

**TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

**FROM: Brown Cutchall, GIRL'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN  
Ralph J. DeMarco, BOY'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN**

**SUBJECT: 2009-2010 DISTRICT V BASKETBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

**DATE: February 1, 2010 Revised February 10, 2010**

- I. A. Girls and Boys Basketball
- B. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
- C. CLASS A - Eights schools advance in boys and girls class A districts.
- A. CLASS AA – Four Teams will qualify based on rankings others need a .500 record or better by February 20th.
- E. PIAA has four classes (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) for ranking purposes.

II. Important Dates

February 23	Class A	District Cut Off
February 23	Class AA	District Cut Off
February 24	Class A Boys	Play IN (if needed)
February 24	Class A Girls	Play IN (if needed)
February 25	Class A Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
February 26	Class AA Girls	Play IN (if needed)
February 26	Class A Girls	1st Round
March 1	Class A Boys	Semi-Finals
March 1	Class AA Girls	Semi-Finals
March 2	Class A Girls	Semi-Finals
March 2	Class AA Boys	Semi-Finals
March 3	Class A Boys	Consolation
March 4	Class A Girls	Consolation
March 5	Class A Boys	Finals
March 5	Class AA Girls	Finals
March 6	Class A Girls	Finals
March 6	Class AA Boys	Finals
March 6	Class A and AA	District Deadline
March 26 & 27	State Championships	Bryce Jordan Center

III. All play-off dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances. **Changes made February 10, 2010.**

IV. Point System

1. A team receives 4 points for a win
2. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
  - a. 1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 5 points
  - b. 2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total of 6 points
  - c. 3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total of 7 points
  - d. 4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total of 8 points
3. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification
4. Victories over out of state opponents or non-P.I.A.A. opponents will receive the lowest point total of 5 points
5. Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games do not count in ranking.
6. Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by P.I.A.A. rules.
7. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Statistician by the first legal starting date for that sports season. No games added after the season begins may be counted.
8. Ranking is in order of a total number of points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournament, scrimmage, and exhibition games.

V. Tie Breaker System for Ranking Only

**REFER TO PAGE 30 IN DISTRICT 5 HANDBOOK**

Tie Breaker System for Rank of 8th Place

**Playoff game at a neutral site**

VI. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS **Ralph J. DeMarco – BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**  
STATISTICIANS **Ralph J. DeMarco – BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**

To be eligible for Basketball District Playoffs, all teams must have their League Schedule completed by the District cutoff date. Any scheduling difficulties should be referred to the Tournament Director. **Johnstown Christian School must play a minimum of 14 P.I.A.A. member schools**

VII. The four highest ranked teams in Class A will get the home site advantage and will be the home team, thereafter; the highest ranked teams will be the designated home team.

**1st Round** - #1 Team vs. #8 Team  
Class A #2 Team vs. #7 Team  
#3 Team vs. #6 Team  
#4 Team vs. #5 Team

2<sup>nd</sup> Round - 1/8 winner plays 4/5 winner  
2/7 winner plays 3/6 winner

**Subsequent Games** - Thereafter, the games will be played on a neutral site. The highest ranked team is the home team.

In Class AA Girls- refer to the 5, 6, 7, & 8 team brackets  
In Class AA Boys there will be a 4 team bracket 1 vs 4 & 2 vs 3.

1. Each top ranked team **may** host at least one home game
2. All other games will be played at a neutral site

VIII. **Championship Rounds/Consolation Games**

The game will be played on a neutral site. The highest ranked team is the home team. Championship games are tentatively set for the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Consolation Games will be played at a neutral high school site.

- IX. **Pre-game Practice** - A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of pre-game practice shall be provided prior to the start of each game. "Shooting practice" at halftime intermission by teams scheduled to play at a later starting time, shall be **PROHIBITED!** Please try to arrive at the game site no earlier than 45 minutes prior to tip-off.

- X. **Designation of Bench and Basket** - The Site Game Manger shall designate the location of each team's bench. Each team's basket for practice before the game and to shoot at for the first half shall be the one farther from its bench. The teams shall change baskets for the second half.

- XI. **Ticket prices for championship games will be as follows:**

1st Round Games: Students-\$2.00 Adults-\$5.00

Championship Games: Students-\$3.00 Adults-\$6.00

**Complimentary Tickets** - Each school will receive 6 complimentary tickets.

- XII. **Cheerleading** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive cheerleading rule is to be adhered to.

- XIII. **Coaches** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive coaches rule will be adhered to.

- XIV. **Number of Teams to advance in state playoffs**

"AA" Boys and Girls - 2

"A" Boys and Girls - 3

- XV. **Game Balls** - Presented to officials, if accepted, the following will be the procedure used:

1st Half - Home Team

2nd Half - Visitors

If the balls are not found to be acceptable, a ball will be supplied by the game manager.

NOTE: Game balls will be furnished for inter-district & district playoffs.

- XVI. **Play-Off Times** - All game times will adhere to the following schedule, unless a time change is approved by the district chairmen.

**Single game:** 7:00 p.m. starting time

**Double Header:** 1st game - 6:30 p.m. starting time

2nd game - 8:00 p.m. starting time

**Triple Header:** 1st game - 5:30 p.m. starting time

2nd game - 7:00 p.m. starting time

3rd game - 9:00 p.m. starting time

- XVII. A. **Five team bracket:**

1. 4 plays 5

2. 1 plays the 4/5 winner, 2 plays 3

- B **Six team bracket:**
  - a. 1 and 2 receive first round bye
  - b. 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6
  - c. 1 plays 4/5 winner, 2 plays 3/6 winner
- C **Seven team bracket:**
  - a. 1 first round bye

XVII.

