

2021 - 2022 WPIAL BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

March 23, 2021 – Subject to Change after Committee & Board Review

First Practice Date ~ November 19, 2021
First Scrimmage Date ~ November 26, 2021
First Play Date ~ December 10, 2021

Maximum Contests ~ 22 Teams
Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2

A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach. WPIAL boys & girls basketball section competition will begin **December 16-17, 2021 (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOYS 6A Section 1, they will start on December 13-14)** and must be completed according to the schedule. Please check your section carefully and contact the League Office at 412-921-7181 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:

All regular season section games that are postponed must be made up on the NEXT non-section play date. Section play must be completed by SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022. 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 14, 2022. Teams that qualify for the WPIAL playoffs may scrimmage any other team that has qualified for post-season play beginning on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. The Spalding TF-1000 Legacy (Boys- #74-7168; Girls - #74-7358) is the official basketball of the PIAA/WPIAL and will be used in all playoff games.

The top four (4) teams in sections of 7 teams or less and the top five (5) teams in sections of 8 teams will enter the WPIAL Basketball Tournament scheduled to begin as early as February 17, 2022. 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 in 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.

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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.
- d) The number of WPIAL teams that will qualify for the PIAA tournament will be determined after the PIAA tournament brackets are approved.

The number of WPIAL teams that will qualify for the PIAA tournament are yet **TBD**:

BOYS		GIRLS	
AAAAAA	TEAMS	AAAAAA	TEAMS
AAAAA	TEAMS	AAAAA	TEAMS
AAAA	TEAMS	AAAA	TEAMS
AAA	TEAMS	AAA	TEAMS
AA	TEAMS	AA	TEAMS
A	TEAMS	A	TEAMS

PIAA Bracket placement will be determined by a "follow the winner" format.

REPORTING SCORES:

The home team is obliged to phone all scores to:

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (412-263-1621 ~ 1-877-672-6224) highschool@post-gazette.com

Washington Observer Reporter (1-800-222-6397) orsports@observer-reporter.com

Tribune Review – PGH (1-888-748-8742) ptrsports@tribweb.com

Beaver County Times – mbires@timesonline.com

Other appropriate local papers should be notified as well.