

# BASKETBALL PLAYOFF RULES 17-18

## **Erie Region Regular Season League Championship:**

The Regular Season League Championship for varsity basketball shall be decided by the league record of each member school. If two (2) or more member schools are tied at the end of the regular season, co-champions will be declared for the Regular Season League Championship. The winner of the contest(s) between the member schools has no bearing on the Regular Season League Championship.

## **Erie Region Basketball Playoffs:**

- a) All seven (7) varsity boys and seven (7) varsity girls teams in the Erie Region will be eligible to participate in the league playoffs. There will be a 6-team bracket, with the first place and second place finishing teams receiving byes in the quarterfinal round.
- b) The #7 ranked team and #6 ranked team will have a play-in game prior to the start of the 6-team bracket for playoffs. The game will be played on the home court of the #6 ranked team. If either the #7 ranked team or #6 ranked team chooses not to participate in the playoffs, the other team will move onto the quarterfinals vs the #3 seed.
- c) The winner of the #7 vs. #6 game will play the #3 seed in one quarterfinal game and the #4 seed will play the #5 seed in the other quarterfinal game.
- d) The winner of #7 / #6 vs. #3 seed will play the #2 seed in one semifinal game and the winner of the #4 seed vs #5 seed game will play the #1 seed in the other semifinal game.
- e) The semifinal winners will play the next week for the post-season Erie Region League Playoff Championship and represent the Erie Region in the Diocese of Erie Playoffs.
- f) The winner of the Diocese of Erie Playoffs will represent the Diocese of Erie in the Pennsylvania State CYO Grade School Basketball Championship Tournament.

## **Ties in the rankings (ratings) for the basketball playoffs shall be resolved as follows:**

- a) If the member school teams played each other during the regular season, the winner of the majority of those contests shall be ranked (rated) higher. Only league games will be considered, not tournament or independent games.
- b) If (a) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), there will be a coin flip to determine the rankings (ratings) for the basketball playoffs.

## **The following format will be followed for a three-way tie:**

- a) If the member school teams played each other during the regular season the winner of the majority of those contests shall be ranked (rated) higher. Only league games will be considered, not tournament or independent games. Ex. If team A finished 3-1 in games vs. team B and team C, and team B finished 2-2 and team C finished 1-3, then team A would be the highest seeded team for the playoffs, team B would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest and team C would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest.

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- b) If (a) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), there will be a selection of cards to determine the rankings (ratings) going into the playoffs. There will be three (3) cards marked 1, 2 and 3. The member school that draws the card marked one (1) will be the highest seed. The member school that draws the card marked two (2) will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> seed and the member school that draws the card marked three (3) will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed.