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/Thedford 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