TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

   Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

   a. Boys Tournament Assignments – Two Divisions
      Smallest 32 enrollments will be Division 2. Remaining teams are Division 1. Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals in each division.
   
   b. Girls Tournament Assignments
      Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals.
   
      Note: The time schedule and game assignments can be found on the WIAA Hockey website. Details regarding the seeding process can be found on the WIAA website.

   c. All regional games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, or Friday, February 21.
   
   d. Sectional semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 25.
   
   e. Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 28 or Saturday, February 29.
   
   f. Each sectional will be seeded by the coaches in that sectional.
      (1) The highest seeded teams will host through the Sectional semifinals (whether highest seeded team is playing or not). Highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest. Highest seeded team may select an alternate site, or may relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team. Highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
      (2) Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
      (3) Sectional final games will be held at sites predetermined by the WIAA.

   g. State
      (1) The State Tournament involving four Division 1 sectional winners and four Division 2 sectional winners (boys) will be played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 5-7, and four sectional winners (girls) on March 6-7 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.
      (2) The schedule of games is semifinals on Thursday (boys and girls), semifinals on Friday (boys), and finals on Saturday.
      (3) Seeding the State Tournament
         The four Division 1 and four Division 2 State Tournament qualifying boys teams and the four State Tournament qualifying girls teams will be placed in rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call on Sunday morning prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams in the State Tournament brackets. The procedures used for regional seed meetings will be used and WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.
      Note: A two-year experiment beginning in 2020 will provide two divisions in boys hockey. The tournament format will feature four teams in Division 1 and four teams in Division 2 with the smallest 32 programs by enrollment assigned to Division 2.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

   All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 23 and 24) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

   Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

   EXCEPTIONS

   a. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 22 in uniforms. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 22 players in full uniform for each tournament game, with a maximum of two (2) high school student managers.
   
      Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.
      (1) A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.
      (2) A school is expected to provide the manager at each tournament level, by a date designated by the manager, with a list of its participants for purposes of publicity, programs, etc.
      (3) A school may have no more than four nonplayer personnel on the bench, plus one additional medical personnel for a total of five nonplayer personnel on the bench.
   
   c. No. 15 a. of NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS does not apply.

   ADDITIONS

   a. A school must play a minimum of four games during the regular season, and a school may not compete in the tournament program if it has played more than twenty-four games during the regular season.
   
   b. Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over
two or more games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved.

This rule does not apply to game disqualifications received during the tournament series.

c. The following procedure shall be used in games tied after regulation play:

1. Teams remain in the bench areas.
2. A three-minute rest period.
3. Teams switch ends prior to the start of each overtime period.
4. An eight-minute sudden victory overtime period will be played.
5. If necessary, make ice with a 15-minute rest period.
6. If necessary, a 17-minute sudden victory overtime period will be played.
7. If a tie remains, repeat procedures as indicated in 1-6 above.

d. Home Team

(1) For the entire tournament series (regional, sectional and State games) the highest seeded team will be the home team, will wear white uniforms and have the last line change.

e. No. 15 d. of STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS does not apply.

f. All regular season tournament alternate tie-breaking procedures (not including a sudden-victory during an eight-minute NFHS overtime period) used are to be listed as a tie on a team's season record.

g. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 56 of the Senior High Handbook.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

a. At the Seeding Meeting

(1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
(2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
(3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
(4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played after form was submitted.
(5) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
(6) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds:
   (a) Coaches comments.
   (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
   (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
   (d) Conference standings.
   (e) Relative strength of schedule.
   (f) Overall win-loss record.
   (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
(7) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
(8) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
(9) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.

b. Breaking Ties

If a tie results during seeding, move to the tie-breaking procedure below:

(1) The coaches involved in the tie shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position.
(2) All coaches not involved in the tie will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. The Seeding Meeting host will ask coaches to vote for the team that should receive the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
(3) After all ballots are turned in the Seeding Meeting host will record the ballots in a visible manner.
(4) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
(5) If the vote results in a tie, repeat this procedure.
(6) If after two attempts, the tied vote remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.

c. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

(1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
(2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
(3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
(4) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
(5) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.

Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.

If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.

If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.

A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.

All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

If a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
a. Scheduling of Competition
   (1) Games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 18, Thursday, February 20, or Friday, February 21.
   (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
   (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
   (c) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

   (2) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.

   (3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.

b. Officials
   (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials. If the date of the regional game is changed and the contracted officials are not available due to the change, it is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials. WIAA will reimburse for the three officials working the game.

   (2) Goal judges are not to be used.

   (3) Officials will be paid:
   (a) Officiating Fee - $70 per game; Linesman $60 per game.
   (b) Expenses - 50¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
   (c) Officials shall travel together when practical. The WIAA will assign drivers.

c. Awards
   None.

d. Finances
   (1) Host School Allowance
   (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
   (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
   1) Fees and expenses of officials.
   2) 20% of total receipts or $240 whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is $70 per game.

   3) The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed $400.

   (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
   1) 25% to host school.
   2) 75% to WIAA.

   (2) Participating School Allowance
   None.

   (3) Ticket Prices
   One game session ........................................ Child/Student/Adult $5
   Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for $1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.

   (4) Admission Policies
   (a) There is no formula for host schools to follow relative to distribution of adequate tickets to participating schools but host schools are encouraged to adopt procedures if they feel allocations are necessary because of unusual interest in their areas.

   (b) Each school in a tournament game shall be allowed free admissions for (a) twenty-two members of its team in uniform; (b) two high school student managers, (c) a total of four coaches, and others and (d) no more than six cheerleaders. These additional provisions apply:
   1) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given date may be admitted without charge.
   2) Cheerleaders will be given free admissions only on those occasions in which their team is playing.

   (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

   (d) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament
manager and a person designated as his/her assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.

(e) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.

(f) Free admissions permissible under Nos. (b) 1) and 2) above are not transferable.

(g) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band except a host school may give free admissions for its own pep band and entertainment if it does not involve seats necessary for paying spectators.

(5) Miscellaneous
Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

(1) Semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 25.
   (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
   (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
   (c) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.
   (d) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

(2) Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 28 or Saturday, February 29 at sites predetermined by the WIAA.

(3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.

(4) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.

b. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials. If the date of the sectional game is changed and the contracted officials are not available due to the change, it is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials. WIAA will reimburse for the three officials working the game.

(2) Goal judges shall be used for all sectional final games. Sectional final host schools will select and issue contracts to two WIAA licensed hockey officials to serve as goal judges. (Sectional Finals Only).

(3) Officials will be paid:
   (a) Officiating Fee - $80 per game; Linesman $65 per game.
   (b) Expenses - 50¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
   (c) Officials shall travel together when practical. The WIAA will assign drivers.
   (d) Goal Judges - $30 per game.

c. Awards

(1) Plaques to championship teams and runner up teams (boys and girls).

(2) Medals to members (22) of championship and runner-up teams.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance
   (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
   (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
      1) Fees and expenses of officials.
      2) 20% of total receipts or $240 whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is $70 per game.
      3) The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed $400.
      4) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
         a) 25% to host school.
         b) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowance
   There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices
   One game session .................................................. Child/Student/Adult $6
   Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for $1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.

(4) Admission Policies
   (a) There is no formula for host schools to follow relative to distribution of adequate tickets to participating schools but host schools are encouraged to adopt procedures if they feel allocations are necessary because of unusual interest in their areas.
   (b) Each school in a tournament game shall be allowed free admissions for (a) twenty-two members of its team
in uniform; (b) two high school student managers, (c) a total of four coaches, and others and (d) no more than six cheerleaders. These additional provisions apply:

(1) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given date may be admitted without charge.

(2) Cheerleaders will be given free admissions only on those occasions in which their team is playing.

