



## 2026 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION STATE BASKETBALL

### OPENING ROUND GAME ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

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Games will be assigned to sites on Sunday, February 22, at the WIAA office after the WIAA Basketball Seeding Committees seed each qualified team.

#### SITE SELECTION:

- A team may play on its home court. The Opening Round games for the 20-entry brackets (example, 3A Games #13-#20) will be at the home site of the higher seed unless both schools agree to play at the home site of the lower seed.
- Contingent upon facility capacity and projected attendance, #1 - #4 and #9 - #12 teams will be assigned to play at the approved site closest to the higher seed.
- Due to the average number of fans attending the Opening Rounds, the games will be assigned in descending order:

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
<b>4A</b>	850	490
<b>3A</b>	750	485
<b>2A</b>	640	450
<b>1A</b>	540	230
<b>2B</b>	500	250
<b>1B</b>	450	200

- #5 - #8 and #13 - #16 will be the visiting teams and will possibly travel. League matchups in the #9-#16 matchups will be avoided when possible.
- If boys and girls teams from the same school qualify, both games will be scheduled back-to-back on Saturday when possible
  - There is a greater probability of back-to-back games when both teams have the same #1 - #4 or #9 - #12 seeding.
  - If the boys and girls teams do not finish the same, or a conflict is created with either opponent, they will play on different days when possible
- If only a boys or a girls team qualifies from a school and the same is true with the opposing school, that game will be played on Saturday when possible
- At least two games will be played at each selected site when possible.
- A maximum of two games will be played on Friday (6 and 8 PM) and a maximum of six games will be played on Saturday (10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM) unless otherwise stipulated by the Opening Round Site Manager.
  - When games are scheduled on Friday, the teams with the greater travel distance will play at 6 PM
  - When games are scheduled on Saturday, the teams with the greatest travel distance will play an earlier game time, provided an overnight stay is not required the night before