

2026

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Site Director & General Post Season Information



Regular Season Ends: 5A/6A: February 21st 1A/2A/3A/4A: February 28th
COUNT ALL YOUR GAMES!

ALL CLASSIFICATIONS - DO NOT EXCEED 23 GAMES!

Start submitting Gatelists February 28

CHSAA NOW

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January 2026

Site Directors, Director of Athletics, and IAABO#4 Basketball officials:

On behalf of the CHSAA and the member schools competing in region, and state tournaments, we would like to thank you in advance for offering your facility and/or finding a facility, to run one of the many CHSAA selected playoff sites and assuming the role of tournament director. On behalf of the CHSAA and the member schools competing in region, and state tournaments, we would like to thank the IAABO #4 post-season applicants in advance for offering their time and efforts to officiate this post season.

It takes at least 3 people to run a successful tournament: The School Administrator, the Athletic Director, and the Coach. These people are responsible for the maintenance of positive competitive athletics and good sporting behavior that all help lead to a well-organized and successful post-season tournament. Principals and Coaches need to lend their support by observing the following: Principal, Director of Athletics, or another authorized school official should be in attendance whenever his/her school participates; make yourself available to the CHSAA administrator or the host school administrator in charge of the site, as needed. Administration are ultimately responsible for the conduct of their students and spectators.

The coach shall remain under control on the bench or in the coach's box at all times. Coaches are primarily responsible for the conduct of their team and others who sit on their bench. Also, setting a good example for spectators eliminates some potential problems. Each CHSAA school is asked to publicize the post-season tournament in its local media, school newspaper, social media accounts, and over their school public address system and school website. Refer to CHSAANow.com for bracket information.

The locations for the 2026 state tournament are: 1A – UNC, 2A – CSU, 3A DU, and 4A/5A/6A – Denver Coliseum.

If any additional questions arise, please call our office 303-344-5050 ext. 6.

Good Luck in your post-season participation,

Bethany Brookens

Associate Commissioner/Basketball

2025-2026 BASKETBALL CALENDAR

Regular Season Completed	5A/6A: Saturday, Feb. 21 1A/2A/3A/4A: Saturday, Feb. 28
5A/6A First Round	Tue, Feb. 24 (B) & Wed, Feb. 25 (G), 2026
5A/6A Second Round	Fri, Feb. 27 (B) & Sat, Feb. 28 (G), 2026
5A/6A Sweet 16 Round	Tue, March 4 (B) & Wed, March 5 (G), 2026
Deadline for State Program (K-Brothers)	Monday, March 2, 2026
1A/2A/3A/4A Regionals (first two rounds)	By Saturday, March 7, 2026
6A Great 8	Friday, March 6, 2026
5A Great 8	Saturday, March 7, 2026
4A Great 8	Wednesday, March 11, 2026
State Tournament (All Classes)	Thur.-Sat., March 12-14, 2026

State Tournament Sites:

1A – University of Northern Colorado – Bank of Colorado Arena

2A – Colorado State University – Moby Arena

3A – University of Denver – Hamilton Gym

4A/5A/6A – Denver Coliseum (Great 8, Final 4)

POST SEASON GATELIST/PHOTO SUBMISSION

A gatelist must be submitted to the CHSAA office for the 5A/6A Great 8 Tournament (March 6-7), the 4A Great 8 Tournament (March 11), and 4A-6A State Championships (March 11-14). Deadline for gatelists and photos to be included in the State Program is **March 2, 2026**.

Submit team picture/roster to: programs@kukulskibrothers.com

A team may submit a new gatelist for entrance into the state tournament up to Monday March 10th at 10:00 am. Without a gatelist, your team will not be permitted entrance into the venue or will pay for all members of the team. **Please note: each team may suit up to 14 players for all post season games.**

The gatelist is a form that is sent directly to the CHSAA office for the Great 8/State tournaments. You can find the link below or online at chsaanow.com under the basketball post season page. Regional gatelists do NOT need to be sent to the CHSAA office. Schools will send those gatelists directly to the regional host before that round of play.

<https://chsaa.news/tools/gatelist/?type=Basketball>

TEAM ADMITTANCE

Team admittance for playoffs is limited to 14 players. You may have up to 21 (1A/2A) and 23 (3A-6A) people on your gatelist.

These numbers must include players, managers, coaches, scorers, and trainers. If someone from your team is not listed on your gatelist they will not be admitted at the team entrance. **Athletic Trainers will not be allowed on the floor unless listed on gatelist, no exceptions.**

WILSON APPROVED POST-SEASON BASKETBALLS

The official CHSAA ball is the Wilson EVO NXT.

SITE DIRECTOR & GENERAL PLAYOFF INFORMATION

POST SEASON INSURANCE CERTIFICATE REQUEST

The CHSAA has requested that every regional site, that is not a school site, carry additional insurance coverage provided by the CHSAA office. Once a site is located for your regional we will need the location (specific address), dates, and main contact for the additional insured. This certificate of insurance will be processed through our office and will be emailed to you. Additional insurance can be requested for school sites as well.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

SPORTSMANSHIP – [CHSAA Game Management & Sportsmanship Expectation Guide](#)

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

Every member school is required to create a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contest.

BASKETBALL BENCH CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Coaches and bench personnel are expected to adhere to the specific rules set forth in NFHS Rule 10. Repeated violations of those rules should result in a technical foul being assessed against the coach or other bench personnel. **More egregious conduct violations while inside or outside the coaching box, should be properly and consistently penalized with a technical foul without warning.**

Examples of egregious conduct violations which should be penalized include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Comments directed at or referring to any game official that question the integrity of an official. (repeated references to the foul count against each team; suggesting an official is “cheating” or “home towning” a team, etc.)
2. A negative response to a call/no-call including, but not limited to approaching/charging an official in a hostile, aggressive or otherwise threatening manner; emphatically removing one’s coat in response to a call/no-call or throwing equipment or clothing on the floor; thrashing arms in disgust; running or jumping in disbelief; or, other actions deemed to incite undesirable crowd reactions.
3. Non-Verbal, without motion movement that is perceived to show up an official.

SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

Sportsmanship Rule will start in the second half if a team is up by 35 points or greater. A running clock will be implemented and shall stop only for called timeouts, injuries and free throws. The sportsmanship rule stays in effect through the conclusion of the game.

