

# 2020 - 2021 NCHSAA Football Playoff Bracketing Process

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Conference	Teams	Automatic Berths	E/W	Total Berths	Bracket Line Placements	Draw Procedure	Sport Adjustments	Football Subdivisions			
Albemarle	5	1	E	East - 8 Auto	#1 Berths Lines 1 - 8	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.	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).	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA).			
Atlantic 5	1	1	E	East - 8 WC							
Carolina	6	1	E								
Coastal 8	2	1	E								
Coastal Plains	6	1	E								
North Central Athletic	0	0	E								
Northern Carolina	3	1	E								
Tar Roanoke	2	1	E								
Three Rivers	1	1	E								
Central Tar Heel	0	0	W	West - 10 Auto	#2 Berths Lines 9 - 10	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.	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	Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams.  Once the 16 teams in each classification's region are finalized, schools will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school.			
Mountain Valley	4	1	W	West - 6 WC							
Northwest	6	1	W								
Smoky Mountain	7	2	W								
So. Piedmont/PAC 7	9	3	W								
Western Highlands	3	1	W								
Yadkin Valley	7	2	W								
									#3 Berths & Wildcards Lines 11-16	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.	Each subdivision will have 16 total teams (8 East/8 West) with teams placed on lines based on conference finish.

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Coastal 8	5	1	E	East - 14 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.	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).	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA).
East Central	7	2	E	East - 2 WC				
Eastern Carolina	7	2	E					
Eastern Plains	6	1	E					
Mid-State	5	1	E					
Mid-State Athletic	2	1	E					
Northeastern Coastal	4	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	#2 Berths Lines 11 - 14	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.	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	Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams.  Once the 16 teams in each classification's region are finalized, schools will split into 2 distinct subdivisions based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of the school.
Mountain Six	6	1	W	West - 1 WC				
Mountain Valley	4	1	W					
Northwestern Foothills	8	2	W					
Rocky River	5	1	W					
South Fork Athletic	7	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.	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).	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA).
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	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.	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	Berths will be awarded based on the procedure indicated in the previous column prior to the subdivision of teams.  Once the 16 teams in each classification's region are finalized, schools 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.
North Piedmont	6	1	W	West - 3 WC				
Northwestern	5	1	W					
Piedmont Triad	6	1	W					
<b>Rocky River*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>W</b>					
South Piedmont	7	2	W					
Southern Carolina	8	2	W					
Western Mountain	9	3	W					

\*Montgomery Central will be an automatic if they finish 1st overall or above .500 in the conference

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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.	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).	Subdivisions of classifications will be used for the 2020-21 football playoffs (1A, 1AA, 2A, 2AA, 3A, 3AA, 4A, 4AA).
Eastern Carolina	2	1	E	East - 6 WC				
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					