

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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 wild-card 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 Samuelson, 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