Basketball (Boys & Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FIVE DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4-5).

a. Division 1 – Schools with enrollments of 1200 or greater.

b. Division 2 – Schools with enrollments of 600-1200.

c. Division 3 – Remaining schools split equally between Divisions 3 and 4.

d. Division 4 – Remaining schools split equally between Divisions 3 and 4.

Note: If there are an uneven number of schools for Divisions 3 and 4, Division 4 will include one more school than Division 3.

e. Division 5 – Smallest 128 schools sponsoring basketball.

f. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.

g. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to April 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

h. A member school will be placed up one division the first two years of its eligibility for tournament play.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS, AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

a. Regionals

(1) Girls

Schools will be assigned to groups with competition on Tuesday, February 23; Friday, February 26; and Saturday, February 27.

(2) Boys

Schools will be assigned to groups with competition on Tuesday, March 2; Friday, March 5; and Saturday, March 6.

(3) In Division 1, Sectional #1 schools will have until December 1 to vote on the design of their grouping. A majority of the schools will need to vote to split the group into two regional groupings.

(4) The higher seed will host through the regional final game as long as they continue to advance in the bracket and they can provide adequate seating.

(5) Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.

b. Sectionals

(1) Girls

(a) Sectional semifinal games will be played on Thursday, March 4.

Sectional final games will be played on Saturday, March 6.

(2) Boys

(a) Sectional semifinal games will be played on Thursday, March 11.

Sectional final games will be played on Saturday, March 13.

(b) In the event a Division 3 or Division 4 school has both its boys and girls teams playing on Thursday, March 11, the boys game will be moved to Wednesday, March 10.

(3) All sectional games will be played at sites predetermined by the WIAA. No school, in any division, will be allowed to play on their home court during sectional level play (semifinals and finals).

(4) Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.

c. State Tournament

Winners of the sectionals games will participate in the State Tournament:

(1) Girls

(a) Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 11-12-13 - Resch Center, Green Bay.

(2) Boys

(a) Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 18-19-20 - Kohl Center, Madison.

(3) Electronic seeding will be used to determine the seeding of the State Tournament.

(4) If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport state seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first game of the State Tournament (regardless of division). Any time after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 2 - 4) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

ADDITIONS

a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has played more than 24 regular season games. Only in situations when a team has been removed from the tournament series as a result of using an ineligible player will the most recently defeated team be reinserted into the tournament bracket.

b. A school must play a minimum of six games in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.

c. Consolation games are prohibited at all levels of competition.

d. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 18. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 18 players in full uniform for each tournament game.

Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game officials.

Note (a): If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.

Note (b): The WIAA will award medals to 18 participants. Any additional medals can be purchased independently.

(1) A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.

(2) A school is expected to provide tournament managers a list of its participants for program purposes.

e. Practice Sessions

(1) Host schools are not permitted to allow schools participating in a regional or sectional tournament game to use the playing floor (shooting, passing, etc.) two hours prior to the start of a tournament game.

(2) Schools hosting a regional or sectional tournament game(s) at a facility other than their school (e.g., college/university, high school with a larger gymnasium, etc.) are not permitted to practice at that facility.

f. Jersey Colors

(1) Regional games: Home team will wear white. If a neutral site is used, higher seed will wear white.

(2) Sectional games: The following procedure will be used – the second school alphabetically will wear white jerseys on odd number years, and the first school alphabetically will wear white jerseys on even number years. The odd/even school years are determined by the year in which the tournament falls.

(3) State games; Higher seed will wear white in all games regardless of year.

g. Player Bench

(1) Each team will be allowed to have a total of 18 individuals on their player bench. A maximum of 13 eligible players in uniform are allowed on the player bench. This is in addition to the five players, in uniform, who are on the court.

(2) Teams shall occupy the bench so they are shooting at the basket in front of where their coaches and reserves are seated for the second half of the game.

(3) The gym should be split in half at the midcourt line. All adult fans should be placed on the same side of the gym being placed behind their respective player bench. Student fans should be placed directly across from their adult fans. No student fans for any team should be placed behind their opponents player bench.

h. Pregame Warm-up Procedure and Player Introductions will follow NFHS Rule 4.1 (pg. 28) and 5.1 (pg.86) in the NFHS Officials Manual.

