To: Athletic Directors

From: Que Tucker, Deputy Commissioner

Subject: ***2012 Basketball Seeding Memorandum***

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It is hard to believe that the winter sports season is almost over and the playoffs/championships will begin in the next few weeks. In preparation for the seeding basketball playoffs this year, the NCHSAA is providing all athletic directors with the procedures being used.

On Saturday, February 18th, the NCHSAA, along with representatives of the NC Basketball Coaches Association will be in the office to seed the 2012 basketball playoffs. **Remember:** the seeding of the basketball brackets will be done for a 1-year trial basis for the 2012 season. The NCHSAA will report to the Board of Directors regarding the results and the viability of continuing the seeding process in future years.

Seeding Procedures:

1. The 2012 Men's and Women's Basketball Championship brackets will consist of 64 teams competing in each classification (1A/2A/3A/4A).
2. The 64 qualifiers will consist automatic qualifiers from each conference (half of the # of teams in each conference + 1).
3. If there are not enough automatic qualifiers to fill the 64 teams, the remaining spots will be filled by wildcards (1A - 6 wildcards, 2A - None, 3A - None, 4A - 2 wildcards).
4. All 64 qualifiers will then be divided into 4 sections of 16 teams (East, Mideast, Midwest, West) by longitude.
5. Once the 4 sections are determined, each of the 16 teams will be seeded based upon the following:
    a. Seed all #1's by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.
    b. If a school finishes first in its part of a classification in a split conference, it is seeded as a #1 and not actually where it finished overall in the conference.

c. Seed all #2's by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.

d. Seed all #3's by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.

e. Seed all #4's by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.

f. Seed all #5's by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.

g. Seed all Wildcards by overall records - ties will be broken by head-to-head record or draw.

6. Once all 16 teams in each section are sorted by conference finish and overall record, they will be given their requisite seed #1 - #16.

7. Once seeding is complete, #1 plays #16, #2 plays #15, #3 plays #14, etc., with the higher seed always hosting.

8. At the regionals, teams will not be re-seeded as in the past. The sectional finals and regional finals will be conducted the week of February 28th - March 3rd in Greensboro and Fayetteville.

In preparation for the seeding on February 18th, the NCHSAA will have Conference Presidents ask all schools for up-to-date records as of Monday, February 13th. They will be posted on the basketball page of the NCHSAA website for your perusal. The conference tournaments will still be conducted and utilized as in years past (see page 38 of the NCHSAA Handbook).