Statement from Basketball Committee:

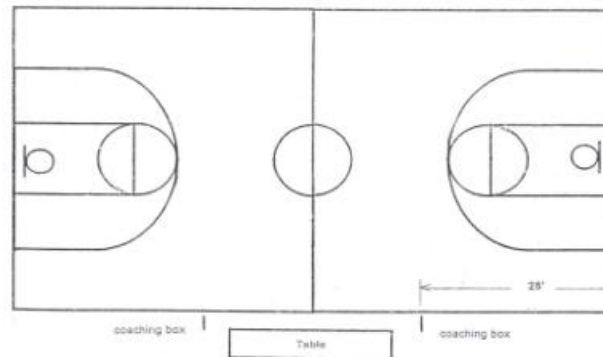
The CHSAA Basketball Committee is implementing what it calls a “Sportsmanship Rule” because the sports coaches have shown a lack of sportsmanship, empathy and creativity to keep outrageous scores from happening. The committee strongly encourages individual schools to establish an accountability process to address coaches who routinely push scores to unacceptable limits.

COACHING BOX

The head coach may be off the bench in front of his or her seat within the confines of the designated coaches' box to give instructions to his or her players and/or substitutes. **The box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located.** These lines shall be located off the court and be two inches wide (2025-2026 NFHS Basketball rules book, page 16, Rule 1, Section 13, Article 2) instructed by the CHSAA Office to prohibit coaches from standing, per NFHS rules, if the coach box is not marked appropriately as noted in 1-13-2.

The required coaching box dimensions:

A 2-inch line that is measured from the end line 28 feet and a 2-inch line that is measured from the end line will bound the coaching box. Courts without a correctly marked coaching box will result in a coach not being allowed to stand during the game, other than allowed by the NF rule book.



The CHSAA has approved and schools are required to use the following coaching box:
NF Rulebook reference is Page 16, Rule 1, Section 13, Article 2

UNIFORMS—NF Rule Book, Rule 3, Sec. 4, Article 1 (pages 26-27)

The home team must wear white uniforms and the visiting team dark for all post-season contests. Schools should bring their away and home uniforms to each post-season game.

SCHOOL BANNERS

Plastic or cloth school-identifying banners are okay; paper banners are NOT allowed. Handheld placards cannot obstruct view of spectators behind those holding the signs. All banners should be positive or encouraging in content.

REPORT GAME SCORES

Site directors please report playoff game scores promptly to MaxPreps.

REGIONAL & EARLY ROUND TICKET PRICES

Regional prices are the maximum admission prices for CHSAA basketball post-season games. However, past experience has shown that public relations are enhanced if people are paying the same price for the same class of game at every location.

Regionals (1A/2A/3A/4A)

General Admission	\$10.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens (60 & older)	\$7.00

First Round & Sweet 16 (5A/6A)

General Admission	\$10.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens (60 & older)	\$7.00

4A/5A/6A Great 8 – hosted at Coliseum

General Admission	\$12.00
K-12 Students & Senior Citizens	\$9.00

CHSAA Courtesy Cards admit the issued bearer of the card with proper photo ID and one guest free of charge. Individuals with a Courtesy Card and without an ID will NOT be admitted.

Colorado High School Coaches Association membership cards admit only the issued bearer of the card with proper photo ID free of charge. Individuals with a CHSCA membership card, but and without an ID will NOT BE ADMITTED.

1A CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO – BANK OF COLORADO ARENA:

SITE DIRECTORS: Randy Holmen, Richard Hargrove, Brian Holmes, & Michelle Wallace

PARKING: Lots M, L & Y - \$7.00 for all day parking on Thursday & Friday

TICKET PRICES – ONLY SOLD ONLINE VIA GOFAN

Great 8, Final 4, Consolations, & Championships

General Admission \$12.00

Students K-12 & Seniors (60+) \$9.00

All Session Pass – Adult \$60.00

All Session Pass – Students K-12 & Senior (60+) \$45.00

**Online ticket sales available via GoFan.co. Link also on CHSAANow.com.

SCHEDULE:

Thur.-Fri., March 12-13

8:45 a.m. Girls

10:15 a.m. Boys

11:45 a.m. Girls

1:15 p.m. Boys

Clear House

4:00 p.m. Girls

5:30 p.m. Boys

7:00 p.m. Girls

8:30 p.m. Boys

Sat. March 14

9:00 a.m. Girls Consolation Final

10:30 a.m. Boys Consolation Final

Clear House

2:00 p.m. Girls Third Place

3:30 p.m. Boys Third Place

5:00 p.m. Girls Championship

6:30 p.m. Boys Championship

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UNC Entrances:

Competitors: South Doors (Service Entrance)

Pep Bands: South Doors (Service Entrance)

Cheerleaders: South Doors (Service Entrance)

Spectators: Main Entrance Doors (West Side)

2A CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY – MOBY ARENA:

SITE DIRECTORS: Paul Webber, Greg Pierson

PARKING: Lot 197 & Lot 195 (\$1.25 per hour – only Thursday & Friday)

TICKET PRICES – ONLY SOLD ONLINE VIA GOFAN

CSU – CLEAR BAG POLICY IN EFFECT FOR SPECTATORS!

Great 8, Final 4, Consolations, & Championships

General Admission	\$12.00
Students K-12 & Seniors (60+)	\$9.00
All Session Pass – Adult	\$60.00
All Session Pass – Students K-12 & Seniors (60+)	\$45.00

SCHEDULE:

Thur.-Fri., March 12-13

8:45 a.m. Girls
10:15 a.m. Boys
11:45 a.m. Girls
1:15 p.m. Boys
Clear House
4:00 p.m. Girls
5:30 p.m. Boys
7:00 p.m. Girls
8:30 p.m. Boys

Sat. March 14

9:00 a.m. Girls Consolation Final
10:30 a.m. Boys Consolation Final
Clear House
2:00 p.m. Girls Third Place
3:30 p.m. Boys Third Place
5:00 p.m. Girls Championship
6:30 p.m. Boys Championship

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MOBY ARENA ENTRANCES:

Competitors: Lower SE

Pep Bands: Lower SE

Cheerleaders: Lower SE

Spectators: Upper North (Main Entrance)

3A CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER –HAMILTON GYM:

SITE DIRECTORS: Lynn Painter, Steve Longwell, Dennis Geise, Chad Nachtrieb

PARKING: Varies per lot/garage. Suggested Lots are: 103C, 311

TICKET PRICES – ONLY SOLD ONLINE VIA GOFAN

DU – CLEAR BAG POLICY IN EFFECT FOR SPECTATORS!