(c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

(d) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as his assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.

(e) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.

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(g) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band except a host school may give free admissions for its own pep band and entertainment if it does not involve seats necessary for paying spectators.

5. Miscellaneous

Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

(1) This is the schedule of games for the State Tournament (tentative):

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b. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating Fee - $120; Video Replay Official - $30 per game

(b) Expenses - $0.4 per mile (round trip) for travel.

(c) Necessary meals and lodging.

(d) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Awards

(1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.

(2) Medals to members of championship and runner-up teams.

d. Finances

(1) Participating School Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

(a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of $2.25 per mile.

(b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.

(c) Meals at the day rate of $7 for breakfast, $7 for lunch, and $9 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.

Note: The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance on any day of competition will be $7.
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(d) Lodging at the rate of $20 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging.

(2) Ticket Prices

   Single Admission ................................................................. $10

(a) There will be no allocation formula for participating schools. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the WIAA office or will be available at the door on the days of the tournament.
(b) There will be no reserved seats at any sessions of the State Tournament.
(c) Children under the age of six (6) years may be admitted for $1.00. The child will not receive a ticket.
(d) Students 13 years old and younger will be admitted for $5.

(3) Admission Policies

   Free admissions will be provided only for:

(a) A party of 29, including a maximum of 22 players, four coaches, managers (maximum of two high school student managers) and one medical personnel.
(b) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders.
(c) Members of bands must purchase tickets out of the regular allotment of the school.
(d) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

(4) Miscellaneous

   (a) Practice Session

   Schools participating in the State Tournament may practice at the Alliant Energy Center on Wednesday prior to the tournament.

   e. Use of Video Replay at the State Boys’ and Girls’ Hockey Tournaments

   (1) Procedure

   (a) A Video Replay Official will be located in a secluded area.
   (b) Any review of a goal scored will take place prior to the next start of play.
   (c) The review of a potential goal will take place at the next stoppage of play. A shot on net – ruled by an on-ice official during play as a non-goal – that is reviewed at the next stoppage of play and is subsequently determined to be a goal will have the following effect on the game:
      1) All penalties called between the time that the shot was taken on net and the next stoppage of play will be served. If a goal was scored at the other end of the ice between the time that the shot was taken on net and the next stoppage of play, it will be disallowed. Time will be put back on the scoreboard to reflect the exact time the goal was scored.
   (d) When a play is to be reviewed, the public address announcer will say: “A play is under video review.”
   (e) During the period of video review, all replays of the goal or potential goal will not be shown in the building. A maximum of two minutes will be allowed for the video review.
   (f) When the Video Replay Official makes a decision, an on-ice official will indicate the decision by pointing to the center-ice face-off spot (if a goal) or giving the wash-out signal (if no goal).

   (2) General Information

   (a) Both the on-ice officials and the Video Replay Official will have the prerogative to decide to review goals or potential goals. Coaches may discuss goal and/or time situations with the on-ice officials.
   (b) One of the following criteria must be met for video replay to be used:
      1) A puck crossing the goal line;
      2) A puck in the net before the goal frame is dislodged;
      3) A puck in the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period;
      4) A puck directed into the net by hand, skate or other illegal means;
      5) A puck deflected into the net by an official;
      6) A puck hit into the net by a high stick;
      7) To determine if a goal was scored by the attacking team as the direct result of a hand pass or high stick initiated or completed within the privileged area, or played by any other illegal means;
      8) To determine if an attacking player in the goal crease physically or visually prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal when the puck entered the goal cage;
      9) To establish the correct time on the clock;
      10) to determine if a goal was scored as a direct result of the puck deflecting off the protective netting above the glass, by the first team to gain possession of the deflected puck.
   (c) The Video Replay Official must determine that the video reviewed is conclusive. In the event that video cannot be used for review purposes, or if the Video Replay Official decides that the available video is inconclusive, the on-ice officials will make the final determination.

7. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)