

BASKETBALL SAMPLE: District Draw Formula & Brackets

These are sample formulas. A new PDF with each sport's actual formula will be posted later in the season.

1. LIST: At the beginning of the season, the MHSAA provides an alphabetical LIST of teams in each District.

2. FORMULA: The MHSAA determines the random FORMULA for each of the five bracket types: 4-team, 5-team, 6-team, 7-team and 8-team. The formula is listed on this page for each bracket type. The first number is the line number for the #1 seed, while the second number is on the opposite side of the bracket and is the line number for the #2 seed. The rest of the numbers in the formula are listed after the "/" and are applied to the other schools in alphabetical order. The numbers in "(") " are the bye lines.

3. SEEDS: On the Sunday 8 days before Districts start, SEEDS are determined.

4. DRAW: The number of District teams on the draw date determine the bracket type. SEEDS, random FORMULA and alphabetical LIST are then used to determine the DRAW for the District.

#1 Seed

Line 1

B

Line 2

A

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

4 TEAMS

Formula: 1-4 / 3-2

#2 Seed

Line 1

Bye

Line 2

C

Line 3

A

Line 4

Bye

Line 5

#1 Seed

Line 6

Bye

Line 7

B

Line 8

#2 Seed

5 TEAMS

Formula: 6-1 / 4-8-3 (5-2-7)

#1 Seed

B

B

Line 1

C

Line 2

#1 Seed

Line 3

Bye

Line 4

#2 Seed

Line 5

Bye

Line 6

D

Line 7

A

Line 8

#1 Seed

#2 Seed

6 TEAMS

Formula: 3-5 / 8-1-2-7 (4-6)

A

Line 1

D

Line 2

C

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

E

Line 5

B

Line 6

#1 Seed

Line 7

Bye

Line 8

#1 Seed

7 TEAMS

Formula: 7-4 / 1-6-3-2-5 (8)

D

Line 1

C

Line 2

F

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

#1 Seed

Line 5

E

Line 6

B

Line 7

A

Line 8

8 TEAMS

Formula: 5-4 / 8-7-2-1-6-3