

### **32 Team Bracket Notes (Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball)**

1. Automatic qualifiers go to top 4 in a six team region and top 3 in a four team region
2. Regions 1-3 will be considered Upper State. Regions 5-7 will be considered Lower State. Region 4 is the Midlands region and teams #1 and #4 will go to Upper State in 2018-19 while the #2 and #3 will go Lower State in 2018-19.
3. The Upper State will have 14 automatic qualifiers and the bracket committee will select 2 at-large teams from the 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers in regions 1-3. (see procedures for selecting At-Large teams at bottom of page).
4. The Lower State will have 13 automatic qualifiers and the bracket committee will select 3 at-large teams from Regions 4, 5, and 6 5<sup>th</sup> place teams and Region 7's 4<sup>th</sup> place team.

### **24 Team Bracket Notes (Tennis, Soccer, Wrestling, and Volleyball)**

1. Automatic qualifiers go to top 3 in region 1-7.
2. Regions 1-3 will be considered Upper State. Regions 5-7 will be considered Lower State. Region 4 #1 will go Upper State and Region 4 #2 and #3 will go Lower State.
3. Upper State will have 10 automatic qualifiers and select 2 Upper State at-large teams from Region 1-4 (4<sup>th</sup> place teams).
4. Lower State will have 11 automatic qualifiers and select 1 Lower State at-large from Region 5, 6, and 7 (4<sup>th</sup> place teams).
5. Note-Lower State would need to rotate Region 6 #2 and Region 5 #2 in 2019-20 bracket.

### **Criteria for Selecting At-Large Teams**

1. The 4A Bracket Committee will only consider the at-large teams who submit their Playoff Participation Application Form before the deadline. Each sport will have a deadline to get their At-Large Playoff Participation Application submitted to the bracket committee.
2. The 4A Bracket Committee will review all Playoff Participation Application forms and place deserving at-large teams into the bracket based on criteria below.
  - a. Region record and results within the region will be considered.
  - b. Region finish and region unit system.
  - c. Overall regular season including non-region opponents and results of these contests.
  - d. Common Opponents
  - e. Head to Head results with other applicants if applicable.
  - f. Only 5<sup>th</sup> place teams in regions 1-6 and 4<sup>th</sup> place team from region 7 are eligible for at-large in 32 team bracket.
  - g. Only 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in regions 1-7 are eligible for at-large in 24 team bracket.
3. When placing the selected at-large team in the bracket the committee will consider:
  - a. Keeping same region teams away from each other as long as possible
  - b. Geographics if possible
  - c. Avoid previous opponents if possible
4. If not enough teams submit an At-Large Playoff Application then there will be a bye for some of those portions of the bracket.
5. Deadlines for submitting Playoff Application:
  - a. Volleyball-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am Friday Oct 19**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL Oct 22
  - b. G Tennis-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am Friday Oct 19**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL Oct 22

- c. Football-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am Oct 31**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL Nov 3
  - d. Wrestling-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am Jan 26**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL Jan 29
  - e. Basketball-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am Feb 6**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL Feb 9
  - f. Baseball-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am April 17**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL April 20
  - g. Softball-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am April 20**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL April 23
  - h. Soccer-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am April 24**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL April 26
  - i. B Tennis-Resumes for at Large **Due 10am April 20**; Qualifiers due to SCHSL April 23
6. ALL AT-LARGE PLAYOFF APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO JASON [POWELL—  
jpowell@richland2.org](mailto:jpowell@richland2.org) before the above deadlines to be considered for an at-large playoff berth.