

TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: Matt McCahan, GIRL'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN
Paul Leonard, BOY'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: 2025-26 DISTRICT V BASKETBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION

DATE: November 15, 2025 (updated January 10, 2026, Dates of Finals, page 2)

Girls and Boys Basketball

- A. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
- B. CLASS A - Six schools advance in Boys and Girls Class A Districts, others need a .500 record or better by February 14, 2026.
- C. CLASS AA - Six schools advance in Boys (D5 - 7 teams, D8 - 1 team) V/VIII Regional and six schools in Girls (D5 - 8 teams) Class AA Districts, others need a .500 record or better by February 14, 2026.
- D. Class AAA - District V Girls (D5 - 1 team, D6 - 11 teams) will play in the Districts V/VI Regional. Four Schools advance in Boys (D5 - 4 teams D8 - 2 teams) V/VIII Regional, others need a .500 record or better by February 14, 2026.
- E. Class AAAA - District V Girls (D5 - 2 teams, D6 - 6 teams) will play in the Districts V/VI Regional. District V Boys (D5 - 1 team, D6 - 3 teams) will play in the Districts V/VI Regional.
- F. PIAA has six classes (A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA, AAAAAA) for ranking purposes.

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II. District 5 Important Dates

14-Jan-26	Wednesday	All Classes	Last day to declare no playoff participation
14-Feb-26	Saturday	All Classes	District Cut Off
15-Feb-26	Sunday	All Classes	Zoom Seeding Meeting
TBA	TBA	Class AAA Girls	Districts 5/6 Regional Tournament
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TBA	TBA	Class AAAA Boys	Districts 5/6 Regional Tournament
17-Feb-26	Tuesday	Class A & AA Girls	1 st Round
18-Feb-26	Wednesday	Class A & *AA Boys	1 st Round
18-Feb-26	Wednesday	Class *AAA Boys	Play-in if Necessary
19-Feb-26	Thursday	Class A & AA Girls	Semi-Finals
20-Feb-26	Friday	Class A & *AA Boys	Semi-Finals
20-Feb-26	Friday	Class *AAA Boys	Semi-Finals
25-Feb-26	Wednesday	Class A Boys	Consolation
25-Feb-26	Wednesday	Class AA Girls	Finals
25-Feb-26	Wednesday	Class A Boys	Finals
26-Feb-26	Thursday	Class A Girls	Finals
26-Feb-26	Thursday	Class AA Boys	Finals
26-Feb-26 or 28-Feb-26	Thursday or Saturday	Class *AAA Boys	Finals
28-Feb-26	Saturday	All	District Deadline
6-Mar-26	Friday	Class A Boys	PIAA First Round
6-Mar-26	Friday	Class AA Girls	PIAA First Round
6-Mar-26	Friday	Class AAA Girls	PIAA First Round
7-Mar-26	Saturday	Class A Girls	PIAA First Round
7-Mar-26	Saturday	Class AA Boys	PIAA First Round
7-Mar-26	Saturday	Class AAA Boys	PIAA First Round

* Indicates District 8 included for a Regional

III. (Wednesday, January 14, 2026) is the deadline for a member school to notify its PIAA District 5 Basketball Chairman that a member school does not wish to be considered for 2025-26 Post Season Basketball Tournaments.

IV. All play-off dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances.

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V. PIAA State Championship Information (Click link below)

VI. Point System

- A team receives 6 points for a win
- Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
 - 1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 7 points
 - 2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total of 8 points
 - 3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total of 9 points
 - 4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total of 10 points
 - 5 points awarded for a win over a class AAAAA school, total of 11 points
 - 6 points awarded for a win over a class AAAAAA school, total of 12 points
- No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification
- Victories over out of state opponents or non-P.I.A.A. opponents will receive the lowest point total of 7 points. If the District V Basketball Chairmen are provided in writing from the principal of the out of state opponent verification of that school's enrollment figures prior to the due date of the ratings sheets deadline that opponents classification may be changed to fit the PIAA enrollment classification.
- Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games do not count in ranking.
- Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by P.I.A.A. rules.
- 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.
- Ranking is in order of a total number of points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournament, scrimmage, and exhibition games.

