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SENIOR HIGH BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

I. CLASSIFICATION PLANS

In Division I, TSSAA schools shall be divided into three classes for basketball tournament play. In Division II, there shall be two classifications.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. It is recommended that meetings for planning tournaments not be scheduled during school hours. If such meetings are held during school hours, the district coordinator calling the meeting should have the approval of the superintendents of all schools involved. It is also recommended that tournament games not be scheduled during school hours except in cases of emergency and then only by approval of the state office.
- B. The tournament director may award nets to the winning team if requested by the coach. The tournament director shall supervise the removal of the nets. The nets shall be taken down at the discretion of the director after most of the crowd has left the gymnasium and the director shall award the nets to the winning team in the dressing room.
- C. Video taping or filming is permitted if the taping or filming is for private use or use by the two schools involved and not for public or commercial use. Video taping or filming must be done from the individual's seat. Individuals will not be allowed to use tripods. A school taping or filming its own game may use a tripod. A school will not be allowed to tape or film a game unless its team is involved in the game. All taping or filming by a school may be approved by the local Game Director or Tournament Director, and the Tournament Director or Game Director shall assign space, when available, from which the school may tape or film.
- D. No explosive devices shall be allowed for regular-season or tournament games. In addition, no air horns, cow bells, sirens, clackers, cans with marbles or rocks inside or any other artificial noise makers are allowed.
- E. In the fourth quarter, there is a mandated continuous clock when one team gets a 35 point advantage over their opponent. The clock would only stop for shooting fouls, timeouts, injuries, and the administration of technical fouls. The clock will continue to run for the remainder of the game, regardless of the point differential.
- F. Game Administrator Meeting: TSSAA Board of Control policy requires that a Game Administrator be appointed by the principal of each host school to supervise every varsity basketball contest. The Game Administrator must be someone other than the participating coaches. Ideally it should be the principal, athletic director, or another school administrator, but it may be the principal's or athletic director's designee due to staff commitments.

The Game Administrator of the host school, is required to conduct one meeting which must include the coaches, officials, and security personnel prior to the start of each varsity basketball contest. Included in the pregame discussion is to be a review of the expected behavior of everyone involved in the contest. This should be a very positive meeting that sets the tone for an enjoyable contest.

III. COUNTY, CONFERENCE, INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. County, conference and invitational tournaments must be approved in writing by the Executive Director. The tournament must be approved in writing prior to the start of the tournament (Contact Trina Melton – tmelton@tssaa.org).
- B. Schools that enter county, conference and invitational tournaments shall be charged with two games for each tournament in which they participate. A member school shall not participate in more than two such tournaments.

IV. TOURNAMENT PLANS (Division I)

- A. District Tournaments
 - 1. All district tournament games must be played at the higher seeded team's home site. All expenses, including officials, 18% of the gate to TSSAA, etc., will be paid by the host school with the net receipts split 50/50 between the two schools.
 - 2. The administrators of the schools in the district must submit to the state office the name and contact information of the individual that will serve as the tournament director.
 - 3. In the event the majority of the schools in a district vote not to hold a district tournament, the Board of Control may select schools to represent that particular district in the regional tournament.
 - 4. District draws in all three classes shall be determined by the participating teams.

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5. There shall be two districts in each region. The first, second, third, and fourth place teams from each district shall advance to the regional tournament.

B. Regional Tournaments

1. Districts must be completed by the date set by the Board on Control.
2. All games must be played at the higher seeded team's home site. If two schools are the same seed, the school in the district that was scheduled to host the region tournament will be considered the higher seeded team and will host that game (Due to it being an odd-numbered year, the odd-numbered district (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15) shall host the game.).
3. On Friday, following the completion of the district tournament, there will be four quarterfinal girls' games with the Winner and Runner-Up teams from both districts hosting Fourth Place and Third Place teams from the other district. Example:

Site 1: Fourth District 2 @ Winner District 1
Site 2: Third District 2 @ Runner-Up District 1
Site 3: Fourth District 1 @ Winner District 2
Site 4: Third District 1 @ Runner-Up District 2

All games will be at 7:00 p.m. local time. All expenses, including officials, 18% of the gate to TSSAA, etc., will be paid by the host school with the net receipts split 50/50 between the two schools.

4. On Saturday, following the completion of the district tournament, there will be four quarterfinal boys' games with the Winner and Runner-Up teams from both districts hosting the Fourth Place and Third Place teams from the other district. Example:

Site 1: Fourth District 2 @ Winner District 1
Site 2: Third District 2 @ Runner-Up District 1
Site 3: Fourth District 1 @ Winner District 2
Site 4: Third District 1 @ Runner-Up District 2

All games will be at 7:00 p.m. local time. All expenses, including officials, 18% of the gate to TSSAA, etc., will be paid by the host school with the net receipts split 50/50 between the two schools.

5. The schedule for semifinal and final games which will take place the week after the completion of the quarterfinals shall be as follows:

Monday: Girls' Semifinal Games
Tuesday: Boys' Semifinal Games
Wednesday: Girls' Championship
Thursday: Boys' Championship

All games will be at 7:00 p.m. local time. All expenses, including officials, 18% of the gate to TSSAA, etc., will be paid by the host school with the net receipts split 50/50 between the two schools.

6. The administrators of the schools in the region must submit to the state office the name and contact information of the individual that will serve as the tournament director.

