

PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION - 2016-2017

1. The cutoff date for games to count for power ranking purposes is Thursday, February 9. Only regular season games against PIAA opponents count; not league playoffs.
2. The playoffs will have 24 teams in 6A, 32 in 5A; 20 in 4A, 12 in 3A, 8 in 2A, and 20 in 1A. Teams will be bracketed in normal tournament format. One half are girls and one half are boys. **This year the home team is always the one with the highest original seed and will wear white jerseys.** The District III Committee encourages schools to take both sets of jerseys to eliminate any possible problems.
3. All games through the quarterfinals (regular and consolation) will be played on the floor of the higher seeded team.
4. There shall be no floor rental fee for games played on the home floor of a team. The Committee reserves the right to determine if a floor is not suitable for playoffs.
5. No sirens, whistles or artificial noise makers will be permitted. No bands are permitted. No banners or signs shall be displayed. This includes use by the cheerleaders. Such articles will be confiscated by the Game Manager. Students may also not have painted faces or bodies. Principals of contesting schools are asked to announce this PIAA Policy to their students and other followers prior to departure for the game.
6. There is no advance sale of tickets. At all school sites, student prices will be \$4.00 and adults \$6.00. At the Giant Center, **all tickets**, student and adult, will be \$6.00.
7. Basketballs will be distributed as follows;
 - 1A / 4A /6A – winners of Feb.20 & 21 games & with tickets for host of Feb. Feb. 23 & 24 games.
 - 2A – winners of Feb. 24 game
 - 3A /5A –winners of Feb. 20 & 21 gamesEveryone should have a ball for practice prior to playing semifinals except 2A and that ball must then be used in all future games or one like it. Each team will use their ball for ½ of the game.
8. Players, coaches, trainers, equipment managers, etc., will be admitted without tickets. Personnel to be admitted free of charge will be identified by the head coach upon arrival at the game site. Varsity basketball cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free of charge. The chaperone/coach will be admitted with the cheerleaders. Each participating school will be permitted a maximum of **6** complimentary admissions for their games. Individuals with a **white 2016-2017 District III 2016-2017 Pass or a District III Lifetime Gold Pass** should be admitted free of charge; each of those are good for 2 complimentary admissions. **League passes; officials' passes and faculty passes will not be honored.** Each school may request up to **6** complimentary admissions for their games. The comp ticket form is to be completed and faxed to the site manager for all games at school sites. Teams playing in the Giant Center will receive their tickets as winners of the prior game.
9. All media personnel with proper identification will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the game manager for any further arrangements. Each media organization will be given a copy of the team rosters provided by each team.
10. Site Directors are reminded to pick up materials. They will be available at the school of the nearest Committee Member to you after our meeting on Thursday, February 16. A listing of pick up sites will be posted on the internet and sent to schools via district_iii_athletic_directors on Tuesday, February 14.
11. State Qualifiers are: 1A - 6 teams, 2A – 2 girls / 1boys, 3A – 3 girls / 4 boys, 4A – 6 girls / 5 boys, 5A-8 girls /10 boys, 6A-7 girls / 6 boys



12. *Huggins/Smith Publishing* has been chosen by the District III Committee to be the exclusive publisher of the District III Basketball Program. Schools with a chance to enter the playoffs must complete the team information electronically. This information includes team roster and team picture and will be due by **Friday, January 15**. Directions for submitting team information will be sent to schools through the District III List Server with specific instructions and a reminder of the due date.
13. *The Principal of each school or their faculty designee (non coach) is required to sit at the scoring table or team bench. A pregame conference will be held with them in attendance.*
14. Complete schedule is an attachment.

DATES

Thursday, February 9 – Cut off date for games to count
Sunday, February 12 – Final rankings listed
Tuesday, February 14 – Listing of where to pick up materials
Thursday, February 16 – Pick up materials for hosting games
Monday, February 20 - Regular games begin

