

## **DETERMINING PLAYOFF GAME HOSTS**

1. The first round host will always be a district winner and they will always host a district runner-up.
2. Only in classes 6A and 5A are the teams “seeded” onto a bracket. In those two classes, seeds do come into play in some scenarios in determining whether a team will host or travel in subsequent rounds. In these two classes, the number of times a team has hosted a playoff round game this year also is a factor in determining host sites for subsequent rounds of games. The East-West formula may come into play in determining a host site, but other factors (Seed of the teams or number of times serving as a host site) are higher in priority than “East-West” factors.
3. The number of times a school has hosted a playoff round game this year is the first factor considered in determining a host site between two schools **BEFORE** considering the “East-West” formula.
4. If the “East-West” formula is used to determine which of two schools will host, the formula is as follows for this year (an odd numbered year):

**Farthest western school will serve as host in these rounds/classes:**

Regional round – 3A and 8-Man I  
Sectional round – 6A, 4A and 2-1A  
Sub-state – 5A, 3A, 8-Man II

**Farthest eastern school will serve as host in these rounds/classes:**

Regional round – 4A and 8-Man II  
Sectional round – 5A and 3A  
Sub-state – 6A, 4A, 2-1A, 8-Man I