

Rough draft

2003-2004 Emergency Post Conference Format Changes Softball & Baseball

POST CONFERENCE COMPETITION

SEEDING *-edit with recommendations for "geographic seeding"*

FORMAT

REGIONALS –

ROUND 1 –

- a. Single elimination
- b. Single games
- c. Contested at site of higher seed
- d. *(game date & time?)*

Regional Round 1 (May 15th)

- 16 teams north and 16 teams south will be selected using the current seeding criteria as a guide
- The top 8 seeds will host first round games
- The remaining 8 seeds will be matched with one of the 8 top seeds based upon geographic proximity to opponent
- Winners will progress to Round 2

ROUND 2 –

- a. Two 4 team sites
- b. *Contested at site of highest remaining seed in each bracket*
- c. Single elimination
- d. Games Friday & Saturday
- e. *Game times:
(home team plays later Friday game)*

Regional Round 2 (May 22nd/23rd)

- Two, four team regional tournaments will be organized in the north and south
- The two top seeded winners from Round 1 games in each region will host
- A single elimination format will be implemented
- Game times and batting practice times will be scheduled to reduce the possibility of overnight stays by visiting teams

Round 2 continued

- The winners of each of the two tournaments will progress to the state championships

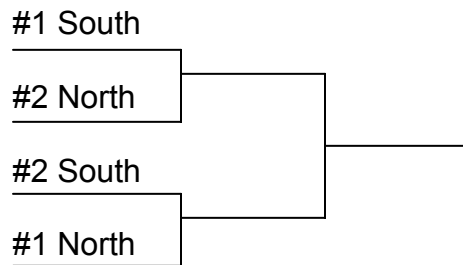
STATE –

- a. Top 2 teams each north & south.
- b. Single elimination, single games
- c. Games Friday & Saturday

Game times:

BRACKETS

(Same for softball & baseball)



Plan 2 – Geographic seeding proposal – rough draft

Rationale: a tenant to the emergency legislation is to structure the competition with attention to geography & contest times, in an effort to minimize travel and overnights. At the same time, with good reason, the integrity of the seeding process to create appropriate competitive venues is to be maintained.

The general statement is to maintain the bracket position of the 1st half of the seeds (i.e., 1-8 in a 16 team field; 1-6 in a 12 team field, etc.) and to adjust the remaining seed positions as necessary with the following guidelines:

1. Conference champions are not guaranteed a first round home contest.
2. Teams may, in fact, compete against teams within their conference during the first round of playoffs.
3. Every effort should be made to give the competitive advantage, in priority, to the higher seeds.

Suggested process:

1. The appropriate seeding committee should utilize normal seeding procedures to create a ranking of all teams who qualify for the regional.
2. The first half of the field (1-8 for a 16 team bracket, 1-6 for a 12 team bracket, 1-5 for a 10 team bracket, etc.) should be placed into brackets “by the book”.
3. The second half of the field should be placed into positions ‘tentatively’ – (again without the typical guarantees of not competing within the conference, etc.)
4. Bracket positions should not be adjusted by more than 2 places either up or down.
5. Any changes should *in priority order* affect the higher seeds the least. (That is, in a 16 team field, changes in the brackets to affect the opponents of seeds 7 & 8 are more desirable than those affecting the opponents of seeds 1 & 2).
6. Once finalized for the first round of the regional, the resultant seeding order will carry over into any additional rounds of regional competition.

Notes: A neutral management council representative should be present at each seeding meeting in order to facilitate the process.

If a sport has an already approved method of seeding that results in minimizing travel and overnights in a satisfactory manner, their procedure would be utilized.