

## GHSA "A" Reclassification Proposal

**Classification:** Class "A" would be made up of schools with FTE Count of 500 and below.

For classification, area and region assignments, only football playing schools will be used. After classification, area, and region assignments have been determined, non football playing schools will be assigned. Based on 2014-2016 population counts for reclassification, the following schools would move from AA back to A.

Public: McIntosh County Academy, Macon Co., Pelham, Seminole Co., Chatt. Co.,  
Manchester, Atkinson Co., Gordon Lee, Washington-Wilkes, Bowden.

Independent: Holy Innocents', Darlington, Wesleyan, Pace Academy.

**Playoffs:** For power ranking sports, the top 24 power ranked teams qualify for the playoffs.

The top 8 seeds based on power ranking will receive a bye in the first round of playoffs.

Power ranking teams 9-24 will play a first round game. 9 hosts 24, 10 hosts 23, 11 hosts 22, etc.

Since we would be expanding the class "A" total team pool, more teams could make the playoffs, more teams could host a playoff game, and we would eliminate the dead week currently in place for class "A" playoffs. You would still have Region Champions, but playoff seeding goes exclusively by the power ranking system. This would all stay within the framework of a public/private split in the playoffs.

**Scheduling:** Due to an expanded number of regions and fewer schools in each region, and assuming that each school would play everyone in their region, some standard should be put in place with regards to other teams in your area in order to insure each school's ability to fill their schedule. This standard will have to be determined and set for each sport.

### Issues:

1. Power points with regard to schools playing a non region schedule.
2. Would the region champion be guaranteed a playoff spot?
3. Should power points be weighted extra for playing a higher classification team?
4. Scheduling concerns.

### Benefits:

1. Protect Class A basic structure as it currently stands.
2. Not revisiting the public/private split but all working together to improve the system as it currently stands.
3. Addresses very real financial concerns Class A schools have regarding travel expense, playoff revenue, and area sports issues.
4. Encourages unity among all Class A schools.

**\*\*Below are mock area and region assignments for explanation purposes only.**

**Area 1 (21 Schools)**

<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Region 4</b>
Baconton Charter	Calhoun Co.	Brookstone	Dooly Co.
Baker Co.	Chatt. Co.	Central Talbotton	Macon Co.
Miller Co.	Randolph- Clay	Greenville	Marion Co.
Mitchell Co.	Terrell Co.	Manchester	Schley Co.
Pelham	Stewart Co.	St. Ane Pacelli	Taylor Co.
Seminole Co.			

**Area 2 (17 Schools)**

<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Region 6</b>	<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Region 8</b>
Hawkinsville	Atkinson Co.	Montgomery Co.	Calvary Day
Irwin Co.	Charlton Co.	Telfair Co.	Claxton
Turner Co.	Clinch Co.	Treutlen Co.	McIntosh Co. Acad.
Wilcox Co.	Lanier Co.	Wheeler Co.	Sav. Chr.
			Sav. Country Day

**Area 3 (22 Schools)**

<b>Region 9</b>	<b>Region 10</b>	<b>Region 11</b>	<b>Region 12</b>
ECI	Aquinas	Athens Acad.	Fellowship Chr.
Jenkins Co.	Glascok Co.	Athens Chr.	King's Ridge
Johnson Co.	Hancock Central	Commerce	Lakeview
Portal	Lincoln Co.	George Walton	Mt. Pisgah
	Warren Co.	PACS	Pinecrest
	Washington-Wilkes	Towns Co.	St. Francis

**Area 4 (28 Schools)**

<b>Region 13</b>	<b>Region 14</b>	<b>Region 15</b>	<b>Region 16</b>
GMC	Hebron Chr.	Christian Heritage	Bowden
FPD	Holy Innocents'	Darlington	ELCA
Mount de Sales	Mt. Vernon Pres.	Gordon-Lee	Fulton Leadership
Stratford Acad.	Pace Acad.	Mt. Paran	Landmark
Tattnall Square	Providence Chr.	North Cobb Chr.	Mt. Zion-Carroll
Twiggs Co.	Wesleyan	Trion	OLM
Wilkinson Co.		Walker	Strong Rock
		Whitefield	