Great 8, Final 4, Championship Session

General Admission	\$12.00
Students K-12 & Seniors (60+)	\$9.00
All Session Pass – Adult	\$42.00
All Session Pass – Students K-12 & Senior (60+)	\$30.00

**Online ticket sales available via GoFan.co. Link also on CHSAANow.com.

SCHEDULE:

Thur. March 12

8:45 a.m. Girls
 10:15 a.m. Boys
 11:45 a.m. Girls
 1:15 p.m. Boys
 Clear House
 4:00 p.m. Girls
 5:30 p.m. Boys
 7:00 p.m. Girls
 8:30 p.m. Boys

Fri. March 13

10:00 a.m. Girls
 11:30 a.m. Boys
 1:00 p.m. Girls
 2:30 p.m. Boys

Sat. March 14

8:00 a.m. 3A Girls Third Place
 10:00 a.m. 3A Boys Third Place
 12:00 p.m. 3A Girls Championship
 2:00 p.m. 3A Boys Championship

TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER ENTRANCES:

Competitors: Lower front door (Northside)

Pep Bands: Lower front door (Northside)

Cheerleaders: Lower front door (Northside)

Spectators: Lower front door (Northside)/East Doors of Hamilton Gym

4A/5A/6A CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL

DENVER COLISEUM (5A/6A Great 8, 4A/5A/6A Final 4):

PARKING: \$15.00 or \$12.50 online in advance

TICKET PRICES:

Great 8

Adults	\$12.00
Students K-12/Seniors (60+)	\$9.00

Final Four

Reserved Tickets	\$20.00
General Admission	\$15.00
General Admission Students & Seniors (60+)	\$12.00
All Session Pass	\$40.00/\$30.00

Championship Games

Reserved Tickets	\$20.00
General Admission Adults	\$15.00
General Admission Students & Seniors (60+)	\$12.00
All Session Pass	\$40.00/\$30.00

***Online tickets available via AXS.com*

SCHEDULE (4A/5A/6A GREAT 8):

<u>Friday, March 6 (6A)</u>	<u>Saturday, March 7 (5A)</u>	<u>Wed., March 11 (4A)</u>
8:45 a.m. – 6A Girls	8:45 a.m. – 5A Girls	8:45 a.m. – 4A Girls
10:15 a.m. – 6A Boys	10:15 a.m. – 5A Boys	10:15 a.m. – 4A Boys
11:45 a.m. – 6A Girls	11:45 a.m. – 5A Girls	11:45 a.m. – 4A Girls
1:15 p.m. – 6A Boys	1:15 p.m. – 5A Boys	1:15 p.m. – 4A Boys
CLEAR HOUSE	CLEAR HOUSE	CLEAR HOUSE
4:00 p.m. – 6A Girls	4:00 p.m. – 5A Girls	4:00 p.m. – 4A Girls
5:30 p.m. – 6A Boys	5:30 p.m. – 5A Boys	5:30 p.m. – 4A Boys
7:00 p.m. – 6A Girls	7:00 p.m. – 5A Girls	7:00 p.m. – 4A Girls
8:30 p.m. – 6A Boys	8:30 p.m. – 5A Boys	8:30 p.m. – 4A Boys

SCHEDULE (FINAL 4) *Game times and schedules may change based upon Denver Police & safety concerns

<u>Thursday, March 12</u>	<u>Friday, March 13</u>	<u>Saturday, March 14</u>
11:00 a.m. – 5A Girls	11:00 a.m. – 4A Girls	10:00 a.m. – 4A Girls Championship
12:45 p.m. – 5A Boys	12:45 p.m. – 4A Boys	11:45 a.m. – 4A Boys Championship
2:15 p.m. – 5A Girls	2:15 p.m. – 4A Girls	1:15 p.m. – Unified Game
4:00 p.m. – 5A Boys	4:00 p.m. – 4A Boys	2:15 p.m. – 6A Girls Championship
5:45 p.m. – 6A Girls	5:45 p.m. – 6A Boys	4:00 p.m. – 6A Boys Championship
7:15 p.m. – 6A Girls	7:15 p.m. – 6A Boys	5:45 p.m. – 5A Girls Championship
		7:15 p.m. – 5A Boys Championship

DENVER COLISEUM ENTRANCES:

- Competitors:* Lower North Door 1
- Pep Bands:* Upper North Door 1
- Cheerleaders:* Lower North Door 1
- Spectators:* Main East Door Entrance

GREAT 8 & FINAL 4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Please note that there will be a mandatory school administrator & head security/police officer zoom meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026 (5A-6A) and Tuesday, March 10, 2025 (1A-4A). Your coaches may attend as well. Links will be sent as schools qualify.

BALLOONS

Balloons are not allowed in any venue. Please work to make your booster groups and parents aware of this restriction.

NOISEMAKERS

Artificial noisemakers are prohibited: cow bells, thunder sticks, air horns, amplified instruments, drums, whistles, megaphones, bleacher kicking and other disruptive noisemakers, as per CHSAA and National Federation basketball rules.

Amplified instruments are prohibited at all CHSAA post-season events.

BUS DRIVER

Bus drivers will be admitted at the competitor gates with proper identification.

“NO SHIRT” POLICY

All fans shall wear shirts (and pants) to all high school basketball games.

GAME TIMES

Games will not start before the scheduled time, even if the previous game concludes early.

OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK:

Only 14 players may be listed in the official scorebook. If you do not provide the official scorebook the roster information 15 minutes prior to your assigned game, the form you submit for Gatelist and Program Information will be given to the Official Scorekeeper.

DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing room assignments will be posted and/or a host will be available for additional information and specific needs you might have.

Please note: schools are expected to take all valuables with them to court side, do NOT leave valuables in your locker room. It is expected that each school will pick up the locker room so it will be clean for the next team to use. Site personnel will check locker rooms after each contest for damage. Schools are liable for any damage to the facilities and a bill will be sent to the school Principal if damages occur.