(1) There will be 15 minutes allowed for pregame warm-ups.

(2) Officials' Pregame Protocol (NFHS Basketball Officials Manual, pgs. 28 & 86)

(a) 15:00 Officials enter court and go directly to positions.

(b) 12:00 Referee goes to the table and checks scorebook(s), briefs scorer and timer, checks game ball.

(c) 10:00 Remaining official(s) go across the floor to join referee, greet the visiting coach, then greet the home head coach.

1) Referee goes to area in front of scorer's table.

2) U1 and U2 will get respective head coaches and captains from teams.

3) Referee does introductions of officials, coaches, and captain(s).

4) Referee conducts pregame briefing to include discussing legal equipment and good sporting behavior with head coaches and captain(s). Also discuss team color, proper basket, other appropriate items and answer any questions.

5) Return to original positions.

(3) Introduction of Players - All five starters of the visiting team shall be introduced first followed by the five starters for the home team. Players shall not seek out the opposing coach to shake his/her hand.

i. Tournament Support Groups

(1) Competing schools must be allowed to bring a band and have a group (i.e., pom pon squad, drill team, etc.) perform at half time of their game.

(2) Half time programs may last a maximum of three minutes only per school.

j. Moving a Basketball Tournament Game

(1) If a school is able to sell all of their allotted tickets for a particular game, can guarantee additional tickets will be sold, and there are not additional tickets available from the other involved school or the host school, the game will be moved by the WIAA. In the event the game must be moved, the host school will be given the opportunity to move the game to a larger site and keep the hosting responsibilities or the new site can be given the authority to assume all hosting responsibilities. The WIAA maintains a list of gym capacities and schools have the ability to update it annually. Updates must be submitted on the hosting form.

(2) The WIAA will allow games to be moved to a central location to avoid excessive travel. All schools involved in the game will be given an opportunity to be heard. The decision to move the game will be coordinated by the WIAA.

(3) Schools have been afforded the opportunity to host games through the regional finals if they are the higher seeded team provided they can provide adequate seating.

(a) If a school hosting is unable to handle the crowd interest in a game they are hosting, the following options are available:

1) Surrender hosting rights and WIAA will assign the game to a neutral site.

2) Host at an alternate site.

3) Surrender finances to another school or simply work out a financial arrangement to use someone else's facility.

Note: Opponent will be required to sell their half of the ticket allotment and guarantee that sale in advance. Contact the WIAA and your opponent for assistance if these scenarios develop.

No game will be moved after noon on the day prior to it being played without both schools agreeing to the change.

k. 3-Point Challenge

Girls and boys at WIAA member schools sponsoring a basketball team, which participates in the tournament series, will be eligible to compete in the 3-point challenge if they dress for/or occupy the team bench for a varsity game.

(1) Using a WIAA identified statistics entry program, the top two (2) players per division will be eligible for the contest based on percentage of shots made during regular season games only. A minimum of 100 3-point shots must be attempted during the regular season. Only players whose coaches enter their stats in the designated statistics entry program will be eligible for the competition.

(a) All statistics must be entered complete and final by: Girls - February 22 and Boys – March 1.

(2) All 10 qualifiers will compete against each other to determine an overall champion. Each shooter will shoot one round consisting of five racks of five balls (total 25 balls).

(3) Each made shot will count as one point. The last ball on each rack will count for two points. Each contestant will have one (1) minute to shoot as many balls as possible.

(4) Contest will be held at the State Tournament – Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.

l. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 51 of the Senior High Handbook.

m. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

Seeding will be conducted electronically. All game scores, throughout the season, must be entered into the WIAA Score Center by the home team immediately following the game. Unofficial electronic seeding will be released **Week 29 (January 22)** for girls and **Week 30 (January 29)** for boys. Official electronic seeding and playoff brackets will be released by Week 33 (Monday, February 15) for girls and Week 34 (Monday, February 22) for boys.

a. Electronic seeding will be based on the following factors:

(1) Opponents' winning percentage

(2) Opponents' Opponents' winning percentage

(3) Defeated Opponents' winning percentage

(4) Defeated Opponents' Opponents' winning percentage

NOTE: Games played against out-of-state opponents from bordering states (MN, IL, IA, MI) will be factored into a team's own winning percentage and opponent's winning percentage. Games played against non-bordering out-of-state opponents will be counted as a .500 winning percentage and will only count in a team's own winning percentage.

b. Forfeited games will not be factored into a team's winning percentage.

c. Head to head contests will be reviewed for all consecutive seeds.

d. When a statistical seeding tie occurs among three or more teams, head to head will be reviewed among all the statistically tied teams.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

(1) Game Starting Times

(a) Evening games should be played at 7 p.m. when possible.

