

BOYS' BASKETBALL FORMAT

Effective 2011 - 2012

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2012 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, February 18, 2012
Ohio University Eastern Fitness Center
St. Clairsville, OH

FUTURE DATES:

February 16, 2013
February 15, 2014
February 21, 2015
February 20, 2016

1. **QUALIFYING:** Teams must play at least six (6) OVAC opponents before the cutoff date to qualify for the semi-finals, finals, or to be placed in the consolation pool.

2. **FINAL RANKINGS:** Final rankings will be based on the approved Basketball Rating System. Rankings will be done until the cutoff date (Monday, February 7, 2012). Once the playoffs begin, the rankings will stop. Teams not allowing for the playoff games in their schedule will only have their won-loss record shown and will not be ranked.

3. **TIEBREAKER:** A tiebreaker will be used in breaking ties for the top four (4) positions only. The decision of the committee with regard to the final tiebreaker determination will be final. The tiebreaker will be based on the final standings at the cutoff date.

In the event of a tie for the final season standings, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- head-to-head meetings;
- best record against common opponents.
- best point average against common opponents.

- total bonus points earned

●flip of the coin. This will be done by the committee, and, if possible, with both head coaches present. First alphabetically listed school is heads; second school is tails.

Should three or more teams tie for one of the top four spots, the above tiebreakers will be used. Once a school is eliminated, then we will begin again with the first tiebreaker.

4. **SEMI-FINALS:** The top four (4) eligible teams in each class will qualify for the semi-finals. The number 1 seeded team will host the number 4 seeded team, while the number 2 seeded team will host the number 3 seeded team. These games will be played at the higher-seeded team's courts (1,2). The winner will advance to the finals on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

5. **FINALS:** The winners of the semi-finals will advance to the finals with the higher-seeded team designated as the home team. The finals will be played at Ohio University Eastern, St. Clairsville, on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The following rotation will be used:

Class 1A	9:30AM
Class 2A	12:15PM
Class 3A	3:00PM
Class 4A:	5:45PM
Class 5A:	8:30PM

6. **SEMI-FINALS CONSOLATION:** Losers of the semi-final games will play on Friday, February 17, 2012.

Should the #1 and #2 seed win, the consolation will be played at #3 court.

Should the #1 or #2 seed lose, the consolation will be played at the lower seed court.

Should the #1 and #2 seed both lose, the consolation will be played at the #1 seed court.

7. CONSOLATION POOL: All eligible teams finishing 5th or lower will be placed in a pool by class and will be scheduled by the basketball committee for two games. Every effort will be made to schedule each team with a home and away contest, with regard to distance, regular season meetings, and potential post-season pairings.

Consolation games will be played on February 14 and February 17. These games can be rescheduled at the discretion of the respective school's athletic department BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

8. CUT-OFF DATE: The cutoff date for the boys' playoffs will be Tuesday, February 7, 2012, and will include games played that night.

9. DO NOT SCHEDULE: It is recommended that schools DO NOT SCHEDULE regular season games on Saturday, February 11, 2012, and Saturday, February 18, 2012, so that players, coaches, and fans, can attend the championship games.

10. HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY: All consolation and semi-final games are hosted by member schools, with all proceeds and costs the responsibility of the host school. The Conference will bear no expense nor receive any monies from these contests.

NOTE: The basketball committee will reimburse schools losing in the semi-finals and subsequently not playing a home game with a stipend based on the gross receipts of the championship games.

11. MANDATORY PRE-FINALS' MEETING/MEDIA DAY: Winning semi-final coaches are required to attend a coaches' meeting and media session on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Ohio University Eastern gymnasium beginning at 11:00AM SHARP. Pre-sale ticket distribution, directions, and informational packets will be distributed at that time. Coaches, committee members, and directors will be available to the media at this session.

12. AWARDS: Championship winners in each class will receive the OVAC championship trophy and be presented the Conference banner at the Banquet of Champions on Monday, May 14, 2012. Individual medals will be awarded to members of the championship and runner-up teams.

13. TICKET PRICES:

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

Pre-sale tickets ([optional]) will be given to each school at the press conference with a \$1.00 discount.

Ticket prices will be reviewed and set by the committee each year.

NOTE: The gym and commons area located beyond the ticket taker area WILL BE CLEARED after each game. The only exceptions will be the players and coaches, media, tournament staff, facility personnel, and working medical personnel.

14. MEDIA ROOM: A media room will be established on the second level of the gymnasium.

Only media members with credentials will be permitted into the media room. All the needed resources requested by the media will be made available.

MEDIA WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE LOCKER ROOMS AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. Both coaches and selected players will be escorted to the media room for all post-game interviews.

15. NOISEMAKERS/SIGNS: No noisemakers or banners of any type will be permitted in the gym. Hand-held signs not to exceed 11x17 inches will be permitted. Any violations of these will result in that person being removed from the gym.

16. CHEERLEADERS: VARSITY cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted to the game at no cost, as well as two (2) coaches. All others must pay.

17. VIDEOTAPING: There will be an area on the running track at half court for a school videotaper. ONE PERSON ONLY. That person must come in with the team to be admitted.

18. BENCH: Each team's bench will include eighteen (18) seats. That is for the coaches, players, managers, trainers, etc. NO SEATS MAY BE ADDED. Every person must have a seat on the bench.

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**SCHOOLS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE
2012 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Class 1A: Bishop Rosecrans, Conotton Valley,
St. John
Class 2A: Caldwell, Frontier, Wellsville
Class 3A: Buckeye Trail, Tyler Consolidated
Class 4A: Meadowbrook
Class 5A: Beaver Local, Cambridge

FUTURE DATES

2012

Cutoff Date: February 7, 2012
Pairings Meeting: February 8, 2012
First Game Played: February 14, 2012
Media Press Conference: February 15, 2012
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 17, 2012
Championships: February 18, 2012
Rotation: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

2013

Cutoff Date: February 5, 2013
Pairings Meeting: February 6, 2013
First Game Played: February 12, 2013
Media Press Conference: February 13, 2013
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 15, 2013
Championships: February 16, 2013
Rotation: 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

2014

Cutoff Date: February 4, 2014
Pairings Meeting: February 5, 2014
First Game Played: February 11, 2014
Media Press Conference: February 12, 2014
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 14, 2014
Championships: February 15, 2014
Rotation: 3, 4, 5, 1, 2

2015

Cutoff Date: February 10, 2015
Pairings Meeting: February 11, 2015
First Game Played: February 17, 2015
Media Press Conference: February 18, 2015
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 20, 2015
Championships: February 21, 2015
Rotation: 4, 5, 1, 2, 3

2016

Cutoff Date: February 9, 2016
Pairings Meeting: February 10, 2016
First Game Played: February 16, 2016
Media Press Conference: February 17, 2016
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 19, 2016
Championships: February 20, 2016
Rotation: 5, 1, 2, 3, 4,

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