

The OHSAA Rebounder's Report

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Hard to believe another regular season has passed. The break in the weather and the small hint of spring simply tells any basketball coach it is 'tournament time'. Many questions have arisen in recent weeks surrounding "AAU" basketball as well as other 'off-season' rules and regulations. I continue to emphasize my updated "Q and A's" available at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2011/2010-11BasketballQAs.pdf> When a 'new' question comes up, I

will be certain to update the Q and A's. If there is something that you are not certain of as a coach, don't hesitate to email your question. Best of luck on the tournament trail.

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6 District Athletic Boards but 4 Regions...How Does THAT Work?

Yes...it can get complicated. How do you get 4 Regional Qualifiers out of SIX different Athletic Districts? To answer, consider this first:

- Each Athletic District has a certain number of teams in its boundaries
- The number of teams that qualify to a Regional is in proportion to the number of TOTAL teams in that division.

For example:

- The Northwest has 20 Division I Boys' Teams while the NE has 75 Division I Boys' Teams. Since there are 192 TOTAL Division I teams in Ohio, the NE gets the number of Regional qualifiers in proportion to the number of teams it has to the total. Year ago, a formula was developed that looks like this:

Total Teams in Division / total team in Regional (16) = ratio.

So, using the above example, $192/16 = 12.00$ (the ratio)

Now, it is broken down by District in the following way:

Total teams in the District (per division) / the ratio.

So...using the NE as an example in Division 1:

$$75/12.00 = 6.25 \text{ (rounded to '6')}$$

Voila...the NE gets 6 qualifiers to the Regional Tournament!

Compare that to the Northwest that has 20 teams. That 20 divided by the ratio of '12' = 1.67 (rounded to 2). The NW therefore, receives 2 qualifiers to the Regional tournament.

Do the math...for every 1 Regional Qualifier, that means one District tournament. For every District tournament, that means two Sectional Tournaments. The NW has only 2 District tournaments while the NE must have 6.

Since only 4 teams make up a Regional Tournament, this is where it gets complicated. It is relatively 'easy' to set up a Regional tournament for FOUR of the NE District qualifiers. But what about the other 2? OHSAA rules require the other 2 to combine with another district (easiest to combine with the NW's 2 Qualifiers) to make up another Regional.

As you can see, the number is a ratio between the number of schools in that district in that division to the TOTAL number in the state in that division.

So how many Regional Qualifiers does each Athletic District get?

	Div. I	Div. II	Div. III	Div. IV
Central	3	2	2	1
East	0*	2	1	1
Northeast	6	5	4	3
Northwest	2	3	3	6
Southeast	0*	1	3	2
Southwest	5	3	3	3

-Note all add up to 16 (aka the "Sweet 16").

* When the ratio figures to "zero", the schools are combined with schools in another district at the sectional/district level. In those marked with an (*) in 2010, the teams from the East and Southeast are combined with teams in the Central District at the Sectional/District level.

And yes...it works this way in all Team Sports in Ohio that have sectional and district qualifiers to a Regional.

ALL Districts Set Up Tournaments Following OHSAA Tournament Regulations

Despite the difference among districts on "Site and Assignment" information, the OHSAA's Board of Directors approves regulations that ALL districts must follow. The entire Board approved regulations can be viewed at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/bkrglts.pdf>

Who Determines "Who plays Who" at the Regional Tournament?

A: Most do not realize that an actual "draw" is held at the OHSAA Board meeting to pull pills to decide match-ups at the Regional level. This draw is actually conducted by the Ohio HS Basketball Coaches' Association and was done at the October, 2010 meeting where pills representing district sites in Ohio were pulled to decide pairings.

Who Determines Which Regionals Match Up at the State Tournament?

A: Ditto from above. The drawing for state tournament pairings was also conducted by the OHSBCA at the October Board of Directors' meeting.

Why does one District run a "Super-Sectional" and the other not?

A: Each District Athletic Board has the authority to determine how tournaments are arranged at the Sectional/District level. It may be more conducive in one area of the state to do this than another...and "DAB's" are given that freedom.

Has any thought ever been given to playing on Home courts?

A: There has and discussion continues. Currently, regulations have prohibited playing on home courts in basketball tournaments.

How Many Players Can Dress for a Tournament Game?

A: Any 15 from the school's Official Eligibility List are permitted in uniform.

How Is It Possible For 2 "Top 10" Teams to Match Up in The SECTIONAL?

A: Yes, it does happen. With '50' ESPN stations to choose from, fans are brought up visualizing the NCAA model. The NCAA does not care that an East Coast team is assigned to a West Coast Regional in mid-week. All in the name of a 'best of the best' tournament. The OHSAA tournament, for its entire life, has been set up as a geographic based tournament. Many long-time fans may remember the "County Tournament" that led to the District, and culminated in the State Tournament; all set up geographically. Not always popular, but the existence of District Athletic Boards (DAB's) are to organize tournaments on a geographic basis and develop seed procedures within the geographic boundaries.

"Dead Periods" Important

A reminder to all coaches that the "No Contact Period" as it is officially known, begins the day your team's season ends and continues for 28 days. What you 'can and cannot' do is addressed in Sports Regulation #8 at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqtlts/GenSportsReg10-11.pdf> A point of clarification is that coming to the OHSAA Tournament or the NCAA Women's Tournament as a GROUP with packages marketed is permitted and NOT a violation of the "No Contact Period".

By the Numbers

21
14

The number of GIRLS' coaches ejected through 2/18/2011

Number of sub-varsity girls' coaches ejected through 2/18/2011

20
15

The number of BOYS' coaches ejected through 1/14/11

Number of sub-varsity boys' coaches ejected through 1/14/11