

By-Law 4.32

*In regions having fewer than five (5) schools, the number of teams going to the state playoffs in the sports of **Football, Softball, Basketball and Baseball** will be one (1) fewer than the number of teams in the region. Example: A region with four (4) teams would get three (3) automatic playoff berths. The remaining playoff slot(s) would be awarded to the highest-rated non-playoff team(s) as determined by the Executive Director.*

The determination method for the **“At Large” playoff representative in Class 7A** shall be sports-specific, as follows:

Football

The Executive Director and the Sport Coordinator will rate the No. 4 team from Region 1 and the No. 5 teams (as determined by regular-season standings) from Regions 2 through 8 (a total of eight teams) using the following method for each game played against a GHSA or out-of-state opponent (GISA and GICAA opponents, and opponents playing a non-region schedule, will not be counted):

Win = 10 points plus Opponent’s wins/Opponent’s Games Played x 10

Loss = 0 points plus Opponent’s wins/Opponent’s Games Played x 10

Tie = 5 points plus Opponent’s wins/Opponent’s Games Played x 10

(The team’s rating shall be the total number of rating points divided by the number of games played.)

Should two or more teams be tied with identical ratings after the above method is applied, the following tie-breakers will be used (Note: as soon as one (1) team is ahead of the other tied team(s), the tie-breaker is over and that team shall be the At-Large playoff representative):

Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. If the teams played during the regular-season and one team defeated the other tied team or teams, then that school shall be the At-Large representative.
2. The team with the best won-lost percentage against all Georgia 7A teams (including region games).
3. The team with the best won-loss percentage in region play.
4. The team with the best won-loss percentage in **all** games played (except those excluded above).
5. If a tie still remains, the At-Large playoff team will be selected by having a “draw” in the GHSA office by the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

Softball

The Executive Director and the Sport Coordinator will rate the No. 4 team from Region 1 and the No. 5 teams from Regions 2 through 8 (a total of eight teams) using the following method for each game played against a GHSA or out-of-state opponent (GISA and GICAA opponents, and opponents playing a non-region schedule, will not be counted):

Note: Each region (Regions 2 through 8) is required to determine its **fifth-place team** and report that

team to the GHSA office on the Monday morning following the Region Tournament.)

Win = 5 points plus Opponent's wins (100%)

Loss = 0 points plus Opponent's wins (33%)

(The team's rating shall be the total number of rating points divided by the total number of games played including all Invitational and Region Tournament games.)

Should two or more teams be tied with identical ratings after the above method is applied, the following tie-breakers will be used (Note: as soon as one (1) team is ahead of the other tied team(s), the tie-breaker is over and that team shall be the At-Large playoff representative):

Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. If the teams played during the regular-season and one team won all games played against the other tied team or teams, then that school shall be the At-Large representative.
2. The team with the best won-lost percentage against all Georgia 7A teams (including region games).
3. The team with the best won-loss percentage in region play.
4. The team with the best won-loss percentage in **all** games played (except those excluded above).
5. If a tie still remains, the At-Large playoff team will be selected by having a "draw" in the GHSA office by the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

Basketball

The Executive Director and the Sport Coordinator will rate the No. 4 team from Region 1 and the No. 5 teams from Regions 2 through 8 (a total of eight teams) using the following method for each game played against a GHSA or out-of-state opponent (GISA and GICAA opponents, and opponents playing a non-region schedule, will not be counted):

Note: Each region (Regions 2 through 8) is required to determine its **fifth-place team** and report that team to the GHSA office on the Monday morning following the Region Tournament.)

Win = 5 points plus Opponent's wins (100%)

Loss = 0 points plus Opponent's wins (33%)

(The team's rating shall be the total number of rating points divided by the total number of games played including all Invitational and Region Tournament games.)

Should two or more teams be tied with identical ratings after the above method is applied, the following tie-breakers will be used (Note: as soon as one (1) team is ahead of the other tied team(s), the tie-breaker is over and that team shall be the At-Large playoff representative):

Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. If the teams played during the regular-season and one team won all games played against the other tied team or teams, then that school shall be the At-Large representative.
2. The team with the best won-lost percentage against all Georgia 7A teams (including region games).

3. The team with the best won-loss percentage in region play.
4. The team with the best won-loss percentage in **all** games played (except those excluded above).
5. If a tie still remains, the At-Large playoff team will be selected by having a “draw” in the GHSA office by the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.

Baseball

The Executive Director and the Sport Coordinator will rate the No. 4 team from Region 1 and the No. 5 teams (as determined by regular-season standings) from Regions 2 through 8 (a total of eight teams) using the following method for each game played against a GHSA or out-of-state opponent (GISA and GICAA opponents, and opponents playing a non-region schedule, will not be counted):

Win = 5 points plus Opponent’s wins (100%)

Loss = 0 points plus Opponent’s wins (33%)

(The team’s rating shall be the total number of rating points divided by the number of games played.)

Should two or more teams be tied with identical ratings after the above method is applied, the following tie-breakers will be used (Note: as soon as one (1) team is ahead of the other tied team(s), the tie-breaker is over and that team shall be the At-Large playoff representative):

Tie-Breakers (in order):

1. If the teams played during the regular-season and one team won all games played against the other tied team or teams, then that school shall be the At-Large representative.
2. The team with the best won-lost percentage against all Georgia 7A teams (including region games).
3. The team with the best won-loss percentage in region play.
4. The team with the best won-loss percentage in **all** games played (except those excluded above).
5. If a tie still remains, the At-Large playoff team will be selected by having a “draw” in the GHSA office by the Executive Director and the Sports Coordinator.