

December, 2008

TO: Class 3-A Boys Basketball School Administrators and Coaches

RE: 2008-2009 Boys Basketball Tournament Seeding Information

Dear School Administrators,

Iowa High School Athletic Association Board of Control approved the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association recommendation that tournament seeding be used in all classes. Please share the enclosed information with your boys basketball coach.

- There will be eight (8) substates with eight (8) teams divided into sixteen (16) districts, with four (4) teams each.
- The sixteen district champions will play in eight substates with the substate winner qualifying for the Boys State Basketball Tournament. (No seeding will be used for substate tournament games.)
- The tournament assignments have been made and posted on the IHSAA web site. Seeding will be used to determine the top (2) seeds in each district.
- The seeding will be based on regular season win/loss record (games 5-15) **OR** games played through **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009. (If a school has not played fifteen games through Saturday, February 7, the seeding form must be faxed and your seed will be determined on the number of games you have played through Saturday, February 7.)**
- Each school's seed will be determined on their won/loss record (games 5-15) (highest percent of wins will received the highest seeds)
- Top (2) seeds in each district will be placed in opposite brackets. Once the #1 and #2 seeds are assigned opposite brackets, districts will be split by geography and teams in each bracket will be paired using the seeding procedure.

**TIE-BREAKER:**

*Step 1-* Head-to-head competition. If tie still exists;

*Step 2-* Strength of schedule—highest per game point average. (games 5-15)

Win over a 4-A school- 4 points

Win over a 3-A school- 3 points

Win over a 2-A school- 2 points

Win over a 1-A school- 1 point If the tie still exists, go to Step 3

*Step 3-* Alphabetical system: 2009 FIRST alphabetical receives highest seed.

**NOTE:** If there are multiple ties and the tie-breaker seeds one of the schools within the tie after Step 2, the remaining schools in the tie go back to Step 1 before Step 3 is used.

- Enclosed , you will find a Seeding Form which must be filled out and FAXED TO THE IHSAA after you have completed fifteen (15) regular season games OR the date deadline for seeding of February 7, 2009.
- When completing the form, please place an “X” in the appropriate box to indicate a win or loss.

The pairings will be determined after the February 7<sup>th</sup> cutoff date. The pairings and sites will be posted on the IHSAA web site no later than Friday, February 13, so everyone will know their pairings and the site of their games.

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY!!!!\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU FAX US YOUR SEEDING FORM ONCE  
YOUR SCHOOL HAS PLAYED ITS FIRST 15 GAMES, OR GAMES PLAYED THROUGH  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009!\*\*\***

Once again Administrators, please make sure you review this information with your basketball coach if you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call at (515) 432-2011.

Sincerely,

Todd Tharp  
Assistant Executive Director

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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BASKETBALL COACHES!!!\*\***

We are asking you to report your final scores of all Varsity games (win or lose) to:

[blegg@iahsaa.org](mailto:blegg@iahsaa.org)

and

[AP 1-800-300-8340](tel:1-800-300-8340)

Also, if you have not yet registered or entered your game statistics at [www.quikstatsiowa.com](http://www.quikstatsiowa.com), please do so. This is the official statistics site for the IHSAA and the media is schooled to go there.

At TOURNAMENT TIME, the only call you have to make is the IHSAA office at (515) 432-2011 immediately after your game.

Thank you for your cooperation!