

BCAT Proposal for Six Basketball Classes

The TSSAA has approximately 336 schools that play basketball in Division One. With six classes divided equally this would mean there would be 56 teams in each of the six classes.

The current format has 16 districts, 8 regions, 8 sub-state/sectionals, and the state tournament with 24 teams, 8 in each class.

The breakdown for six classes would go like this:

There would be 8 Regions (this would become the new District) in each class across the state. Regions would have 6-8 teams.

The top 4 teams from the Regional tournament advance to the Super-Sectional.

Teams are seeded 1-4 from their finish in the Region, similar to our current district format. These 4 teams advance to the Super-Sectional. There would be 4 Super-Sectionals across the state in each class.

In the first round, 1 vs 4 seed, and 2 vs 3 will play, just as we have now with the current Regional tournament format. Losing teams are eliminated. Winners advance.

In second round winners play, with losing teams eliminated. Winners advance to the Super-Sectional Championship.

The Super-Sectional Championship would be an elimination game. The winners advance to the State Tournament.

There would be 4 teams in the State Tournament in each of the 6 classes. This allows the same number of 24 teams to advance to the State, the same as our current format.

The State Tournament format would be as follows:

Wednesday: Class 1-A, 2-A, and 3-A Semi-Finals. There would be 6 games total.

Thursday: Class 4-A, 5-A, and 6-A Semi-Finals. There would be 6 games total. Friday: Class 1-A, 2-A, and 3-A Championships. There would be 3 games total.

Saturday: Class 4-A, 5-A, and 6-A Championships. There would be 3 games total.

A suggestion would be to have a Super Saturday, Super-Sectional finals at a central location on a Saturday. This could be done with Classes 1, 2, and 3 at one site for a Super Saturday event that would be like a mini-state. This proposal is approved by the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee.