Girls basketball had six classes in 2007-08. Each class qualified eight teams for the Girls State Basketball Tournament, which was held February 28, 29, and March 1, 2008 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. Millard North 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. Elkhorn and Lincoln Pius X 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 wildcard average received invitations to the state tournament. The Class C1 wild-card qualifiers were Fairbury and Kearney Catholic. Elmwood-Murdock and Grand Island Central Catholic were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Humphrey and Humphrey St. Francis received the wild cards. Ewing and Sioux County were the D2 wild-card winners. The NSAA also implemented third-place games, pairing the two teams losing in the semifinal round. Paid attendance: 55,972.

2008 State Championship Results

Class A
First Round
Millard West 59, Omaha Marian 49
Kearney 61, Omaha Westside 57 OT
Lincoln Southeast 59, Papillion-La Vista 41
Millard North 43, Bellevue East 39
Semifinals
Millard West 45, Kearney 28
Lincoln Southeast 66, Millard North 41
Third Place
Millard North (21-5) 46, Kearney (22-5) 43
Final
Lincoln Southeast (26-1) 60, Millard West (24-2) 44

Class B
First Round
South Sioux City 65, Gretna 55 OT
Elkhorn 41, Seward 36
Alliance 45, Beatrice 38
Lincoln Pius X 58, Holdrege 53
Semifinals
South Sioux City 61, Elkhorn 43
Alliance 39, Lincoln Pius X 29
Third Place
Lincoln Pius X (18-4) 66, Elkhorn (21-4) 54
Final
South Sioux City (24-1) 53, Alliance (25-1) 48

Class C1
First Round
Crofton 61, Fairbury 46
Bishop Neumann 70, Milford 56
Norfolk Catholic 62, Kearney Catholic 34
Minden 40, Hershey 31
Semifinals
Bishop Neumann 43, Crofton 38
Norfolk Catholic 54, Minden 25
Third Place
Crofton (24-2) 65, Minden (21-4) 43
Final
Norfolk Catholic (24-1) 52, Bishop Neumann (22-3) 50

Class C2
First Round
Perkins County 69, Elkhorn Valley 60
West Point Central Catholic 69, East Butler 67
Cambridge 56, Grand Island Central Catholic 40
Sutton 59, Elmwood-Murdock 54

Semifinals
Perkins County 73, West Point Central Catholic 64
Sutton 51, Cambridge 40

Third Place
West Point Central Catholic (22-4) 59, Cambridge (23-2) 50

Final
Perkins County (24-0) 62, Sutton (23-2) 49

Class D1

First Round
Pope John 64, Hay Springs 46
Humphrey 53, Meridian 45
Bancroft-Rosalie 55, Lawrence-Nelson 47
Arapahoe 58, Humphrey St. Francis 48

Semifinals
Pope John 55, Humphrey 42
Bancroft-Rosalie 75, Arapahoe 36

Third Place
Humphrey (21-4) 50, Arapahoe (20-8) 49 OT

Final
Bancroft-Rosalie (27-0) 68, Pope John (25-3) 35

Class D2

First Round
Falls City Sacred Heart 57, Coleridge 44
Ewing 50, North Loup-Scotia 34
Pleasanton 45, Sioux County 41
Chambers 56, Mullen 30

Semifinals
Ewing 57, Falls City Sacred Heart 51
Pleasanton 52, Chambers 51

Third Place
Falls City Sacred Heart (25-2) 57, Chambers (23-4) 49 OT

Final
Ewing (23-3) 45, Pleasanton (24-2) 44

Championship Coaches
Class A – John Larsen, Lincoln Southeast
Class B – Kelly Flynn, South Sioux City
Class C1 – Tim Kassmeier, Norfolk Catholic
Class C2 – Chris Mestl, Perkins County
Class D1 – Trudy Samuelsen, Bancroft-Rosalie
Class D2 – Brock Eichelberger, Ewing

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball had six classes in 2007-08. Each class qualified eight teams for the Boys State Basketball Tournament held on March 6, 7, and 8, 2008, 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. Omaha Creighton Prep 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. Gretna and Lincoln Pius X were the Class B wild-card teams. For the fifth 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 Minden and Wisner-Pilger. Grand Island Central Catholic and Heartland were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Mead and Palmer received the wild cards. Bruning-Davenport and Hampton were the D2 wild-card winners. The NSAA also implemented third-place games, pairing the two teams losing in the semifinal round. Paid attendance: 95,483.

