

Western Region Handbook



SCHOOLS:

Highline

Green River

Lower Columbia

Tacoma

Grays Harbor

Centralia

South Puget Sound

Clark

Pierce

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Region Dues \$200.00 per year

- The Region Treasurer (currently Cheryl Batchi) will send invoices at the beginning of the Academic Year to member schools.

Athletic Department Personnel and Coaching staff:

Important rules regarding off-season workouts, and recruiting

The following are considered VIOLATIONS of the NWAACC Code

1. Recruitment of players who have already signed a letter of Intent at another school.
2. Use of coaching staff at organized summer events.
3. Recruiting players from areas outside of the designated areas. (see article VI, section 2 of the NWAACC Code Book for a list of states).
4. Requiring student-athletes to attend organized practices/workouts during the off-season.
5. Organized practices without an academic class offering before the first official practice can begin (the NWAACC Calendar is published each year and distributed to athletic commissioners).
6. Solicitation of free items, by school personnel, for team member's personal use.

Western Region Protocol: If you feel a violation might be occurring without the affected

school's athletic director being aware of it, proceed with the following steps.

1. Coaches should inform their athletic director if he/she hears of, or if someone reports to them that a school is in violation of the NWAACC Code.
2. The athletic director should then call and inform the athletic director at the school in question, as to what is/may be occurring.
3. The athletic director at the school in question should then research the situation to determine if a violation is occurring. If so, correction should be made.
4. If the reporting school feels that the violation is continuing, the next step would then be to report to the NWAACC using (NWAACC form A-68) available in the NWAACC code book.

CHANGES IN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

If your institution has a legitimate need to make a change in the LEAGUE schedule.

1. The change must be approved by the Western Region Commissioners.
2. This does not include flipping home/away or flipping men/women times on doubleheaders.
3. Reason must be legitimate: i.e. facility availability, emergencies.

BASEBALL

WESTERN REGION RULES

Coaches Meetings

There are two regularly scheduled West Regional coaches meetings each year. The dates are:

1. The third or fourth Tuesday in September to discuss code proposals, schedules, etc.
2. The Sunday evening of the last playable date in the spring to discuss and vote on All-Region selections.

Playing Season

1. Fall/Spring pre-season: Each institution shall be allowed a total of 12 weeks for fall baseball and spring pre-season practice which may be utilized in between the dates of September 15th through November 15th and January 15th through February 28th. Each institution will report to the NWAACC office by August 30th of the time periods in which the 12 weeks would be utilized.
2. Spring pre-season: no games or scrimmages with other teams other than intra-squad will be played prior to March 1st.

Region Rules

1. NCAA Rule Book will be used with NWAACC approved adaptations.
2. Traveling squads for NWAACC Region (league) games shall not exceed twenty-four (24) players. There shall be no limit for the home team. For conference playoff and tournament games, all teams shall be limited to twenty-four (24) players.
3. Official ball is the Baden Perfection model.
4. Doubleheaders consist of a seven (7) inning game followed by a nine (9) inning game.
5. Rain-Outs: all rain-outs must be played on the next possible playing date. The Sunday following the last scheduled date shall be the final day for any make-up game(s).
6. Ten (10) Run Rule: There shall be a ten (10) run rule after the fifth (5th) inning of the scheduled seven (7) inning game. There shall be a ten (10) run rule after the seventh (7th) inning of the scheduled nine (9) inning game. There is no 10-run rule in a NWAACC non-region single game, unless designated by tournament rules or mutual agreement by coaches prior to the game.
7. No courtesy runners are used in the Western Region.
8. Suggested start times for Western Region games are 1 pm single games and 1 pm doubleheaders during daylight savings time. Suggested doubleheader start time for standard daylight time in 12 noon. Special start time considerations for facility use issues must be agreed upon by both head coaches with permission by athletic directors.
9. The Western Region uses a Halted Game format rule in regard to games suspended due to weather or other circumstances. Any West Region game stopped at any time due to inclement weather, darkness, light failure, or curfew will be continued at the pre-determined point of completion (7 or 9 innings). A halted game must be continued on the next possible playing date. A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the line-ups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution. Any player or pitcher who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the line-up when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game. When a halted game is part of a doubleheader, it shall be the first game, and the second game shall be the regularly scheduled game for that date. If a doubleheader is already scheduled, the halted game shall be the first of three games.

NWAACC Tournament Entries

Final Region Standings and Tournament Entries:

1. The Region champion will have an automatic entry into the NWAACC Championship tournament, as the number one (#1) seed.
2. There will be a best two-out-of-three Western Region playoff series to determine the number two (#2) seed into the NWAACC tournament. The West Region second place team will host the West Region third place team for all games. This playoff will take place on the weekend prior to the NWAACC Tournament.

Region Tie-Breaker Formats

Tie-Breaker Playoff games to determine order of finish in the West Region shall be nine (9) innings and scheduled on the Monday and Tuesday prior to the West Region playoff series.

