

2020 - 2021 NCHSAA Playoff Bracketing Process

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Albemarle	6	1	E	East - 12 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 9	Once the 16 teams are determined in each region (East/West), the NCHSAA Staff will utilize this pre-determined draw procedure to set the finalized bracket. 1. Draws for the line placement of berths will occur in random order. 2. All #1 berths will be drawn first, followed by #2 berths, followed by any #3 berths and wildcard teams. 3. Whenever possible, competition between conference opponents in the 1st round will be avoided. This may require the removal of a line placement draw possibility for a given team.	Automatic Berths listed on this document are based upon the premise that all teams in the conference are participating in a given sport (same classification in split conferences). Each bracketed sport will have varying automatic berths per conference based on the following formula: <u>Conference Teams Participating in the Given Sport:</u> 1 - 6 Schools - 1 Automatic Berth 7 - 8 Schools - 2 Automatic Berths 9+ Schools - 3 Automatic Berths	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA). Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams. Once the 32 teams in each classification are finalized, schools in a given classification will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school. Each subdivision will have 16 total teams (8 East/8 West) with teams placed on lines based on conference finish.
Atlantic 5	5	1	E	East - 4 WC				
Carolina	7	2	E		#2 Berths Lines 10 - 12			
Coastal 8	3	1	E					
Coastal Plains	7	2	E		#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 13-16			
North Central Athletic	9	3	E					
Northern Carolina	3	1	E					
Tar Roanoke	8	2	E					
Three Rivers	2	1	E					
Big Smoky Mtn	7	2	W	West - 15 Auto				
Central Tar Heel	8	2	W	West - 1 WC				
Little Smoky Mtn	5	1	W			#2 Berths Lines 10 - 14		
Mountain Valley	4	1	W					
Northwest	6	1	W		#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 15 - 16			
PAC 7	8	2	W					
Southern Piedmont	7	2	W					
Western Highlands	3	1	W					
Yadkin Valley	9	3	W					

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Coastal 8	5	1	E	East - 15 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 10	Once the 16 teams are determined in each region (East/West), the NCHSAA Staff will utilize this pre-determined draw procedure to set the finalized bracket. 1. Draws for the line placement of berths will occur in random order. 2. All #1 berths will be drawn first, followed by #2 berths, followed by any #3 berths and wildcard teams. 3. Whenever possible, competition between conference opponents in the 1st round will be avoided. This may require the removal of a line placement draw possibility for a given team.	Automatic Berths listed on this document are based upon the premise that all teams in the conference are participating in a given sport (same classification in split conferences). Each bracketed sport will have varying automatic berths per conference based on the following formula: <u>Conference Teams Participating in the Given Sport:</u> 1 - 6 Schools - 1 Automatic Berth 7 - 8 Schools - 2 Automatic Berths 9+ Schools - 3 Automatic Berths	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA). Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams. Once the 32 teams in each classification are finalized, schools in a given classification will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school. Each subdivision will have 16 total teams (8 East/8 West) with teams placed on lines based on conference finish.
East Central	7	2	E	East - 1 WC				
Eastern Carolina	7	2	E		#2 Berths Lines 11 - 15			
Eastern Plains	6	1	E					
Mid-State	7	2	E		#3 Berths & Wildcards Line 16			
Mid-State Athletic	2	1	E					
Northeastern Coastal	6	1	E					
Northern Carolina	4	1	E					
PAC-7	7	2	E					
Three Rivers	7	2	E					
Central Carolina	10	3	W	West - 15 Auto		#1 Berths Lines 1 - 9		
Mountain Six	6	1	W	West - 1 WC				
Mountain Valley	4	1	W		#2 Berths Lines 10 - 14			
Northwestern Foothills	8	2	W					
Rocky River	5	1	W		#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 15 - 16			
South Fork Athletic	8	2	W					
Southwestern Athletic	7	2	W					
Western Highlands	3	1	W					
Western Piedmont	8	2	W					

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Big East	6	1	E	East - 12 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 10	Once the 16 teams are determined in each region (East/West), the NCHSAA Staff will utilize this pre-determined draw procedure to set the finalized bracket. 1. Draws for the line placement of berths will occur in random order. 2. All #1 berths will be drawn first, followed by #2 berths, followed by any #3 berths and wildcard teams. 3. Whenever possible, competition between conference opponents in the 1st round will be avoided. This may require the removal of a line placement draw possibility for a given team.	Automatic Berths listed on this document are based upon the premise that all teams in the conference are participating in a given sport (same classification in split conferences). Each bracketed sport will have varying automatic berths per conference based on the following formula: <u>Conference Teams Participating in the Given Sport:</u> 1 - 6 Schools - 1 Automatic Berth 7 - 8 Schools - 2 Automatic Berths 9+ Schools - 3 Automatic Berths	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA). Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams. Once the 32 teams in each classification are finalized, schools in a given classification will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school. Each subdivision will have 16 total teams (8 East/8 West) with teams placed on lines based on conference finish.		
Big Eight	8	2	E	East - 4 WC						
Coastal	6	1	E							
Eastern Carolina	5	1	E							
Greater Neuse	6	1	E							
Mid-Piedmont	7	2	E							
Mid-State	6	1	E							
Mideastern	5	1	E							
Patriot Athletic	6	1	E							
Tri-County	6	1	E							
Big South	7	2	W	West - 13 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 8					
North Piedmont	6	1	W	West - 3 WC						
Northwestern	5	1	W							
Piedmont Triad	6	1	W							
Rocky River	1	1	W							
South Piedmont	7	2	W							
Southern Carolina	8	2	W							
Western Mountain	9	3	W							
								#2 Berths Lines 9 - 12		
					#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 13 - 16					

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CAP-7	7	2	E	East - 10 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 7	Once the 16 teams are determined in each region (East/West), the NCHSAA Staff will utilize this pre-determined draw procedure to set the finalized bracket. 1. Draws for the line placement of berths will occur in random order. 2. All #1 berths will be drawn first, followed by #2 berths, followed by any #3 berths and wildcard teams. 3. Whenever possible, competition between conference opponents in the 1st round will be avoided. This may require the removal of a line placement draw possibility for a given team.	Automatic Berths listed on this document are based upon the premise that all teams in the conference are participating in a given sport (same classification in split conferences). Each bracketed sport will have varying automatic berths per conference based on the following formula: <u>Conference Teams Participating in the Given Sport:</u> 1 - 6 Schools - 1 Automatic Berth 7 - 8 Schools - 2 Automatic Berths 9+ Schools - 3 Automatic Berths	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA). Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams. Once the 32 teams in each classification are finalized, schools in a given classification will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school. Each subdivision will have 16 total teams (8 East/8 West) with teams placed on lines based on conference finish.
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Mideastern	3	1	E					
Northern	6	1	E					
Patriot	3	1	E					
Sandhills	8	2	E					
South Wake	7	2	E					
Central Piedmont	6	1	W	West - 11 Auto				
I-Meck	8	2	W	West - 5 WC				
Metro	5	1	W					
Northwestern	2	1	W					
So Meck 7	7	2	W					
Southwestern	8	2	W					
Triangle 8	8	2	W					
					#2 Berths Lines 8 - 11			
					#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 12 - 16			