

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

a. Boys Tournament Assignments

Schools are assigned to one of eight sectional areas of **ten or** eleven or twelve teams.

b. Girls Tournament Assignments

Schools are assigned to one of four sectional areas of eight or nine teams.

c. All regional games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, or Friday, February 21.

d. Sectional semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 25.

e. Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 28 or Saturday, March 1.

f. Each sectional will be seeded by the coaches in that sectional.

(1) The highest seeded teams will host through the Sectional semifinals (whether highest seeded team is playing or not). Highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest. Highest seeded team may select an alternate site, or may relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team. Highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

(2) Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.

(3) Sectional final games will be held at sites predetermined by the WIAA.

Note: The time schedule and game assignments can be found on the WIAA Hockey website. Details regarding the seeding process, can be found on the WIAA website.

g. State

(1) The State Tournament involving eight sectional winners (boys) will be played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 6-7-8, and four sectional winners (girls) on March 7-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

(2) The schedule of games is quarterfinals on Thursday (boys), semifinals on Friday (girls and boys), and finals on Saturday afternoon.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 23 and 24) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

a. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 20. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 20 players in full uniform for each tournament game.

b. Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game officials.

Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.

(1) A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.

(2) A school is expected to provide the manager at each tournament level, by a date designated by the manager, with a list of its participants for purposes of publicity, programs, etc.

(3) A school may have no more than four nonplayer personnel on the bench, plus one additional medical personnel for a total of five nonplayer personnel on the bench.

c. No. 15 a. of NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS does not apply.

ADDITIONS

a. A school must play a minimum of four games during the regular season, and a school may not compete in the tournament program if it has played more than twenty games during the regular season.

b. Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over two or more games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved.

This rule does not apply to game disqualifications received during the tournament series.

c. The following procedure shall be used in games tied after regulation play:

(1) There will be a three minute rest period followed by an eight-minute sudden victory overtime period, with goalies switching ends.

(2) If still tied, a twelve-minute rest period followed by a 17-minute sudden victory overtime period occurs and goalies switch ends.

- (3) If still tied, the overtime procedure found in #2 above will be repeated until a team has scored a goal.
- (4) During overtime play during the WIAA tournament series, the ice will be resurfaced after the eight-minute overtime period and after each 17-minute overtime period.
- d. Jersey Colors
The following procedure will be used:
 - (1) For all tournament games the first school alphabetically will wear light-colored jerseys during the even-numbered years (2014, 2016, etc.), and the second school alphabetically will wear light-colored jerseys during the odd-numbered years (2015, 2017, etc.).
- e. Home Team
 - (1) For all regional and sectional games the highest seeded team will be the home team and have the last line change.
 - (2) The home team for State tournament games shall be determined by a toss of the coin.
- f. No. 15 d. of STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS does not apply.
- g. All regular season tournament alternate tie-breaking procedures (not including a sudden-victory during an eight-minute NFHS overtime period) used are to be listed as a tie on a team's season record.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

- a. At the Seeding Meeting
 - (1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
 - (2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
 - (3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
 - (4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played after form was submitted.
 - (5) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
 - (6) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds:
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
 - (7) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
 - (8) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
 - (9) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.
- b. Breaking Ties
 - (1) In case of a tie:
 - (a) If a tie results at any time, move to the appeal procedure below.
- c. Appeal Procedure
If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position or there is a tie, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:
 - (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
 - (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
 - (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
 - (4) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
 - (5) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
 - (6) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.
Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.
 - (7) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
 - (8) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.
 - (9) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.
 - (10) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, or Friday, February 21.
 - (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
 - (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
 - (c) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
- (2) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.
- (3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Goal judges are not to be used.
- (3) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$65 per game; Linesman \$55 per game.
 - (b) Expenses - 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel. (Mileage listed in The Arbiter is one-way.)
 - (c) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Awards

None.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) 20% of total receipts or \$230 whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is \$60 per game.
 - 3) **The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed \$450.**
- (d) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 25% to host school.
 - 2) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowance

None.

