

# 2024 BASEBALL BULLETIN

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**FROM:** JOHN SULLIVAN, CHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

**RE:** THE 2024 BASEBALL SEASON

**DATE:** January 2024

Greetings from the Colorado High School Activities Association and welcome to the 2023 baseball season.

This bulletin is a supplement to the official CHSAA Handbook Constitution and By-Laws. Coaches are urged to review and confer with their athletic director and principal in advance of the start of practice to ensure there is a clear understanding of all eligibility and playing rules. Copies of the CHSAA Handbook were provided to the athletic director at the beginning of the school year to share with all coaches and can be found online at <https://chsaanow.com/sports/2021/7/19/bylaws.aspx>

Since the CHSAA Legislative Council has changed the adopted seeding for district/regional/state playoffs, it is important for all coaches to review the procedure and familiarize yourself with the CHSAA Selection and Seeding Index.

There are several quick reminders for coaches this season:

- A reminder to all: the regular season and playoff game-ending procedures are still in place along with a standard tie-breaking procedure for your league/conference/division if a written one is not on file with the CHSAA office.
- **Please review the pitching regulations for 2024 and have a protocol for recording pitch count.**
- While only head coaches are required to watch the preseason rules meeting on your rschool account, I would suggest having ALL of your coaches watch it to understand the new rules and points of emphasis for the upcoming season.
- *The CHSAA asks that all administrators and coaches work with their students and spectators to improve sporting behavior.*
- The relationship between umpires and coaches is an important educational piece to our sport. Please focus on showing your players good role modeling when dealing with umpires.
- Confrontation is inevitable, but the manner in which you deal with that confrontation is what is important and will leave a lasting impression with your team. Please approach these situations as teachable moments for your players. My expectation is that you and the umpire both behave as adults involved in a professional discussion.
- If there is a real problem with an umpire, there are proper channels to address those situations. Using the established process allows you to coach, the umpires to call the games and both to focus on the real reason we have the sport – the players.

I wish you and your players a great and enjoyable season. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or my executive assistant, Sandra Williamson, at (303) 344-5050.

Regards  


# 2024 BASEBALL CALENDAR

Practice Begins	February 26, 2024
Scrimmage/Foundation Games	March 2, 2024
First Contest	March 7, 2024
Baseball Regain Date	March 4, 2024
1A Regular Season Ends	May 1, 2024
1A Districts completed by	May 4, 2024
1A Regional Tournaments	May 11, 2024
2A-5A Regular Season Ends	May 14, 2024
1A State Championship Game	May 16, 2024
2A- 5A Regional Tournaments (Single Elimination)	May 17-18, 2024
2A-5A Games 1-11 (Double Elimination)	May 24-25, 2024
2A- 5A Games 12-15 (Championships)	May 31- June 1, 2024

*Revised 4/22/2024*

# MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES 2023-2024

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# 2023-2024 BASEBALL COMMITTEE

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## **I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:**

- a. Playoff rosters updated in bylaw handbook to match the bulletin with 23 players
- b. Change the 2A state tournament from single to double elimination format, mirroring 3A-5A. 2A follows the same regional format as 3-5A, 32 teams competing at 8 sites, where the site winners are the 8 state tournament qualifiers

## **II. RATIONALE:**

- a. Ensures a common roster number will be communicated for playoffs
- b. 3A-5A then participates in a double elimination tournament at state where 2A has a single elimination bracket. The double elimination format was created to reward stronger overall teams/pitching staffs, this should also be the case in 2A. Single elimination brackets can reward teams with one great pitcher vs. teams with more overall depth. This adjustment does not impact the regular season.

## **III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

- a. None, teams have been able to have 23 roster spots in past years
- b. The additional travel would cause additional cost for those teams.

**Date of Committee Meeting:** February 7, 2024

**How to get recommended for the Baseball Committee:** Contact your league president or Legislative Council Representative in February and request to be nominated. From nominations received, the CHSAA makes the selections based on balance of classifications, areas, and other factors.

# IMPORTANT FOR 2024

It is the coaches' responsibility to update game stats, including pitch counts, season and playoff stats and records through MaxPreps ([www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com)). No hard copies of season results should be submitted to the CHSAA.

For MaxPreps support please contact our Colorado representative, Gerry Valerio at [gerry.valerio@cbsinteractive.com](mailto:gerry.valerio@cbsinteractive.com).

## **CHSAA SELECTION AND SEEDING INDEX**

The official CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index is calculated by averaging each team's ordered ranking in the CHSAA RPI and the MaxPreps Rankings. In the case of a tie, each tie will be broken by the following criteria in order of priority.

- Head-to-head matchups
- MaxPreps Rating
- CHSAA RPI Rating
- Coin flip In order to qualify for the CHSAA Postseason Seeding Index, teams must meet a minimum number of games played.

## **GAME MINIMUMS FOR POST SEASON**

1A 12, 2A-3A 17, 4A-5A 19

Games played minimums are determined by MaxPreps and vary by sport and time of the season. Should there be a three-way tie in the combined rankings and all three teams have not played head-to-head, then the next tiebreaking criterion will be applied in an attempt to break the tie.

MaxPreps Rankings and team records are updated every Monday and Thursday. The CHSAA RPI is updated hourly.

## **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Please review the 2024 NFHS Baseball Rule Book for protective equipment regulations. Rule 1-5-4: catcher's helmet and mask combination must have full ear protection (dual ear flaps). They must also have the NOCSAE stamp on them. Skull caps are not allowed. All catcher chest protectors must have the NOCSAE certification (Rule 1-5-3).

## **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

### **MEDICAL SLEEVES**

- Are Legal
- May be worn on either arm
- Can be any color provided the color or design is not distracting
- If white or gray and worn on the pitching arm, cannot extend below elbow. (No difference in what batter sees, Jersey shirt or Vest or Medical Sleeve)
- If worn on non-throwing arm:
  - May be any length.
  - May be white or gray.
  - Cannot be distracting.

## VESTS

- The shirt upon which a vest is worn is considered to be part of the uniform and not an exposed undershirt.
- When a pitcher wears this shirt with a vest, even if it is white or gray, he is not in violation of 1-4-2.
- The shirt underneath the vest, if white or gray, cannot extend below the elbow.
- The shirt cannot be of a color or design that would be distracting to a batter.
- If the team is wearing long-sleeve white shirts under the vest, the pitcher may wear a long-sleeve darker color, not white or gray, or wear a short sleeve white that does not go past the elbow.
- If the pitcher's undershirt sleeves are exposed, they shall not be white or gray.
- A pitcher shall not wear any white or gray sleeve that extends below the elbow.
- Each player may have a different sleeve length.

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- Each player may have a different sleeve length.

## COMMUNICATION DEVICES

- Effective for the 2024 season, one-way communication devices between a coach and a catcher is approved
- Coaches using the communication device must be in the dugout.
- Purpose of the communication device is for calling pitches.

## SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



For all CHSAA sports medicine policies, procedures, and protocols, please visit the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).

Lightning and Tornado Policy and Procedures and Heat Acclimatization and Safety Priorities can be found in the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).

## PRACTICE LIMITS

- Practice is defined as time on the field including warm-up, stretching, practice and conditioning.
- Single practice dates should not exceed 2 hours in length with an additional 25 minutes added for water breaks. A minimum of 2 water breaks should be incorporated each hour. Water should be readily available at all times. Helmets should be removed for water breaks during warm weather conditions or after intense or prolonged exercise. This will help cool the core body temperature.
- An additional 20 minutes of practice time may be added 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.
- Total time on the field including dynamic warm up (20 mins), water breaks (25 minutes), and practice time (120 minutes) is not to exceed 2 hours and 45 minutes.
- [NFHS SMAC Position Statement and Recommendations For Maintaining Hydration To Optimize Performance And Minimize The Risk For Exertional Heat Illness](#)

## SPORTSMANSHIP

- CHSAA [Game Management & Sportsmanship Expectation Guide](#)
- COACH EJECTION: A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for the next 2 regularly scheduled contests of the same level. He/she may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time.
  - A coach ejected from a game is automatically placed on probation according to policies established by the Board of Directors (For necessary action by the school administration, see Bylaw 2420.11).
  - A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship and Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed *before* he/she is removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.

## BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

- If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact the CHSAA official's office at [mtillman@chsaa.org](mailto:mtillman@chsaa.org).

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

- **Please note:** All rules and policies contained within this bulletin are subject to the ADA's requirement to provide reasonable modifications for a disabled student(s). A reasonable modification(s) shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access [to the activity] unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved. Please refer to CHSAA bylaw 500 for more detailed information.