TEAM BENCHES

Team benches will be allocated for **17/15 individuals only**. Your score keeper must be listed on your gatelist and will be seated at the official table (not the bench). The home team will sit to the right of the scorer's table when facing the court from the scorers table.

CHSAA ADMINISTRATOR

A CHSAA staff member or CHSAA assigned tournament director will be on duty at all of the state tournament sites: 1A – Rashaan Davis (UNC), 2A – John Sullivan (CSU), 3A – Mike Krueger (University of Denver), 4A/5A/6A – Bethany Brookens (Denver Coliseum). Any specific problems or questions should be directed to these individuals.

STUDENT SEATING

All final week venues and most post season venues will have specified seating for high school students supporting their schools at each session. Please work with the site directors to assist them in getting high school students into the appropriate seating section for your school.

TRAINERS

CHSAA will hire trainers for each Great 8 and State site to take care of injuries that might occur. Teams should have a medicine kit and supplies with them for taping purposes, etc. You may bring a trainer as a member of your allotted number of people on your gatelist.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem will be presented before the first game of each session each day and will follow the team warm-ups and introductions. (Subject to change by the CHSAA.)

DUNKING

It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure the players do not dunk during warm-ups—before the game or during halftimes or during halftime of the preceding game. Leagues and Directors of Athletics are encouraged to educate their coaches to enforce this rule.

It is the responsibility of the head coach to enforce this rule. Technical fouls may be assessed to the head coach of the offending team for lack of compliance.

RESERVED SEATING (4A/5A/6A Final 4 – March 12-14)

Denver Coliseum has specified reserved seating for all sessions. Please DO NOT sit in these seats without a reserved ticket, even if they are empty. People have paid for these seats in advance and deserve the opportunity to come and go at their leisure without conflict, just as they do at college and professional games.

VIDEO TAPING

Coaches or players may not view tapes of their team's game until after the game. Taping of the games in which your own team is allowed. State tournament sites will not furnish power outlets for filming purposes, so please prepare accordingly.

VIDEO CAMERAS AND CAMERAS

Cameras are permitted at all sites. Media cameras with flashes are prohibited at all venues. Handheld video cameras are permitted at all sites. Please notify parents and fans that tripod equipment is not permitted in the stands. Only one team videographer is allowed at each site and the site director at each site will designate the location for team videographer.

PEP BAND GUIDELINES

See guidelines [HERE](#).

Bands will not be allowed to use amplifiers or power packs or anything else that is considered to be a disruptive noisemaker.

Drums and other musical instruments are not to be used as noisemakers.

The various tournament committees will establish pep band and spirit team limits for regional tournaments. You should contact the site director for additional information.

Note: Enforcing and implementing the requirements and eligibility for band students and spirit athletes is the responsibility of the school. Athletic/Activities directors and/or principals as asked to ensure the requirements are met.

PRE-GAME SITUATIONS

CHSAA policy confines teams to their own free-throw semi-circle for pre-game huddles or rituals.

Coaches, note that your team is restricted to the free-throw circle nearest your bench during pre-game introductions and other times when both teams are on the floor and the center circle is off limits. This does allow players to shake hands at the center circle during introductions and then move toward their respective free-throw circle nearest their bench.

Coaches should take an active role and establish guidelines for their team and permit only those pre-game rituals that promote sporting behavior and cannot be interpreted as taunting or baiting the opponent.

Officials will be prepared to assess a technical foul to a team or team member demonstrating these unsporting acts. The specific inappropriate actions of a few team members may be individually penalized or the entire team may be assessed one technical foul if they collectively engage in any inappropriate behavior(s). Since all team members are considered bench personnel before the game and during intermissions, the head coach would also be charged indirectly with the technical foul (NF rule reference: page 17, 2-8-1; page 63, 10-4-1d).

WARM-UPS—HALF-TIME & BEFORE GAME TIME

Teams will warm up at the basket nearest their team bench at half-time of the preceding game if they choose and are allowed by game administration. Prior to the start of the game, teams will warm-up at the basket that is further from their benches. Teams playing the day's first games will be permitted on the playing courts for warm-ups no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

After the first game, time will be put on the clock for warm-up. Team introductions will follow the warm-up period with the visiting team non-starters being introduced first, followed by home team non-starters. Then, starters will be introduced on an alternating basis and they should shake hands at mid-court. (1A, 2A and 3A teams will have 10-minute warm-ups because of the number of games to be played). Class 4A, 5A, 6A will have a minimum of 12 minutes between games (adjustments may be made on site to stay close to time schedule).

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY–CHSAA Handbook

Please refer to the CHSAA Bylaws found [here](#) page 152-153.

SPIRIT TEAMS AT STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- You can only have a varsity roster at team maximum based on roster classification (basketball numbers). Based on classification, varsity cheer, varsity co-ed, varsity pom, varsity jazz and varsity hip-hop teams will have roster limits for sideline, competitions and school representation based on classification. Roster limits per class/division:
 - 1A/2A (Cheer, Pom) will have a maximum of 16
 - 1A/2A (Co-ed) and 3A (Cheer/Co-Ed, Pom) will have a maximum of 20
 - 4A/5A/6A(Cheer, Pom, Co-ed) All Class Jazz and All Class Hip-Hop will have a maximum of 28
 - Alternates are included in the varsity roster limits.
 - 2 coaches are allowed entrance with the team.
- Only bona-fide members of the cheer/pom team will be allowed on the floor to support them. Non-members will not be allowed to stand on-sidelines or tumble at any time during the game.
- Cheer and Pom athletes cannot exceed **8-12**, depending on classification, while performing on the floor. CHSAA administrators and /or officials can decrease the number of athletes allowed on the floor. The SCHOOL becomes responsible for adjustments based on numbers allowed on the floor, should numbers be decreased.
- Cheer and tumbling routines must be performed in front of the spirit teams' home crowd. Routines and tumbling passes that cross to side of the opposing crowd or team are prohibited.
- Cheer/Pom teams can be on-court/tumble for team introductions.
- Cheer Teams cannot perform basket tosses/or similar stunts or anything that you release, and don't have control of on the hardwood/basketball surface.
- Spirit teams must remain outside the playing area during a 30-second or less time-out in a basketball game (NFHS Rule 2-1-10, Spirit Bulletin)
- Megaphones may be used by team members only. No artificial noisemakers in stands
- **Spirit teams must not stand on or behind the free throw lane extended this means directly behind the basket. Spirit teams can be designated to stand where facility manager and/or officials dictate. The safest area based on team size is on the sides of the free throw land extended.**
- Cheer/Pom teams are encouraged to direct "School" sportsmanship. Not to cheer during free throws, during injuries, when opposing players make mistakes or are penalized, and during announcements. They should cheer for their team's success/encouragement and should deflect crowd control with positive cheers in tense situations.

