

V. Seeding Meetings Information

Sectional Complex Seeding Meeting: Each Sectional Complex manager will conduct a seeding meeting for the purpose of seeding **teams** for the sectionals. All four Sectional Complex Seeding meetings shall take place on Monday, April 30, 2007, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sectional Complex managers will contact schools in their complex announcing the time and place of their meeting. The ultimate objective of Sectional Complex Seeding is to judge the **teams** and their comparative strength so accurately that the four best **teams** are sent to separate sectional tournaments within the complex. Therefore, coaches will be seeding the potential sectional participants that will represent their team in a sectional. Teams should be seeded as fairly as possible whether coaches of a team are at the meeting or not.

Sectional Seeding Meeting: Following the Sectional Complex Seeding meeting, schools at the sectional complex meeting will break into their assigned sectionals and conduct a second seeding meeting. The ultimate objective of sectional seeding is to judge the **individuals** and their comparative strength so accurately that the best singles and doubles teams are separated in the sectional draw. Singles and doubles players should be seeded as fairly as possible whether coaches of a team are at the meeting or not.

List of Participants (LOP)/Playing Schedule is Mandatory: Coaches must complete the online *List of Participants (LOP)* prior to the seeding meeting (due no later than Monday, April 30, 2007). The most current *List of Participants (LOP)* must be brought to the seeding meeting along with the school's badminton schedule. A coach can print the LOP from the School Center. Coaches who do not bring both of these to the meeting will not be allowed to participate in the discussion or vote.

Seeding Factors: Coaches should use the *List of Participants* as a focus of their discussion. At the end of the discussion, coaches must be able to justify their votes for teams based on the following factors:

- Head-to-head victory
- Record against common opponents
- Total win-loss
- Strength of schedule
- Tonight's evaluation

Seeding in Groups: The seeding will be done in groups of four. The coaches will determine by a vote, the top four teams. The rank of these four teams and the other groups should not be announced until all the seeds have been determined. Managers can post each group of 4 on the spreadsheet in alphabetical order. This prevents the remaining teams from manipulating the assignments. Once these four teams have been determined, the next four teams (5-8) will be voted on. This will continue with 8-12, 13-16, 17-20.

Group Vote: Coaches will **NOT** vote for their own team. The actual seed vote will not take place until after the groups have been decided. Coaches will use the manager's spreadsheet distributed at the beginning of the meeting to cast their final vote. The coaches must seed within the identified group. (1-4, 5-8, etc.)

The manager will record all the coaches' votes and post them on the overhead using the spreadsheet.

Sectional Assignments: Once the seeds have been determined, the seeds need to be placed in one of four sectionals based on the following structure:

Sectional A	1	8	9	16	20 + any individual entries
Sectional B	2	7	10	15	19
Sectional C	3	6	11	14	18
Sectional D	4	5	12	13	17

Sectional Sites: The top seed in each sectional have the first opportunity to host their sectional. If the top seed is not able to host, the next highest seed in the sectional is offered the opportunity, etc. The host school must have presented a *Willing to Host Form* signed by the athletic director. This form ensures that the facility is available to host.

Host School Material – Awards and Shuttlecocks: Awards and shuttles were previously shipped to the Sectional Complex Seeding manager. Sectional Complex Seeding managers should distribute one sectional plaque, four individual medals for singles, four individual medals for doubles players, and the shuttlecocks.

State Final Games Committee: Three coaches from each Sectional Complex meeting are to be elected to serve on the Games Committee. Members of the Games Committee will act as roving officials and rule on issues related to the code of conduct.

Forms: All forms needed to conduct or participate in the Sectional Complex Seeding meeting and/or the sectional meeting are posted on the Badminton page. Go to the Forms Section to access them.