## MINI CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

- Personal trophies are a great way for individuals to commemorate their team accomplishment. It is a significant accomplishment to bring a championship to your school, in any of our activities, but to now be able to own a smaller likeness of what your team has given your school, that's the gift that keeps on giving.
- You can find the link to order your Personal Trophy [HERE](#).



**Runner Up CHSAA Mini  
Colorado High School  
State Trophy**



**Champion CHSAA Mini  
Colorado High School  
State Trophy**



# PITCH COUNTS

Varsity

Pitches	Required Rest
86-110	3 Days
61-85	2 Days
36-60	1 Day
1-35	0 Days

Sub-Varsity

Pitches	Required Rest
61-85	3 Days
36-60	2 Days
26-35	1 Day
1-25	0 Days

1. A pitcher may throw up to 60 pitches over two days (i.e., 30 on Day 1 and 30 on Day 2) but will be required to have one day of required rest, due to the multiple warm-ups required for each appearance. No sub-varsity pitcher can throw more than 35 pitches over two days. That limit will result in two days of mandated rest. (Note: Swing players who play multiple days at multiple levels should combine pitches thrown and use the VARSITY chart for mandated rest.)
2. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they hit the maximum limit (110 in varsity play; 85 in sub-varsity) during an at-bat, but must exit the POSITION after the hitter.
3. Each contest must be recorded with the opposing team, noting the names of each pitcher and how many pitches that pitcher threw in the game. This information must be recorded in MaxPreps, along with the result of the contest, within 24 hours of the game. The CHSAA will provide a form that each team can complete to share with their opponents following the game. Note: The CHSAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily exported into MaxPreps.

**PENALTY:** Any school not entering the information within the mandated timeframe will be placed on a minimum of probation.

- It is strongly recommended that once a pitcher is removed, consideration be given to what position he is assigned once he is done pitching. Consideration should be given to the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.
- The CHSAA Baseball Advisory Committee and the CHSAA Sports Medicine Committee strongly urge coaches and schools to follow these guidelines:
  - **Establish a pitching philosophy that includes the instruction in proper throwing mechanics, broadening the number of players who will become pitchers on their staffs, and developing a “work up” plan so that a pitcher is not throwing the maximum allowable pitches from the first day of competition (i.e., no more than 75 pitches in weeks 1-3, no more than 95 in weeks 4-6 to allow for growth and arm strength to develop, or other appropriate approach to arm safety.)**
  - It is strongly encouraged that schools provide an additional day of rest for those pitchers that throw more than 70 pitches.
  - Coaches must be cognizant of each pitcher’s “fatigue threshold” (can be measured by velocity and accuracy among other factors) and adjust pitches to accommodate, learning what constitutes throwing “hurt” and throwing “injured.” Each pitcher will be different in this ability and threshold. In essence, the coach must learn the behaviors of his/her players.
  - The two advisory committees also recommend that each school develop a season long pitching limit for each player.

USA Baseball ([www.usabaseball.com](http://www.usabaseball.com)) has determined the following risk factors (not a complete list) contribute to arm overuse issues:

- Pitching while fatigued
- **Not taking enough time off from baseball every year**
- Throwing too many pitches and not getting enough rest during the season
- Pitching on consecutive days
- Pitching for multiple teams at the same time
- Throwing breaking pitches at too young of an age

Note: Umpires will NOT mediate pitch counts. All concerns about pitch counts need to be addressed by the Athletic Director or CHSAA.

Coaches may use either of the forms located on the [CHSAA Now Baseball Info](#) page to help manage the [daily game pitch counts](#) or the [season pitch counts](#).

All information must be entered in MaxPreps within 24 hours of the game being played.

## How to enter PITCH COUNTS on MAXPREPS

### OPTION 1 Enter Pitch Counts Directly into MaxPreps

**On MaxPreps.com:**

1. Login to your team admin.
2. Confirm that your roster is entered.
3. Click on Schedule/Results to enter stats & pitch counts.

**On Teams by MaxPreps:**

1. Select "Teams Stats" in your Game Details
2. Enter number of pitches then select "Save."

Schedule/Results > Enter/Edit Schedule & Results > Add/Edit

Game Stats

Select Contest Enter Score Batting/Stealing Pitching Enter Player of the Game

Pitching Stats

IP	IP...	BF	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	SF	S...	BB	K	HBP	BK	WP	#P	PO	SB

GAMECHANGER

From your GameChanger account, follow these steps:

1. Team Settings > Team Syncing > [ENABLE MAXPREPS](#)
2. Sync your schedule and roster from MaxPreps to GameChanger by clicking the button on your GameChanger schedule and roster pages.

### OPTION 2 Sync Your GameChanger Stats To Automatically Post On MaxPreps

Once your schedule has synced, your stats, including pitch counts, will auto-post on MaxPreps.

GAMECHANGER

### OPTION 3 Import stats with any MaxPreps compatible stat partner

MaxPreps is compatible with seven additional baseball stat companies allowing you to easily import your pitch counts from your favorite stat app. Use the following steps to import your stats. Email [support@maxpreps.com](mailto:support@maxpreps.com) for a list of compatible stat partners.

Email the stat file to your computer and then import them into your MaxPreps team admin using the Save & Import button.

Schedule/Results > Enter/Edit Schedule & Results > Add/Edit > Save & Import Stats

Save & Import Stats Save & Exit Save & Enter Stats

## NEED HELP?

Call (800) 329-7324 X 1 or email [support@maxpreps.com](mailto:support@maxpreps.com).

# GAME BALLS

**Wilson Sporting Goods is the official game ball sponsor for the CHSAA.**

## Regular Season

All schools are required to use baseballs with the NFHS and NOCSAE authenticating mark. The CHSAA logo is not required on the baseballs, only the NFHS and NOCSAE marks.

All baseballs must have the NOCSAE certification for **varsity**. When in effect, it becomes a safety rule and cannot be waived (Rule 1-3-1).

## Playoffs

will provide A1010BROSST or A1010BHS1SST baseballs for the first round of playoffs.

CHSAA, from Wilson Sporting Goods, will provide A1010BRPO baseballs for the CHSAA State Championships.

## COLORADO BASEBALL RULES BY STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION

*updated 4/24/2024*

The NFHS Rules Book delegates authority to the state associations for certain rules. The following shall apply in Colorado.

### **1-2-8 Media Area – Formal media areas will not be established.**

a. Media personnel are anyone with a camera or any member of the media who the plate umpire approves to be on the field.

1. For playoff games, only credentialed media will be allowed on the field.

2. For regular season games, it is the plate umpire's discretion to determine who to allow on the field. Such personnel must be mobile and must stay against the fence. For non-compliance, they may be asked to leave.

b. Anyone who intentionally interferes shall be removed from the confines of field and reported to CHSAA via the game report. Subsequent violators shall be banned from CHSAA events for the remainder of the season.

c. If the media are authorized by the UIC to be on the field:

1. Any intentional act is spectator interference;

2. If the ball does not touch anything it remains live and in play.

3. If the ball touches anything, it is dead and the appropriate award is made.

d. If the media are not authorized by the UIC to be on the field, treat it as spectator interference.

### **1-2-9 Double First Base – Not allowed.**

**1-4-4 Commemorative Patches** – Must be requested of CHSAA on a case-by-case basis. These may not exceed 4 square inches.

**2-33-1 Speed-up Rules** –

- a. Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher may be used.
- b. Teams may huddle outside the dugout before coming to bat but may not huddle before taking the field.
- c. After the pitcher completes his warm-ups, players may not huddle at the mound.

**3-3-1 Coaches Uniform** - Reasonable accommodations consistent with the team uniform are allowed (3.2.1E). Umpires should refer questionable cases to their Area Director for resolution with CHSAA.

**3-3-1f7 Post Game Unsportsmanlike Conduct** – In situations where coaches confront or direct unsportsmanlike actions to the umpires after the game has concluded and until the umpires have departed the game site, CHSAA will review on a case-by-case basis and determine the appropriate action in conjunction with the school.

**4-2-2 Mercy Rule for all regular season and playoff games** –

- a. The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 20 or more runs after 2 ½ innings, or if either team is ahead by 20 or more runs after the third inning.
- b. The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 15 or more runs after 3 ½ innings, or if either team is ahead by after the fourth inning.
- c. The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings, or after the fifth inning, if either team is ahead by 10 runs in an equal number of innings.

**4-2-4 Game Ending Procedure** –

**Regular Season Games:** In the following three situations, any game which is terminated by darkness, rain or other cause will be considered a suspended game and shall continue from that point of suspension at the earliest time possible:

- (a) *Before* it is a regulation game, or
- (b) *After* it is a regulation game, and
  - (1) It is tied, or
  - (2) An inning is in progress and before the inning is completed, the visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead, and the home team has not retaken the lead.

