

2003-2004 Emergency Post Conference Format Changes Men's Basketball

4.1.M. Participants (Men)

All **first place conference or division finishers** shall be designated as participants. There shall be **one (1) qualifier** from each division of each conference. In addition, the remaining teams will be designated as at-large participants. There shall be **16 teams** representing the northern conferences and **16 teams** representing the southern conferences.

4.2.M. Seeding Meetings (Men)

A. No change

B. Recognizing the room for disagreement and for differences of opinion, the following will be used in all votes involving seeds **1 through 16**.

C. No change

D. Each seeding Committee shall seed its region's top **16 teams (1 through 16)** according to their strength. The top seeded team shall be number 1; **the lowest seeded team shall be number 16**. All seeding votes shall be identified by conference on a written ballot using a "1=high/**16=low**" scale. Each conference ballot shall be totaled at the meeting on a chalkboard or an overhead projector.

E. No change

F. Each seeding committee shall use the following non-ranked criteria when seeding teams:

- Overall season record
- Non-conference record
- Record vs non-league/division champions
- Wins and losses vs quality teams (**a quality team is a team who has won 18 games**)
- Wins vs teams with a .500 or better record who are not quality teams
- Losses vs teams with **less than 9 wins**
- Head to head competition
- Compare results against like opponents

Eliminate the following criteria:

- **Conference record and finish**
- **Combined won/loss record of teams defeated in pre-conference (percentage)**
- **Strength of conference as measured by entire won-loss records, conference vs conference**
- **Strength of conference as measured by the records of the automatic qualifiers, conference vs conference**

G. Each Seeding Committee shall follow the procedures listed below:

1. For the purpose of seeding, **four (4)** groups of teams will be used. Conference representatives shall nominate their conference team(s) to a group.
2. No change
3. In order to establish the top 16 seeds, The following group order shall be used:
 - First: At-large teams
 - Second: Seeds 1-4
 - Third: Seeds 5-8
 - Fourth: Seeds 9-12
 - Fifth: seeds 13-16

H. No change

I. The seeding committee shall establish regional first-round games according to the following guidelines:

1. **Conference/division number 1 seeds shall not be guaranteed a home game in the first round.**
2. **Colleges from the same conference or division can be placed in the same bracket.**
3. No change
4. In order to reduce expense, travel, lodging, and to enhance competition, the Seeding Committee may adjust the first round games by moving seeding match-ups **not more than two (2) places**. If adjustments place conference colleges

together, continued adjustments may be made in the first round.

5. No change
6. For the State Tournament, regional seeds shall stay intact; i.e., if the **number 16** seed upsets the number 1 seed, **number 16** shall be no higher than the number 4 seed into the State Tournament.

4.2.M-Bracket Adjustments (Botelho formula)

Adjust for 16-team regional tournament (two brackets of eight (8) teams each)

Seeds 1 – 4 will play on Saturday and seeds 5 – 8 will play on Friday.

4.3 REGIONAL HOST AND GAME SITES

Change the following sections:

- E. MEN – Round 1 regional games shall be played on the Friday and Saturday following the completion of conference competition. (last weekend in February or first weekend in March) There will be no byes in the first round. There will be **eight (8)** games in the North and **eight (8) games** in the South.
- F. MEN – Round 2 regional games will be played on the following Wednesday. There shall be four (4) games in the North and four (4) games in the South. at the site of the higher-seeded college.
- G.MEN & WOMEN- Round 3 regional games will be played on the following **Saturday** as reflected in the bracket. There shall be **two (2)** games in the North and **two (2)** games in the South at the site of the higher-seeded college.
- H. The remaining **two (2)** colleges for both men and women shall move to the state championship tournament on the second weekend in March.

5. STATE PC FORMAT

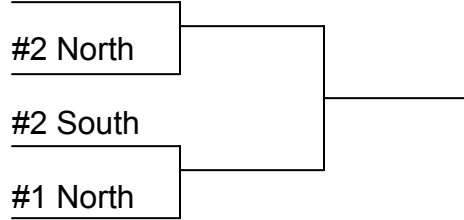
D. Format (Same for men and women)

#1 South

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E. Schedule

1. Game days for men and women shall rotate annually:

Game days 2004 (March 12 –13, 2004)

Men: Friday and Saturday

Women: Friday and Saturday

Game times for men will be 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Friday)

Game times for women will be 1:00 pm and 3 pm (Friday)

Championship games on Saturday

Men 7:30 pm

Women 5 pm

Note: The times will reverse in 2005 (Men will play first and women will play second.

F. Pre-tournament Shoot Around

1. Where possible and according to the agreed upon facility use contract, there will be a final four (4) participating team shoot around at the state championship tournament site. The shoot around will occur in 45-minute increments on **Friday morning** before the first tournament games.

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4. FORMAT FOR REGIONAL PLAY

4.1 W. PARTICIPANTS (WOMEN)

A. All first place conference/division finisher, plus the number of at-large teams needed to fill the approved regional brackets, shall be designated as participants. There shall be 16 teams representing the northern conferences and 16 teams representing the southern conferences.

B. No change

4.2 W. SEEDING MEETINGS (WOMEN)

A. No change

B. No change

C. No change

D. *change last two sentences of first paragraph to read:*

The seeding committee shall not change the conference-or division-determined placement order when selecting teams for at-large berths, i.e., a number 5 team in a conference/division may not be selected for the field of **16** before the number 1-4 teams for that conference/division. Once the fields of **16** teams has been selected, teams will be seeded 1-**16** based on the five (5) criteria established in 4.2 W.D.

Change third paragraph to read:

The Seeding committee shall then seed its region's top **16** teams (1 to **16**) according to their strength as described in 4.2. W.D.

E. Each seeding committee shall follow the procedure listed below:

1. Grouping

change:

Grouping 1

a. Group teams 1-5

b. Group teams 6-10

c. Group teams 11-**16**

(delete d. e. and f.)

Grouping II

- a. **Group teams 13-16**
- b. **Group teams 9-12**
- c. **Group teams 5-8**
- d. **Those left, group teams 1-4**

(only 16 teams, take out a. b. and c. of old)

2. Seeding

First paragraph no change

The seeding shall be in the following order:

- First : Seed teams 5 through 8
- Second: Seed teams 13 through 16
- Third: Seed teams 1 through 4
- Fourth: Seed teams 9 through 12

(only 16 teams, so take out other teams)

G. The seeding committee shall establish first-round regional games according to the following guidelines:

- 1. no change
- 2. no change
- 3. **Colleges, who are not geographically close to each other, should not play each other in the first round. The Seeding Committee may adjust the first-round games by moving seeding match-ups as explained in #2 above regarding same conference adjustments. Conference must be adjusted first, then geographic, while keeping the integrity of the seeding.**
- 4. no change

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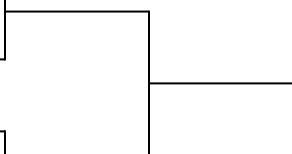
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