

# **P.I.A.A. District IX Basketball**

**To: Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches**

**Girls (AAAAA) School:** DuBois (Will participate with District 6 and 8)

**Girls (AAAA) Schools:** Bradford, Clearfield, Punxsutawney, and St. Marys.

**Girls (AAA) Schools:** Brookville, Karns City, and Moniteau

**Girls (AA) Schools:** AC Valley, Brockway, Clarion, Cranberry, Curwensville, Kane, Keystone, Port Allegany, Redbank, and Ridgway

**Girls (A) Schools:** Austin, Cameron County, Clarion Limestone, Coudersport, DuBois Central Catholic, Elk County Catholic, Forest, Johnsonburg, North Clarion, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley, Otto-Eldred, Sheffield, Smethport, and Union

**Boys (AAAAA) School:** DuBois (Will participate with Districts 8 and 10)

**Boys (AAAA) Schools:** Bradford, Clearfield, Punxsutawney, and St. Marys

**Boys (AAA) Schools:** Brookville, Kane, and Moniteau

**Boys (AA) Schools:** Brockway, Clarion, Coudersport, Cranberry, Curwensville, Karn City, Keystone, Port Allegany, Redbank, Ridgway and Smethport

**Boys (A) Schools:** AC Valley, Austin, Cameron County, Clarion Limestone, DuBois Central Catholic, Elk County Catholic, Forest, Johnsonburg, North Clarion, Northern Potter, Oswayo Valley, Otto-Eldred, Sheffield, Union, and Venango Catholic.

**Please check your classification(s) above and make sure that it is correct.**

**From: Randy Reitz, District IX Basketball Chairman**

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**Date: Nov. 26, 2019**

**Re: 2020 District IX Basketball Championships**

**This mailing contains information and rules for the District IX Open Basketball Tournament. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the tournament is to qualify the best teams in District IX for State Playoff Competition. We are asking Administrators of their schools' athletic programs to carefully consider their records and their potential to compete in championship competition. The Tournament is open to any District IX P.I.A.A. member school and no team will be denied admittance because of won-lost records.**

**Here is some helpful information:**

**Tournament Type:**

A Girls, AA Girls, AAA Girls, AAAA Girls, A Boys, AA Boys, AAA Boys, and AAAA Boys

**Eligibility:**

Open Tournament (You may enter with any record)

**Entries:**

Your entry form must be submitted by 9 AM the morning following your last regular season contest. Therefore entry dates will not be the same for each participating school. Since we eliminated the opt-out clause, we are doing this to try to give each school the opportunity to make a decision after they have completed their regular season schedule. In class A and AA your schedule must be completed by Thursday, February 13, 2020. All A and AA entries must be sent to me by Friday morning before 9 AM.

Entries must be emailed. You will receive a confirmation email that it has been received.

The entry must contain your assigned pin number.

**OPT- OUT CLAUSE:**

None

**Entry Forms:**

They can be found in your email at the address you provided.

**Program Information:**

Must be completed and emailed on or before February 5th at 3:00 PM or **sooner**. We realize this date may be prior to your entry date but our program must be at the printers on Saturday February 8, 2020. Therefore, please consider your entry and if you think you may enter please send us the information. We would rather have an extra team in the program than to have someone left out.

**Communications:**

All communications will be between the District IX Basketball Chairman and the participating schools' Principals and/or Athletic Directors. No coaches should be involved in communications.

**Facilities:**

If your facility is available and manageable to host a district playoff game, please indicate this on the form you are returning. The use of a P.I.A.A. member schools' court will be up to the discretion of the District IX Basketball Committee.

**Practice:**

A team may NOT practice on any site where they are scheduled to play, unless it's their home court. Any exceptions to this rule will have to be approved by the Basketball Chairman. Violation of this rule would force a school to appear before the District IX Committee.

**School Personnel:**

Principals of competing schools or their designee should sit with their teams during their teams contest.

**Spectator Decorum:**

The presence and/or the use of balloons, banners, laser pointers, noisemakers, pom-poms (by spectators), shakers, signs, sirens, strips of material, towels, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. During basketball Contests cheerleaders may utilize portable signs in their cheer performances and confirm that this does not violate the intent of the "no sign" policy. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirt and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.

**Game Officials:**

Three P.I.A.A. registered officials will be assigned to each game by the District IX Official's representatives.

**Game Manager:**

The District IX Basketball Committee will select a game manager. Game manager information and financial forms will be provided.

**Pre-game meeting:**

The game manager will conduct a meeting 10 minutes prior to the start of a game. This meeting should include administrators, officials, coaches, AD's, and cheerleader advisors.

**Rules:**

All current P.I.A.A. rules will be in effect.

**Admission Fees:**

For all District IX games the ticket prices will be Adult \$6.00 and Student \$3.00. Only District IX passes will be honored. The pass numbers will be checked off as they are used.

**Pre-sale tickets:**

There will be no pre-sale tickets sold without the consent of the Basketball Chairman. Special tickets will be necessary.

**Game Ball:**

A game ball will be provided by the PIAA providing it can be at the game site. Spalding basketballs will be used. Both teams should have a game ball available if no game ball can be provided.

**Uniforms:**

The home team (the higher seeded team) will wear white jerseys; the visitors will wear dark jerseys.

**Locker rooms:**

They will be provided and assigned by the site and game manager for that particular game.

**Awards:**

Individual medals, for the district champion and runner up, will be presented at the Championship game in each class. Paperwork listing players, managers, statisticians, and coaches should be in the game manager's hands ½ hour before the start of the final game. The names should be in the order that awards are to be presented.

**Procedure for postponement:**

The basketball chairman, game manager, site manager, and administration from the participating schools will make the decision on postponement. The time of decision will be as early as possible before game and bus time.

**Radio fees:**

Radio fees for District IX Basketball contests will be \$50.00 and \$75.00 for District IX finals. All radio stations must contact the game site manager in advance or they will not be permitted to broadcast. Also, livestreaming the game will cost \$250.00.

**Entry Fees:**

Entry fees are \$100.00 per team. You will receive a bill from Mr. Tonkin, Treasurer of District IX for all your winter entries. That will enable you to write one check for all. Please wait to pay till you receive that bill.

**Seeding:**

All seeding will be done as soon as all regular season games have been played. The results will be emailed as soon as possible to the participating schools and media. No information will be provided until that time. All regular season games will count for seeding. (Note: League Championship games do not count towards seeding)

**Game Locations:**

A, AA, AAA, and AAAA All games up to the quarter finals will be played on the home court of the higher seeded team providing that the host school waives any rental charges for the use of their gym.

The quarter-finals, semi finals and finals will be played on neutral courts.

**Seeding: AAAAA**

Will compete with another District. The seeding method will be based on the number of teams involved.

**Seeding: of A, AA, AAA, and AAAA**

The teams will be seeded based on their winning % of all scheduled regular season contests (11 game minimum)

**Tie Breakers: for A, AA, AAA, and AAAA**

1. Head to head
2. Common Opponents
3. Winning % against District IX teams
4. Power rating\*
5. Coin flip

\*The power rating will be as follows:

- 5 points for a win,
- 3 points for playing a AAAAAA team
- 2.5 points for playing a AAAAA team
- 2 points for playing an AAAA team
- 1.5 points for playing an AAA team
- 1 point for playing an AA team
- .5 points for playing an A team

Rating will be determined by the total number of points divided by the number of regular season games.