However, in all cases any remaining play may be shortened or terminated by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches.

**Post Season Games:** All games will be played to their conclusion in seven innings unless the 10-run rule comes into effect or extra innings are needed. All suspended games at the district, regional and state level shall be completed from the point of suspension to the conclusion of the contest at the earliest time possible. NOTE: In all cases, the pitches thrown count toward the maximum number of pitches allowed.

**Sub Varsity Games:** Sub varsity games will have a two-hour max. No new innings after the two-hour time limit. This applies to all games (doubleheader, single game, etc.). Adopted by the baseball committee 4/22 for the 2023 season.

**4-3-1 Tie Game** – See 4-2-4 above.

**4-4-1a** Forfeit – If a team is late arriving, umpires must wait at least 30 minutes before leaving the game site unless they have confirmed the team will not show. Umpires shall not declare a forfeit for late arrival or for a team not showing. That decision is subject to league policy.

**4-5-1** Protests – Protests are not allowed.

**6-1-6** Pitching Restriction- Umpires are not responsible for enforcing the CHSAA policy regarding pitch counts.

**10-1-9** Umpire Uniform – Navy blue, black or powder blue pullover shirts may be worn.



# 2024 RULES CHANGES

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/baseball-rules-changes-2024/>

## Baseball Rules Changes - 2024

### **1-6-1 (NEW) SECTION 6 PLAYER COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:**

ART. 1 . . . Any wristband with defensive shifts/offensive plays/pitching choices or game directions attached shall be considered non-electronic equipment and is permitted as long as it is a single, solid color. For pitchers, it may not contain the colors white, gray or be distracting. It does not have to match the color of the uniform or the sleeves worn underneath the uniform. It shall only be worn on a player(s) wrist or forearm and pitchers shall wear it on their non-pitching arm.

**PENALTY:** The umpire shall issue a team warning to coach of the team involved and the next offender(s) of that team will be ejected along with the head coach.

**Rationale:** Clarification. With the increase in popularity of these style of communication systems, confusion has been realized when the players wear them other than on their arm. This change will prohibit these types of products from being worn other places.

### **1-6-2 (NEW) SECTION 6 PLAYER COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT**

ART. 2 . . . One-way electronic communication devices are permissible from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purpose of calling pitches. When using the electronic communication device, the coach cannot be outside the dugout/bench area.

**PENALTY:** The umpire shall issue a team warning to coach of the team involved and the next offender(s) of that team will be ejected along with the head coach.

**Rationale:** This rule allows for a team to utilize an electronic device for the purpose of calling pitches from the dugout. The device would only be able to be one-way, meaning the player cannot use an electronic device to respond or communicate back to the coach. Various technologies, earpiece, electronic band or a smart watch could be used giving teams several options at varying costs. No other player would be able to wear or use this device nor would the coach be able to communicate with any other player using electronic communication.

### **3-2-5 (NEW) SECTION 2 COACHING**

ART. 5 . . . A coach may use a one-way electronic communication device to communicate to the catcher for the purpose of calling pitches. Coaches may not use electronic communication device(s) to communicate with any other team member while on defense or any team member while on offense.

When using the electronic communication device, the coach cannot be outside the dugout/bench area.

**PENALTY:** The umpire shall issue a team warning to coach of the team involved and the next offender(s) of that team will be ejected along with the head coach.

**Rationale:** Allows for the coach to communicate with the catcher using an electronic communication device for the purpose of calling pitches.

#### **10-2-3h SECTION 2 UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF**

h. Forfeit the game for prescribed infractions by ~~spectators~~, coaches, players or team/bench personnel.

**Rationale:** Umpires have jurisdiction over the confines of the field, players, coaches and team/bench personnel. If there are issues with spectators, it is the responsibility of game management to deal with spectators and to ensure that the facility is safe for all involved.

#### **Suggested Speed-Up Rules After Put Outs #3**

Rules 1 and 2 remain the same.

~~#3 Following the final out in any inning, the ball shall be given to the nearest umpire. The plate umpire shall give the ball to the catcher. The base umpire shall place the ball on the pitcher's plate.~~

**Rationale:** This is a NFHS Softball rule book mechanic that needs to be deleted from the NFHS Baseball rule book.

# 2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/baseball-points-of-emphasis-2024/>

The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee and the NFHS Board of Directors believes there are areas of the game of interscholastic baseball that need to be addressed and given special attention. These areas of concern are often cyclical – some areas need more attention than others, and that is why they might appear in the rules book for consecutive editions. These concerns are identified as “Points of Emphasis.” For the 2024 high school baseball season, attention is being called to: **Malicious Contact, Profanity (Direct or Indirect) and Pace of Play.** When a topic is included in the Points of Emphasis, these topics are important enough to reinforce throughout the academic year because additional attention is warranted.

## **Malicious Contact**

While not a new topic, malicious contact registers as the third most discussed Point of Emphasis (POE) behind good sporting behavior and pitching restrictions. Malicious contact was a POE in 2006-2008 and also in 2014. The frequency of emphasis is not surprising. It is a topic that begs for a complete and understandable definition, but is unable to find one that captures every possible scenario. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate when the catcher is attempting to make a play on a base runner. Conventional wisdom from past NFHS Baseball Rules Committees would say that malicious contact can be initiated (and penalized) by either the offensive or defensive player(s), and that incidental contact is expected in baseball. An example is the infrequent but dramatic “train wreck” play, where the thrown ball, the fielder and the runner meet at the same time. It is always a violent convergence, but not intentional, nor is anyone trying to hurt the other. It is just a normal baseball play.

Contact or a collision is considered to be malicious if (1) the contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or (2) there is intent to injure. The absence of these two conditions does not preclude the presence of malicious contact but would provide a reasonable starting point for proper interpretation. Rules guidance can be found in Rules 2, 3, 5, 8, Dead Ball Table and Base Running Awards Table. The NFHS rules code is education-based not only for the coaches and players, but for the umpires as well. Umpires should have the flexibility to judge witnessed contact as malicious or not. Their judgment should not be removed by rule but enhanced by education, video review, umpire board/chapter training, game experience and field locations/mechanics.

## **Profanity (Direct or Indirect)**

Education-based athletics is a direct extension of the classroom. When the educational component is removed, then everything changes, and it becomes a completely different game, devoid of accountability and structure. A student who blurts out a profanity either toward someone or simply out of frustration in school would be disciplined by the classroom teacher or the building principal. There is no excuse for foul language in school or on the baseball field. Regardless of what is portrayed at other levels, this is not acceptable and should be addressed by the umpire(s). The rule support for this behavior is clear, the penalties are: (1) a verbal warning to the offender, (2) issuance of a written warning to the offender which warrants being restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game, or (3) eject the offender for a major offense. The Bench and Field Conduct Section (NFHS Rule 3-3-1f1-4) provides several sub-articles addressing profanity and harmful behaviors. High school sports and other activities exist to lift people up, positively challenge them and their abilities, not to demean or tear people down.

The goal is to treat everyone fairly and treat each other with respect. Any language that is profane, intimidating, insulting, demeaning or hurtful will not be tolerated.

Coaches, school administrators and parent groups should work together to ensure that the game creates a positive environment for all involved. Profanity spoken loud enough to be heard is profanity that needs to be dealt with immediately.

### **Pace of Play**

High school athletics is education-based for an age group that ranges from 14 to 18 years of age. Baseball is an extension of the classroom. Unlike other sports, baseball is not “clock” driven. The average time of a high school varsity baseball game is around 2 hours and 9 minutes. At other levels of the sport, time is more crucial and has been the focus of those rules-writing organizations. At the advanced levels, some longtime existing plays and practices have been eliminated to shorten the game and in-part enhance the fan experience. High school baseball does not have these same issues and does not share the same challenges of production costs, satellite time, throngs of network media or maximizing the entertainment value or offerings for the fans. These goals are very simplistic. The NFHS encourages students to participate in high school activities, learn from play and be better citizens from playing. While high school baseball does not have overall game-time restrictions, the NFHS is cognizant that extended games are part of baseball. Baseball games can be more efficient with a focus on time and time management. Pace of play involves several factors, and the NFHS believes that giving special attention to these five areas will assist with the flow and pace of our game.