2008 State Championship Results

Class A
First Round
Bellevue East 60, Ralston 56
Lincoln High 63, Omaha Creighton Prep 57
Bellevue West 74, Omaha Benson 54
Omaha Central 56, Kearney 43
Semifinals
Bellevue East 57, Lincoln High 45
Omaha Central 80, Bellevue West 66
Third Place
Bellevue West (25-3) 78, Lincoln High (20-6) 77
Final
Omaha Central (27-3) 59, Bellevue East (20-10) 58

Class B
First Round
Elkhorn 44, Omaha Skutt Catholic 42
Lincoln Pius X 52, Alliance 49
Beatrice 48, York 40
Gretna 44, McCook 43 OT
Semifinals
Elkhorn 50, Lincoln Pius X 38
Beatrice 40, Gretna 37
Third Place
Gretna (19-7) 52, Lincoln Pius X (16-8) 47
Final
Beatrice (23-3) 39, Elkhorn (19-7) 36

Class C1
First Round
Pierce 49, Boys Town 40
Hastings St. Cecilia 58, Minden 44
Chadron 50, Lincoln Lutheran 36
Bennington 69, Wisner-Pilger 62
Semifinals
Hastings St. Cecilia 46, Pierce 36
Bennington 55, Chadron 44
Third Place
Pierce (25-1) 49, Chadron (22-4) 44
Final
Hastings St. Cecilia (25-2) 50, Bennington (27-1) 43

Class C2
First Round
Ravenna 69, Perkins County 57
Grand Island Central Catholic 43, Deshler 32
Ponca 55, Oakland-Craig 41
Elmwood-Murdock 45, Heartland 41
Semifinals
Grand Island Central Catholic 49, Ravenna 48
Elmwood-Murdock 58, Ponca 48 OT
Third Place
Ravenna (25-2) 65, Ponca (22-4) 55
Final
Elmwood-Murdock (25-3) 59, Grand Island Central Catholic (19-8) 48

Class D1
First Round
Archbishop Bergan 79, Kenesaw 47
Mead 56, Palmer 46
Hayes Center 90, Callaway 54
Humphrey St. Francis 40, West Boyd 28
Semifinals
Archbishop Bergan 51, Mead 39
Humphrey St. Francis 65, Hayes Center 57 OT
Third Place
Hayes Center (24-2) 61, Mead (20-5) 46
Final
Archbishop Bergan (29-0) 56, Humphrey St. Francis (25-3) 43

Class D2
First Round
Falls City Sacred Heart 73, Potter-Dix 36
St. Mary’s 48, Ewing 46
Pleasanton 62, St. Edward 48
Hampton 45, Bruning-Davenport 44
Semifinals
Falls City Sacred Heart 54, St. Mary’s 53
Pleasanton 62, Hampton 56
Third Place
Hampton (21-5) 58, St. Mary’s (21-5) 35
Final
Falls City Sacred Heart (28-2) 66, Pleasanton (26-2) 54

Championship Coaches
Class A – Eric Behrens, Omaha Central
Class B – Jim Weeks, Beatrice
Class C1 – Rob Kober, Hastings St. Cecilia
Class C2 – Terry Warner, Elmwood-Murdock
Class D1 – Chris Paulson, Archbishop Bergan
Class D2 – Doug Goltz, Falls City Sacred Heart