C. State Tournaments

1. State Tournament Bracket – In all three classes the first- and second-place teams in each regional tournament shall be eligible to enter the state tournament competition. The sectional games of the state tournament for boys and girls shall be as follows:

Site 1: Winner Region 1 vs. Second Region 2
Site 2: Winner Region 2 vs. Second Region 1
Site 3: Winner Region 3 vs. Second Region 4
Site 4: Winner Region 4 vs. Second Region 3
Site 5: Winner Region 5 vs. Second Region 6
Site 6: Winner Region 6 vs. Second Region 5
Site 7: Winner Region 7 vs. Second Region 8
Site 8: Winner Region 8 vs. Second Region 7

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Drawing for play at the central tournament site shall be made following the sectional games. The draw shall be made so that two teams from the same region will be drawn to opposite brackets.

2. Sectional Sites – The Executive Director of TSSAA shall set the sectional sites in the area of the regional winner. In order to be considered as a sectional site, the facility must meet the following seating criteria: Class A – 1,000; Class AA – 1,250; Class AAA – 1,500. These are to be permanent seats and based on 18” width.
 - a. If a school that does not meet the minimum seating requirement is scheduled to host, the administration may select a larger facility in their area that meets the minimum requirement and inform the state office as to where the contest will be played.
 - b. If a school that is chosen to host a tournament game does not have the gym that satisfies the seating minimum, the Principal of that school may seek a waiver of the seating requirement from the Executive Director, and the waiver will be granted if the Principal establishes that waiving the seating requirement will not give rise to any substantial safety concerns.
3. In Sectional Basketball games, the visiting team shall have the opportunity to receive 50% of the tickets. Money or unsold tickets must be returned to the host school no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of the game.
4. In Sectional Basketball games, there must be space provided for the visiting team(s) official scorekeeper.
5. Practice at Tournament Site – There shall be no practice at the sectional or central tournament site. (Exception to this would be if a tournament or sectional site is the home floor of the participating team.)

V. TOURNAMENT PLANS (Division II)

A. Region Tournaments (Class A)

1. All district and region tournament games must be played at the higher seeded team’s home site. If two schools are the same seed, the school in the district that was scheduled to host the region tournament will be considered the higher seeded team and will host that game (Due to it being an odd-numbered year, the odd-numbered district (1, 3, 5) shall host the game.)
2. The administrators of the schools in the region must submit to the state office the name and contact information of the individual that will serve as the tournament director.
3. All expenses, including officials, 18% of the gate to TSSAA, etc., will be paid by the host school with the net receipts split 50/50 between the two schools.
4. There shall be three regions: East, Middle, and West.

B. State Tournament

1. In Class A, the top four teams from the East Region, the top four teams from the Middle, and top four teams from the West Region shall be eligible to enter the state tournament. The First Round sites shall be as follows:

	2021
Site 1:	#4 Middle @ #2 East
Site 2:	#4 East @ #3 West (H)
Site 3:	#4 West @ #2 Middle
Site 4:	#3 Middle @ #3 East

In 2021, #1 Middle will host the #4 East vs. #3 West First Round game.

The Quarterfinal Round sites shall be as follows:

	2021
Site 1:	FR Site 1 Winner @ #2 West
Site 2:	FR Site 2 Winner @ #1 Middle
Site 3:	FR Site 3 Winner @ #1 East
Site 4:	FR Site 4 Winner @ #1 West

The Executive Director has the authority to select another site if the host’s facilities are not adequate to host the game.

The winners of the quarterfinal round games shall advance to the central tournament site.

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The State Tournament shall be a four team single elimination tournament. If all three #1 Seeds advance to the central tournament site, the first matches of the state tournament shall be as follows:

Semifinals: Quarterfinal Site 1 Winner vs. Quarterfinal Site 2 Winner
Semifinals: Quarterfinal Site 3 Winner vs. Quarterfinal Site 4 Winner

If all three #1 Seeds do not advance to the central tournament site, the bracket shall be set by the Executive Director upon completion of the quarterfinal round matches.

2. In Class AA, there will be an East Region, Middle Region, and West Region. The ten teams that qualify for the post-season tournament shall be as follows: the top three teams from the East Region, the top four teams from the Middle Region, and the top three teams from the West Region. Seeding will be based on regular season records. The First Round sites shall be as follows:

Site 1: #3 West @ #4 Middle
Site 2: #3 East @ #3 Middle

The Quarterfinal Round sites shall be as follows:

Site 1: First Round Site 1 Winner @ #1 West
Site 2: #2 East vs. #1 Middle
Site 3: First Round Site 2 Winner @ #1 East
Site 4: #2 West @ #2 Middle (Coin Flip will determine Host.)

The Executive Director has the authority to select another site if the host's facilities are not adequate to host the game.

The winners of the quarterfinal round game shall advance to the central tournament site for a four team single elimination tournament. The first games of the state tournament shall be as follows:

Semifinals: Quarterfinal Site 1 Winner vs. Quarterfinal Site 2 Winner
Semifinals: Quarterfinal Site 3 Winner vs. Quarterfinal Site 4 Winner

If all four teams from the Middle Region advance to the central tournament site, the bracket shall be set by the Executive Director upon completion of the quarterfinal round matches.

VI. GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- A. A tournament squad for the region, sectional, and state tournaments shall be limited to 15 players. This squad limit is recommended for all tournaments, but is not mandatory except for region, sectional, and state tournament.
- B. There shall be no practice at the sites of the sectionals or the state tournament. (Exception to this would be if a tournament site is the home floor of a participating team.)
- C. No air horns, cow bells, megaphones, sirens, clackers, cans with marbles or rocks inside or individual type noise makers will be allowed in district, region, sectionals, and state tournaments. The use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited at all levels. Additionally, no explosive devices will be allowed in region, sectionals, and state tournaments.
- D. Officials for all post-season tournament games will be assigned by the state office.
- E. Television

(See "Television" section of the TSSAA Handbook for regulations regarding the telecast, both live and delayed, of tournament games.)