

**TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

**FROM: Brown Cutchall, GIRL'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN  
Paul Leonard, BOY'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN**

**SUBJECT: 2023-24 DISTRICT V BASKETBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

**DATE: December 20, 2023** (updated Feb 6, 2024)

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 17, 2024.**
- C. **CLASS AA – Six schools advance in Boys and four in Girls Class AA districts, others need a .500 record or better by February 17, 2024.**
- D. **Class AAA – District V Girls will play in the District V/VIII/IX Regional Tournament. District V Boys will play in the District V/VIII/IX Regional Tournament.**
- E. **Class AAAA – District V Girls will play in the District V/VI Regional Tournament. District V Boys will play in the District V/VI Regional Tournament.**
- F. **PIAA has six classes (A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA, AAAAAA) for ranking purposes.**

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II. District 5 Important Dates

31-Jan-24	Wednesday	All Classes	Last day to declare no playoff participation
17-Feb-24	Saturday	All Classes	District Cut Off
18-Feb-24	Sunday	Class A & AA	Seeding Meeting
20-Feb-24	Tuesday	Class A & AA	Play-In (If needed)
21-Feb-24	Wednesday	Class AAA Girls	5-2 at 5-1
21-Feb-24	Wednesday	Class AAA Boys	5-2 at 5-1
22-Feb-24	Thursday	Class A & AA Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
23-Feb-24	Friday	Class A Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
23-Feb-24	Friday	Class AA Girls	Semi-finals
27-Feb-24	Tuesday	Class AAA Girls	5-1 at 8-1 (neutral site in D8)
27-Feb-24	Tuesday	Class AAA Boys	5-1 at 8-1 (neutral site in D8)
27-Feb-24	Tuesday	Class A Boys	Semi-Finals
27-Feb-24	Tuesday	Class AA Boys	Semi-Finals
28-Feb-24	Wednesday	Class A Girls	Semi-Finals
1-Mar-24	Friday	Class AAA Boys	5-1/8-1 winner at 9-1 Clarion University
1-Mar-24	Friday	Class AAA Girls	5-1/8-1 winner at 9-1 Clarion University
1-Mar-24	Friday	Class A Boys	Consolation (5:00pm Pitt-Johnstown)
1-Mar-24	Friday	Class A Boys	Finals (6:30pm Pitt-Johnstown)
1-Mar-24	Friday	Class AA Boys	Finals (8:00pm Pitt-Johnstown)
2-Mar-24	Saturday	Class A Girls	Consolation (1:00pm Pitt-Johnstown)
2-Mar-24	Saturday	Class A Girls	Finals (2:30pm Pitt-Johnstown)
2-Mar-24	Saturday	Class AA Girls	Finals (4:00pm Pitt-Johnstown)
2-Mar-24	Saturday	All	District Deadline
8-Mar-24	Friday	Class A Boys	PIAA First Round
8-Mar-24	Friday	Class AA Girls	PIAA First Round
8-Mar-24	Friday	Class AAA Boys	PIAA First Round
9-Mar-24	Saturday	Class A Girls	PIAA First Round
9-Mar-24	Saturday	Class AA Boys	PIAA First Round
9-Mar-24	Saturday	Class AAA Girls	PIAA First Round

III. **(Wednesday, January 31, 2024)** 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 2023-24 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 6<sup>th</sup> Place Class A Boys & Girls, Rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Place Class AA Girls and Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Place Class AA Boys - **PLAYOFF GAME AT NEUTRAL SITE**

VII. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS - **Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**  
STATISTICIANS - **Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**

VIII. Tie breaker information can be found in the District V Handbook at <[district5.piaa.org](http://district5.piaa.org)>

**Eight Team Bracket**

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

Teams ranked 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round** - 1/8 winner vs. 4/5 winner at highest seed  
2/7 winner vs. 3/6 winner at highest seed.

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### **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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 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.

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XIII. **Number of Teams to advance in state playoffs**

- "4A" Girls – One (1) from Regional (Districts 5/6)
- "4A" Boys – One (1) from Regional (Districts 5/6)
- "3A" Girls – Two (2) from Regional (Districts 5/8/9)
- "3A" Boys – Two (2) from Regional (Districts 5/8/9)
- "2A" Boys – Two (2) from District 5
- "2A" Girls – One (1) from District 5
- "1A" Boys – One (3) from District 5
- "1A" Girls – One (3) 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 chairmen.

- Single game:** 7:00 PM starting time
- Double Header:** 1<sup>st</sup> game - 6:00 PM starting time  
2<sup>nd</sup> game - 7:30 PM starting time
- Championships:** 1<sup>st</sup> game - 6:00 PM starting time  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

- XVII. **Tournament DIRECTORS and STATISTICIANS**
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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Boys - Paul Leonard</b>            | <b>Girls - Brown Cutchall</b>      |
| <b>Shade High School</b>              | <b>11252 Waterfall Road</b>        |
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| <b>Home Phone: 814-244-6995</b>       | <b>Home phone: 717-987-3724</b>    |
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| <b>&lt;pleonard2010@gmail.com&gt;</b> | <b>&lt;bcutchall@yahoo.com&gt;</b> |

- XVIII. D5 Rating Sheets - Submitted by coaches and athletic directors to appropriate statisticians are due on the following dates:
- a. Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, is the first submission of rating sheets to respective statisticians.
  - b. January 8<sup>th</sup> is the first submission of rating sheets to respective statisticians with results. Thereafter they should be submitted each Monday after that until February 12th. Results should be submitted daily on the dates your teams play up to February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Complete basketball schedule forms with completed games only.  
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.**

**Contact Information is listed below for your convenience.**

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Bedford, PA 15522

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<cweyant@bedfordgazette.com>  
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\*CHAMBERSBURG PUBLIC OPINION  
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Chambersburg, PA 17201

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