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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? It works like this:

-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 21 Division I Boys' Teams while the NE has 70 Division I Boys' Teams. Since there are 184 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. 70 out of 184 = a proportion of 6.0.

Therefore since there are 16 total qualifiers that make up a Regional (a.k.a. the "Sweet 16"), the NE gets 6 qualifiers to the Regional tournament.

Compare that to the Northwest that has 21 teams. That 21 to the 184 total gives a ration of 1.8 (rounded to 2.0). 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
Central: 4	Central 2	Central: 2
East: 0*	East: 2	East: 2
Southeast: 0*	Southeast: 1	Southeast: 0*
Northeast: 6	Northeast: 6	Northeast: 5
Northwest: 2	Northwest: 2	Northwest: 3
Southwest: 4	Southwest: 3	Southwest: 4

\*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.

Tournament time is on the horizon and many items need their preparation now. Much of this "OSW" is devoted to the tournament process.

**Soccer Seed Meeting Date: Sunday, October 10 @ 2:00 p.m.**



## IT ALL BEGINS AT THE SECTIONAL/DISTRICT LEVEL

Each District Athletic Board (DAB) is empowered by the Constitution to "organize and conduct" tournaments at the Sectional and District level. Though there is a bit of latitude in how tournaments set-up from District to District, all must be under the Tournament Regulations that have been adopted by the Board of Directors. The consistency begins with the mandatory seed meeting date for ALL Districts.

As you can see from this, each of the 6 "DAB's" determines "who goes where" in the Sectional tournament. "Who plays Who" is determined by the Seeding procedures that are consistent across the state of Ohio. District Athletic Boards post "Sites and Assignments" on their respective websites.

Northwest: [www.nwdab.org](http://www.nwdab.org) Northeast: [www.nedab.org](http://www.nedab.org) East: [www.eastohsaa.org](http://www.eastohsaa.org)  
Southwest: [www.swdab.org](http://www.swdab.org) Central: [www.cdab.org](http://www.cdab.org) Southeast: [www.sedab.org](http://www.sedab.org)

## 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. A few common "Q and A's" regarding tournament play:

### 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.

### Why does one District play on HOME FIELDS at various levels and another not?

**A:** There is no regulation at the Sectional/District level that says you cannot play on your own field

### Is there a Regulation on Artificial or Natural surfaces?

**A:** There is not. Decisions are made on a number of factors; geographic location, field condition, strength of management are among them with no 1 factor overriding another. How many can dress for tournament?

**A:** Any 22 from the school's Official Eligibility List are permitted in uniform.

### Why are there 2 divisions in Girls and 3 in Boys?

**A:** Divisions are added for every 250 teams in the state. The number is based upon those that participated in LAST year's tournament. 496 teams competed in last year's tournament. OHSAA rules require a sport to maintain the next increment level for TWO consecutive years before another division is formally adopted.

Tournament Regulations Available at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/so/sorglts.pdf>

## By the Numbers

# 21,028

Record attendance at last season (2009) state boys' and girls' tournament at Crew Stadium.

# 18,185

Previous attendance record at state boys' and girls' soccer tournaments (2008 at Crew Stadium).

# \$35,060.40

Dollars PAID BACK to schools for participating in last year's OHSAA REGIONAL soccer tournaments.

# 0

The number of other states that provide dollars BACK to schools for participating in their tournaments. (Most CHARGE a fee).

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