

# BCWCA Girls' Basketball Tournament

To: BCWCA Girls Basketball Head Coaches  
From: Michael Weaver, Director  
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
Re: Tournament Information/Requirements

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Please see below for information specific to the 2018 BCWCA Girls' Basketball Tournament:

1. Tournament and All-County Committee:
  - A. Structure: There will be seven coaches selected to serve on the committee. Representation is based on the percentage of teams participating from each conference the previous year. For 2018, we will have two from the NJIC, four from the Big North and the defending county champion. They are:
    - Big North: Sandy Gordon (Ramapo); Jeff Jasper (Pascack Valley); Lindsay Steffner (River Dell); Steve Silver (IHA)
    - NJIC: Steve Grenz (Glen Rock); Colleen Vogel (Emerson)
    - Defending Champion: Danny Brown (Saddle River Day)
  - B. Selection Criteria for Committee Members: The goal is to gather a group of coaches who are respected by their peers and will bring a unique and knowledgeable perspective to the table. The expectation for participation on the tournament seeding and all-county selection committees is that those selected will have seen all of the eligible teams and players compete throughout the course of the season. These positions will rotate every three years.
  - C. The role of the director is, as a neutral party, to manage/organize information, secure sites/staff, solicit feedback from all coaches and their administrators, and facilitate conversation at meetings. The director does not vote for seeding or all-county selection.
2. Tournament Dates:
  - Seeding Meeting: Wednesday, January 17 @ 630pm @ Fair Lawn High School Library (all coaches are invited to speak on behalf of their team).
  - Round 1: Saturday, January 20 @ higher seed
  - Round of 16:
    - Saturday, January 27 @ Northern Valley Old Tappan
      - 10:00am/11:30pm/1:00pm/2:30pm
    - Saturday, January 27 @ Northern Valley Demarest
      - 2:00pm/3:30pm/5:00pm/6:30pm)
  - Quarterfinals: Saturday, February 3 @ Pascack Valley (11:30pm/1:15pm/3:00pm/4:45pm)
  - Semifinal: Sunday, February 11 @ Ramapo College (Time TBD)
  - Finals: Sunday, February 18 @ Ramapo College (Time TBD)
  - ❖ In the event that inclement weather causes cancellation of a tournament game, the game will be played at the time and place designated by the Tournament Director.
3. All-County: A first, second and third team of ten players each will be chosen. All coaches are invited to speak on behalf of his or her nominated athletes. The meeting will be held on the first weekend of March at Fair Lawn HS (date/time TBD).

4. Tournament Eligibility Criteria
  - A. Any Bergen County team having played at least 10 games through January 16 is eligible to compete. All teams with a .500 or better winning percentage will qualify automatically. Any teams below .500 who wish to enter may apply to fill the field to 32 teams maximum.
5. Tournament Selection and Seeding
  - A. Criteria for seeding the tournament and selecting teams that are below .500 will be head to head competition, strength of schedule and overall record.
  - B. Common division opponents will be avoided, when possible, in the preliminary round only.
  - C. The bracket will be posted on line ([www.bcwca.us](http://www.bcwca.us)) at the conclusion of the meeting.
6. Application Process
  - A. Mail your entry fee of \$100.00 for member schools or \$125.00 for schools that are not members of the BCWCA to (please make check payable to BCWCA):

BCWCA Girls Basketball Tournament  
Forrest School  
10-00 Hopper Ave  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
c/o Michael Weaver, Director
  - B. By Monday, January 15, confirm/complete the attached files ELECTRONICALLY and via email to [mweaver@fairlawnschools.org](mailto:mweaver@fairlawnschools.org):
    - Team Results (confirm)
    - Team Roster (complete)
    - Officials List (complete)
7. Officiating: We will be working this year with Mark Bitar, the assignor for the Big North.
8. Miscellaneous Game Notes:
  - A. First round games: will be played on Saturday, January 20, 2017 at the higher seed. The home team for first round will be responsible for hiring and paying officials and a trainer (the home team will also keep all admission, concessions, raffles etc).
  - B. Game supervision: home teams must have an administrator or faculty member, other than someone on the coaching staff, present at the game for crowd control.
  - C. Uniform colors: throughout the tournament, the higher seeded team will be the home team and will wear home (white) uniforms.
  - D. Rules: the tournament will be run according to all NFHS and NJSIAA rules and regulations. In the event of any violation or dispute, the decision of the Tournament Director or delegate will be final. Pursuant to NJSIAA and BCWCA rules, no banners or signs will be allowed.
  - E. Sportsmanship: all teams, players and coaches are expected to be familiar with the sportsmanship code enunciated by the NJSIAA and contained in the basketball rulebook, and to conduct themselves accordingly. Violation of sportsmanship code may result in sanction or forfeiture.