### **20-second Time Limit Between Pitches/Plays (6-2-2c)**

This rule has been in our rule book since the late 1970s as a tool to use when the pitcher is prolonging the delivery of the pitch because of gamesmanship or overall lack of game efficiency. Past rule committees did not intend to negatively impact a game that is being played at a reasonable pace and rhythm. The rule was meant to be utilized when preventative officiating fails to provide the necessary outcome. When talking to the pitcher regarding the length of delay between each pitch, or speaking with the catcher to “nudge” the other half of the battery to pitch in a more timely manner, or mentioning to the coach at the half-inning that the game is being affected by the pitcher’s delay does not change the pitcher’s behavior, then this is a problem and would result in the penalty being applied.

### **Time Between Half-Innings (6-2-2 EXCEPTION)**

There are a lot of moving pieces in between half-innings. By rule, the time from the last out to the next pitch is 1 minute and 20 seconds. The role of the umpire is to facilitate the defense getting into place, the pitcher warming up and start the inning. There is no place for visiting with the fans or having an extended discussion with the other umpire(s).

### **Batter Repeatedly Stepping Out of the Batter’s Box (7-3-1)**

The NFHS Rules Book is clear when the batter is allowed to step out of the batter’s box and when they cannot. It is understandable and part of the game for the batter to step out of the batter’s box to get the signal from the third base coach on how to approach the next pitch because it is very situational. The batter needs to be encouraged to get back in the batter’s box with a sense of expediency. However, repeatedly stepping out to alter the rhythm of the pitcher or delay the game is not acceptable and the penalty needs to be applied by the umpire.

**Umpire's Time Management**

Time management is crucial to how the game progresses. If the umpire is not consistent in motivating both teams to get off and on the field, expedite conferences, encourage the batter from excessively stepping out of the batter's box, this will add unnecessary delay to the contest. The umpire cannot control the skill level of the players of both teams; however, there are other areas that the umpire can positively impact the pace and speed of the game. The players' abilities will affect the speed of the game, but the other areas that the umpire has direct control over should be monitored and utilized in creating a sense of urgency during the contests.

**Excessive Player Conferences**

A player conference is very different than a charged conference. The NFHS supports teammates encouraging each other and developing that camaraderie. That is part of the lesson one learns from playing a team sport. However, when team bonding becomes excessive and it begins to delay the game, then the umpire needs to step in and expedite the conclusion of the meeting.



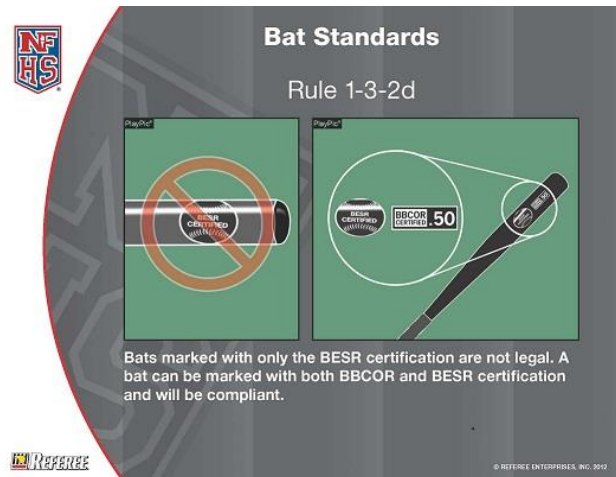
# REGULAR SEASON INFORMATION

## National Federation Bat Rule

The National Federation of State High School Associations has approved changes in baseball bat standards.. The standard is called the BBCOR (batted ball coefficient of restitution) which will create bats that are more wood-like in nature. The changes have been outlined in the NFHS Rule Book (Rule 1-3).

### **Special Note:**

Only those bats marked as BBCOR and wood bats (Solid Piece of wood) conforming to the NFHS rules will be legal bats this year. The bats must be stamped or embossed to read: BBCOR.50 see photos below:



## Game Management Reminders

### **UMPIRES**

- Dressing Room - Restrictions/Supplies. Where possible the officials' dressing room should be located in an area with the most direct access to the playing field and or court. The officials' dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management, CHSAA personnel, and/or the officiating observer. The room shall be stocked with water. It is recommended that a sign be placed on the door that states: "Officials' Dressing Room. No admittance per CHSAA." It is also only recommended that water, soft drinks and/or isotonic beverages be made available.
- Security - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing field or court. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.
- Arrival at Site - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association's policy. If an official arrives at the game site within 15 minutes of the start of the game, game management should contact the CHSAA office after the game.
- Communication with Officials - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

## **COACHES**

- Sporting Behavior Cards - The Officials shall provide each varsity coach with a business size card with their sports officiating association's sportsmanship statement. This card, which also contains the names of the officiating crew, shall be presented at time that is designated by that sports pre-game procedure. **Both opposing coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game. Click on the coaches' tab at the chsaa.org site to find the convenient interactive link.**
- Introduction of Starting Lineups - Leagues shall create a standard introduction-of-teams procedure. For intra league play, the visiting coach should be contacted prior to the day of the game to get agreement on the use of the home team's introduction procedure.

## **Insurance**

As the CHSAA discontinued involvement in all personal injury claims effective December 1, 1985, it is strongly urged that each school district review its insurance coverage for students and athletes.

Should an outside venue used for districts request additional insured status, that your school/district cannot provide, please contact our office.

## **Student/Parent Information**

Students and parents need to be informed of any situation, which may possibly jeopardize their eligibility such as amateur status, outside competition, etc. Should questions arise, they should contact a school official and/or coach for an interpretation prior to participating. The CHSAA Competitors Brochure is a good tool to explain these rules.

## **Communicable Disease Procedures**

See National Federation Baseball Rule Book for procedures of reducing the potential for transmission of infectious agents. Share this information with your athletic trainer.

## **Trainer's Kit**

The CHSAA recommends that all necessary medical supplies needed for your sport be available at all practices and contests.

## **Due Process**

The following points are presented for your consideration and implementation prior to the start of the baseball season. By this means, you have fulfilled your responsibilities in the area of due process and further enhanced lines of communication in maintaining athletic eligibility. It is urged an administrator, athletic director and all coaches for baseball be in attendance to conduct the following: 1) PARENT MEETING; 2) STUDENT MEETING.

Consideration should be given to a review of the rules and regulations of the CHSAA organization and the school, notice of acknowledgment of risk, possible viewing of appropriate film such as "Warning, It Could Happen to You" and "The Rally", signing of the CHSAA "Competitor's Brochure", etc.

## **Game Contracts**

Member schools are expected to honor game contracts entered into in good faith.

## **Bench and Field Conduct**

Please review National Federation Rule Book

## **Forfeiture if no certified Personnel Available**

If a coach is ejected and no CHSAA-certified/state licensed person from that school is available to coach the team, the game shall be forfeited.

### **Sub Varsity time limit**

Sub varsity games will have a two-hour max. No new innings after the two-hour time limit. This applies to all games (doubleheader, single game, etc.). The home team will still complete their half of the inning, even if they are winning, at the completion of the two-hour time period. Games that complete the full inning may end in a tie.

### **Tournaments**

All games must be played from Monday through Saturday of the same week to be considered a tournament. Variations from this must be approved by CHSAA.

### **Number of Contests**

1A teams have a 19 game maximum, 2A-5A teams are limited to 23 games exclusive of district, regional and state contests. Sub-Varsity teams (JV, C, Freshman, Sophomore, etc.) are limited to 19 games.

No individual may participate in more than 161 innings, exclusive of games extended because of ties, and exclusive of games in qualifying or state championship tournaments.

### **Scrimmages**

Per [CHSAA Bylaw 2320](#) - A scrimmage date is the meeting of any number of individuals or teams from two or more high schools on a single date for participation under the conditions enumerated below: 2320.11 A school will be permitted two scrimmage dates in each sport\*.

*(a) Two additional interscholastic scrimmage dates will be allowed for those wrestlers qualifying for the state wrestling meet the week after regional tournaments.*

*(b) Ninth grade teams housed in junior highs (with 9th graders who do not "play up" in a specific sport) are allowed two scrimmage dates that may or may not fall on the same date as the high school.*

*(c) Teams still involved in district, regional or state competition shall be permitted one additional scrimmage date to occur between the end of the regular season and the state championships final.*

*(d) Tennis teams shall be allowed two scrimmage dates per player.*

*(e) Football is allowed only one scrimmage\*.*

2320.12 Scrimmages may be held beginning the 6th day (including the first day of practice, but not including Sundays) after the start of formal practice until the conclusion of the sport season in all sports except football.

*(a) EXCEPTION – Golf, softball and tennis scrimmages/games may be conducted from the 4th day of the start of the competitive season until the final state championship.*

*Football may not scrimmage until the 10th day after the start of formal practice.*

2320.13 PARTICIPANTS IN SCRIMMAGES AND FOUNDATION GAMES— All participants in interscholastic scrimmages and foundation games **must have completed nine/three days of formal practice in the sport they are representing.** See [Rule 2310.3](#).

