



2026 WIAA/GESA CREDIT UNION STATE BASKETBALL OPENING ROUND GAME ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

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:

	BOYS	GIRLS
4A	850	490
3A	750	485
2A	640	450
1A	540	230
2B	500	250
1B	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