Tie Breaker System for Ranking Only **REFER TO DISTRICT 5 HANDBOOK**

<http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT%205%20FORMS/index.html>

(Click Here)

Tie Breaker System for Rank of 6th Place Class A Boys & Girls, Rank of 6th Place Class AA Girls and Rank of 6th Place Class AA Boys - **PLAYOFF GAME AT NEUTRAL SITE**

VII. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS - Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Matt McCahan - GIRLS
STATISTICIANS - Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Matt McCahan - GIRLS

VIII. Tie breaker information can be found in the District V Handbook at <district5.piaa.org>

Eight Team Bracket

Play-in if needed #8 vs. #9, #7 vs. #10, #6 vs. #11 etc. Higher Seed host site.

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Teams ranked 9th or lower must finish .500 or better in order to be considered as a play-in team

1st Round - #1 Team vs. #8 Team

#2 Team vs. #7 Team

#3 Team vs. #6 Team

#4 Team vs. #5 Team

2nd Round - 1/8 winner vs. 4/5 winner at highest seed

2/7 winner vs. 3/6 winner at highest seed.

Six Team Bracket

Play-in if needed

Teams ranked 7th or higher must finish .500 or better in order to be considered as a play-in team

1st Round - #1 Team and Team #2 Receive a Bye

#6 Team at #3 Team

#5 Team at #4 Team

2nd Round - 1 plays 4/5 winner at #1 site

2 plays 3/6 winner at #2 site

Four Team Bracket

Play-in if needed #4 vs. #5 Higher Seed host site

Teams ranked 5th must finish .500 or better in order to be considered as a play-in team

1st Round - #1 Team vs. #4 Team

#2 Team vs. #3 Team

Class AAA Girls - Regional District 5, District 8 and District 9 will be announced

Class AAA Boys - Regional District 5, District 8 and District 9 will be announced

Class AAAA Girls - Regional bracket with District 6 will be announced

Class AAAA Boys - Regional bracket with District 6 will be announced

Championship Rounds

The games will be played at a TO BE DETERMINED site. The highest ranked team is the home team.

- 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.

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- 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. **Cheerleading** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive cheerleading rule is to be adhered to.
- XII. **Coaches** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive coaches rule will be adhered to.
- XIII. **Number of Teams to advance in state playoffs**
- "4A" Girls - Two (2) from Regional (Districts 5/6)
 - "4A" Boys - One (1) from Regional (Districts 5/6)
 - "3A" Girls - Three (3) from Regional (Districts 5/6)
 - "3A" Boys - Two (2) from Regional (Districts 5/8)
 - "2A" Boys - Two (2) from Regional (Districts 5/8)
 - "2A" Girls - Two (2) from District 5
 - "1A" Boys - Three (3) from District 5
 - "1A" Girls - Two (2) from District 5
- XV. **Game Balls** - Presented to officials, if accepted, the following will be the procedure used:
- The home team will provide the game ball.
- If the balls are not found to be acceptable, a ball will be supplied by the game manager.
- XVI. **Play-Off Times** - All game times will adhere to the following schedule, unless a time change is approved by the District Chairman.
- Single game:** 7:00 PM starting time
 - Double Header:** 1st game - 6:00 PM starting time
2nd game - 7:30 PM starting time
 - Championships:** 1st game - 6:00 PM starting time
2nd game - 7:30 PM starting time
- XVII. Nets for the Championship games at the Pitt-Johnstown Sports Center will be cut down by Pitt-Johnstown approved staff. Championship teams will receive the net once they move to the Pitt-Johnstown Hall of Fame Room for pictures. The awarding of medals and trophies will take place on the gym floor. **But at no time will spectators be permitted on the gym surface for any reason.**

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XVII.

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XVIII.

D5 Rating Sheets - Submitted by coaches and athletic directors to appropriate statisticians are due on the following dates:

- a. Friday, November 28, 2025, is the first submission of rating sheets to respective statisticians.
- b. January 5th is the first submission of rating sheets to respective statisticians with results. Thereafter they should be submitted each Monday after that until February 11th. Results should be submitted daily on the dates your teams play up to February 14th.

XIX. **BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (Rating) FORM**

BLANK DISTRICT 5 RATING SHEET Microsoft Excel Format (will calculate)

XX. **Announcers may do player introductions but play by play during the game may only be done at the District V Championships.**

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Contact Information is listed below for your convenience.

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