### **Courtesy Runners**

Part 1 of the suggested speed-up rules – Courtesy Runners – has been adopted by the CHSAA Baseball Committee and Association. See NF rule book.

### **Run Rule – Mandatory by CHSAA Rules**

A run-rule will be used in all high school baseball games. If one team is ahead by 20 runs after three innings, 15 runs after four innings of play or 10 after five innings of play, the game shall be terminated. This rule applies during the regular season and the playoffs.

### **Outside Competitive Season Rule**

The CHSAA by-laws prohibits a coach or school representative from mandating that a player participate on any team outside the CHSAA competitive season as a condition to earning a berth on the spring school team.

(2300) Violation of the rule could result in penalties including probation and restriction.

### **CHSAA Baseball Tie-Breaking System**

#### **Two-Way Tie**

- A. Head-to-head record in regular season
- B. If still tied, the records of the tied teams will be compared with first place team, then the second place team, etc. until the tie is broken. All higher placed ties must be broken before any lower placed ties.
- C. If the two teams remain tied, the following cumulative point system will be used. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed, etc. The winner of a game will receive three (3) points plus one point for each point difference in score up to five (5) (maximum of 8).
- D. If still tied, a coin flip will determine the seeding. A coin flip will be used only as a last resort. If a coin flip has to be used to break a higher place tie, then the method explained in 1b above will be used to break any lower placed ties.

#### **Three or More Way Tie**

- A. The head-to-head record of all teams involved in the tie will be compared to determine the seeding of all teams in the tie. If this produces a two-way tie, then the method explained in 1A above will be used; if this produces a three-way tie, then the method explained in 1B above will be used to break the tie.
- B. Once a three-way tie is broken, the two remaining teams will resolve their tie as if a two-way tie exists.
- C. If still tied, the following cumulative point system will be used. The team with the highest number of points will receive the highest seed. The winner of a game will receive three (3) points plus one point for each run difference in score up to five (5) (maximum of 8).
- D. If still tied, a coin flip (as described in 1D above) will be used to break the tie.

**NOTE:** The innings pitched by the pitcher(s) do count toward the maximum number allowed as shown on page 9. This is a safety rule put in by the baseball committee for the protection of the athletes.

### **Taunting (CHSAA Rule 2200.20)**

Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsportsmanship-like offenses. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsportsmanship-like offense which may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy (Rules 2200.1 and 2200.11).

### **Penalty for Player Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

A player ejected from a contest for any reason will miss the next contest of that level or at any other level. (Also see Rule 2200.1 in the CHSAA Handbook).

# UMPIRES

## **Respect for Umpires**

Most umpires continue to work because it provides them the opportunity to maintain contact with the game and with those around it. If responsible and respected people are to be kept in the field, they should be accorded the cordial and businesslike treatment you would expect if you were in their positions.

## **Umpire Protection**

Coaches/administrators should make sure the umpires are protected after the game and allowed to leave the premises safely and without confrontation.

## **Registered Umpires**

All varsity games shall be umpired by two CHSBUA umpires registered with the CHSAA. It is recommended that all games below the varsity level be umpired by two CHSBUA umpires registered with the CHSAA.

In order to deviate from the above, special permission must be secured prior to the contest from the CHSAA office.

## **Officials Fees**

[https://chsaanow.com/documents/2021/8/18//CHSAA Officials Fees.pdf?id=526](https://chsaanow.com/documents/2021/8/18//CHSAA%20Officials%20Fees.pdf?id=526)



# GENERAL PLAYOFF INFORMATION

## **Seeding For Classes 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A**

All seeding procedures have been outlined within the pages of the new playoff formats found in this bulletin.

## **Rosters**

Rosters in all tournaments from districts through the state finals shall be limited to **23** players.

Rosters may change from one tournament game to the next.

Only eligible players, coaches and managers are permitted in the team dugouts.

Deadline for changing rosters for tournament - prior to your first tournament game. Rosters may change between games. The official scorebook shall be the final determinant.

## **Admittance**

A maximum of 23 uniformed players and 4 others (27 total) will be admitted through the pass gate, free of charge, on the field, and in the dugout. **(This number includes coaches/managers and is a total number.)**

**Teams defeated in the regionals will not receive free admission to the state tournament.** Players of teams eliminated in the state semifinals will be admitted through the pass gate if accompanied by the coach or with proper photo identification. The gate list form on chsaa.org will be used for admittance.

## **Run Rule**

A run-rule will be used in all high school baseball games. If one team is ahead by 20 runs after three innings, 15 runs after four innings of play or 10 after five innings of play, the game shall be terminated. This rule applies during the regular season and the playoffs.

## **Home Teams**

Home Teams: Higher seeded team will be the home team

## **Dugouts**

The home team shall occupy the third base dugout; the visitors, the first base dugout.

***COACHES: Please keep all bench personnel inside the dugout. This is a safety issue as well as a National Federation rule. The umpires have been asked to strictly enforce this rule.***

## **Suspended Game Policy**

Any game which is terminated by darkness, rain or other cause before it is a regulation game (Rule 4, Section 2, Article 4) will be considered a suspended game and shall continue from the point of suspension at the earliest time possible.

## **Postponed Games**

The home management shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game. After the game starts, the umpires are the sole judges as to whether conditions are suitable for play. Contact the CHSAA prior to rescheduling a postponed playoff game.

### **Make-Up Games - Playoffs**

The first possible available time and date will be scheduled; this will include night games and Sundays.

### **Time Between Games**

In regional and state tournaments, games will be played at scheduled times or, if behind schedule, after field preparations are completed and each team has been given the opportunity of having 10 minutes for infield practice.

### **Infield Practice**

A maximum 10 minute infield/outfield practice is available to each team prior to each game. The "home" team will warm up first. If one team does not want to use the warm up time, the other team is still limited to 10 minutes.

### **Coaches - 1ST & 3RD**

Only coaches or players in uniform may occupy the 1st and/or 3rd base coaching boxes.

**NOTE:** Coaches who appear in either coaching box shall wear school identifying clothing. Their uniform may consist of coaching pants and jacket which are different in style from that worn by the players. Adult coaches who are in both the first and third base boxes shall be in clothing that is similar to each other. The coaches' uniform shall follow a baseball theme, but it does not have to include stockings. It may include coaching shoes and a jacket with the school name.

### **Use of Tobacco**

No person officially connected with the team shall be permitted to use any form of tobacco in the dugout or playing field area before, during, or after the game. **Penalty:** Ejection.

### **Awards**

Championship trophy - state 1st place team

Runner-up plaque - state 2nd place team

Following the championship game, the runner-up team will report to home plate to receive their plaque. Then the winning team will report to home plate for their award. There will be no trophies or plaques for district tournaments. State qualifier plaques will be given to the winning teams of the regional games.

### **Umpires**

The CHSAA will assign umpires for the regional and state games. Three-umpire crews will be used in all Regionals, Semi-final and State games.

*\*\*In district tournaments, the tournament director/committee or league assignors are responsible for assigning umpires. In 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A regionals, the CHSAA will assign the umpires. In 1A districts, the tournament committee/site directors are responsible for securing and assigning the umpires.*

### **No Practice at Regional Sites**

Schools will not be permitted to practice or play at the regional/state sites per CHSAA bylaws. Teams that normally practice and/or play on these sites are exempt from this policy.

### **Banners**

School banners (cloth/plastic only) may be displayed at the qualifying and state tournaments upon approval of the director, providing they do not block the view of spectators. Paper signs and posters may not be used, and school administrators will be requested to remove them if they appear.

### **Videotaping**

Videotaping of a school's game is permitted, with the approval of the tournament director. Tapes/videos may not be viewed during a game. The CHSAA has no rule to prohibit filming an opponent.

### **National Anthem and Player Introductions**

The National Anthem will be played prior to the first game of the day. If the National Anthem is not available, then the Pledge of Allegiance shall be led by the announcer.

Introductions will take place prior to all first round games each day at regionals and state. The visiting team will be introduced first in descending order from the line-up card (substitutes first) and shall line up along the first baseline, starting at home plate and filling in the space toward first base. The head coach and assistant coach (if name is given to the announcer) will be introduced after the players and should also line up. Players will face the crowd as they stand along the line.

The home team will be introduced in a like manner and will line up on the 3rd base line. Players shall not shake hands with their opponents during introductions. Second round games played the same day -- announcers shall introduce "home" team starters as they take the field; the "visitors" shall be introduced according to batting order.

