

# BOYS' BASKETBALL FORMAT

## Effective 2020 - 2021

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### 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP DATE:

Saturday, February 13, 2021  
Ohio University Eastern Fitness Center  
St. Clairsville, OH

### FUTURE DATES:

February 12, 2022  
February 11, 2023

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 (Tuesday, February 2, 2021). **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 13, 2021.

The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

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 13, 2021. The following rotation will be used:

Class 5A	10:00AM
Class 1A	12:00PM+
Class 2A	2:00PM+
Class 3A:	4:00PM+
Class 4A:	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., but no game will start before the time established.

**6. SEMI-FINALS CONSOLATION:** Losers of the semi-final games will play on Friday, February 12, 2021.

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 9 and February 12. **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 boys' playoffs will be Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 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 6, 2021, and Saturday, February 13, 2021, 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. 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 noise-makers 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**

### **2021**

Cutoff Date: February 02, 2021  
Pairings Meeting: February 03, 2021  
First Game Played: February 09, 2021  
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 12, 2021  
Championships: February 13, 2021  
Rotation: 5, 1, 2, 3, 4

### **2022**

Cutoff Date: February 1, 2022  
Pairings Meeting: February 2, 2022  
First Game Played: February 8, 2022  
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 11, 2022  
Championships: February 12, 2022  
Rotation: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

### **2023**

Cutoff Date: January 31, 2023  
Pairings Meeting: February 1, 2023  
First Game Played: February 7, 2023  
Game#2/Consolation Game: February 10, 2023  
Championships: February 11, 2023  
Rotation: 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

## **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 \$80 fine.

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