**Tournament DIRECTORS and STATISTICIANS**

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XIX.

- 1. Turn in dates by coaches and athletic directors to appropriate statisticians are due on the following dates:
  - a. Monday, January 11
  - b. Monday, January 18
  - c. Monday, January 25
  - d. Monday, February 1
  - e. Monday, February 8
  - f. Monday, February 15
  - g. Daily until cut off date
  - h. District Cut Off Date - Class A-February 23 & Class AA-February 23

**When turning in results on the above mentioned dates, indicate if your team won or lost and the points awarded for that victory. Fax or email the results to the STATISTICIANS. Email is preferred and daily updates are appreciated.**

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xx. **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FORM**

Complete basketball schedule forms with information concerning your school  
 Make a copy of this form for your file and return the original (or fax/email) to the appropriate chairperson and statistician by November 16, 2009

XXI. **District V rankings will be faxed to the following newspapers and television stations:**

**Addresses and Fax numbers are listed below for your convenience.**

**NEWS MEDIA  
TELEPHONE & FAX NUMBERS  
DISTRICT V PLAYOFF RANKINGS**

**DAILY NEWS - HUNTINGDON:** FAX 1-814-643-0376  
Terry Snare

**ALTOONA MIRROR -** FAX 1-814-946-7540  
P.O. Box 2008 1-800-222-1962  
Altoona, PA 16603

**BEDFORD GAZETTE -** FAX 1-814-623-5055  
424 W. Penn Street 1-800-242-4250  
P.O. Box 671  
Bedford, PA 15522

**CHAMBERSBURG PUBLIC OPINION** FAX 1-717-264-0377  
P.O. Box 499 1-800-782-0661  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

**SOMERSET DAILY AMERICAN** FAX 1-814-445-2935  
334 W. Main Street 1-800-452-0823  
Somerset, PA 15501

**TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT** FAX 539-1409  
425 Locust Street 1-800-473-0998  
Johnstown, PA 15901

**WJAC - CHANNEL 6** FAX 255-7658  
255-7600

**WWCP - CHANNEL 8** FAX 266-8329  
266-8088

**WTAJ - CHANNEL 10** FAX 1-814-946-4763  
1-800-762-6053

**CLEARFIELD PROGRESS** FAX 1-814-765-5165

**WEB-SITE-----DISTRICT5.PIAA.ORG**



## **DISTRICT 5 TOURNAMENTS**

### **1. Conditions of entry into a District tournament**

Entry and participation in the PIAA District 5 Tournaments are voluntary. District 5 member schools are not required to enter into the tournaments sponsored by the District. Entry of a team into a tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described here. Johnstown Christian School must play a minimum of 14 P.I.A.A. member schools

Further, a member school accepts the fact that the District 5 Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, operation and schedule of the District 5 Tournaments if, in the committee's judgment, it becomes necessary.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN IN WRITING NO LATER THAN THREE WEEKS INTO THE REGULAR SEASON IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.**

### **2. No Protest Rule**

Under PIAA there can be no protest of contests as follows:

The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protests in athletic contests, which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays.

In no case will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed.

Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted, in writing, to the PIAA Executive Director.

### **3. Officials**

All officials for the District 5 tournaments are assigned by the District 5 Officials' Assignment Committee. The officials are chosen from a pool of officials recommended by the participating schools and by the officials' chapter in District 5.

### **4. Photographing, Filming and Videotaping**

PIAA rules and regulations do not prohibit schools, spectators, and/or media from photographing, filming or videotaping at District 5 tournaments. However, photographing, filming or videotaping at District 5 tournaments shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- 1.. Photographing, filming and videotaping for the purpose of review before the completion of the filmed game will be prohibited.
2. Two (2) persons from each school will be admitted free to photograph film or video tape these games. All others are required to purchase an admission ticket.
3. Persons desiring to film or videotape must report to the game manager a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the start of the game/contests.
4. Persons filming or videotaping must remain in the areas designated by the game manager for that purpose.

## **5. Restriction of use of Tobacco Products**

PIAA Board of Directors policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any interscholastic athletic contest at any level of interscholastic athletic competition.

The use of tobacco products by team members/personnel and coaches is prohibited during pre-game, game, and post-game activities in the locker rooms and in the vicinity of the gymnasium/field.

## **6. Policy of Post-Game Interview of Coaches and Team**

Following completion of the game, coaches, other school personnel, and persons affiliated with the team shall not allow or participate in any interviews with the electronic and/or print media or other persons both on the playing floor/field and in the team locker room until a minimum of ten (10) minutes have elapsed following the end of the game.

## **7. Restrictions on Cheerleading Activities**

The PIAA Board of Directors is most concerned with dangerous activities performed by cheerleaders in interscholastic events. In an effort to eliminate or minimize injury to cheerleaders, the following shall be in effect for all PIAA District 5 Championships:

- a. No cheerleader shall stand on another person unless that other person has at least one foot on the ground.
- b. No flips are permitted from another person unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
- c. Trampolines and/or mini-tramps shall not be used.

PRINCIPALS ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THESE POLICIES WITH THE COACH OR ADVISOR OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIPS.

8. Any coach or player that is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is not permitted to participate in the awards program immediately following the game. This includes district championships and state championships.

## **DISQUALIFICATION FROM NEXT CONTEST**

- A. Any coach ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association recognized registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from coaching for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- B. Any contestant ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- C. Refer to Article XII (by laws), Section 3A - a school shall be required to forfeit a contest for using an ineligible coach

**PREGAME BASKETBALL MEETINGS** - will be held in front of the scorer/timer table, will include team captains and head coach from each school. The referee will be required to read a sportsmanship script with each coach verifying that his/her teams uniforms and equipment are legal and will be worn properly.