

## PLAYOFF PLAN FOR CLASS 6A FOOTBALL - Beginning in 2015

- Top 32 schools – 4 sections of 8 schools
- Each section seeds #1 – 8 – choice of seeding procedures based on current policy.
- No game on Tuesday after MEA

The morning after the last regular season games, each of the four 6A sections will seed their section as per MSHSL seeding policy and will be placed into 1 of 6 random brackets will be selected (at random) at a time to be determined by the tournament committee.

Class 6A will then play out their tournament. First two rounds will be played on the succeeding Friday evenings at the higher seed. The winners of round 2 would be awarded “State Qualifier” trophies for having qualified for the state tournament. The third round would consist of 8 remaining teams and would be the State Tournament under the direction of the State High School League.

### **The Creation (Design) of the 6 Random Brackets:**

These brackets are each a 32 team single elimination tournament brackets that will consist of eight 4-team subgroups.

Four of these subgroups will consist of the following seeds (#1, #4, #5, and #8). These teams will all come from different sections. The remaining four subgroups will consist of the following seeds (#2, #3, #6, and #7). These teams will also come from different sections.

A subgroup with a #1 seed and a subgroup with a #2 seed is paired in each quarter of the bracket. Thus each side of the bracket will consist of two of these pairings.

The #1 and #2 seeds from each of the original 4 sections are always on the opposite sides of the bracket and, therefore, could only meet in the state championship. The #1 seed can only meet another #1 seed in the state semi-finals. The first two rounds of the tournament would always involve teams from different sections. Teams could not play a team from their section until the first round of the state tournament. This matchup could never be a #1 vs a #2 from the original 4 sections. Once again this can only happen in the state championship. The selected “random bracket” will be taken out of circulation for two seasons.

A completely pre-determined tournament is now ready to be played.