### **Trainers**

Regional and State trainers will be hired by the CHSAA. **If you plan to bring your own trainer, he/she must be included in the 27 person admittance limit.** CHSAA trainers are on site to attend to injuries and emergencies; they are not on site to tape ankles, etc.

### **Playoffs**

Fields used for playoff games should meet National Federation specifications and should not pose potential injury risks to participants. A minimum of two weeks prior to the playoffs, schools which have questions about a particular field should call the CHSAA office. The CHSAA will make the final determination concerning whether or not a field is acceptable for the playoffs.

### **1A District To Regional Policies**

1. 1A: Each district will qualify its top two finishers in each district to regionals.
2. The next six (6) teams in the RPI/MaxPreps rankings will also make regionals. If a district has fewer than 5 teams, then it will receive only one automatic qualifier and the remaining qualifier will be selected from the RPI/MaxPreps rankings.
3. Districts champions will be seeded by RPI/MaxPreps 1-5, with the top 4 serving as regional hosts. The fifth district champion will be seeded 5<sup>th</sup>. The remaining teams will be seeded in RPI/MaxPreps order, avoiding first-round district match-ups.

# QUALIFYING FORMAT AND CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS BY CLASS

## 1A Classification Schools 1-100 Updated 3/26/24

DISTRICT ONE (6)	DISTRICT TWO (8)	DISTRICT THREE (6)	DISTRICT FOUR (10)	DISTRICT FIVE (10)
Antonito	<del>Cotopaxi</del> (no team)	Denver Jewish (JV Only)	Cheyenne Wells	Akron
Centennial	Cripple Creek	Flatirons Academy	Eads	Briggsdale
Dove Creek	Elbert	Gilpin County	Granada	Caliche
Nucla	Evangel & Pike Peak Christian (Co-op)	Longmont Christian	Holly	<del>Fleming</del> (no team)
Sierra Grande	Kiowa	Mile High Academy	La Veta	Haxtun
	<del>Miami Yoder</del> (no team)	Rocky Mtn. Lutheran	Manzanola	Merino
	Pike Peak Christian		McClave	Otis
	Simla		Springfield/Walsh	Peetz
			Stratton	Prairie
			Wiley	Weldon-Valley

## 1A REGIONAL/STATE QUALIFYING

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### 1A District Information

District Assignments: Schools may elect to compete in a full schedule within their district to determine their seeds for the district tournament play or to establish some other method. This must be determined before the season begins and reported to the CHSAA by March 15. Also, multi-league districts must decide their tournament seeding procedures prior to the beginning of the season.

NOTE: Schools listed that are not planning on fielding a team should contact the CHSAA office immediately. In order to qualify for playoffs 1A schools must play a minimum of 12 games.

### 1A State Tournament: 16 team Single Elimination Bracket

## Class 1A Regional/State Bracket

Regionals:

State:

Final 4

\*1 -

16 -

**Region 1**

8 -

9 -

\*4 -

13 -

**Region 2**

5 -

12 -

\*3 -

14 -

**Region 3**

6 -

11 -

7 -

10 -

**Region 4**

\*2 -

15 -

\*= Indicate school responsible for securing host site.



## 2A Classification Schools 101-270

Updated 3/26/24

MILE HIGH (12)	SOUTHERN PEAKS (8)	SANTA FE (7)	LOWER PLATTE (5)	TRI-PEAKS (4)	BLACK FOREST (3)
Clear Creek	Center	Crowley County	Holyoke	Buena Vista	Calhan
Dawson	Custer County	Fowler	Sedgwick County	Co Springs Christian	Dolores Huerta
Dayspring Christian	Del Norte	John Mall	Wiggins	Ellicott	Peyton
Denver Academy	Monte Vista	Las Animas	Wray	St. Mary's	
Denver Christian	Sanford	Rocky Ford	Yuma		
Estes Park	Sargent	Rye			
Front Range Christian	South Park	Swink			
Gilpin County	Trinidad				
Lyons					
Machebeuf	CONFLUENCE (1)	FRONTIER (3)	UNION PACIFIC (3)	WESTERN SLOPE (3)	SAN JUAN (1)
Skyview Academy	Campion Academy	Arrupe Jesuit	Burlington	Grand Valley	Ignacio
Skyview Academy		KIPP Collegiate	Byers	Meeker	
		Platte Canyon <i>(JV Only)</i>	Limon	Rangely	

### 2A REGIONAL QUALIFYING

Thirty -two (32) teams qualify for the regional tournament based on RPI/Maxpreps. League Champions not in the top 32 would receive an automatic qualifying position (minimum 5 teams in a league for automatic birth). The eight (8) teams with the highest RPI/Maxpreps host regionals, the remaining twenty-four (24) teams will then be seeded by RPI /Maxpreps and then any first-round league match-ups will be adjusted. The bottom eight (8) teams may be moved for geographical purposes. Game minimums to qualify for postseason are 17.

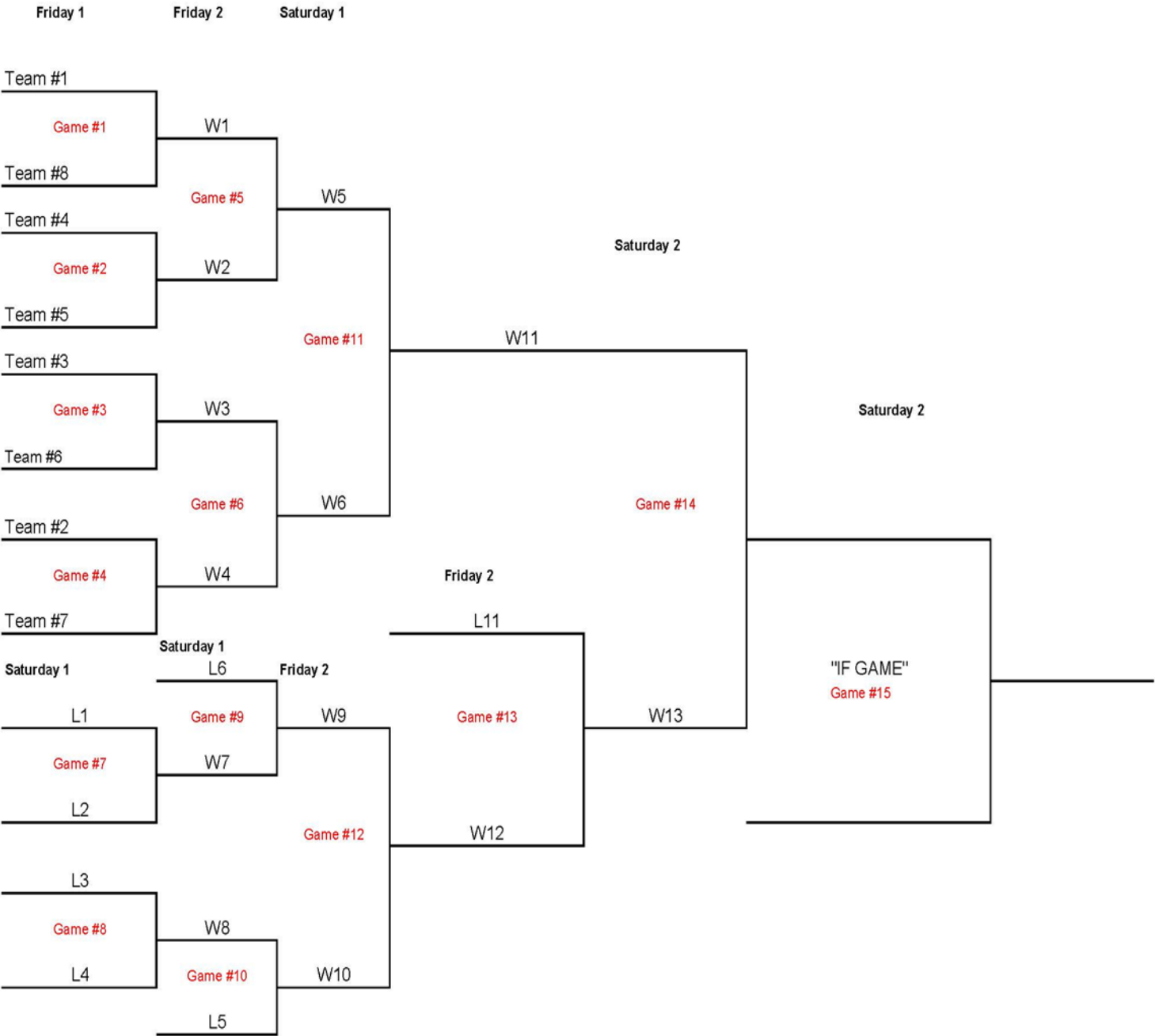
### 2A STATE QUALIFYING

The regional tournaments will be single elimination, with the eight regional winners advancing to a double elimination state tournament to be played TBA at predetermined sites.