1. **Two-Way Playoff:** If one team has a better head-to-head record against the other in Region play, they shall be awarded the playing site. If teams have split against each other in Region play, the teams shall use the tie-breaker matrix to determine the playing site. Home team shall be responsible for game officials
2. **Three-Way Playoff:** Site shall be determined by the team that has the best head-to-head record against the other two teams involved.
3. **Three-Way tie for First:** Doubleheader shall be played on Monday with the loser of Game #1 playing the bye team in Game #2. The winner of Game #1 shall be the West Region #1 seed. The winner of game #2 will be considered West #2 and the loser will be West #3.
4. **Three-Way tie for Second:** Doubleheader shall be played on Monday with the winner of Game #1 playing the bye team in Game #2. The winner of Game #2 will be the West #2 and the loser will be West #3. The loser of Game #1 is eliminated. Host team shall be responsible for expenses of the game when they are playing; otherwise expenses shall be split by teams playing.
5. **Four-Way Tie for First or Second:** Two playoff games shall be played on Saturday with the tie-breaker matrix used to determine opponents. The lowest two numbers play each other and the two highest numbers play each other. The two winners shall be the NWAACC tournament entries. Tournament seeding shall be determined by the tie-breaker matrix. Host team shall be responsible for the expenses of the game in which they play, otherwise teams split expenses. The tie-breaker matrix shall be used for each game to determine home team and playing site. If three or more teams are involved, the matrix shall be used to determine opponents and site. Circumstances not covered by these rules shall be settled by mutual agreement of the West Region Commissioners. If mutual agreement is not possible, the NWAACC Executive Director shall resolve the differences.

All-Star Procedures

1. On the Sunday following the last scheduled West Region game, the West Region baseball representative shall call a meeting of the West baseball coaches to nominate and select the All-West team.
2. Coaches select the team consisting of five (5) infielders, four (4) outfielders, one (1) catcher, one (1) designated hitter, one (1) utility player, four (4) pitchers, one (1) relief pitcher, and an MVP. First and second teams shall be selected.
3. Coaches nominate and vote for own players and/or opponents.
4. West Regional coach of the year shall follow NWAACC format. (Revised 5/2007)

Western Region Baseball Tie-Breaker Matrix

- 1) Grays Harbor College
- 2) Green River CC
- 3) Lower Columbia College
- 4) Pierce College
- 5) Tacoma CC
- 6) Centralia College

Western Region Softball Tie-Breaker Matrix

- 1) Highline CC
- 2) South Puget Sound CC
- 3) Green River CC
- 4) Pierce College
- 5) Grays Harbor College
- 6) Centralia College

(Matrix Revised 1-26-09)

| <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
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BASKETBALL

Coaches Meetings

There are two regularly scheduled coaches meetings per year.

1. Pre-Season Meeting will be on a Sunday, after practice begins, and before the first contest.
2. Post-Season meeting will be on the Sunday after the last league game. At this meeting the coaches will vote on All Stars, Coach of the year and next season's schedule. Official's evaluations will be discussed.

League Rules

1. NCAA Rule Book will be used with NWAACC approved adaptations.
2. Official Ball will be the Baden Composite Wide Channel.

League Standings and Tournament Entries

BASKETBALL TIE BREAKER (adopted in 2001)

Any tie that involves two or more teams, which are guaranteed an entry into the tournament, will be determined for seeding purposes by their respective records in league head-to-head competition, followed by the tie-breaker matrix. (Example: 3 teams finish the year tied for second place. The team with the best 4 game head-to-head league record will be the #2 seed, and so on. Should teams have the same head to head league record, then the tie breaker matrix will seed the teams accordingly)

TWO WAY TIE FOR A TOURNAMENT BERTH (4th place)

Tournament entry in this situation will be determined by the two teams' head to head league record. If the head-to-head record is split, then the two teams must play off. The host for this game would be determined by the tie-breaker matrix.

THREE WAY TIE FOR 3rd

The #3 seed into the tournament will be the team with the best head-to-head league record of the three tied teams. The remaining two teams will determine the #4 seed based on head-to-head league competition. If the two teams split the league series, they will hold a play-off game to determine the #4 seed. The matrix will determine the host team for the play-off site. If the three teams have the same 4-game league head-to-head record, then the team with the best matrix number will be the #4 entry, the two remaining teams will play off to determine the #3 entry. The matrix will determine the host site for a play-off game.

FOUR WAY TIE FOR 3rd

If all teams have the same six game head-to-head league record, then the matrix will determine the two host teams for two play-off games. The top matrix team will host the bottom team, and the second best matrix team will host the remaining team. Of the two winning teams, if one team has a better head-to-head league record than the other, they will be the #3 seed. If the teams split the league games, then the winner of the #1 & #4 will go to the tournament as the #3 seed, the other winner will go as the #4 seed.

THREE WAY TIE FOR 4TH (tentative)

If all teams have the same head-to-head league record then the team with the highest matrix number will host the winner of the game between the other 2 teams. The 2 teams play off with the host site being determined by which team has the higher matrix number. The team that wins that game will travel to the school who was first on the matrix and those 2 teams will play off for the 4th place entry into the tournament.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Sixteen teams qualifying for the conference tournament, four from each region. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament with 8 games the first two days and 6 games the third day, and 4 games the last day. It will be run the same way the Washington high school tournament is now.