OFFICIALS: Officials have jurisdiction of the game once started and can direct spirit teams to any designated area.

WHEN TO PERFORM

Spirit teams should be aware of the time available to perform. Appropriate situations for routines are: pre-game, full 60-second time-outs, between quarters, at half-time and post-game. National Federation rules state cheers cannot be performed on the playing court area during a 30-second time out.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PRESENTATIONS

At the end of a Championship Event the following will occur:

- The school administration from both participating schools shall instruct their students not to enter the playing surface prior to the game's end. School personnel and game security is to assist facility security in keeping students and fans off the playing surface until the awards ceremony is completed.
- Both teams are encouraged to celebrate the occasion among themselves with their coaching staff.
- Immediately, at the conclusion of the team handshake, the announcer will use the script prepared by the CHSAA to award the state runner-up trophy. All team members and coaching staff of the runner-up team will move to be awarded the runner-up trophy and pose for pictures as needed. **The second place team is required to participate in the awards ceremony.**
- Immediately, at the conclusion of the team runner-up trophy presentation, the announcer will award the state championship trophy following the prepared script.
- All team members and coaches of the championship team will move to receive the trophy and pose for pictures, as needed. Teams will also line-up to shake the opposing teams hands.

2025-2026 QUALIFYING FORMATS

1A Leagues (Enrollments: 1-81) (62 schools)

1A/2A 5280**		1A Arkansas Valley		1A Black Forest		1A Fisher's Peak	
Beth Eden (JV)	27	Edison	56	Colorado School D&B (JV)	40	Aguilar	29
Denver Jewish Day	74	Holly	79	Elbert	79	La Veta	74
Front Range Baptist	50	Branson/Kim	50	Evangel Christian	59	Manzanola	55
Rocky Mtn. Lutheran	56	South Baca	65	Hanover #	94	Primero	50
Shining Mtn. Waldorf	16	Springfield	72	Miami-Yoder	90		
Denver Waldorf	53	Walsh	37	Pikes Peak Christian	60		
Mile High Academy	66	Wiley	50				
1A Hi-Plains		1A Independent		1A/2A Lower Platte**		1A/2A/3A Mile High**	
Cheraw	57	Denver Academy of Torah (B)	43	Caliche	73	Flatirons Academy	81
Cheyenne Wells	47						
Eads	44						
Granada	64						
Kit Carson	32						
McClave	72						
1A North Central		1A/2A/3A San Juan**		1A Southern Peaks		1A/2A Union Pacific**	
Briggsdale	57	Nucla	59	Antonito	46	Deer Trail #	82
Fleming	56	Ouray	40	Centennial	64	Flagler	46
Pawnee	16			Creede	17	Genoa-Hugo	57
Peetz	36			Lake City Community	81	Stratton	63
Prairie	56			Moffat	38		
Weldon Valley	52			Sangre de Cristo	62		
				Sierra Grande (B only)	69		
1A/2A West Central**		1A/2A Western Slope**		1A YWKC			
Cotopaxi	52	De Beque	46	Bethune	40		
Cripple-Creek #	102	North Park (G)	55	Hi-Plains	45		
				Idalia	53		
				Lone Star	42		
				Otis	64		
				Arickaree	31		

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2A Leagues
(Enrollments: 82-196)
(61 schools)

1A/2A 5280**		2A Black Forest		2A/3A/4A Foothills**		2A/3A Frontier**	
Victory Prep	140	Calhan	126	Ascent Classical	132	Sheridan # (B)	330
		Kiowa	84	Golden View	185		
		Liberty Tree	129	Loveland Classical	110		
		Monument Academy	112	Nederland (B)	127	Independent	
		Simla	106	Poudre Community #	249	Campion Academy %	130
		Colorado Springs Sch	82	Twin Peaks	127	Vanguard Classical (B)	102
				Two Roads Charter	103		
1A/2A Lower Platte**		1A/2A/3A Mile High**		1A/2A/3A San Juan**		2A Sante Fe	
Akron	99	Belleview Christian	82	Dolores	172	Crowley County	128
Haxtun	115	Bishop Machebeuf	175	Dove Creek	85	Fowler	104
Holyoke	178	Dayspring Christian	98	Mancos	156	Hoehne	103
Merino	100	Denver Academy	191	Ridgway	106	Las Animas	117
Sedgwick County	135	Front Range Christian	115			Rocky Ford	185
		Gilpin County	127			Swallows Charter	144
		Heritage Christian	99			Swink	84
		Union Colony	130			Walsenburg	123
2A Southern Peaks		2A/3A/4A Tri-Peaks**		1A/2A Union Pacific**		1A/2A West Central**	
Center	162	James Irwin (G) #	403	Burlington	215	Custer County	105
Crested Butte #	220			Byers	174	South Park	125
Del Norte	119			Limon	156		
Sanford	102					1A/2A Western Slope**	
Sargent	86					Caprock Academy	189
Trinidad #	215					Hayden	114
						Plateau Valley	95
						Rangely	152
						Soroco	101
						Vail Christian	147
						Vail Mountain	150
						West Grand	113

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3A Leagues
(Enrollments: 197-423)
(56 Schools)

