

# “TWIB” . . . This Week in Baseball

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With most teams in Ohio having played a mere 11-14 games, hard to believe that tournament seed meetings are here. Though one of the requirements is to DISCUSS your record at the seed meeting, with so few games having been played...do your homework. Study up on the other teams in your Sectional/District. Several years ago, ‘universal’ seeding methods were implemented across all Districts. ALL teams are seeded, so your vote for teams is not only critical, it is one that you should take seriously. Knowing the teams in your tournament go along way to insuring the ethics of the entire tournament.



## 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. Years 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

Prom? Scholarship Banquet? Each District Athletic Board has different policies related to 'changing' games for events such as those listed. Regardless...go into you draw KNOWING when those events in your school are. Chances are, once you draw, you are locked into that date!

Can I vote for myself as a number 1 seed for the tournament? The answer is most certainly "Yes", but take a moment and download the actual Seed Procedures that are part of the tournament regulations. I URGE all coaches to print AND read the adopted Tournament Regulations (that include all Seed Procedures) that are found at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bb/boys/bbrgts.pdf> Any item 'highlighted' in the regulations reflects a *change* from last year's regulations.

*Jerry Snodgrass, Ass't. Commissioner*

## 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.*

### Who Decides what Days Sectional/District Games are Played?

*A: Each District Athletic Board is given the authority to decide play schedules.*

### 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*

### May a Sectional or District Site Schedule NIGHT games?

*A: Yes. There are no restrictions on whether a game is played during daylight OR under the lights.*