Tournament format: (adopted 2002)

(See 2001-02 NWAACC code book additions)

Basketball All-Star Team (Revised 2009)

- 1) At the conclusion of league play the sports committee representative shall request nominations for members to be selected to the regional all-star teams. This will take place during a meeting of the coaches.
- 2) Coaches will nominate players from their own team, coaches cannot vote for their own players.
- 3) The voting will be a public vote in the meeting, tabulated by the sports committee representative of the region. Considerations should be for:
 - i) How the team finished (in the standings)
 - ii) Player Statistics
- 4) Results will be furnished to the NWAACC office.
- 5) Regional first and second teams, along with any honorable mention players shall be released **only** by the NWAACC prior to the Men's and Women's basketball tournaments for media publicity and tournament use.
- 6) Regional coach of the year shall follow NWAACC format as approved by the executive board in 1990-91. Nominations will be sent to the region sports committee representative.

Basketball All Star Game

1. Played by the first ten Sophomores selected to the all league teams (top ten sophomores in votes) If there are not 10 sophomores receiving votes for all league the remaining spots will be nominated and voted on by region coaches.
2. Coached by the league championship coach and the coach of the 2nd place team.

Tie Breaker Western Region Basketball Tie-Breaker

| Place | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 17-18 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| First | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Second | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Third | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| Fourth | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| Fifth | 8 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| Sixth | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| Seventh | 4 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Eighth | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| Ninth | 9 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 |

*Find your school's number in the matrix to determine your tie-breaker place

Schools

- 1 = Lower Columbia
- 2 = Pierce
- 3 = Grays Harbor
- 4 = Green River
- 5 = Clark
- 6 = Tacoma
- 7 = South Puget Sound
- 8 = Centralia
- 9 = Highline

CROSSOVER HOST/BYE/SITE SELECTION

Crossover Hosts & assignments are based on the above matrix:

Men: #9 on the matrix is the HOST, #8 gets the BYE #7 gets first choice on where to go then #6 and so on.

Women: #1 on the matrix is the HOST, #2 gets the BYE #3 gets first choice on where to go then #4 and so on.



| | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hosts: | M – Highline W - SPSCC | M – Clark W – LCC | M – LCC W – GRCC | M – Centralia W – Clark | M - GRCC W - GHC |
| Bye: | M – SPSCC W – Highline | M – LCC W – Clark | M – Clark W – Highline | M – Highline W – GRCC | M - Tacoma W – Centralia |
| | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | |
| Hosts: | M – Tacoma W - Highline | M – GHC W – Pierce | M – SPSCC W – Tacoma | M – Pierce W – Centralia | |
| Bye: | M – Pierce W – GHC | M – SPSCC W – Tacoma | M – Centralia W – LCC | M – GHC W – Clark | |

SOCCER

Coaches Meetings

Coaches Meeting in conjunction with the All Star Game

NWAACC SOCCER TIE-BREAKER ROTATION

*New teams are on the bottom first year, then 2nd in the second year and on with the rotation. Teams that drop soccer are dropped from rotation and everyone then moves up one slot the following year.

| <u>Women</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Yakima | 5 | 18 | | | |
| Green River | 6 | 17 | | | |
| Olympic | 7 | 16 | | | |
| Shoreline | 8 | 15 | | | |
| Clackamas | 9 | 14 | | | |
| Treasure Valley | 10 | 13 | | | |
| Spokane | 11 | 12 | | | |
| Clark | 12 | 11 | | | |
| Walla Walla | 1 | 22 | | | |
| Everett | 22 | 2 | | | |
| Tacoma | 4 | 19 | | | |
| Chemeketa | 3 | 20 | | | |
| Whatcom | 2 | 21 | | | |
| Edmonds | 21 | 3 | | | |
| SW Oregon | 13 | 1 | | | |
| Wenatchee | 14 | 10 | | | |
| Highline | 15 | 9 | | | |
| Bellevue | 16 | 8 | | | |
| Columbia Basin | 17 | 7 | | | |
| Skagit | 18 | 6 | | | |
| Lower | | | | | |
| Columbia | 19 | 5 | | | |
| Lane | 20 | 4 | | | |

| <u>MEN</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bellevue | 4 | 17 | | | |
| Olympic | 5 | 16 | | | |
| Wenatchee | 6 | 15 | | | |
| Treasure Valley | 7 | 14 | | | |
| Everett | 8 | 13 | | | |
| Peninsula | 9 | 12 | | | |
| Pierce | 10 | 11 | | | |
| Walla Walla | 11 | 1 | | | |
| Columbia Basin | 20 | 2 | | | |
| Clark | 3 | 18 | | | |
| Chemeketa | 2 | 19 | | | |
| Tacoam | 19 | 3 | | | |
| Shoreline | 1 | 20 | | | |
| Green River | NA | NA | | | |
| SW Oregon | 12 | 10 | | | |
| Edmonds | 13 | 9 | | | |
| South Puget | | | | | |
| Sound | 14 | 8 | | | |
| Spokane | 15 | 7 | | | |
| Highline | 16 | 6 | | | |
| Skagit | 17 | 5 | | | |
| Whatcom | 18 | 4 | | | |

NWAACC
MEN AND WOMEN SOCCER
ALL-STAR SELECTION PROCESS
2008- 2009

NWAACC soccer coaches are supplied with a nomination form and asked to submit the names, positions, and numbers of eight or less of their team's players to be included on the Soccer All Star Team ballot for their region. Coaches are encouraged to include a brief profile of their nominees. The nomination form must be returned by the published deadline.

