November 14, 2018

Athletic Directors and Basketball Coaches:

Season’s greetings from the VISAA Girls Basketball Committee!

We are excited to be hosting the state tournament at The Steward School again this year. Below are the dates for the 2019 VISAA Girls Basketball State Tournament. Please mark all four dates on your calendar.

First Round  Tuesday, February 26\textsuperscript{th}  at higher seed (5-12)
Quarter-Finals  Wednesday, February 27\textsuperscript{th}  at higher seed (1-4)

Semi-Finals  Friday, March 1st  at The Steward School
Division II Semifinals - 12:00pm and 1:30pm
Division III Semifinals - 3:00pm and 4:30pm
Division I Semifinals - 7:00pm and 8:30pm

Finals  Saturday, March 2nd  at The Steward School
Division II - Championship - 1pm
Division III - Championship - 3pm
Division I - Championship - 5pm

A reminder, only member schools of the VISAA are eligible to participate in the state tournament. Membership dues and all required school information must be submitted to the VISAA in order for a school to be eligible for participation. If you have any questions concerning your school eligibility, contact Dick Kemper at: rkemperjr@comcast.net

Divisions for this year’s tournament will be based on the enrollment numbers provided to the VISAA in September, 2017. These numbers determine the divisions for the two-year cycle (2018-19 and 2019-20). A school may elect to “play up” a division for the two-year cycle. A school must notify the Phil Stinnie by December 1 if they would like to “play up”.

Girls’ Divisions
- Division I – 150 and higher
- Division II – 80 –149
- Division III – 79 and under
A divisional breakdown of schools is posted on the website. Please check for accuracy.

Please be sure your **2018-2019 roster and schedule is on MaxPreps** and that it is sent to AP Prep Scores (jhart@ap.org) no later than Dec 10th. Also, make sure that all game scores to date are updated through 12/17 and by the Sunday of each subsequent week. We will use the posted information each MONDAY to produce a poll to be published each TUESDAY on www.visaa.org. The first Poll will be posted January 8, 2019 to give us a better idea after the holiday tournament and tip-off activity is settled. **Failure to keep your results updated could have a negative impact on your team’s weekly position in the State polls and its State Tournament seeding.**

The general committee reserves the right to declare a facility unsuitable to host a state tournament game. *(see host responsibilities)* If a facility is declared to be unsuitable, designated host school has the option of securing a facility approved be the committee or relinquishing home court for the tournament.

First Round games not played on Tuesday due to extraordinary circumstances must be played on Wednesday. If the Tuesday game cannot be played on Wednesday, the general committee reserves the right to advance the higher seeded team to the quarter-final round. Should a first round game be delayed and played on Wednesday, the quarter-final game involving those schools must be played on Thursday. If the quarter-final game cannot be played, the general committee reserves the right to advance the higher seeded team to the semi-final round. The postponement of a first round or quarter-final game will have no impact on other scheduled games in that respective round.

**Nominations for All State Teams will be requested by Feb. 22.** Also, it is helpful for the committee in selecting the All-State Team if you add as many stats as possible on MaxPreps.

Don’t hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee if you have questions. You can contact me at: pstinnie@stab.org.

Best of luck to you and your team this season.

Phil Stinnie, Girls Basketball Committee Chair

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