3A Black Forest		3A/4A City**		Independent		2A/3A/4A Foothills**	
Dolores Huerta	272	Bruce Randolph	340	Lotus School	235	Addenbrooke Classical	201
Fountain Valley (B)	237	KIPP Denver #	471			STEM Highlands Ranch#	462
Peyton	225	Manual	312			William Smith	365
Thomas MacLaren	239	Robert F. STEAM (B)	392				
2A/3A Frontier**		3A/4A Intermountain**		3A/4A/5A Jeffco**		3A/4A Metro**	
Arrupe Jesuit (B) #	820	Bayfield	423	Conifer (G) #	820	Denver Christian	216
Jefferson	414	Centauri	328			Forge Christian	227
Lake County	287	Ignacio	206				
Middle Park	397	Monte Vista	250				
Pinnacle Charter (G) #	620						
Platte Canyon	227						
1A/2A/3A Mile High**		3A Patriot		1A/2A/3A San Juan**		3A/4A Tri-Peaks**	
Clear Creek	209	Brush	360	Telluride	333	Banning Lewis	406
Dawson	234	Frontier Charter	353			Buena Vista	274
Estes Park	326	Highland	285			Colorado Springs Chr.	273
Lyons	197	Liberty Common	356			Ellicott	265
Skyview Academy	279	Platte Valley	312			Florence	387
		Resurrection Christian	355			James Irwin (B)	403
		Strasburg	393			Rye	263
		Windsor Charter	375			Salida	394
		Wiggins	239			St. Mary's HS	158
		Wray	204			The Vanguard	321
		Yuma	263				
3A Western Slope							
Cedaredge	296						
Grand Valley	317						
Gunnison	399						
Meeker	221						
North Fork	296						
Olathe	294						
Roaring Fork	423						
Aspen (G) #	528						

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4A Leagues
(Enrollments: 424-900)
(59 Schools)

3A/4A City**		4A/5A Colorado**		2A/3A/4A Foothills**		3A/4A Intermountain**	
Abraham Lincoln #	975	Skyview	886	Aurora West	460	Alamosa	582
Denver West	635					Montezuma-Cortez	601
DSST: Cedar	555	4A/5A CSML North**		4A Frontier		Pagosa Springs	479
DSST: College View	558	Elizabeth	382	Alameda	725		
DSST: Conservatory Green	574	Mitchell	818	Arrupe Jesuit (G)	426	Independent	
DSST: Green Valley Ranch	565	The Classical Academy	593	Arvada	703	The Village (B)	447
DSST: Montview	570			Bennett	431		
John F. Kennedy	789			Englewood	569		
Martin Luther King	745			Fort Lupton	764		
Rocky Mtn. SMART	539			The Pinnacle Charter (B)	620		
3A/4A/5A Jeffco**		4A/5A Longs Peak**		3A/4A Metro**		4A/5A/6A Granite Peaks**	
Conifer (B)	820	Berthoud	686	Colorado Academy	449	Holy Family	725
D'Evelyn	597	Northridge (B) #	1238	Eagle Ridge Academy	509		
		Timnath	808	Jefferson Academy	424		
		Wellington	658	Kent Denver	510		
				Peak to Peak	595		
				Prospect Ridge	463		
				Stargate Charter	560		
				St. Mary's Academy	520		
				The Academy	560		
4A Patriot		4A/5A South Central**		2A/3A/4A Tri-Peaks**		4A Western Slope	
Eaton	585	Pueblo Centennial	841	La Junta	441	Aspen (B)	528
Fort Morgan	898			Lamar	445	Basalt	458
Sterling	431			Manitou Springs	449	Coal Ridge	524
University	637			Woodland Park	554	Delta	631
Valley	547					Moffat County	562
Weld Central	698					Rifle	780
						Steamboat Springs	843

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5A Leagues
(Enrollments: 901-1429)
(61 Schools)

5A/6A Centennial**		5A City		4A/5A Colorado**		5A/6A Continental**	
Mullen ^	736	George Washington (G)	1259	Adams City #	1666	Ponderosa	1406
		Hinkley	1685	Aurora Central #	1711		
		Montbello	1100	Gateway #	1581		
		Regis Groff	1078	Thornton	1395		
		Thomas Jefferson	1312				
5A/6A CSML Metro**		4A/5A CSML North**		5A CSML South		4A/5A/6A Granite Peaks**	
Rampart #	1430	Falcon	1251	Canon City	1016	Frederick	1403
		Sand Creek	1302	Coronado	1259	Longmont	1252
		Sierra	910	Harrison	1182	Mead	1118
				Mesa Ridge	1269	Niwot	1359
				Palmer	1342	Silver Creek	1252
				Widefield	1257	Skyline (G-Independent %)	1350
3A/4A/5A Jeffco**		4A/5A Longs Peak**		5A/6A Northern**		5A Pikes Peak	
Dakota Ridge	1332	Greeley Central	1415	Greeley West #	1839	Air Academy	1316
Evergreen	954	Mountain View	1118	Windsor	1121	Cheyenne Mountain	1240
Golden	1418	Northridge (G)	1238			Discovery Canyon	1072
Green Mountain	1084	Roosevelt	1113			Lewis-Palmer	1185
Littleton	1122	Severance	909			Lutheran	918
Pomona	1133	Thompson Valley	1023			Palmer Ridge	1092
Standley Lake	1182						
Wheat Ridge	972						
5A/6A Rocky Mountain**		4A/5A South Central**		5A/6A Southwestern**		5A Western Slope	
Northglenn #	1930	Pueblo Central	956	Durango	1370	Battle Mountain	901
		Pueblo County	1224	GJ Central #	1608	Eagle Valley	1051
		Pueblo East	1001	Grand Junction #	1551	Glenwood Springs	1000
		Pueblo South	1023	Montrose	1259	Summit	1132
				Palisade	1124		

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5A State:

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4. MaxPreps and RPI will be run through the regular season.
5. The remaining teams will be added (up to 40) based on the CHSAA Seeding & Selection Index (50% MaxPreps/50% RPI).
6. Seeding will be done by CHSAA Seeding & Selection Index (50% MaxPreps/50% RPI). Seeds 1-8 are true seeded and will not change. Teams 9-24 are true seeded and may be moved a maximum of one spot to avoid league matchups in the second round (match-ups set by committee) only. Seeds 25-40 are true seeded except to try to avoid league matchups in the first round/play-in only (teams may be moved up or down one spot). The two teams playing in the first round/play-in that will end up playing the top 8 seeds in the second round will not be preemptively moved to avoid league match-ups.
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(Enrollments: 1430-up)
(56 Schools)