The soccer committee chair compiles the submitted information and prepares a regional ballot containing the nominated players, their position, name, college and number. The ballot is sent to the respective region coaches for the voting process. Coaches vote for athletes they feel deserve inclusion on the All Star team. Coaches may not vote for their own nominated players. Coaches not returning ballots by the published deadline will have their nominees omitted from the All Star team.

When selecting players to the All Star team, coaches have:

6 votes for defenders, 8 votes for midfielders, 6 votes for forwards, 2 votes for keepers

Coaches are to rank their votes by position from highest to lowest, i.e., a vote of 6 points would be given to the best defender, a vote of 5 points would be given for the next best defender, followed by a vote of 4 points for the next best defender, etc. The same method is used to select players from each of the remaining positions.

The ballot for each region also includes an opportunity to vote on the region's most valuable player. Coaches are not allowed to vote for a member of their own team as Regional MVP. Ballots are to be completed and returned by the date published.

The soccer committee chair compiles the information contained in this final ballot adding the number of votes received for each player in a given position. The six defenders receiving the highest number of votes, six forwards receiving the highest number of votes, eight midfielders receiving the highest number of votes, and the two keepers receiving the highest number of votes are named to the all-star team. In case of a tie for last place in any position, the tied athletes are both named to the team.

The All-Star ballot will also contain a ballot for regional coach of the year. The regional coach of the year will be announced with the All-Star teams. Coaches can vote only for coach of the year within their region

The soccer committee chair will distribute the names of the all-stars prior to the semi-finals. The NWAACC office and member colleges will also publish the All Star Teams.

-Men's and Women's Soccer All Region Teams

In 2005, the NWAACC soccer alignment separated from two leagues into the customary four region alignment as seen in other sports. With that came a need to redesign the procedure for awarding post season honors to student athletes in soccer.

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, the four regions of men's and women's soccer will create and recognize all region honors to three members of each team in each region (as approved by the Soccer committee in Aug, 2006).

Procedure: The sport committee commissioner (not a coach) from each region will be responsible to collect the three names from the coaches in their respective region immediately following the announcement of the all-star team (November 19). The commissioner will then forward the entire group of athletes for region honors to the NWAACC office for awarding of an NWAACC all-region certificate. For 2007, Mike Langey will collect the names from schools playing in soccer's Northern region, John Dunn for schools playing in soccer's Western region, Jim Bell for schools playing in soccer's Southern region, and Ken Burrus for schools playing in soccer's Eastern region.

This process is not intended to disrupt the procedure for selection and balloting for the men's and women's soccer all star contests. That process will be coordinated by the soccer sport committee chairman (Ken Burrus) or the league designee.

Criteria: Consideration to the All Region Honorees should be made based on talent, role on squad, sportsmanship displayed, leadership qualities and eligibility. Through this process, a coach will have the opportunity to recognize players on his/her team who might not be recognized through the all star selection process.

This procedure will bring soccer into alignment with all of the other sports procedures for having post season awards for each region participating

SOFTBALL

Coaches Meetings

There is one regular pre-season coaches meeting, it is usually held at Highline College some time during the first 2 weeks of practice.

Playing Season

1. Fall/Spring pre-season:
Each institution shall be allowed a total of 12 weeks for fall softball and pre-season practice which may be utilized in between the dates of September 15th through November 15th and January 15 through February 28th. Each institution would report to the NWAACC office by August 30th of the time periods in which the 12 weeks would be utilized.
2. Spring – The earliest date that practice may begin will be February 1 and no contests prior to March 1.

Pre-Season

1. The softball schedule for each college shall be limited to 25 dates exclusive of league playoffs and the conference tournament.
2. Dates used for tournaments will be the length of a tournament (example: 3-day tournament counts as 3 dates).
3. League and non-league schedule – 2 games maximum per date.

League Rules

1. Current NCAA Women's Fast pitch Rules shall govern all competition
2. Double header games of 7 innings each; teams have 10 minutes between games (or as stated in the NCAA rulebook).
3. The 8 run rule will be used after five (5) innings, The NWAACC will not use the 15 run rule after three (3) innings.
4. Travel roster size – 18 players.
5. Ball: Baden 2BSF.

Rain-outs

1. When a rainout occurs, the visiting school should be notified no later than 10:30am.
 - a. Games shall be rescheduled within 24 hours of the rained out date by the coaches at the institutions involved. The games shall be played on the first available date within 7 days. The coaches shall notify the Athletic Director at each institution. The NWAACC office, and the Softball Chair in writing of the schedule change.
 - b. Playable dates include the following days: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
 - c. If the coaches cannot agree on a date the Athletic Directors at the institutions will have an additional 24 hours to reschedule the game. Written notification must be given to the coaches at each school, the NWAACC office, and the softball chair of the schedule change.
 - d. If the coaches and the Athletic Directors cannot agree on a playing date within 48 hours of the original schedule date, the Softball Committee chair will

- reschedule the contest and notify the coaches, Athletic Directors, and the NWAACC office in writing of the schedule change.
- e. Games rained out on the last Friday and Saturday of the league play must be played on Sunday of the weekend.
 - f. All games must be completed by the second Sunday of May. If league schedules are not complete, a percentage will be used to determine league playoffs and entry into the NWAACC Championship.

