

2008-2009 Boys & Girls Basketball Policy

I. LEAGUE / REGION TOURNAMENTS

1. 1A Northern and Southern Regions

The top four (4) teams from the West League and the top four (4) teams from the East League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Northern Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Central League and the top four (4) teams from the South League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Southern Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

** OR, The top eight (8) teams from the Southern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the league championship / state qualifying tournament. ** To be clarified at August A.D. meeting.

Both region championship tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

2. 2A Northern and Southern Leagues

The top six (6) teams in the Northern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the league championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams in the Southern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the league championship / state qualifying tournament.

Both league championship tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

3. 3A Northern and Southern Leagues

The top six (6) teams in the Northern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the league championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams in the Southern League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the league championship / state qualifying tournament.

Both league championship tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

4. 4A Northern, Sunrise and Sunset Regions

The top four (4) teams from the Sierra League and the top four (4) teams from the High Desert League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Northern Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Northeast League and the top four (4) teams from the Southeast League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Sunrise Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

The top four (4) teams from the Northwest League and the top four (4) teams from the Southwest League, based on regular-season standings, qualify for the eight-team Sunset Region championship / state qualifying tournament.

All three region championship tournaments will be single-elimination brackets.

II. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Class 1A

The top two (2) teams from the Southern Region tournament and the top two (2) teams from the Northern Region tournament qualify for the state championship tournament. The state tournament will be a four-team, single-elimination bracket.

2. Class 2A

The top two (2) teams from the Southern League tournament and the top two (2) teams from the Northern League tournament qualify for the state championship tournament. The state tournament will be a four-team, single-elimination bracket.

3. Class 3A

The Class 3A boys & girls basketball format may be based on a 2-2, 3-1 rotation for the 2008-2012 realignment cycle (TBA by league presidents).

In 2009, the top two (2) teams from the Southern League tournament and the top two (2) teams from the Northern League tournament qualify for the state championship tournament.

The tournament will be a four-team, single-elimination bracket.

4. Class 4A

The Class 4A boys & girls basketball format will be based on a 3-1, 2-2 rotation.

In 2009, the top (1) team (champion) from the Sunrise Region tournament, the top (1) team (champion) from the Sunset Region tournament and the top one (1) team (champion) from the Northern Region tournament automatically qualify for the state championship tournament. The state tournament will be a four-team, single-elimination bracket.

One team from each region will automatically qualify and the fourth team (from Southern Nevada) will be determined by a playoff game between the #2 Sunrise and #2 Sunset teams when the state tournament is set to be played in the South (odd years).

If #2 Sunrise wins – #1 Sunrise vs. #1 Northern and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Sunrise in the state semifinals.

If #2 Sunset wins – #1 Sunset vs. #1 Northern and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Sunset in the state semifinals.

The Northern Region will have two representatives and the Sunrise and Sunset regions will have one representative each in the semifinals when the state tournament is set to be played in North (even years).

2010 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunset and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Northern in the state semifinals

2008 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunrise and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Northern in the state semifinals

2006 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunset and #1 Sunrise vs. #2 Northern in the state semifinals

2004 – #1 Northern vs. #1 Sunrise and #1 Sunset vs. #2 Northern in the state semifinals

If a region is to have two entries into the state championship bracket, both teams participating in the region championship game advance to the state tournament.

If the region is to have one team advancing, only the region champion will qualify for the state tournament.

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III. UNIVERSAL TIE-BREAKER

1. The win-loss records of the teams in league play shall determine seeding into a league/region tournament. The league's administrators will determine win-loss records based on previously approved schedules. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken using the following procedures:
2. Tie between two (2) teams
 - A. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.
 - B. If the tie remains after head-to-head, each tied team shall receive one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.
 - C. If the tie remains, the team that won the second league game scheduled between the two teams will be the highest seed.

EXCEPTION: Step 'C' is only to be used for seeding. A team shall not be eliminated from the league/region tournament by the application of step 'C.' If the tie is not broken in steps 'A' and 'B' and a team will be eliminated, a playoff game will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the game.

3. Tie between three (3) or more teams
 - A. In all cases of ties involving more than two teams, as each team is removed from the tie, all other tied teams revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.
 - B. Head-to-head competition in league play among tied teams.
Example of multiple team ties:
 - i. Games
 - Team A defeated Team B twice and split with Team C
 - Team B lost to Team A twice but defeated Team C twice
 - Team C lost to Team B twice and split with Team A
 - ii. Mini Standings
 - Team A is 3-1
 - Team B is 2-2
 - Team C is 1-3

- iii. Results
 - Team A is awarded highest seed
 - Team B is awarded second highest seed because of its head-to-head record against Team C

- C. Fifteen (15) point system

If the tie remains, all tied teams will compare their margin of victory with each other in league play. Each team will total their margin of points against the other tied teams with marginal points being the difference in the scores of a game. Winning teams will add the margin of points while losing teams will subtract the margin of points. No more than fifteen (15) points will be added or subtracted in any league game. The team with the highest number of marginal points will receive the highest seed. If there is a tie for highest marginal points, then those tied teams shall revert back to the respective tie-breaking procedure based on the number of teams remaining in the tie. Once a team is eliminated, the remaining teams will always refer back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining.

NOTE: All forfeits will result in a +15 point margin of victory for the non-forfeiting team.

Example of point system:

- i. Games
 - Team A defeated Team B, 73-60
 - Team B defeated Team C, 55-50
 - Team C defeated Team A, 70-69
 - ii. Mini Standings
 - Marginal points for Team A is +12
 - Marginal points for Team B is -8
 - Marginal points for Team C is -4
 - iii. Results
 - Team A is awarded highest seed
 - Team B is awarded second highest seed because of its head-to-head record against Team C
- D. If the tie remains, each tied team shall receive one point for each game won in league play by their defeated opponents. The team with the most points will receive the highest seed.

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- E. If a tie still exists and all tied teams, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region tournament, are guaranteed entrance into the tournament, then a coin toss will be used to determine seeding. The winner of any coin toss will receive the highest seed. Remaining teams would revert back to head-to-head competition based on the number of teams remaining in the tie.
- F. If a tie still exists and one or more of the tied teams must, by virtue of the number of teams accepted into the league/region tournament, be eliminated, playoff game(s) will be played following the end of the regular season. The NIAA Executive Director will select a neutral site for the event.

NOTE: In the event of a multiple team tie as outlined in step 'F,' the tied teams will draw numbers. The team drawing #1 will have a bye and will play the winner of the first playoff game. All games will be scheduled as soon as possible. Seeding will be established by the results of this playoff.

IV. HOME TEAM (Universal)

In all post-season boys and girls basketball brackets, the higher seed will be the home team and host the game when applicable in the first round of the league/region playoffs.

If two teams are equally seeded, the top team on the bracket will be considered the home team.