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## 7.11 SELECTION AND SEEDING PROCESS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

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### 7.11.1 Selection /Seeding

NMAA Staff members are responsible for the Seeding and Selection process in all team sports.

### 7.11.2 Selection process for 16-team format for classes A thru 5A in the sport of basketball, 2A thru 5A in the sport of baseball, and A/2A thru 5A in the sport of softball.

**Selection process for 12-team format in classes A/3A thru 5A in the sport of soccer, 8-man and 2A thru 5A in the sport of football, and A thru 5A in the sport of volleyball.**

**Selection process for 12-team format, 15-place individual and 20-place doubles brackets in A/4A and 5A in the sport of tennis.**

**Selection process for 6-team format in 6-man football.**

**Selection process for 4-team format in class A baseball.**

- A. District Champions will automatically advance to the playoffs. Exception: In the sports of basketball and volleyball that have district tournaments, if the regular season district champion and district tournament champion are different, they will both automatically advance to the playoffs.
- B. The remainder of the teams will be selected by the NMAA Staff using the following criteria. There is neither order nor priority in the criteria listed below:
  - 1. Finish in regular season district play
  - 2. Head to Head
  - 3. Wins against district champions regardless of class
  - 4. Overall Record
  - 5. MaxPreps Freeman Rankings (except in tennis)
  - 6. Member School Input

**\*\*NOTE:** One district team cannot be seeded or selected higher than another if they came out of district as a lower seed, with regular season taking precedence over tournament play. In the event of a tie in the regular season district standings in the sports of basketball and volleyball, the NMAA Staff may use district tournament results or any other head to head competition to determine the selection/seeding order between the two teams that are tied.

**Example 1:** The district teams are Alamogordo, Gadsden, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate. In basketball, prior to the district tournament, the teams are seeded as follows:  
Gadsden – 1, Oñate – 2, Mayfield – 3, Las Cruces – 4, Alamogordo – 5

**Scenario:** Las Cruces enters the district basketball tournament as the 4 seed, but upsets Mayfield, Oñate, and Gadsden and wins the tournament championship. Gadsden (regular season champion) and Las Cruces (tournament champion) both automatically advance into the field of 16. However, should both Mayfield and Oñate receive At-Large berths, by rule Gadsden must be seeded above Oñate, Oñate above Mayfield, and Mayfield above Las Cruces because regular season play takes precedence over tournament play.

Example 2: The same district teams are involved in baseball, but have no district tournament. They finish the regular season as follows: Mayfield – 1, Alamogordo – 2, Las Cruces – 3, Oñate – 4, Gadsden – 5

**Scenario:** Mayfield automatically advances into the field of 16. Alamogordo, Las Cruces and Oñate receive At-Large berths. They must be seeded in that order (Mayfield, Alamogordo, Las Cruces and Oñate) due to their finish in regular season play.

### **7.11.3 Seeding Process/Criteria for all Classes in Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball.**

- A.** Teams will be seeded 1-4, 1-6, 1-12 or 1-16 depending on the sport.  
(See 7.11.2 and each individual sport for clarification.)
- B.** The higher seed will be the host site for first round games, if applicable.
- C.** There is neither order nor priority in the seeding criteria listed below:
  - 1. Finish in regular season district play
  - 2. Head to Head
  - 3. Wins against district champions regardless of class
  - 4. Overall Record
  - 5. MaxPreps Freeman Rankings (except in tennis)
  - 6. Member School Input

**\*\*NOTE:** In the event of a tie among criteria points, head to head will be used to break the tie. If there is no head to head competition, or the head to head competition is tied, then MaxPreps Freeman Rankings will be used to break the tie, except in the sport of tennis where there will be a coin flip.