### 2A STATE TOURNAMENT

Double elimination tournament with teams placed on brackets by site. Site 1 winner will be team 1, site 2 winner will be team 2, etc... Home team will be the higher seed throughout the tournament. Games will be in order by game number.

2A DOUBLE ELIMINATION BRACKETS



**Class 3A State Baseball**  
**Double Elimination Tournament**

**3A Classification Schools 271-630** Updated 3/26/24

<b>PATRIOT (14)</b>	<b>FRONTIER (9)</b>	<b>METRO (8)</b>	<b>WESTERN SLOPE (10)</b>
Brush	Arvada	Colorado Academy	Aspen
Eaton	Bennett	Faith Christian	Basalt
Liberty Common	Bruce Randolph	Jefferson Academy	Cedaredge
Platte Valley	DSST-Montview	Kent Denver	Coal Ridge
Res. Christian	Englewood	Manual	Delta
Sterling	Fort Lupton	Peak to Peak	Gunnison
Strasburg	Jefferson	Prospect Ridge	Moffat County
University	Middle Park	Academy, The	North Fork
Valley	Sheridan <i>(no team)</i>		Olathe
Weld Central			Roaring Fork
Berthoud			
Highland	<b>INTERMOUNTAIN (5)</b>	<b>CSML NORTH (1)</b>	<b>TRIPLEAKS (7)</b>
Timnath	Alamosa	Classical Academy	Florence
Wellington	Bayfield		James Irwin
	Centauri		La Junta
<b>CSML SOUTH (1)</b>	Montezuma Cortez		Lamar
Harrison	Pagosa Springs		Manitou Springs
			Salida
			Woodland Park

### 3A REGIONAL QUALIFYING

Thirty -two (32) teams qualify for the regional tournament based on RPI/Maxpreps. League Champions not in the top 32 would receive an automatic qualifying position (minimum 5 teams in a league for automatic birth). The eight (8) teams with the highest RPI/Maxpreps host regionals, the remaining twenty-four (24) teams will then be seeded by RPI /Maxpreps and then any first-round league match-ups will be adjusted. The bottom eight (8) teams may be moved for geographical purposes.

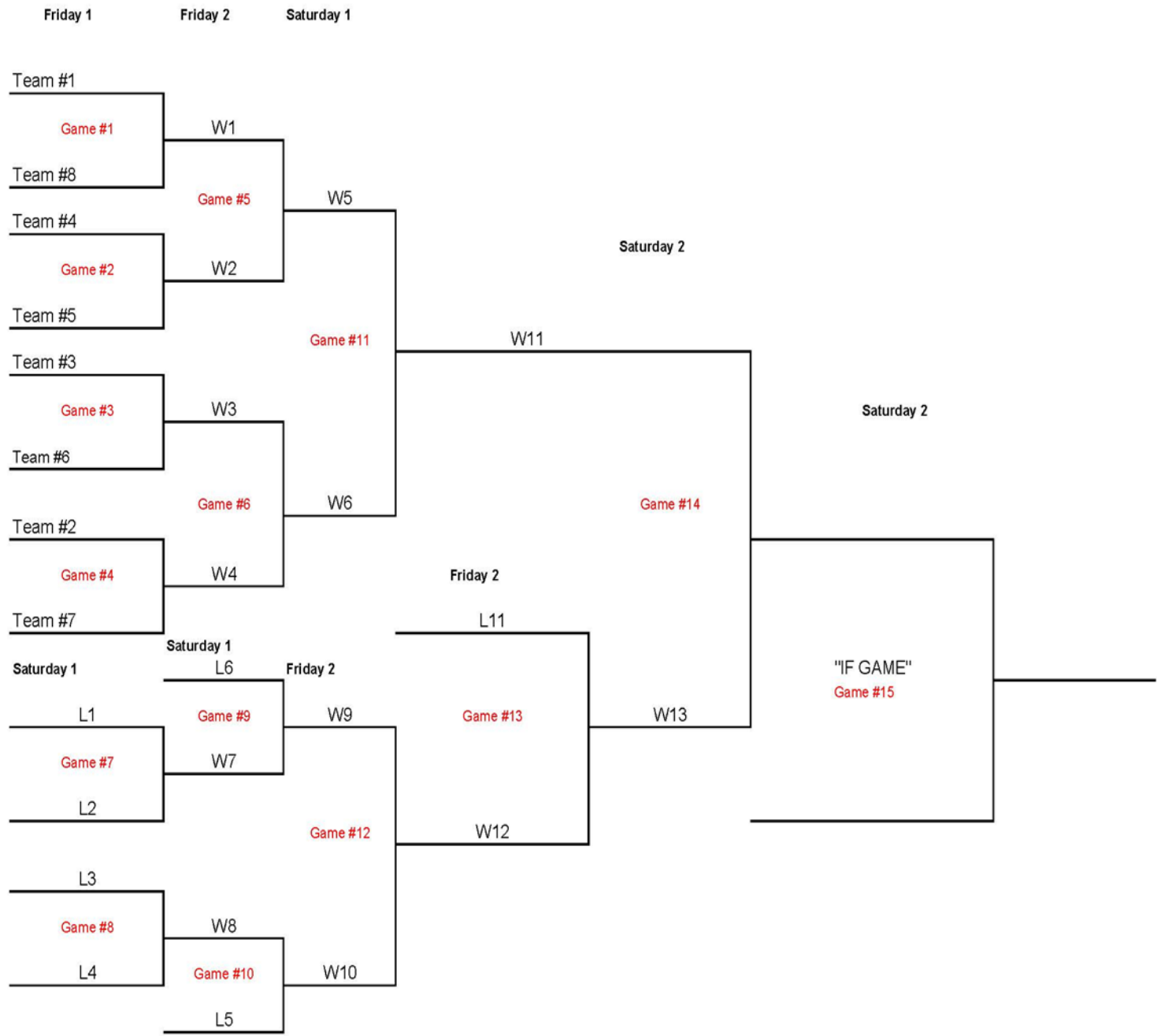
### 3A STATE QUALIFYING

The regional tournaments will be single elimination, with the eight regional winners advancing to a double elimination state tournament to be played TBA at predetermined sites.

### 3A STATE TOURNAMENT

Double elimination tournament with teams placed on brackets by site. Site 1 winner will be team 1, site 2 winner will be team 2, etc... Home team will be the higher seed throughout the tournament. Games will be in order by game number.

# 3A DOUBLE ELIMINATION BRACKETS



## 4A Classification Schools 631-1390

Updated 3/26/24

JeffCo (10)	Longs Peak (10)	CS Metro (5)	Denver Prep (7)	Western Slope (7)
Alameda	Fort Morgan	Canon City	Abraham Lincoln	Battle Mountain
Conifer	Frederick	Coronado	Denver North	Eagle Valley
D'Evelyn	Mountain View	Mesa Ridge	Denver West	Glenwood Springs
Evergreen	Niwot	Widefield	George Washington	Palisade
Golden	Northridge	Palmer	John F. Kennedy	Rifle
Green Mountain	Riverdale Ridge		Northfield	Steamboat Springs
Littleton	Roosevelt		Thomas Jefferson	Summit
Pomona	Severance	<b>South Central (5)</b>		
Standley Lake	Skyline	Pueblo Centennial	<b>Centennial (1)</b>	<b>NCAC (6)</b>
Wheat Ridge	Thompson Valley	Pueblo Central	Mullen	Greeley Central
		Pueblo County		Holy Family
<b>CS Metro North (5)</b>	<b>Southwestern (4)</b>	Pueblo East	<b>Pikes Peak (5)</b>	Longmont
Elizabeth	Durango	Pueblo South	Cheyenne Mountain	Mead
Falcon	Montrose		Discovery Canyon	Silver Creek
Mitchell	Grand Junction	<b>Colorado (4)</b>	Lewis-Palmer	Windsor
Sand Creek	GJ Central	Aurora Central	Palmer Ridge	
Sierra		Skyview	Lutheran	
		Thornton		
		Gateway		

