Pennsylvania Heartland Athletic Conference

Basketball League Championship Rules

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**General Policies**

1. 4 teams will qualify for the league championship tournament in both girls and boys. If two PHAC divisions, two divisional representatives from each division will qualify. If three PHAC divisions, qualifiers will include one from each division and one wildcard.
2. **While all games played through 2/14/23 (before the start of the tournament) will count toward selection procedures outlined below, if any team eligible for the championship declines the opportunity to participate, the principal of that school should notify the PHAC basketball committee in writing of the school’s decision by the Saturday before the tournament begins (2/11/23).**
3. Dates of the PHAC tournament will normally be the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the District IV deadline w/ Saturday as a make-up night. For the 2022-2023 season, the boys will compete on Wednesday, February 15, and Friday, February 17; while the girls will compete on Thursday, February 16, and Friday, February 17.
4. For qualification and seeding purposes, all games (especially PHAC divisional and crossover games) should be scheduled and played prior to the beginning date of the tournament. **Any contest not played prior to the tournament will be counted as a loss for qualification/seeding purposes only – unless the game is approved as “No Contest” by District IV.** This could alter a team’s PHAC divisional, PHAC overall (including crossovers) and/or overall season winning percentages (for tournament qualification/seeding only) in a detrimental way; therefore disqualifying a team from the tournament or adversely affecting its seed.
5. Shikellamy’s Phil Lockcuff Gymnasium will be the site for all PHAC Basketball Championship games, unless extenuating circumstances require the committee to make a change.
6. Tickets prices for the event will be $6 for adults and $3 for students.
7. Officials will be assigned by the league. Three officials are recommended for these games.
8. Each team should provide a scorekeeper. The home team (white jerseys/better seed) will be the official book unless otherwise agreed upon by both schools.
9. In doubleheader situations, teams for the first game may take the floor 35 minutes prior to game time with the clock set to 30 minutes. When the time elapses (5 minutes prior to game time), teams should go to their benches for the National Anthem and introductions. Teams competing in the second game will be given the normal 15 minutes for warm-up prior to introductions.

**Divisional Representative’s Criteria (PHAC using 3 divisions)**

1. Each PHAC division (Divisions I, II, and III) will be afforded one (1) automatic representative for the tournament.
2. The respective divisional representatives will be the teams, within each division, with the best winning % from only the team’s PHAC divisional contests (no crossovers).
3. If a tie exists, head-to-head competition will determine the representative.
4. If there is still a tie, the best winning % ***within the overall PHAC conference (including crossovers)*** will be used to determine the division’s representative.
5. If a tie still exists, the overall best winning % of **ALL** games will determine the division’s representative.
6. If necessary, a coin flip will determine the division’s representative.
7. Reminder, any regular-season game not played before the beginning of the tournament will be counted as a loss for qualification/seeding purposes unless that game is considered “No Contest” by District IV.
8. **If any team declines participation in the championship, the following criteria will be utilized to select a replacement for the school that declined participation.**
   1. **The team selected as the replacement will be the 2nd place team in the same division (using the criteria listed above).**
   2. **If the 2nd place team declines, then the next team selected as the replacement will come from any division, using the wildcard criteria.**
   3. **A maximum of two teams per division will be allowed.**

Wildcard Selection

1. Once the divisional representatives are decided, all remaining teams in the PHAC, regardless of division, will be eligible to be the one (1) wildcard representative.
2. The team with the best winning % ***within the overall PHAC conference (including crossovers)*** will be selected as the wildcard, unless two other teams from that PHAC division have already been selected as participants.
3. If a tie exists, head-to-head will determine the wildcard selection, if possible.
4. If a tie still exists, the overall best winning % of **ALL** games played will determine the wildcard selection.
5. If a tie still exists, a coin flip will determine the wildcard selection.
6. Reminder, any regular-season game not played before the beginning of the tournament will be counted as a loss for qualification/seeding purposes.

Seeding

1. Seeding to be completed by the basketball committee of the PHAC.
2. No teams in the same division will play in the semi-final round.

Media

**Television/Streaming Fee 1 game Double-header**

\*Delayed Telecast           $200 $350

Live Telecast $400 $650

*\* delayed telecast may not be aired until at least 12 hours following the completion of the game*

**Radio Fee 1 game Double-header**

 Live Broadcast                          $80.00 $100.00