

## PLAYOFF FORMAT FOR: FOOTBALL

**Number of Championships:** Six Championships (6A, 5A,4A,3A,2A,1A)

### Region Tournament

**Dates:** NFHS Week 19-21 - Must be completed by Region Deadline as published on the VHSL Calendar.

**Format:** Sixteen-team, single-elimination tournament. Seeding and pairings determined power points unless the Region (6A) has determined another format.

**Sites:** As determined by each Region.

**Who Advances:** Two teams advance to state tournament play.

### State Tournament

**Dates:** NFHS Week 22 and 23 – Games will be played on Saturday.

**Format:** Four-team, single-elimination tournament per classification pairing each region's two representatives in the semifinals. The semifinal format is determined by each classification. Semifinal winners advance to the final.

**Sites:** Class 1 and 2 – Salem (Salem); Class 3 and 4 (Liberty University); Class 5 and 6 (University of Virginia)

**Awards:** Team trophy and individual medals to State Champion and Runner-up teams.

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## VHSL Football Playoff Formats

### Group 1A, 2A and 3A

Top 16 by power rating regardless of conference and cross bracket semifinals

### Group 4A

Top 16 by power rating regardless of conference and semifinals will NOT cross bracket

### Group 5A

5 A South: Top 8 from Central Conferences bracketed together; Top 8 from Eastern Conferences bracketed together, final teams from each bracket meet in state semifinal (will NOT cross bracket semifinals)

5A north: Top 16 by power rating regardless of conference and will NOT cross bracket semifinals

### Group 6A

6 A South: Top 8 each section (Conference 1 & 2 – top 8; Conference 3 & 4 – top 8) with final 4 in region then reseeded and will NOT cross bracket in state semifinals

6A North: Top 16 by power rating regardless of conference and will NOT cross bracket semifinals