Softball Tournament Procedure (rule 2A)

The top four teams from each of the four leagues will participate in a sixteen (16) team, three (3) day, double elimination conference championship tournament. (See tournament bracket and game times.) Ties in division standing shall be broken by using the softball tie-breaker procedure outlined by the softball committee.

All Star Selection Process: (Revised 2009)

The Nomination Process

1. Each coach will FAX their nominees to regional rep **by 4:00pm on the second Tuesday of May**. Coaches may nominate as many players as they want. Nominations should be based on:
 - i) How the team finished (in the standings)
 - ii) Player Statistics

Note: If you do not nominate a sophomore for the all-league team, please include the name of at least one sophomore to be included in the Sophomore Showcase game.

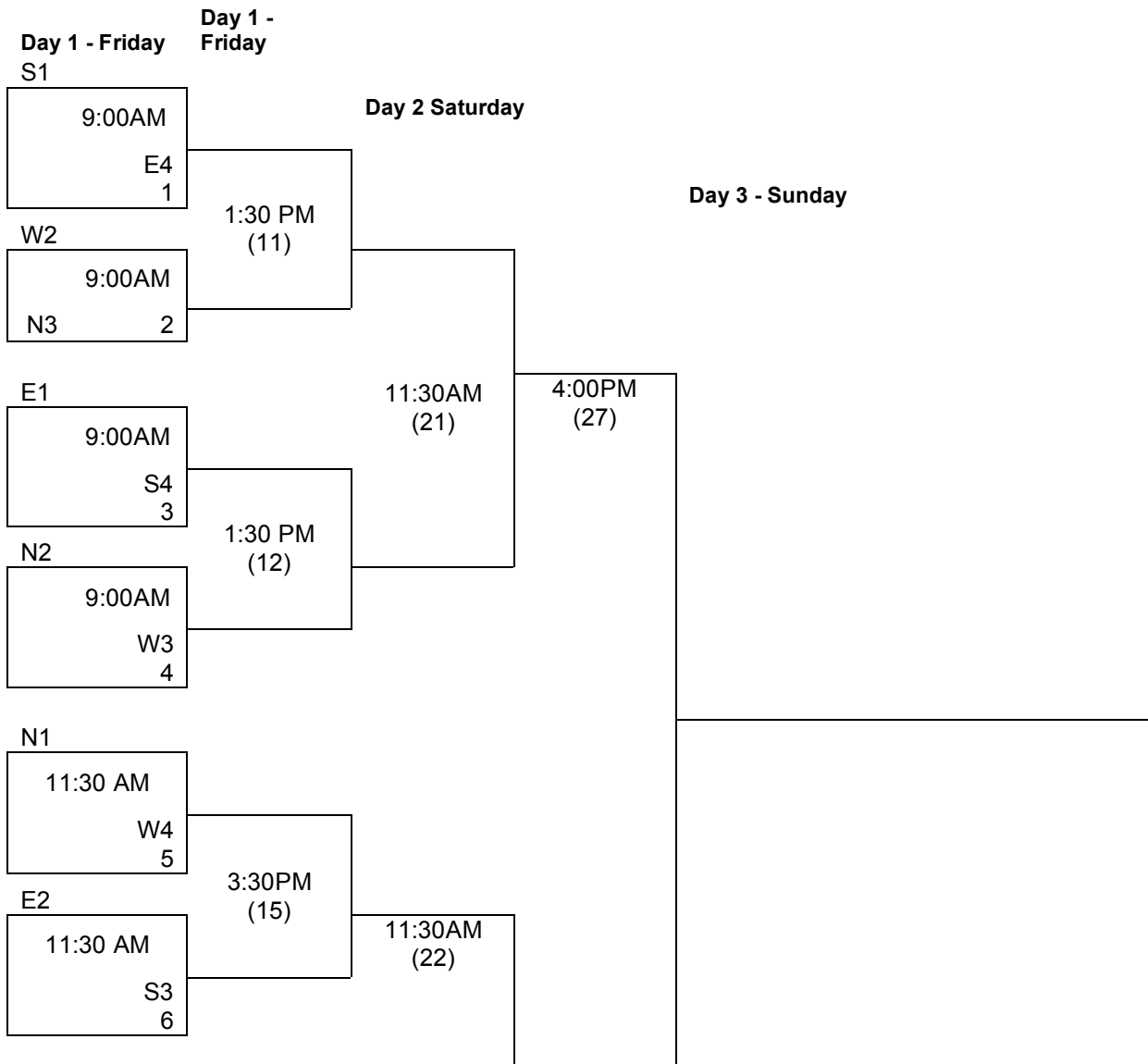
2. On the following Friday, the regional rep will fax each coach in your division a list of nominees, along with final instructions, if any.