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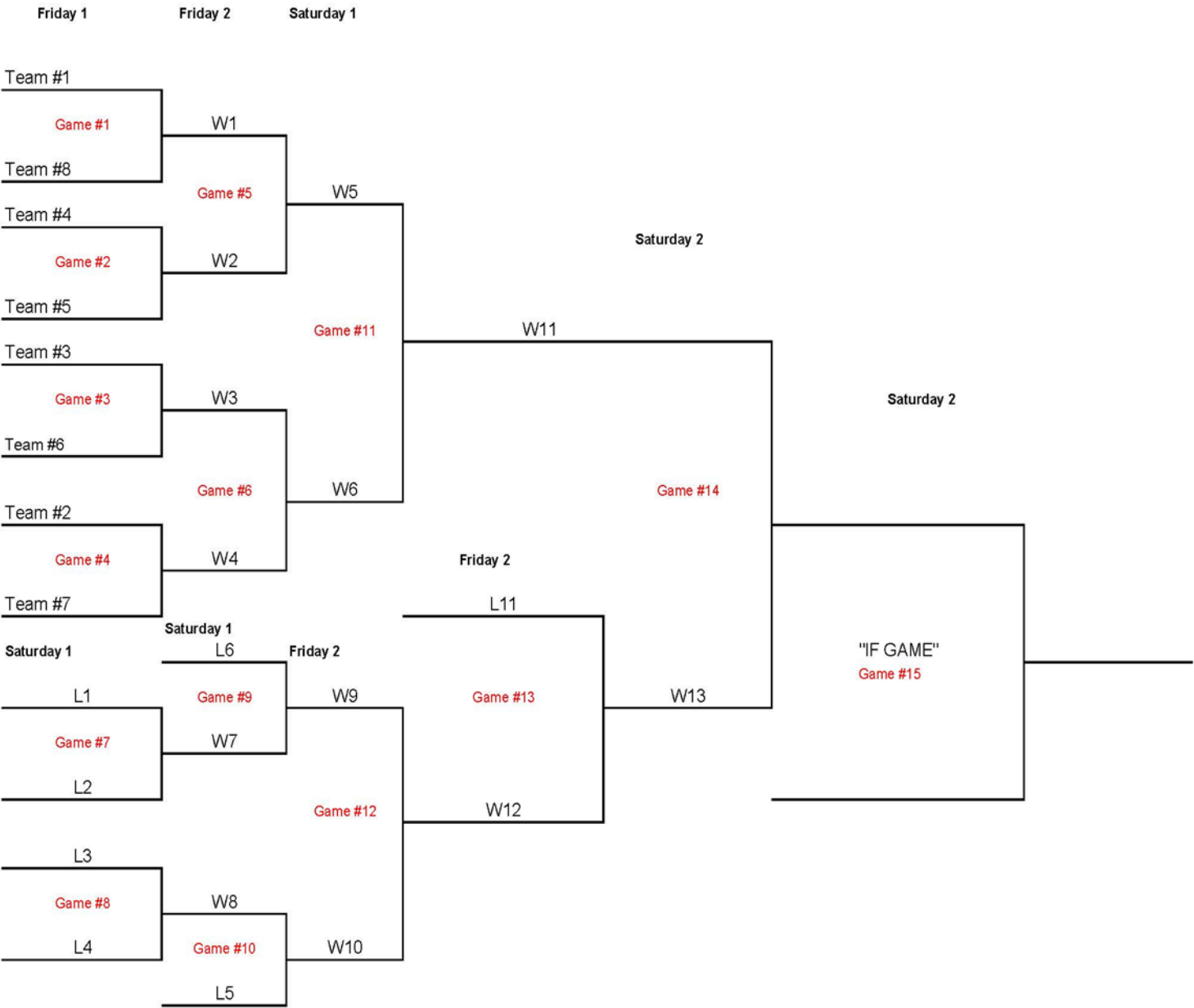
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4A DOUBLE ELIMINATION BRACKET



## **5A Classification Teams 1391+**

<b>Centennial (7)</b>	<b>Continental (11)</b>	<b>Denver (7)</b>	<b>JeffCo (8)</b>	<b>Front Range (16)</b>
Arapahoe	Castle View	Denver East	Arvada West	Boulder
Cherokee Trail	Chapparral	Denver South	Bear Creek	Brighton
Cherry Creek	Douglas County	Far Northeast	Chatfield	Broomfield
Eaglecrest	Heritage	Hinkley	Columbine	Erie
Grandview	Highlands Ranch	Rangeview	Dakota Ridge	Fairview
Overland	Legend	Vista Peak	Lakewood	Fort Collins
Smoky Hill	Mountain Vista	Westminster	Ralston Valley	Fossil Ridge
	Ponderosa		Valor Christian	Horizon
	Regis Jesuit			Legacy
<b>Pikes Peak (1)</b>	Rock Canyon			Loveland
Air Academy	ThunderRidge			Monarch
				Mountain Range
<b>Southwestern (1)</b>	<b>Colorado (1)</b>	<b>CSML (6)</b>	<b>NCAC (1)</b>	Northglenn
Fruita Monument	Adams City	Doherty	Centaurus	Poudre
		Fountain- Fort Carson	Greeley West	Prairie View
<b>South Central (1)</b>		Liberty		Rocky Mountain
Pueblo West		Pine Creek		
		Rampart		
		Vista Ridge		

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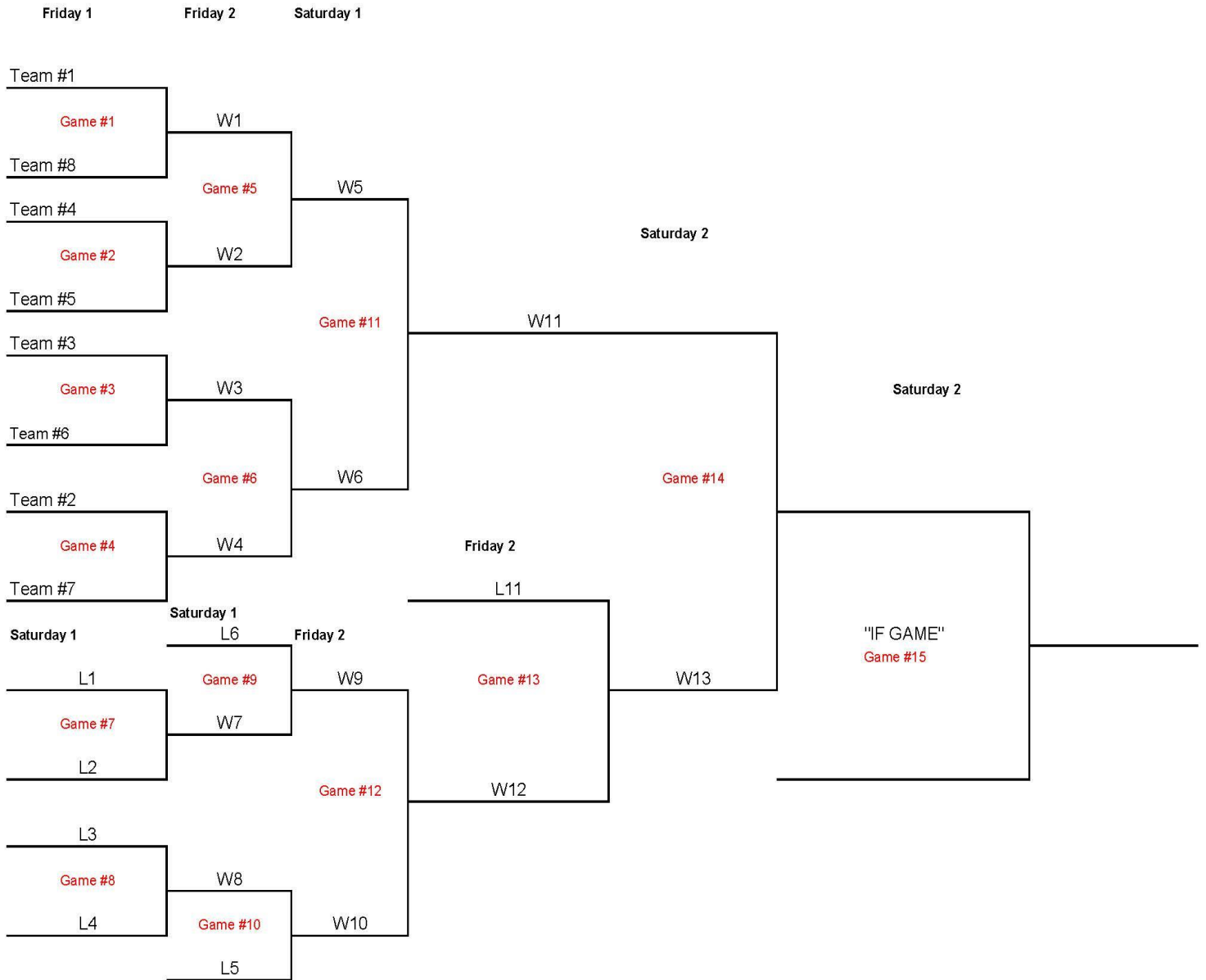
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