

GIRLS' BASKETBALL FORMAT

Effective 2018 - 2019

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2019 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, February 9, 2019
Ohio University Eastern Fitness Center
St. Clairsville, OH

FUTURE DATES:

February 8, 2020
February 6, 2021
February 6, 2022

1. **QUALIFYING:** Teams are eligible to participate in the OVAC playoffs by scheduling at least eight games against OVAC opponents or playing at least six against OVAC opponents. In the event that a team schedules fewer than eight games against OVAC opponents, a minimum of six games must be played against OVAC opponents; if eight or more are scheduled against OVAC opponents, a minimum of four must be played (taking into account weather cancellations). **All eligible Conference games scheduled and played must be done prior to the cutoff date.**

Should a school not meet the above requirements, their athletes will be ineligible for all-conference recognition, all-star selection, and consideration for sport-specific scholarships. Teams must also make themselves eligible to play in the championship should they make the Final Four.

2. **FINAL RANKINGS:** Final rankings will be based on the approved Basketball Rating System. Rankings will be done until the cutoff date (Monday, January 28, 2019). **Once the playoffs begin, the rankings will stop.** Teams not allowing for the playoff games in their schedule will only

have their won-loss record shown and will not be ranked.

3. **TIEBREAKER:** A tiebreaker will be used in breaking ties for the top four (4) positions only. The decision of the committee with regard to the final tiebreaker determination will be final. The tiebreaker will be based on the final standings at the cutoff date.

In the event of a tie for the final season standings, the following tie-breakers will be used:

- head-to-head meetings;
- best record against common opponents.
- best point average against common opponents.
- total bonus points earned
- flip of the coin. This will be done by the committee, and, if possible, with both head coaches present. First alphabetically listed school is heads; second school is tails.

Should three or more teams tie for one of the top four spots, the above tiebreakers will be used. Once a school is eliminated, then we will begin again with the first tiebreaker.

4. **SEMI-FINALS:** The top four (4) eligible teams in each class will qualify for the semi-finals. The number 1 seeded team will host the number 4 seeded team, while the number 2 seeded team will host the number 3 seeded team. These games will be played at the higher-seeded team's courts (1,2). The winner will advance to the finals on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

The semi-finals will be played on Monday, February 4, 2019.

5. **FINALS:** The winners of the semi-finals will advance to the finals with the higher-seeded team designated as the home team. The finals will be played at Ohio University Eastern, St. Clairsville, on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The following rotation will be used:

Class 3A	10:00AM
Class 4A	12:00PM+
Class 5A	2:00PM+
Class 1A:	4:00PM+
Class 2A:	6:00PM+

+The first game will start at 10:00AM, with gates opening at 9:00AM. Start times will run continuously at approximately two-hour intervals, based on the length of prior games. As soon as the game is over, awards will be handed out, the floor swept, and the next teams will start warm-ups. Game lengths may vary based on time-outs, overtimes, etc.

6. SEMI-FINALS CONSOLATION: Losers of the semi-final games will play on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Should the #1 and #2 seed win, the consolation will be played at #3 court.

Should the #1 or #2 seed lose, the consolation will be played at the lower seed court.

Should the #1 and #2 seed both lose, the consolation will be played at the #1 seed court.

7. CONSOLATION POOL: All eligible teams finishing 5th or lower will be placed in a pool by class and will be scheduled by the basketball committee for two games. Every effort will be made to schedule each team with a home and away contest, with regard to distance, regular season meetings, and potential post-season pairings.

Consolation games will be played on February 4 and February 7. **These games can be rescheduled at the discretion of the respective school's athletic department BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.**

8. CUT-OFF DATE: The cutoff date for the girls' playoffs will be Monday, January 28, 2019, and will include games played that night.

9. DO NOT SCHEDULE: It is recommended that schools DO NOT SCHEDULE regular season games on Saturday, February 9, 2019, and Saturday, February 16, 2019, so that players, coaches, and fans, can attend the championship games.

10. HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY: All consolation and semi-final games are hosted by member schools, with all proceeds and costs the responsibility of the host school. The Conference will bear no expense nor receive any monies from these contests.

NOTE: The basketball committee will reimburse schools losing in the semi-finals and subsequently not playing a home game with a stipend based on the gross receipts of the championship games.

11. AWARDS: Championship winners in each class will receive the OVAC championship trophy and be recognized at the Banquet of Champions on Monday, May 13, 2019. Individual medals will be awarded to members of the championship and runner-up teams.

12. TICKET PRICES:

Adults: \$8.00

Students: \$5.00

Starting in 2019, all tickets will be ALL-DAY admission. The gym will not be cleared after each game. Upon entering, all attending will be hand-stamped that will permit patrons to leave the facility and return. Gates will remain open throughout the day, so fans will not have to wait outside.

13. MEDIA: Only media members with credentials will be permitted on the floor. All the needed resources requested by the media will be made available.

MEDIA WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE LOCKER ROOMS AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

There will be a \$100 per game broadcast fee to radio stations wishing to broadcast games. Checks should be made payable to the OVAC.

14. NOISEMAKERS/SIGNS: No noisemakers or banners of any type will be permitted in the gym. Hand-held signs not to exceed 11x17 inches will be permitted. Any violations of these will result in that person being removed from the gym.

15. CHEERLEADERS: VARSITY cheerleaders (**no more than fifteen**) in uniform will be admitted to the game at no cost, as well as two (2) coaches. All others must pay. A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN CHEERLEADERS, INCLUDING THE MASCOT, WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR DURING THE GAME.

16. **VIDEOTAPING:** There will be an area on the running track at half court for a school videotaper. **ONE PERSON ONLY.** That person must come in with the team to be admitted.

17. **BENCH:** Each team's bench will include eighteen (18) seats. That is for the coaches, players, managers, trainers, etc. **NO SEATS MAY BE ADDED.** Every person must have a seat on the bench.

18: **BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:**

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FUTURE DATES

2019

Cutoff Date: January 28, 2019
Pairings Meeting: January 29, 2019
First Game Played: February 4, 2019
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 7, 2019
Championships: February 09, 2019
Rotation: 3, 4, 5, 1, 2

2020

Cutoff Date: January 27, 2020
Pairings Meeting: January 28, 2020
First Game Played: February 03, 2020
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 06, 2020
Championships: February 08, 2020
Rotation: 4, 5, 1, 2, 3

2021

Cutoff Date: January 25, 2021
Pairings Meeting: January 26, 2021
First Game Played: February 01, 2021
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 04, 2021
Championships: February 06, 2021
Rotation: 5, 1, 2, 3, 4

2022

Cutoff Date: January 24, 2022
Pairings Meeting: January 25, 2022
First Game Played: January 31, 2022
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 03, 2022
Championships: February 05, 2022
Rotation: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

PLEASE NOTE: STARTING IN 2014

Any game scheduled in November or December that is cancelled **MUST BE MADE UP BY THE CUTOFF DATE.** If the game is not made up, the game will be added to the denominator with no points being awarded.

Once you commit to participate in the playoffs (by marking on your schedule when you submit it to the Commissioner in June), **you are expected to play the games as assigned by the committee.** Should the game not be played, the offending school(s) will be ineligible to participate in the tournament for the following **two (2) years** and will receive an \$120 fine.

The Committee reserves the right to change this due to excessive inclement weather.