(b) Afternoon games should be played at 1 or 1:30 p.m. when possible.

(c) Every attempt should be made to avoid boys and girls games from being scheduled in the same time frame on any given day.

(d) Saturday regional final games may not start prior to 4 p.m.

b. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract three officials for each tournament game.

(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.

(2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:

(a) Officiating Fee - $90 per game.

(b) **Officials shall travel together when practical.**

(c) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

c. Awards

(1) Plaque to championship team.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:

1) Fees and expenses of officials (according to printed schedule).

2) 20% of total receipts, or $290 whichever is greater, to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for the host school manager - $90 per game.

3) 15% of total receipts to the WIAA. This amount is to cover administrative costs of setting up the tournament program.
4) The WIAA may make special financial arrangements, if necessary, with host schools which conduct tournaments in nonschool facilities. However, these arrangements must be approved in advance by the WIAA.

(c) The balance remaining after the preceding items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:

Prestate

1) 25% to the host school.
2) 75% to the WIAA.

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools
(a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Regional Ticket Price (single session)
(a) Child/Student/Adult - $6
(b) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for $1 for children under 6 years of age if accompanied by a parent/guardian.
(c) On-Line Ticketing – Please review details regarding on-line ticketing in materials provided on WIAA website.

(4) Ticket Allocations
(a) Host schools must furnish their own tickets.
(b) Each competing school must receive the same number of allocated tickets.
(c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to the participating schools must be equal.
(d) If the hosting school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
(e) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have a presale in their community. Managers are authorized, however, to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time determined by the tournament manager.

(5) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided only for:

(a) Teams which are playing at a given site on a given day/night.
(b) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, etc. Maximum of 18 players in uniform.
(c) Eight cheerleaders. Additional cheerleaders are allowed, but must buy tickets.
(d) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.
(e) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires, along with the tournament manager and person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge, but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided an additional ticket for a companion.
(f) Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio, and television.
(g) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no costs, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons. If host school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
(h) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
(i) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band or persons involved in half time or between game entertainment, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition
(1) Game Starting Times
(a) Boys games should be played at 7 p.m. when possible.
(b) Girls games should be played at 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. or 3 p.m. with WIAA approval.
(c) In the event a Division 3 or Division 4 school is participating in both a sectional semifinal game and a State Tournament game on Thursday the sectional semifinal game will be moved to Wednesday evening.

b. Officials
(1) The WIAA will contract three officials for each tournament game.
(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.
(2) Officials will be paid according to the following schedule:
(a) Officiating Fee - $100 per game.
(b) **Officials shall travel together when practical.**
(c) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

c. Awards
(1) Plaque to championship team.
(2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
(3) School may purchase additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams from the WIAA.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:

1) Fees and expenses of officials (according to printed schedule).

2) 20% of total receipts, or $290 whichever is greater, to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for the host school manager - $90 per game.

3) 15% of total receipts to the WIAA. This amount is to cover administrative costs of setting up the tournament program.

4) The WIAA may make special financial arrangements, if necessary, with host schools which conduct tournaments in nonschool facilities. However, these arrangements must be approved in advance by the WIAA.

(c) The balance remaining after the preceding items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:

Prestate

1) 25% to the host school.

2) 75% to the WIAA.

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Sectional Ticket Price (single session)

(a) Child/Student/Adult - $7

(b) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for $1 for children under 6 years of age if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

(c) On-Line Ticketing – Please review details regarding on-line ticketing in materials provided on WIAA website.

(4) Ticket Allocations

(a) Host schools must furnish their own tickets.

