

March Madness™ ***Information***

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BASKETBALL

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GIRLS BASKETBALL SEEDING MEETING INFORMATION

At their October 2008 meeting, the IHSA Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the IHSA Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee to implement on-line seeding in bracketed team sports effective with the winter sports season of the 2008-09 school term. The following is intended to provide an explanation of the process that coaches will follow in seeding the first level tournament assignment for their school.

Coaches are expected to take part in the seeding process with the highest standard of integrity and to ensure fairness and equity for all participants. One coach or an official representative from each school who has completed the *IHSA Season Summary Form* on-line will be allowed to vote. *Schools who have not submitted the Season Summary Form will not vote or participate in the seeding process. The Season Summary Form can be found in the Activity Tracker section of the IHSA Schools Center under the 'Required Data Forms' column for basketball.*

Coaches will not be allowed to vote for their own team. Coaches will determine their seeds based on these factors:

- Head to head victories against teams assigned to the first level tournament
- Record against common opponents
- The total win/loss record of schools in the tournament, and
- Team evaluation based on narrative provided by coaches

These factors have not been prioritized. The IHSA reserves the right to review all submitted seeds and throw out ballots and adjust the seeds accordingly.

In the event that schools tie for a seed, the IHSA will use the following criteria to break the tie:

- Head to head competition between the tied schools
- Random draw (if more than 2 schools are tied for a seed)
- Coin flip (if 2 schools are tied for a seed and head to head competition can't break the tie)

Schools will be able to access all the seeds made by other schools assigned to their seeding meeting prior to the seeds being posted on-line through the IHSA website. Tournament assignments will then be posted by the end of the week during which seeding occurs. The time table below shows the dates for the 2008-09 school term.





Class 1A/2A Schools

- Now – January 21 Season Summary Form available on-line (must be completed by 8:00 a.m. on January 21st in order to participate in seeding process)
- January 21 – January 22 Schools should go on-line in the IHSA Schools Center to review the Season Summary Forms for schools assigned to their regional tournament and seed all teams except their own. (schools will have until 8:00 a.m. on January 22nd to complete seeding)
- January 22 Schools will be able to view all seeds from their seed meeting. Final results of each meeting posted at ihsa.org by end of the day.
- January 23 Tournament assignments posted at ihsa.org by end of the day.

Class 3A/4A Schools

- Now – January 28 Season Summary Form available on-line (must be completed by 8:00 a.m. on January 28th in order to participate in seeding process)
- January 28 – January 29 Schools should go on-line in the IHSA Schools Center to review the Season Summary Forms for schools assigned to their first level tournament (sectional complex in the Chicagoland area and geographic regionals outside of that area) and seed all teams except their own. (schools will have until 8:00 a.m. on January 29th to complete seeding)
- January 29 Schools will be able to view all seeds from their seed meeting. Final results of each meeting posted at ihsa.org by end of the day.
- January 30 Tournament assignments posted at ihsa.org by end of the day.