

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT BOARD**

2023 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. SEEDING PROCESS. Per the decision of the State Board of Directors, all teams competing in a bracketed tournament will be seeded. The manager will distribute voting procedures and materials to each coach following the tournament manager's meeting. This will enable each coach to vote and have his votes back to the tournament manager by Saturday, noon, January 28, 2023 for girls basketball, and by Saturday, noon, February 4, 2023, for boys basketball, before the coaches seed meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023, for girls basketball, and Sunday, February 5, 2023, for boys basketball.

Tournament seed results shall be made available by the Tournament Manager to schools assigned to compete within that board's respective district no earlier than 24 hours and no later than two hours prior to the first team going onto the tournament bracket.

By board action, starting with the 2021-22 tournaments, ties will be broken as follows:

- The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.
- If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years

All ties will be broken prior to the placement of teams on the brackets. In Open Placement Tournaments (formerly open draw tournaments) or tournaments involving two or more sectionals in which schools go to the sectional of their choice, the team may go on any bracket provided that the bracket is open and it is that coach's turn.

By State Board of Control, communication between coaches regarding placement during draw is prohibited.

By board action, the coach cannot vote for his school in the seeding process, and the highest and lowest votes for each school will be dropped in the final calculation.

By board action, the coach that does not vote in a bracket tournament loses his highest score, second highest score, and lowest score prior to final calculation.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

- a) Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA guidelines. Fine of \$50.00.
- b) Failure to vote in online voting process to determine seeding. Fine is \$50.00.
- c) Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. The tournament manager shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually. If no one attends - Fine is \$150.00
- d) Failure to show-up for tournament contest / refusal to finish contest which has been started and suspended for any reason is a fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except pre-sale ticket revenue.

Once the seeds have been determined for each team in the tournament, the seeds will go onto the brackets in order of seed. The first seeded team will go on followed by the second seeded team.

By board action, starting with the 2022-23 tournaments, Passing shall be permitted as follows:

- The number of schools advancing to the district tournament may pass
- All others must place themselves on the bracket when their seed is called

2. Any team that does not show at the tournament placement meeting, will go on the bracket last. Any school that does not get seed voting to the manager by Saturday, Noon, (January 28, 2023 for girls, February 4, 2023, for boys) will not be permitted to vote at a later time. Any school that does not meet voting requirements but does attend the placement meeting, will receive the votes that the school received for seeding purposes and will be seeded accordingly. If a coach is late for the seed meeting and has missed his opportunity to go on the bracket, his absence will be determined as a pass, and he will be given an opportunity to go on once he is in attendance.

TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS:

The District Board shall pre-draw District Brackets and assign all qualifying teams to a determined position on the bracket. The pre-drawn brackets and assignments will be available on the District website. District times will be announced on the website once all teams have been determined. The top team on the bracket will be the home team and wear white.

3. Arrangements should be made by each Manager for copies of brackets to be given out at conclusion of drawings on **Sunday, January 29, 2023 for Girls**, and **Sunday, February 5, 2023 for Boys**. Please send results of brackets to Cheryl Brandenburg (E-mail: cbrand@woh.rr.com for posting to the Southwest District website www.ohsaa.org/swdab .
4. Assignment lists of officials will be given to each Manager by the Tournament Official Assigner after the drawing is completed. **OFFICIALS LIST IS NOT TO BE REVEALED BY THE MANAGER TO ANYONE.**
5. All Tournament Officials have been checked for registration and for meeting attendance requirements.
6. Officials will work only one (1) game per session. Reimbursement of officials will be \$90.00 per game for Boys and Girls Sectional games. Girls and Boys District Officials will be paid \$110.00 per game. Mileage will be paid when the official travels in excess of fifty (50) miles one way from his place of residence. Mileage will be one dollar per mile at mile fifty-one (51). Distance from the official's headquarters will be determined by the Arbiter system entering the official's starting point (home) and ending point. All officials will be paid through OHSAA Arbiter Pay and will not be part of the financial report. Officials working at any tournament site will be permitted admission for the evening they work, as well as one (1) other person accompanying them. **SPECIFICALLY - ADMISSION IS ONE AND ONE THE NIGHT OF EMPLOYMENT, AND NO MORE.**
7. Officials will be determined by a vote of the coaches, principals, and athletic administrators. Voting will be conducted on-line, and ballots will no longer be collected at the time of the draw.
8. No team or any player on a team is permitted to be on the floor for more than a twenty minute warm-up.
9. When a forfeit occurs, officials will be paid for the contest. If officials are at the site and a forfeit occurs, he will be paid the game fee.
10. **EMERGENCY** -In case an official does not show up as per assignment, or makes a last minute cancellation, the Manager shall fill the vacancy from the certified list of Tournament Officials. Failure of an official to show up or to notify the manager shall result in disciplinary action by the District Board.
11. Brackets as submitted by Managers have been approved by the District Board. The District Board grants Managers, with the approval of the District Board, the right to assign sites for participating teams as the tournament progresses.
12. The basketballs used for ~~sectional and~~ district tournaments will be approved by the State Board of Directors and provided by the OHSAA.
13. Each school will be permitted to dress fifteen (15) players. Seats will be provided for eighteen (18) individuals. **NO EXTRA SEATS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER.**
14. No meal allowance or team mileage will be paid for the tournament games.
15. **BOYS AND GIRLS SECTIONAL/DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS:**

Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. No cash sales are permitted per OHSAA rules. Ticket prices will be:

- Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:
 - i. Student (6 years old +) - **\$6.00**
 - ii. Adults - **\$8.00**
 - iii. Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission
- School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. **There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT.**

16. All programs will be provided by the District Board as per the board's contract with Royal Publishing.

17. Passes to be supplied as follows (as adopted by the State Board of Control):

- a) **Player admittance**- contestants will be checked off each evening of participation by a team sheet at the gate. Limit is 24, which includes team players, coaches, managers, and statisticians.
- b) **Cheerleaders** - A maximum of Sixteen (16) cheerleaders, one mascot, and one advisor/coach will be admitted free to the session in which their team plays. If there is no school mascot, an additional cheerleader is NOT permitted.

