

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls basketball had six classes in 2008-09. Each class qualified eight teams for the Girls State Basketball Tournament, which was held March 5, 6 and 7 2009 in Lincoln.

Class A was divided into seven districts with the district champions and one wild-card team, selected on the basis of a point system, qualifying for the state tournament. Lincoln East was the wild-card team for Class A. Class B was divided into six districts with the district champions and two wild-card teams, selected on the basis of a point system, qualifying for the state tournament. Adams Central and South Sioux City were the Class B wild-card teams.

Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 were divided into twelve sub-districts and six districts. The winners of the district finals in each class advanced to the state tournament. The two non-district champions with the highest wild-card average received invitations to the state tournament. The Class C1 wild-card qualifiers were Crofton and Hershey. Cambridge and West Point Central Catholic were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Humphrey and Deshler received the wild cards. Chambers and Pleasanton were the D2 wild-card winners.

For the second consecutive season, the NSAA played third-place games, pairing the two teams losing in the semifinal round. Paid attendance: 56,852.

2009

State Championship Results

Class A

First Round

Lincoln Southeast 58, Omaha Westside 38

Millard West 73, Millard North 58

Bellevue West 64, Lincoln East 54

Omaha Marian 55, North Platte 44

Semifinals

Lincoln Southeast 71, Millard West 58

Bellevue West 75, Omaha Marian 50

Third Place

Omaha Marian (23-6) 53, Millard West (20-5) 51

Final

Bellevue West (23-2) 71, Lincoln Southeast (26-1) 60

Class B

First Round

Seward 51, Omaha Skutt Catholic 47

Alliance 50, Adams Central 49 OT

Lincoln Pius X 61, Gretna 45

Holdrege 66, South Sioux City 62 OT

Semifinals

Seward 44, Alliance 21

Lincoln Pius X 55, Holdrege 46

Third Place

Alliance (21-4) 67, Holdrege (20-5) 62

Final

Seward (25-0) 39, Lincoln Pius X (20-3) 35

Class C1

First Round

Crofton 42, Lincoln Christian 40

Bennington 59, Boone Central 51

Bishop Neumann 48, Minden 32

Kimball 56, Hershey 52

Semifinals

Bennington 51, Crofton 40

Bishop Neumann 55, Kimball 30

Third Place

Crofton (23-2) 56, Kimball (21-6) 34

Final

Bishop Neumann (25-1) 49, Bennington (20-4) 38

Class C2

First Round

Perkins County 45, Concordia 36

Aquinas Catholic 60, Hartington Cedar Catholic 50

Ravenna 51, Tri County 39

Cambridge 67, West Point Central Catholic 60

Semifinals

Aquinas Catholic 58, Perkins County 46

Ravenna 62, Cambridge 38

Third Place

Cambridge (22-2) 55, Perkins County (22-3) 36

Final

Ravenna (27-0) 45, Aquinas Catholic (22-3) 40

Class D1

First Round

Bancroft-Rosalie 61, Exeter-Milligan 41

Humphrey 50, Wauneta-Palisade 34

Elkhorn Valley 62, Sandhills/Theford 38

Silver Lake 60, Deshler 57 2OT

Semifinals

Bancroft-Rosalie 66, Humphrey 61

Silver Lake 38, Elkhorn Valley 37

Third Place

Elkhorn Valley (22-5) 52, Humphrey (21-4) 51

Final

Bancroft-Rosalie (27-1) 56, Silver Lake (22-4) 43

Class D2

First Round

Chambers 79, Spalding/Spalding Academy 37

Paxton 56, Hay Springs 41

Pleasanton 57, Newcastle 43

Ewing 53, Falls City Sacred Heart 41

Semifinals

Chambers 45, Paxton 43

Ewing 53, Pleasanton 47

Third Place

Pleasanton (22-3) 49, Paxton (16-7) 39

Final

Ewing (24-3) 51, Chambers (24-2) 48 OT

Championship Coaches

Class A – Doug Woodard, Bellevue West

Class B – Tom Tvrdy, Seward

Class C1 – Rick Ahrens, Bishop Neumann

Class C2 – Jeff Thober, Ravenna

Class D1 – Rod Peters, Bancroft-Rosalie

Class D2 – Brock Eichelberger, Ewing

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball had six classes in 2008-09. Each class qualified eight teams for the Boys State Basketball Tournament held on March 12, 13, and 14, 2009, in Lincoln.