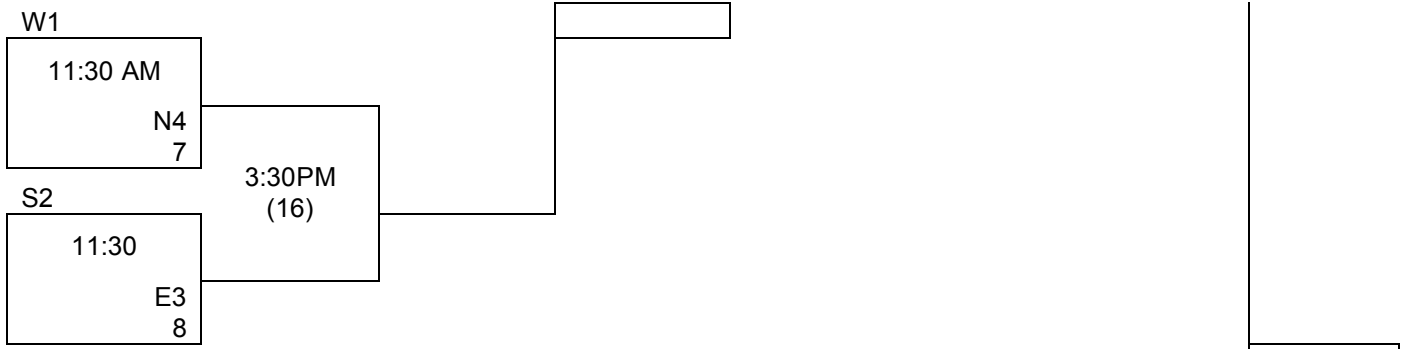
The Voting Process

3. Coaches will vote for the top 15 players on the first team and 15 on the second team. **You must vote for a total of 30 players, You may not vote for your OWN players**, rank players from 1-30 (1-15 on the first team and 16-30 on the second team and no player should receive both first and second team votes). Fax the completed ballot to the regional rep **no later than 9:00am on the third Tuesday in May**. Any final directions for the voting process will be sent with the ballot.
4. **On the Wednesday prior to the Conference Tournament, the Softball Committee Chair will fax the All-Stars to the NWAAC office. The NWAACC office will publish the list on Wednesday or Thursday before the Conference Championship.** You will also vote for MVP of the league and coach of the year for Western Region.

5. The pitcher with the highest ranking will be named pitcher of the year.
6. Sophomore selection for the showcase game is based on the following:
 - A. Sophomores on the first and second team.
 - B. If a team of 15-18 cannot be fielded from these selections, then Sophomores who were nominated (but not selected) will be allowed To play in the sophomore showcase.
 - C. The coach of the Sophomore Showcase game will contact coaches In the region to fill win with sophomore players to fill a 15-18 squad.
 - D. At the coaches meeting prior to the showcase game, region Coaches will draft players for the showcase games.

