Palisade; Ryan Goddard, Pueblo South; Rob Berry, St. Vrain S.D.; Lyle Wright, Montrose; John Thompson, Smoky Hill; Terrin Kelly, Fairview