5A/6A Centennial**		6A City		5A/6A Continental**		5A/6A CSML Metro**	
Arapahoe	1724	Denver East	2600	Castle View	2000	Doherty	1734
Cherokee Trail	2928	Denver North	1614	Chaparral	1999	Fountain-Fort Carson	1950
Cherry Creek	3803	Denver South	1802	Douglas County	1775	Liberty	1631
Eaglecrest	3077	George Washington (B)	1259	Heritage	1694	Pine Creek	1790
Grandview	2777	Northfield	1860	Highlands Ranch	1598	Pueblo West	1484
Overland	2097	Rangeview	2036	Legend	2232	Vista Ridge	1584
Smoky Hill	2237	Vista PEAK	1799	Mountain Vista	2280		
				Regis Jesuit	1710		
				Rock Canyon	2350		
				ThunderRidge	1874		
4A/5A/6A Granite Peaks**		6A Jeffco		5A/6A Northern**		5A/6A Rocky Mountain**	
Broomfield	1615	Arvada West	1841	Fort Collins	1897	Boulder	2054
Centaurus	1486	Bear Creek	1433	Fossil Ridge	2019	Brighton	1856
Erie	1747	Chatfield	1785	Loveland	1508	Mountain Range	1750
Fairview	1874	Columbine	1688	Poudre	1660	Prairie View	1806
Horizon	2028	Lakewood	1888	Rocky Mountain	2040	Riverdale Ridge	1458
Legacy	2240	Ralston Valley	1843			Westminster	2015
Monarch	1537	Valor Christian ^	1223				
5A/6A Southwestern**							
Fruita Monument	1775						

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**1A/2A/3A/4A Regional Tournament/State
Bracket
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Higher seeded team in each game will be the home team.

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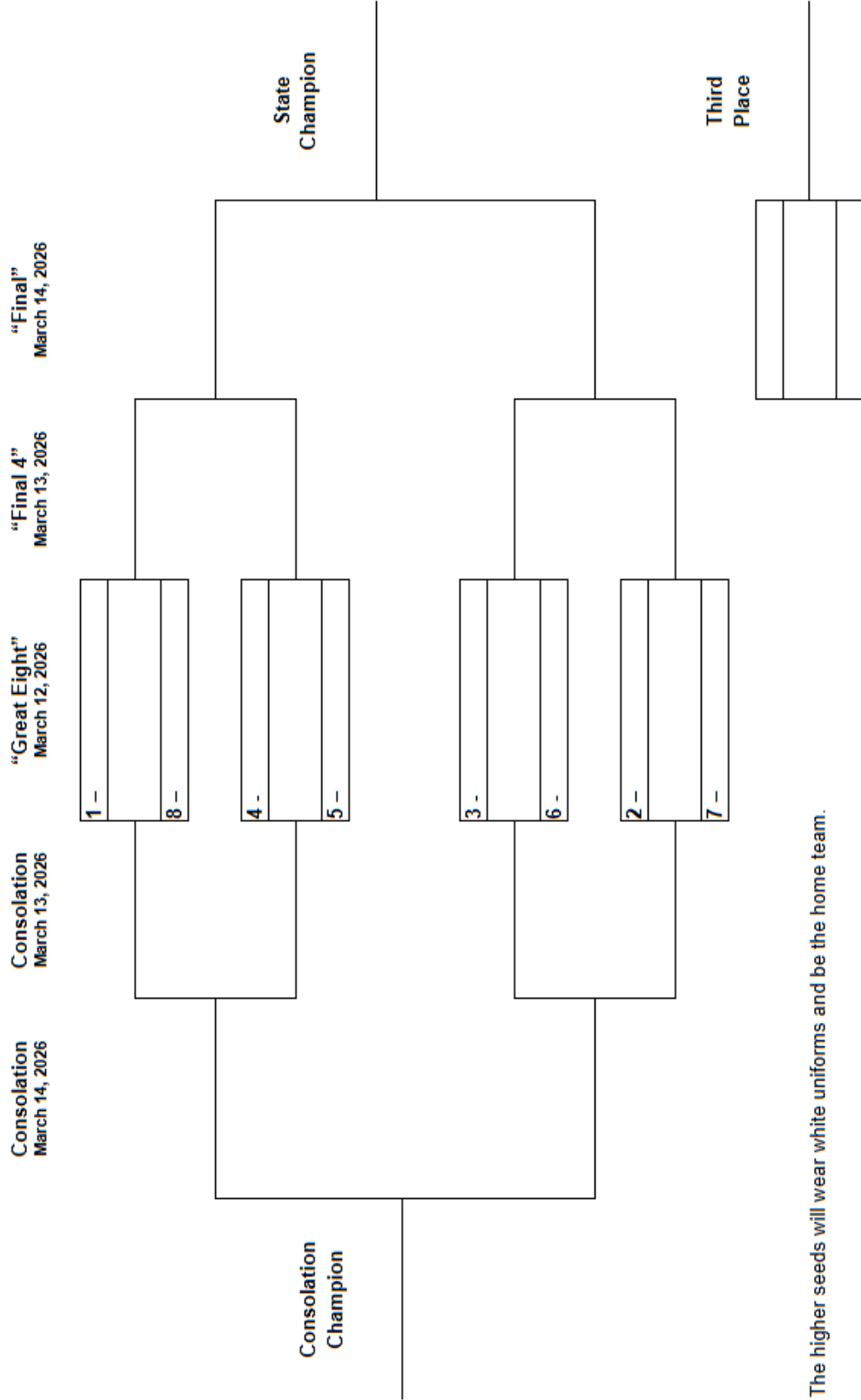
sub-region rounds hosted by the top 8 seeds

- 1A and 2A Great 8 + on will have a consolation bracket + play for 5th & 6th, 3 & 4th, Champion & Runner-Up
- 3A Great 8 + on will have a modified consolation bracket.
- 4A will play a single elimination bracket