Softball Championship Tournament Bracket





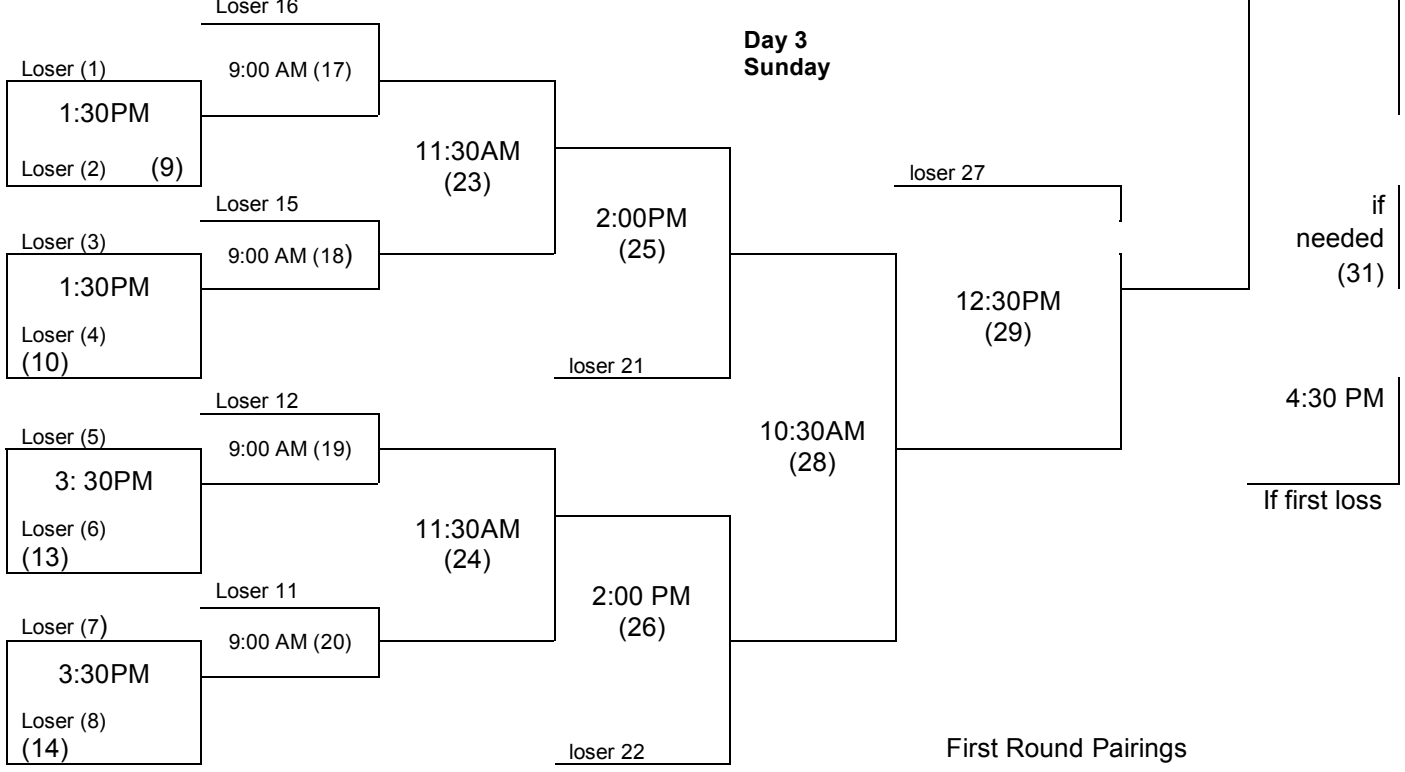
Losers' Bracket

Day 1 Friday

Day 2 Saturday

Day 2 Saturday

Day 3 Sunday



First Round Pairings

| | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| S-E | E-W | N-E | N-W |
| N-W | S-N | S-W | S-E |

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10/15/07

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VOLLEYBALL

Coaches Meetings

There are two regularly scheduled regional coaches meetings each year. The dates are:

1. The Sunday after the first official Friday practice. This meeting is in Centralia. The purpose of this meeting is to go over all information important to the start of the season.
2. The second Sunday in November. This meeting is at Centralia College. The purpose of this meeting is to select regional all-stars.

Crossover Tournaments

NWAACC Code relating to the Crossover Tournaments can be found in Volleyball section, rule 8. In addition, the following philosophies are specified in the Volleyball Handbook.

1. All crossovers have standardized officiating.
 - a. First referee state rated
 - b. Second referee local or higher ratingAlternatives: Self-officiated in pool play, contracted officials in playoffs.
2. Crossover participation is optional. **If you chose not to participate in a crossover, you may not compete at all on those dates (NWAACC 6/97)**
3. Host colleges are encouraged to invite additional teams to fill vacancies acceptable teams: 4-year college or 2-year college)
4. **Site selection**
 - a. Coaches select sites for the next season at the coaches meeting during NWAACC All-Star weekend.
 - b. A representative from your school must be present to select for your school.
 - c. If selecting sites for both crossover weekends one site must be out of your region, and one site can be in your region.
 - d. If selecting a site for only one crossover weekend, you should attend a crossover outside of your region (at least 3 hrs away)
5. **Entry Fees**
 - a. Entry fee costs will be determined by each host institution, and should cover the cost of officials and awards. Other costs should be borne by the host (NWAACC Code) Crossover tournaments are not designed to be a major money maker for the host college.
6. **Host Guidelines**
 - a. Minimum of two courts for play
 - b. Warm up time should be predetermined and adequate for all matches
 - c. The tournament coordinator/director shall not be a coach (volleyball?)
 - d. Facilities need to be safe for play
 - e. There shall be a tournament protest committee

7. Tournament Format

Designed by the host school, but suggested options are:

- a. Pool play with bracket play offs
- b. Round robin play

The schedule for the tournament should be sent to participating colleges by mid-September. Include lodging information if possible.

NWAACC Tournament Qualification

League standings will determine the four teams that qualify for the NWAACC tournament. The teams finishing in first, second, third and fourth qualify for the 16-team tournament.

Tiebreakers

The philosophy of the region in resolving ties is as follows:

For any tie, the home and home record between the tied teams will be the first tiebreaker. If the home and home record is split then the volleyball tiebreaker matrix will break the tie.

The above stated philosophy will break all ties except if teams are tied for the final tournament entry **and** the home and home record is split. In this one instance, a playoff match will be played with the host school being determined by the tiebreaker matrix.

These tiebreaker procedures will apply to two-way ties, three-way ties, etc. for all tournament entries.

All-Star Selection Procedures (Revised 2009) (Revised again 12-3-09)

The coaches will meet on the second Sunday in November to select regional all-stars. A first and second team along with an MVP and a coach of the year will be selected.

The process for selecting six of the seven members of the first team will be as follows:

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|-------------------|--|
| First place team | Automatically gets 2 selections (coach decision) |
| Second place team | Automatically gets 2 selections (coach decision) |
| Third place team | Automatically gets 1 selection (coach decision) |
| Fourth place team | Automatically gets 1 selection (coach decision) |

The MVP will be voted on by the coaches from these six players.

****As voted on by the West Region Commissioners, the Regional Coach of the Year will be the coach of the team who wins the West Region Championship. If two teams are tied for the West Region Championship there will be Co-Coaches of the Year. This will be in place for 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons.**

Protocol for the vote Includes the following:

- i) How the team finished (in the standings)
- ii) Player Statistics
- iii) You may NOT vote for your own players
- iv) Voting will be public

The remaining position for the first team and the six members of the second team will be selected as follows:

Each coach, including those listed above, may nominate two players to be voted on by the regions' coaches. Coaches may vote for opposing players only.

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Pre-Match Protocol

| Scoreboard Time | Activity | Clock Time 7pm Start |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| (1 Hour Before) | Gym open for visiting team | 6:00 p.m. |
| 30 minutes | Half Court Per Team Available for warm-up | 6:30 p.m. |
| 18:00 | Visiting Team Court Time (3 min.) | 6:42 p.m. |
| 15:00 | Home Team Court time (3 min.) | 6:45 p.m. |
| 12:00 | Visiting Team Court Time (6 min.) | 6:48 p.m. |
| 6:00 | Home Team Court Time (6 min.) | 6:54 p.m. |
| 0:00 | National Anthem & Introduction of Both Teams | 7:00 p.m. |

The entire roster for each team will be introduced. All players will line up on the end line before the introductions start.

