

AHSCA Recommendations for 1A – 6A Classification Conferences for Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Soccer

In October, November, and December of 2015 members of the AHSCA Executive committee met with groups of coaches representing each classification (1A-6A) and each activity district. These meetings were held to gather ideas and recommendations for seeding and organizing classification conference tournaments and meetings. If the conference tournament seeding meeting occurs before the end of the regular season, contingency seedings must be in place to factor in the results at the end of the regular season.

Seeding Recommendations

At the end of the regular season each classification conference will meet to seed their conference tournament. The following options or combination of options could be used.

Option 1

Play all the teams in your classification conference (in regular season games or invitational tournaments). Use head to head results as criteria for seeding. Use AAA tiebreaker rules to break ties.

Option 2

Divide the classification conference into two geographic divisions. Each division will play all teams in their division (in regular season or invitational tournaments). Use head to head results as criteria for seeding. Use AAA tiebreaker rules to break ties.

Option 3

Use a committee (**not** made up of participating coaches) to seed tournament. The committee could be made up of: administrators from the participating schools, retired coaches, media personnel, or a combination of the three. Each coach would be given a few minutes to share information about his team's record and season. After each coach has presented, the committee will meet privately to seed the tournament.

Option 4

Have the participating coaches seed the tournament. They will use criteria such as; head to head results, common opponents, max prep rankings, media rankings, position finished in combined classification district, etc. Ties shall be settled by a coin flip. All voting for seeding shall be done in public by either raising hand or signing ballot. Seeding will be voted on one position at a time. The procedure shall be as follows: the number one position shall be voted on first, the last position voted on second, the second position voted on third, the second to last position voted on fourth, the third position voted on fifth, the third to last position voted on sixth, etc. The procedure will continue as described until all positions are filled. No byes should be given into the semi-finals.

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Deadline for Classification Conference Tournaments to be Completed

1A, 2A, 3A, & 4A

Volleyball – Saturday of week 16

Basketball – Saturday of week 33

Baseball – Saturday of week 44

Softball – Saturday of week 44

Soccer – Saturday of week 44

5A & 6A

Volleyball – Saturday of week 16

Basketball – Saturday of week 34

Baseball – Saturday of week 45

Softball – Saturday of week 45

Soccer – Saturday of week 44

It is strongly encouraged to use the Friday or Saturday a week before the deadline to start the conference tournaments. Using the Saturday before cuts down on the loss of class time and helps ensure conference tournament can be completed in the case of inclement weather.

All State, All Star, and Coach of the Year

Each classification conference should meet after the conference tournament to select All State, coach of the year, and nominate all star coaches and players.

Combined classification districts and classification conferences can create all conference/district awards.