



**East Bay Athletic League**

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Dear East Bay Athletic League Community,

The EBAL AD's met twice this week to discuss winter sports league scheduling given the pandemic circumstances we are working with.

1. Soccer will continue as status quo
2. Wrestling will remain as status quo with details of the EBAL championships to be determined
3. Basketball alternate schedule (single round robin and a tournament) is outlined below.

REVISED EBAL basketball format outlined below passed by the EBAL BOG.

1. All EBAL games that have been played to this point will count towards the final league standings;
2. For the remainder of the 2021-2022 year only, the EBAL will shift to a single round format, where each team must play each other just once for a total of 9 league contests; teams may play multiple times if both schools agree as non league games.
3. All league contests must be completed by Sunday, February 6th. At that time the tournament will be seeded by the EBAL Commissioner and Boys and Girls Basketball Sport Coordinators
4. As a matter of principle, the currently adopted EBAL schedule will remain intact for purposes of ensuring that every school plays each other at least once;
5. On dates where schools who have already played prior to January 18th have already competed against each other, the second date on the schedule will either become a non-league contest. However, in regards to the 2nd game currently scheduled, priority will be given to using those dates to ensure that every school plays each other at least once;
6. An EBAL Tournament will be scheduled for the week of February 7-12 where every team will be guaranteed at least 2 games for the final week of the season. The higher seed will host through the Championship, with a 50-50 net revenue split between the host school and EBAL after expenses. All proceeds of the championship game will go to the EBAL after expenses (currently in bylaws).

7. On Monday, February 7th, the "Play-In" games of the tournament takes place, where the 7th seed will play the 10th seed and the 8th seed will play the 9th seed. The losers will play one final game on Thursday, February 10th, while the winners feed into the Quarterfinals of the main bracket
8. The Quarter Finals take place on Tuesday, February 8th with a traditional 8-team bracket where the top half of the bracket has the #1 seed playing the #8 seed and the #4 seed playing the #5 seed. Winners advance to face each other on Thursday, February 10th and the losers of the Quarter Finals feed into a consolation bracket and face each other on 2/10. On the bottom half of the bracket, the #2 seed plays the #7 seed and the #3 seed plays the #6 seed. Winners square off on Thursday, February 10th in the Semi-finals and the losers feed into the Consolation bracket.
9. The Semi-finals of both the Winners Bracket and Consolation Bracket takes place on Thursday, February 10th. Winners and losers in each bracket will advance in a traditional manner and the final games (including the EBAL Championship) will be conducted on the previously scheduled date of Saturday, February 12th at the home site of the highest remaining seed.
10. All league and final standings determined by final tournament placement. This placement will be used for NCS seeding as well.

DRAFT brackets attached - [EBAL basketball tournament bracket - DRAFT](#)

For any questions please contact your school directly.

Sincerely,

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