(3) Ticket Prices

One game session Child/Student/Adult \$4

Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) There is no formula for host schools to follow relative to distribution of adequate tickets to participating schools but host schools are encouraged to adopt procedures if they feel allocations are necessary because of unusual interest in their areas.
- (b) Each school in a tournament game shall be allowed free admissions for (a) twenty members of its team, (b) a total of four coaches, managers and others and (c) no more than six cheerleaders. These additional provisions apply:
 - 1) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given date may be admitted without charge.
 - 2) Cheerleaders will be given free admissions only on those occasions in which their team is playing.
- (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.
- (d) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as his/her assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
- (e) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.

- (f) Free admissions permissible under Nos. (b) 1) and 2) above are not transferable.
 - (g) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band except a host school may give free admissions for its own pep band and entertainment if it does not involve seats necessary for paying spectators.
- (5) Miscellaneous
Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 25.
 - (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
 - (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
 - (c) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.
 - (d) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
- (2) Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 28 or Saturday, March 1 at sites predetermined by the WIAA.
- (3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.
- (4) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Goal judges shall be used for all sectional final games. Sectional final host schools will select and issue contracts to two WIAA licensed hockey officials to serve as goal judges. (Sectional Finals Only).
- (3) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$75 per game; Linesman \$60 per game.
 - (b) Expenses - 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
 - (d) Goal Judges - \$30 per game.

c. Awards

- (1) Plaques to championship teams and runner up teams (boys and girls).
- (2) Medals to members (20) of championship and runner-up teams.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) 20% of total receipts or \$230 whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is \$60 per game.
 - 3) **The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed \$450.**
 - 4) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - a) 25% to host school.
 - b) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowance

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

One game session Child/Student/Adult \$5

Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) There is no formula for host schools to follow relative to distribution of adequate tickets to participating schools but host schools are encouraged to adopt procedures if they feel allocations are necessary because of unusual interest in their areas.
- (b) Each school in a tournament game shall be allowed free admissions for (a) twenty members of its team, (b) a total of four coaches, managers and others and (c) no more than six cheerleaders. These additional provisions apply:
 - (1) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given date may be admitted without charge.
 - (2) Cheerleaders will be given free admissions only on those occasions in which their team is playing.
- (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.
- (d) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as his assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
- (e) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.
- (f) Free admissions permissible under Nos. (b) 1) and 2) above are not transferable.
- (g) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band except a host school may give free admissions for its own pep band and entertainment if it does not involve seats necessary for paying spectators.

5. Miscellaneous

Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) This is the schedule of games for the State Tournament (tentative):

Thursday, March 6 - 12 noon (Boys Quarterfinals)

Game 1 – Sectional #1 winner vs. Sectional #6 winner

Game 2 – Sectional #2 winner vs. Sectional #5 winner

Thursday, March 6 - 6 p.m. (Boys Quarterfinals)

Game 3 – Sectional #3 winner vs. Sectional #8 winner

Game 4 – Sectional #4 winner vs. Sectional #7 winner

Friday, March 7 - 12 noon (Girls Semifinals)

Game 5 – Sectional #2 vs. Sectional #4

Game 6 – Sectional #1 vs. Sectional #3

Friday, March 7 - 6 p.m. (Boys Semifinals)

Game 7 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Game 8 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, March 8 - 12 noon

Game 9 – (Girls Finals) Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

Game 10 – (Boys Finals) Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (Following Girls Final)

- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract the officials.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$115
 - (b) Expenses - 45¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
 - (d) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to members (20) of championship and runner-up teams.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Participating School Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

 - (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2 per mile.
 - (b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.
 - (c) Meals at the day rate of \$7 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch, and \$9 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.

Note: The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance on any day of competition will be \$7.

 - (d) Lodging at the rate of \$20 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging.
 - (2) Ticket Prices

Single Admission \$8

 - (a) There will be no allocation formula for participating schools. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the WIAA office or will be available at the door on the days of the tournament.
 - (b) There will be no reserved seats at any sessions of the State Tournament.
 - (c) Children under the age of six (6) years may be admitted for \$1.00. The child will not receive a ticket.
 - (d) Students 12 years old and younger wearing a hockey sweater/jersey may be admitted for \$5.
 - (3) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for:

 - (a) A party of 25, including a maximum of 20 players, coaches, managers and others.
 - (b) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders.
 - (c) Members of bands must purchase tickets out of the regular allotment of the school.
 - (4) Miscellaneous
 - (a) Practice Session

Schools participating in the State Tournament may practice at the Alliant Energy Center on Wednesday prior to the tournament.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)