Class A was divided into seven districts with the district champions and one wild-card team, selected on the basis of a point system, qualifying for the state tournament. Lincoln East was the wild-card team for Class A. Class B was divided into six districts with the district champions and two wild-card teams, selected on the basis of a point system, qualifying for the state tournament. Sidney and Waverly were the Class B wild-card teams.

For the sixth year in NSAA history, Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 also had two wild-card qualifiers. Classes C1, C2, D1 and D2 were divided into twelve sub-districts and six districts. The winners of the district finals in each class advanced to the state tournament. The two non-district champions with the highest wild-card average received invitations to the state tournament. The Class C1 wild-card qualifiers were Bennington and Minden. Elmwood-Murdock and Axtell were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Hartington and Mead received the wild cards. Falls City Sacred Heart and Hampton were the D2 wild-card winners.

For the second consecutive season, the NSAA played third-place games, pairing the two teams losing in the semifinal round. Paid attendance: 94,286.

2009 State Championship Results

Class A

First Round

Lincoln Southwest 60, Bellevue West 49

Omaha Bryan 42, Lincoln East 41

Lincoln Southeast 63, Norfolk 49

Omaha Creighton Prep 49, Lincoln High 47

Semifinals

Lincoln Southwest 60, Omaha Bryan 58

Omaha Creighton Prep 61, Lincoln Southeast 41

Third Place

Lincoln Southeast (20-6) 62, Omaha Bryan (20-8) 55

Final

Omaha Creighton Prep (22-5) 34, Lincoln Southwest (22-3) 31

Class B

First Round

Scottsbluff 51, Omaha Skutt Catholic 47

Beatrice 34, Waverly 33

Ralston 68, McCook 57

Sidney 51, Columbus Lakeview 44

Semifinals

Beatrice 48, Scottsbluff 40

Ralston 59, Sidney 42

Third Place

Sidney (17-8) 52, Scottsbluff (25-5) 42

Final

Ralston (23-4) 61, Beatrice (20-3) 49

Class C1

First Round

Hastings St. Cecilia 59, North Bend Central 41

Pierce 61, Boys Town 41

Chadron 53, Syracuse 40

Bennington 64, Minden 45

Semifinals

Hastings St. Cecilia 46, Pierce 39

Chadron 58, Bennington 45

Third Place

Bennington (23-3) 64, Pierce (22-4) 63

Final

Hastings St. Cecilia (24-1) 61, Chadron (25-1) 58

Class C2

First Round

Freeman 71, Hartington Cedar Catholic 47
Archbishop Bergan 50, Elmwood-Murdock 41
Axtell 50, Wilber-Clatonia 39
Ravenna 60, Sutherland 33

Semifinals

Freeman 62, Archbishop Bergan 40
Ravenna 61, Axtell 53

Third Place

Archbishop Bergan (19-6) 55, Axtell (20-4) 51

Final

Ravenna (23-5) 57, Freeman (25-2) 51

Class D1

First Round

Giltner 52, Bruning-Davenport 49 OT
Humphrey St. Francis 37, Hartington 35
Mead 50, Arapahoe 48
Burwell 53, Omaha Nation 40

Semifinals

Humphrey St. Francis 70, Giltner 55
Mead 68, Burwell 51

Third Place

Burwell (23-3) 60, Giltner (19-4) 45

Final

Mead (19-6) 55, Humphrey St. Francis (21-5) 52

Class D2

First Round

Sterling 50, Falls City Sacred Heart 35
Hay Springs 65, St. Mary's 64
Hayes Center 87, Litchfield 40
Ewing 54, Hampton 44

Semifinals

Sterling 60, Hay Springs 52
Ewing 65, Hayes Center 50

Third Place

Hayes Center (22-3) 55, Hay Springs (23-2) 54

Final

Sterling (22-4) 49, Ewing (25-2) 48

Championship Coaches

Class A – Josh Luedtke, Omaha Creighton Prep

Class B – Bill Heard, Ralston

Class C1 – Rob Kober, Hastings St. Cecilia

Class C2 – Paul Beranek, Ravenna

Class D1 – PJ Quinn, Mead

Class D2 – Jimmy Motz, Sterling