

3.120-----SEEDING FOR REGIONAL/SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

3.121 Regional tournaments for baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball shall be seeded as follows with four to ten teams assigned:

In four-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #4 in game 1 and seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2.

In five-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 in game 2 and seeds #2 and #3 play game 3. Winners of matches #2 and #3 then will play for the championship.

When a five team basketball regional is played in two days, the playing schedule shall be as follows: seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in the bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #2 vs. seed #3 in game 2 and then the winner of game 1 plays seed #1 in game 3 all on day one. Winners of games #2 and #3 then will play for the championship on day two of the tournament.

In five-team volleyball tournaments when the tournament is played in one night, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in match 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. bye and seed #3 vs. bye in bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of match 1 in match 2 and seeds #2 and #3 play in match 3. Winners of matches #2 and #3 then will play for the championship. However, it is recommended that five team volleyball tournaments be played in two nights.

In six-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 2 and seed #2 vs. bye in bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays the winner of game 1 and seed #2 plays the winner of game 2.. Winners of games #3 and #4 then will play for the championship.

In seven-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. bye and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 1 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 2 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 3 of bottom bracket. In the second round, seed #1 plays winner of game 1 and winner of game 2 plays winner of game 3. To complete this tournament in three days and avoid the playing of more than one game per day by any team, it would be necessary to play games 1, 2, and 3 on the first day.

In eight-team tournaments, seed #1 vs. seed #8 in game 1 and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 2 in top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 3 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 4 in bottom bracket.

In nine-team tournaments, seed #8 vs. seed #9 in game 1 in the top bracket; seed #1 vs. winner of game 1 in game 2 and seed #4 vs. seed #5 in game 3 of top bracket; seed #2 vs. seed #7 in game 4 and seed #3 vs. seed #6 in game 5 in bottom bracket. Games 1 and 2 can not be played on the same day except in girl's volleyball; therefore, this tournament will take four days to complete.

The following procedure has been adopted by the IESA Board of Directors to determine regional seeds in the sport of basketball:

Seed meeting managers shall be required to conduct a seeding meeting on the date approved in the IESA standardized calendar. The seeding meeting may not be held on school time. Consideration should be given to the distance some representatives may have to drive to reach the seeding site. Listed on the following page are the steps each manager must follow. Please observe the instructions carefully. We believe the procedure will provide the most accurate seeds possible. Each manager should remind the school representatives that the IESA has the right to review the seeding. If it becomes apparent that some representatives have purposely rated teams in a position that can not be justified, appropriate actions may be taken by the IESA Office to correct the problem. We do not anticipate having to do so because we believe that our member school representatives will exercise the integrity and sportsmanship they expect in return.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

1. A school not represented at the meeting has no say regarding any seed. If a school cannot attend the seed meeting, it is that school's responsibility to call the seed meeting manager and report their season record.
2. The seed meeting manager should hand out a list of competing schools to each representative.
3. Each head coach should provide a summary sheet. Bring one copy for each school in your regional. Included in this sheet should be the season record, who you have lost to and who you have beaten, along with any special comments about your season.

Note: No school may enter the state series unless they have scheduled at least three interscholastic contests in that sport prior to the seeding meeting.

4. The seed meeting manager should have each team pass out their summaries and give brief comments on their team.

Note: Comments will be kept to a two minute time limit for each team.

5. Factors to consider in seeding

- a. Season Record
- b. Quality of team's competition
- c. Smaller schools (1A or 2A) schools competing against larger schools (Class 3A or 4A)
- d. Head to Head competition
- e. Record against common opponents
- f. Roster of the post season team i.e. a 7th grader who has played on the 8th grade team all year but will play on the 7th grade team in the state series or a 7th grader who has played only 7th grade all year but will also play on the 8th grade team in the regional may be the basis for giving a higher seed.

6. Each representative in attendance (one per school) shall rate all teams assigned to the regional except their own, sign one copy and hand it to the seed meeting manager.
7. The manager will then tabulate all the votes on a chalkboard and verbally read them to the group. Procedure to determine seeds:
 - 1st seed = 1 point
 - 2nd seed = 2 points
 - 3rd seed = 3 points...
8. The manager will then total all points from the representatives signed sheets. The lowest average point total is the 1st seed, 2nd lowest average total is 2nd seed, etc. An average must be used when a school is not represented at the meeting.

If two or more teams are tied for any seed, break the tie by voting only on the tied teams. The schools tied may not vote. This vote may be taken by a show of hands. If this method does not break the tie then the manager will flip a coin.

9. After the seeds are announced, it is the responsibility of the coaches in attendance who disagree with the seeds to ask for a review before the seeding is final.

3.122 In the sports of baseball, softball, and volleyball, regional seeding shall be conducted using an online procedure. In general, seeding shall be done using the same criteria as above except that the procedure will be done online rather than an actual meeting. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions and the IESA standardized calendar for the respective activity for the timeline for online seeding. All schools entering the baseball, softball, and/or the volleyball state series will enter the following information online to assist with the seeding process.

- Team Record
- Season Schedule with Results
- Regional Entry Form
- Special Comment Section on your Team's Season

Note: Basketball online seeding will be implemented beginning with the 2010-11 school year.

3.123 See Section 4.057 for wrestling seeding procedures.

3.124 See Section 4.073 for sectional track seeding procedures--**NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT THE TRACK SECTIONAL SEEDING MEETING IS MANDATORY.**

3.125 A team withdrawing from competition following the regional seeding meeting/online ranking deadline shall be declared as a forfeit. The remaining teams shall not be re-seeded.

In baseball and softball, the higher seeded team shall always be the home team regardless of playing site.