On the signal from the officials, team captains proceed to the net to shake hands followed by their respective team members.

Each team then reports to its bench to prepare for the match.

Starters are called to the end line and the match begins.

Western Region Volleyball Tie Breaker Matrix

| 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2006-2007 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 |

SCHOOLS

- 1= Highline
- 2= Pierce
- 3= Clark
- 4= Lower Columbia
- 5= Grays Harbor
- 6= Centralia
- 7= Tacoma
- 8= Green River

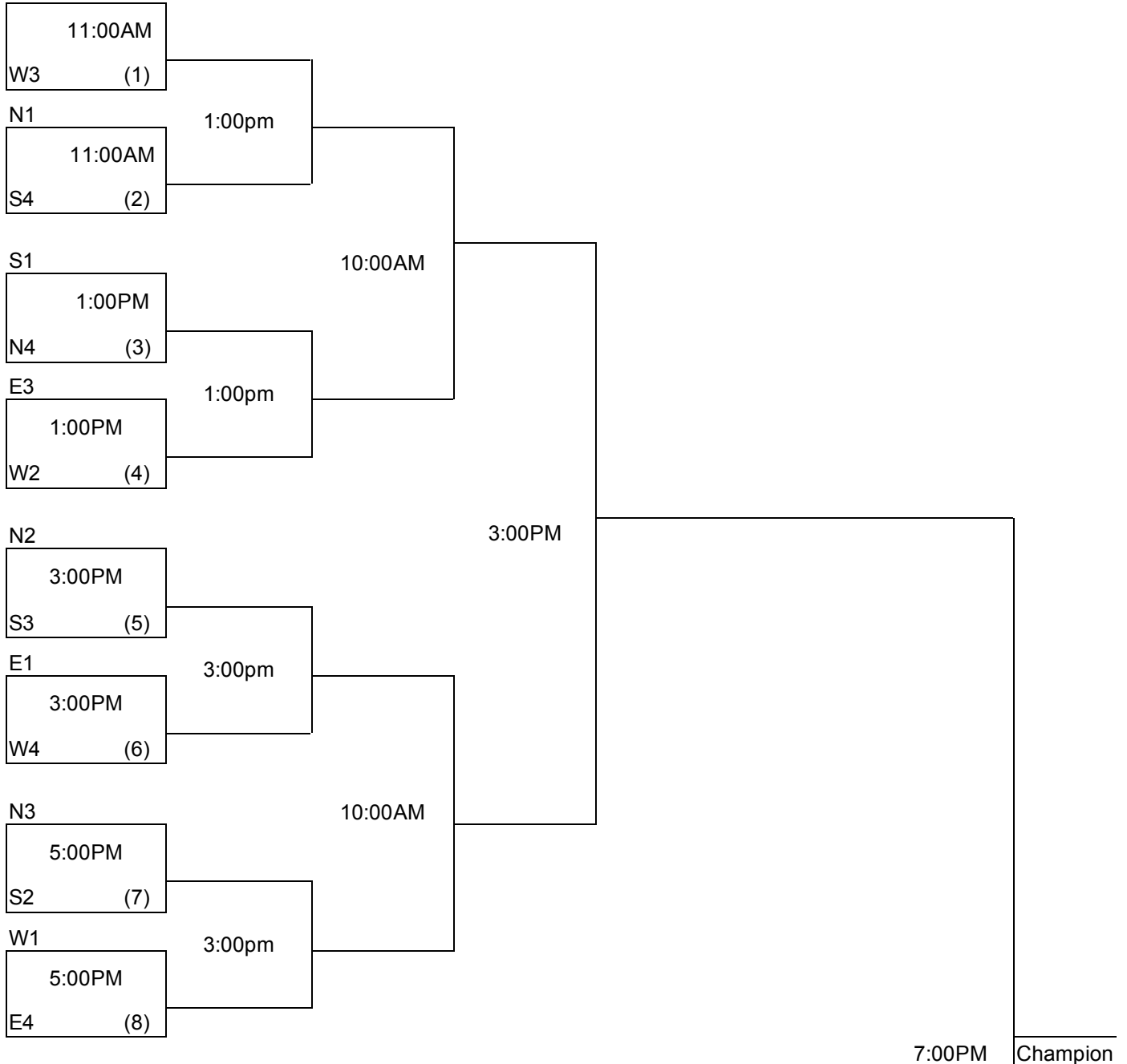
As voted by the Western Region Commissioners on 4/6/06, beginning in 2007 it will be the responsibility of the first (top) team listed in the yearly matrix to play host and secure a site for that year's Western Region VB Crossover tournament.

NWAACC Championship Tournament

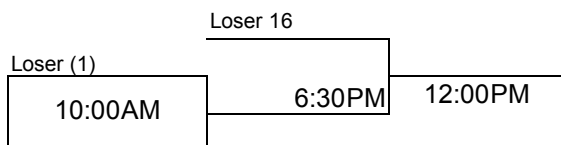
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Day 1 - Thursday Day 2 - Friday Day 3 - Saturday

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Losers' Bracket
Friday Morning



Revised April 09