Cheerleaders and sponsor will be admitted by a check-off system such as is used by the team. Admittance is only for the game their team is participating in.

- c) Eight (8) complimentary tickets will be provided to athletic directors for each round of competition via Home Town Ticketing to use at their discretion.

Per action of the OHSAA, an administrator or school representative must be in attendance at all tournament contests. Administrator will work with their participants, coaches and fans on following all COVID-19 guidelines that are in place.

- d) **Team Scouting – if coaches wish to scout their next opponent, they or their athletic director needs to reach out directly to Claire Duesdieker Keohane at claired@ohsaa.org to receive a scouting pass.**

- e) **Tournament Managers** will use their own method of admitting the working press, radio, or TV, as requested and needed.

18. Parking – Per District Board action, Charging is only applicable at District Championship site at \$5.00 per car. A sign indicating what group parking is benefiting is required. Tournament managers must communicate to participating schools that they plan to charge and the amount per car prior to the tournament games.

Each tournament manager will also provide five (5) complimentary parking passes to participating schools per contest to be used at their discretion. Parking fee for officials or OHSAA observers is strictly prohibited.

19. Radio rights fees for live broadcasting have been established by the State Board of Control. See attached sheet.

20. Anyone wishing to televise games must contact the Secretary of the Southwest District Board for fee structure.

21. Each Manager is responsible for having a doctor, nurse, or rescue squad available at all times during the playing of games or arrangements made for immediate evacuations on a stand-by basis.

22. Per the ruling of the Southwest District Board, bands will be permitted at the District Basketball Championship games. Banners, confetti, signs, horns, drums, or any mechanical noise makers are not permitted. Hand towels are permitted. Tournament Managers are to be alert for any infractions.

Designated areas shall be marked by each Manager with appropriate signs for each school participating. Also, directional signs shall be posted at every entrance directing crowds to respective school sections. Board action has stated there will be no crash sheets for teams coming onto the floor. The OHSAA does not have a ruling governing painted faces and this rule would be hard to enforce considering faces can be painted after admittance to the site. Therefore, any damages that would be incurred either through painted faces or damages to property are the responsibility of the participating school(s). The Tournament Manager should notify the school(s) involved and the Treasurer of the SWDAB of the damages and a deduction will be made from their share of tournament receipts.

23. The Manager is responsible for seeing that adequate police protection is provided--before, during, and after the games.
24. The official scorer shall wear a striped shirt.
25. All reports should be emailed to Joe Roberts, SWDAB Treasurer, at SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org
26. In case of any possible trouble at a game, the Manager may move the time and site of the game. The site may be changed to anywhere in the Southwest District. The time may be changed to as early as 5:00 p.m. on school days and anytime on Saturdays and not before 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Before the final change is made, the Manager must call the District Board President for permission. All spectators may be barred in case the Manager feels it is necessary for the safety of players, officials, and the general public.

27. All officials working each session shall be provided reserved parking places as near the playing site as possible.
28. Awards - The only awards will be those given at the Boys and Girls District Tournaments.
29. By State Board action, a school may film or videotape Sectional or District games in 2011 provided this has been cleared with the Tournament Manager, site personnel, and the space is available.

Only one (1) person can be used for the filming or videotaping and passes for this individual will NOT be issued. It is the responsibility of schools to secure a ticket for their film person. **FILMING OR VIDEO-TAPING OF POTENTIAL OPPONENTS GAMES IS PROHIBITED.**

30. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY. During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in basketball until two regular season/tournament contests are competed at the same level as the ejection. Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12 if the situation warrants it.
31. By District Board Action. In the case of unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, or fans, the tournament manager is required to file an incident report with the District Board and send the report to Phil Poggi via email (SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org) .
32. By District Board Action. A new Weather Cancellation Policy was adopted:

The Southwest District Board has established the following policy for cancellation or postponement of tournaments.

Schools participating in Boys/Girls Basketball and located in a county that experiences a Level Two (2) or Level Three (3) weather emergency, shall have the contest postponed. The weather emergency must be verified by the Tournament Manager.

Tournament managers must contact each schools Coach, Athletic Director, or Principal.

Schools are also encouraged to make use of the Board website for updated information regarding postponements and cancellations. All results will be posted to the Southwest District website www.ohsaa.org/swdab.

The Tournament Manager will contact the Board Secretary, Phil Poggi (SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org) who will work with the managers to contact the "News Media".

Prior to the start of tournaments, the Managers will be instructed to make available to the Board, a contingency plan for weather emergencies.

33. Media Credentials. Reservations are made directly with the site manager.

34. BOARD MOTION: The District Board has the right to change sites, dates, and times of any contest at their discretion. Board adopted, April 1997.

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