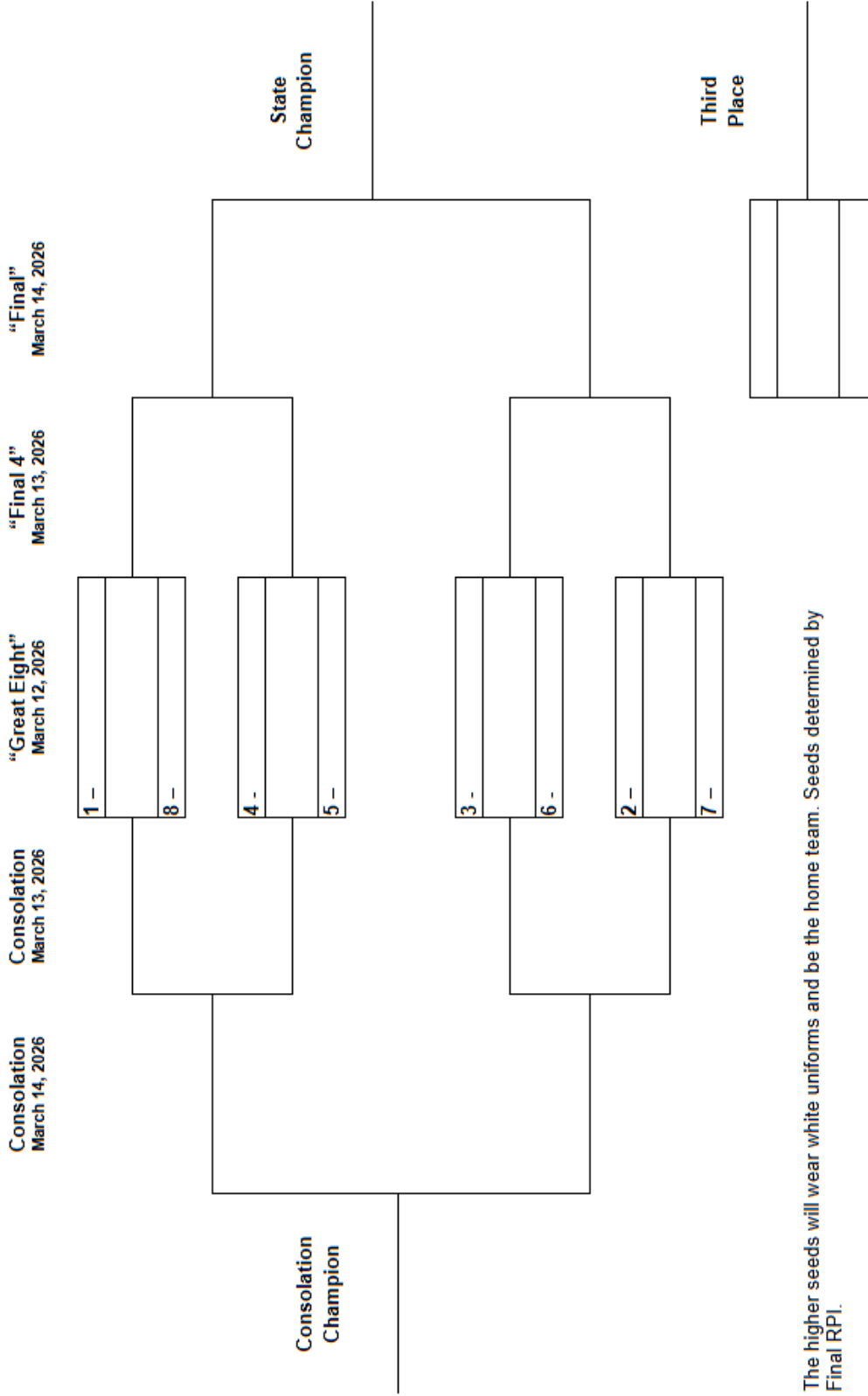
5A/6A State Basketball Bracket

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Great 8	Final 4	Championship	Final 4	Great 8	Round 3	Round 2	Round 1
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<i>Home Site</i>	<i>Home Site</i>	<i>Home Site</i>	<i>Denver Coliseum</i>	<i>Denver Coliseum</i>	<i>Denver Coliseum</i>	<i>Denver Coliseum</i>	<i>Denver Coliseum</i>	<i>Home Site</i>	<i>Home Site</i>	<i>Home Site</i>
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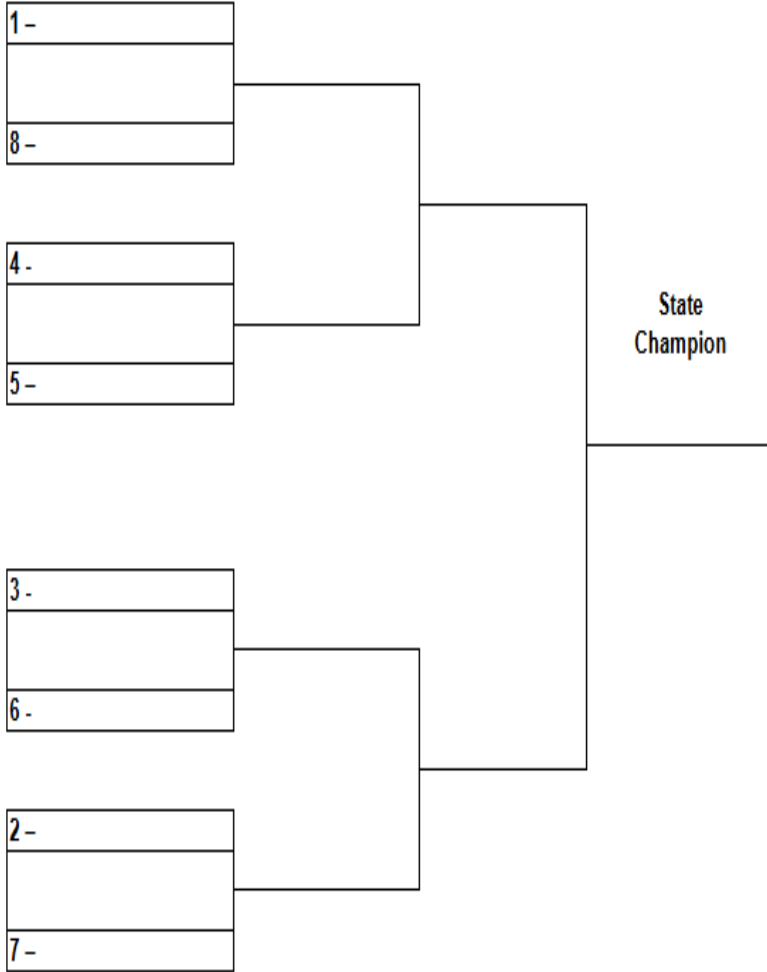
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