(b) Each competing school must receive the same number of allocated tickets.

(c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to the participating schools must be equal.

(d) The hosting school may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.

(e) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have an presale in their community. Managers are authorized, however, to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time determined by the tournament manager.

(5) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided for a school playing a game:

(a) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given day/night.

(b) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, etc. Maximum of 18 players in uniform.

(c) Eight cheerleaders. Additional cheerleaders are allowed, but must buy tickets.

(d) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

(e) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires, along with the tournament manager and person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge, but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided an additional ticket for a companion.

(f) Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio, and television.

(g) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no costs, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons. If host school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.

(h) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.

(i) Free admissions shall not be given to (1) members of a band or (2) persons involved in half time or between game entertainment, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

GIRLS – Resch Center, Green Bay

Thursday, March 11

Division 3 Semifinals - 1:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 4 Semifinals - 6:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, March 12

Division 5 Semifinals - 9:05 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, March 12 (continued)

Division 2 Semifinals - 1:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 1 Semifinals - 6:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, March 13

3-Point Challenge - 9:30 a.m.
Division 5 Championship - 11:05 a.m.
Division 4 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 5 championship game.
Division 3 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 4 championship game.
Division 2 Championship - 6:35 p.m.
Division 1 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 2 championship game.

BOYS – Kohl Center, Madison

Thursday, March 18

Division 3 Semifinals - 1:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 4 Semifinals - 6:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, March 19

Division 5 Semifinals - 9:05 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 2 Semifinals - 1:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 1 Semifinals - 6:35 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, March 20

3-Point Challenge - 9:30 a.m.
Division 5 Championship - 11:05 a.m.
Division 4 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 5 championship game.
Division 3 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 4 championship game.
Division 2 Championship - 6:35 p.m.
Division 1 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 2 championship game.

b. Officials
   (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work the State Tournament games.
   (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
      (a) Officiating Fee - $140 per game.
   (3) **Officials shall travel together when practical.**
   (4) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
   (5) Officials will receive reimbursement for necessary food and lodging expenses.
c. Official State Tournament Ball: Spalding TF1000 *Legacy*.
d. Awards
   (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
   (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
   (3) Schools may purchase additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams from the WIAA.
   (4) Medals to participants in 3-Point Challenge.
   (5) Plaque to champion of 3-Point Challenge.
e. Finances
   (1) Participating Schools Allowance

   Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:
      (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of $2.00 per mile.
      (b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.
      (c) Meals at the day rate of $10 for breakfast, $10 for lunch, and $12 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.

      Note: The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance on any day of competition will be $9.

(d) Lodging at the rate of **$35** per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from the State Tournament city will not be reimbursed for lodging. In order to assure teams will have a place to stay at the State Tournaments, the WIAA enters into agreements with area hotels to serve as tournament hotels. If a team opts not to stay at assigned hotel, the school will not be receive lodging reimbursement from the WIAA.

(e) The WIAA will secure lodging for participating teams. If schools secure their own lodging, please notify the WIAA immediately so rooms are not double booked.

	All Seven Sessions	**Single Session**
(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	$77*	$11*

Note: Special ticket sales arrangements will be made for schools with teams participating at the State Tournament.

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Ticket Allocations

Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All State basketball tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

(a) Each school may purchase in advance four all session tickets for use by administrators, coaches, students and others. After all schools have purchased additional all session, single session tickets will become available.

Note: Schools will be able to purchase an unlimited amount of all session tickets for the girls tournament.

(b) Combinations of all session or single session tickets will be accepted, but they can't exceed the maximum allowed per division for each session.

Note: This provision applies only to the boys tournament.

(c) There are no special priced tickets of any kind either for (a) students or (b) spectators of schools with teams in the State Tournament.

(d) General Public

Past holders of all session tickets will be allowed to retain their reserved seats or ask for improvement in seat assignment if available. New applicants will be accepted and assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

(e) Schools participating in the State Tournament will receive specific information on ticket allocations for their students and adult spectators prior to the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for:

(a) A party of 22, including players, coaches, managers, etc. No more than 18 players in uniform.

(b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.

(c) Members of bands must purchase tickets out of the regular allotment of the school.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)