

2009-2010 WPIAL BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

March 31, 2009

Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2

First Practice Date ~ November 20, 2009

First Scrimmage Date ~ November 28, 2009

Maximum Contests ~ 22 Teams

First Play Date ~ December 11, 2009

A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach. WPIAL boys & girls basketball section competition will begin **December 17 - 18, 2009**, and must be completed according to the schedule. Please check your section carefully and contact the League Office at 412-921-7181 or 800-297-9553 of any errors.

Coaches are advised that the PIAA By-Laws Article XIV, Section 3 requires that the head coach attend a minimum of one PIAA mandatory rules interpretation meeting prior to each season. Mandatory rules meeting dates, times and sites are available on the PIAA web site.

Please note:

Section play must be completed by **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010.** All teams (qualifying playoff teams or non-qualifying teams) that complete their section schedule by the prescribed date may play exhibition games provided they do not exceed their limit of 22 competitions. No play-off qualifying team may play a game after Monday, February 15, 2010. Teams that qualify for the WPIAL playoffs may scrimmage any other team that has qualified for post-season play beginning on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. The Spalding TF-1000 ZK PRO is the official basketball of the WPIAL and will be used in all playoff games.

The top four (4) teams in each section will enter the WPIAL Basketball Tournament scheduled to begin on February 19, 2010. All playoff entries will be determined by section record only and will be determined by the best section won – loss record. Teams that tie for first place will not have the tie broken and **ALL** tied teams will be declared section champions, will receive a section winner's plaque, and will be entered into the WPIAL tournament. If four or more teams tie for first place, only those teams will qualify for post-season play.

In the event of a multiple tie (two or more teams) for a playoff position, head-to-head competition will be the first determinant. If head-to-head does not break the tie, the following tie-breaking system will be used. If three or more teams are tied for third place and the tie breaking system identifies one team as the third place team, the remaining teams will then be tied for fourth place and the process begins all over with head-to-head competition being the first determinant for establishing the fourth place team. If a tie cannot be broken, all tied teams will enter the playoffs.

TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

- a) Section won-loss records of the tied teams will be compiled.
- b) The team(s) with the best numerical head-to-head section record among the tied teams will enter post-season play.
- c) If the tie cannot be broken, all tied teams will enter post-season play.

EXAMPLES

- a) Team A is clearly first, Team B is clearly second, and Team C is clearly third. Teams D, E, and F have identical section won-loss records and are tied for fourth. In this situation, Team D is 3-1 against E and F. Team E is 2-2, and Team F is 1-3. Team D is entered as the fourth place team.
- b) Team A is first, Team B is second. Teams C, D, and E are tied for third place with identical section records. Team C is 3-1, Team D is 2-2, and Team E is 1-3. Team C is now third and Teams D and E are tied for fourth. To break this tie we go back to head-to-head. If these two teams split, they both go into the playoffs as the fourth place team.
- c) Keep in mind that **ONLY** the top four teams qualify for the playoffs, unless ties for a playoff spot cannot be broken. If Team A finishes first, and Teams B, C, and D tie for second, Teams A, B, C, and D are the only qualifiers and the second place tie does not need to be broken.

Find below the number of WPIAL teams that will qualify for the PIAA tournament:

BOYS		GIRLS	
AAAA	5 TEAMS	AAAA	5 TEAMS
AAA	6 TEAMS	AAA	6 TEAMS
AA	8 TEAMS	AA	8 TEAMS
A	5 TEAMS	A	5 TEAMS

PIAA bracket placement will be determined on a "Follow the winner" basis.

The home team is obliged to phone all scores to the [Don Rebel @ nauticom.net](mailto:Don_Rebel@nauticom.net) (412/539-0360), [Pittsburgh Post Gazette](http://PittsburghPostGazette.com) (412-263-1621 ~ 1-877-672-6224), the [Tribune Review - PGH](http://TribuneReview.com) (1-888-748-8742) OR GRBSB (1-800-690-8047). Other appropriate local papers should be notified as well.

Athletic Directors are responsible for reporting final team standings prior to the Basketball Committee meeting on February 15, 2010.