

Policy XX – Basketball Playdowns

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1. Eligibility

- a) Students must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the HCAA Bylaws.
- b) “Senior” basketball teams consist of eligible players enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.
“Junior” basketball teams consist of eligible players enrolled in grade 6, 7, 8, or 9.
- c) A grade 9 student may be a member of both a junior and a senior team.
- d) A grade 8 student may become eligible to play on the senior team if the need, request, and approval from the SHSAA have followed proper channels.

2. Senior Basketball

- a) The rules for senior play shall be governed by the rules as set out in the current SHSAA Handbook (FIBA rules with the SHSAA’s exceptions as noted).
- b) There will be no HCAA (District) playdowns in senior basketball as all teams may choose to enter into the SHSAA playoffs through SHSAA Conference play.

3. Junior Basketball

- a) The rules for junior play shall follow that of senior play, with the following exceptions:
 - all HCAA junior playdown games shall consist of four **eight-minute** quarters
 - an unlimited number of players may dress and play (append extra players in the lineup to the scoresheet)
- b) Teams shall have **TEN SECONDS** to advance the ball over center, a **THIRTY SECOND** shot clock (where a shot clock is available), and there will be **NO 14-SECOND RESET** in the front court. These are all in exception to current FIBA and SHSAA rules.
- c) Junior boys and girls games will utilize the **size six** ball.

4. Junior Pre-Districts

- a) For junior basketball playdowns (boys and girls), four Pre-District playoffs will be held.
- b) Each school may qualify/enter only one team into each of the junior boys and junior girls Pre-District basketball playdowns.
- c) The boundaries for each of the Pre-Districts will be drawn by the HCAA appointee **after all teams have declared their intent to participate** in Pre-Districts. The boundaries will be drawn with consideration to geography. The number of teams in each section will differ by no more than one.
- d) Host sites for Pre-Districts will be bid on **AFTER** the boundaries have been established for each Pre-District.

- e) Each Pre-District will be scheduled on a week night, with the first game scheduled for right after school.
- f) Each Pre-District event will be a seeded single-knockout bracket draw.
- g) Seeding of each Pre-District will be done by the HCAA's appointee. Each Pre-District shall include a maximum of four (4) teams. If more than four teams are in the section, a preliminary elimination will be held to determine the final four teams. When there are five teams in a Pre-District boundary, the teams seeded fourth and fifth will play off in a preliminary elimination game with the winner advancing to the Pre-District playoff as the number 4 seed. When there are six teams in a Pre-District boundary, the teams seeded first and second will receive byes, while the third seed will host the sixth seed and the fourth seed will host the fifth seed in preliminary elimination games. (EXCEPTION: the host team shall not be included in any such eliminations).
- h) **A 45 minute break shall be scheduled before the final is played** (as one of the finalists will be playing consecutive games). The coach of the team playing consecutive games is entitled to the full 45 minutes, but shall be free to shorten this break.
- i) The **top two** teams from each of the four Pre-Districts will advance to the District Championship.
- j) **Payment of officials:**
 1. Pre-District hosts may choose to cover the costs of the officials themselves and forego the requirement of charging and running a gate (see next point). Most schools will run food services to offset officiating costs.
 2. The HCAA will provide a grant of up to \$30 per match to assist with payment of officials, **provided the host charges a gate of \$2 per adult** (100% of the proceeds forwarded to the HCAA). Grants will not be paid to assist for games where official(s) were school staff members officiating during class time.
- k) Booking of all officials for Pre-Districts must be done in consultation with the HCAA referee-in-chief for basketball.

5. Junior Districts

- a) The team winning the Pre-District indicated in the rotation chart below will earn the right to host the HCAA District Championship (Pre-District boundaries typically result in the geographical descriptions represented in the chart):

	Jr. Boys	Jr. Girls
2013-2014	South East	North West
2014-2015	South West	North East
2015-2016	North West	South East
2016-2017	North East	South West

- b) The HCAA will be responsible for the payment of officials (unless the host does not collect a gate, in which case the host will be responsible for the payment of officials). Admission prices shall be those as set out in HCAA policy.

- c) The HCAA District Championship will be played on a Saturday and will involve 8 teams (two advancing from each of the four Pre-Districts) in a seeded **single-knockout** bracket draw. The draw will be developed by the HCAA appointee.
- d) **A one hour break shall be scheduled before the final is played** (as one of the finalists will be playing consecutive games). The coach of the team playing consecutive games is entitled to the full hour, but shall be free to shorten this break.
- e) Officials for the District Championships will be assigned by the HCAA referee-in-chief for basketball in consultation with the host.

5. Awards

A District Champion pennant will be awarded to each District Champion (junior boys and junior girls).

6. Expenses

Transportation, supervision and accommodation arrangements/bookings/costs for Pre-Districts, Districts, Conferences, Regionals, and/or Provincials are the responsibility of the individual school and its coach. Refer to your Board's policies to determine which costs can be recovered through Board-sponsored funding.