

December, 2008

TO: Class 4-A Basketball School Administrators and Coaches

RE: 2008-2009 Boys Basketball Tournament Seeding Information

Dear School Administrators:

The Board of Control has determined the IHSAA will use the geographical system of assignment to determine each substate tournament. The pairings within each substate will be made based on seeding. The seeding procedure to be used will be:

4 points for a victory over a 4-A school
3 points for a victory over a 3-A school
2 points for a victory over a 2-A school
1 point for a victory over a 1-A school

The points are totaled for each school's regular season play (games 5-15) divided by the number of games. The teams' seeds will be determined using this per game point average.

IF A TIE FOR A SEED EXISTS:

Step 1- Head-to-head competition during the regular season games. If the tied teams did not meet or one team did not win more games than the other in head-to-head competition.

Step 2- **The FIRST alphabetical** gets the highest seed.
(For the 2010 tournament, the **LAST** alphabetical school will receive the highest seed.)

The seeding will be based on games 5-15 regular season games, or games played through Saturday, February 3. Seeding will be determined on a per game point average.

In all substates, the #3 seed will play the #6 seed in the first round, and the #4 seed will play the #5 seed in the first round. The #1 and #2 seeds will receive a first-round tournament bye.

Also enclosed is a seeding form to be used during the 2008-2009 basketball season.

*****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!***
FAX TO THE ISHAA AT (515) 432-2961**

The tournament sites will be determined as follows: The #3 and #4 seed will host first round 4-A substate games. The #1 and #2 seeds, which will have first round byes in the substates, will host a second round substate game. The substate final game will be a predetermined neutral site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

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.quickstatsiowa.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!