Girls basketball had six classes in 2009-10. Each class qualified eight teams for the NSAA Girls State Basketball Championships, which were held March 4, 5 and 6, 2010 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 Marian 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 Alliance 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 championships. The two non-district champions with the highest wild-card average received invitations to the state tournament. The Class C1 wild-card qualifiers were Bishop Neumann and Southern Valley. Sandy Creek and Tri County were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Howells and Stapleton-McPherson County (SMC) received the wild cards. Falls City Sacred Heart and Hitchcock County were the D2 wild-card winners.

For the third consecutive season, the NSAA played third-place games, pairing the two teams losing in the semifinal round. Paid attendance: 55,572.

2010 NSAA Girls State Basketball Championship Results

Class A
First Round
Millard West 57, Lincoln Southeast 39
Lincoln Southwest 52, Kearney 47
Bellevue West 52, Omaha Marian 47
Elkhorn 49, Omaha Westside 42
Semifinals
Millard West 63, Lincoln Southwest 58
Bellevue West 64, Elkhorn 44
Third Place
Elkhorn (21-3) 53, Lincoln Southwest (19-7) 45
Championship Final
Bellevue West (24-3) 51, Millard West (24-2) 38

Class B
First Round
Gretna 64, Beatrice 54
Alliance 55, Sidney 43
Seward 46, Holdrege 23
Omaha Skutt Catholic 62, South Sioux City 50
Semifinals
Gretna 58, Alliance 39
Seward 66, Omaha Skutt Catholic 46
Third Place
Alliance (20-5) 70, Omaha Skutt Catholic (19-6) 59
Championship Final
Seward (25-0) 68, Gretna (22-4) 45

Class C1
First Round
Lutheran High NE 45, Boone Central 34
Wahoo 65, Southern Valley 41
Bishop Neumann 52, Hastings St. Cecilia 39
Kearney Catholic 53, Lincoln Christian 38
Semifinals
Wahoo 52, Lutheran High NE 49
Bishop Neumann 59, Kearney Catholic 45
Third Place
Lutheran High NE (25-1) 48, Kearney Catholic (24-3) 46 OT
Championship Final
Bishop Neumann (23-2) 58, Wahoo (21-5) 55 OT

Class C2
First Round
Elmwood-Murdock 37, Blue Hill 36
Sandy Creek 40, Tri County 32
West Point Central Catholic 64, Bridgeport 19
Hartington Cedar Catholic 50, Superior 36
Semifinals
Sandy Creek 51, Elmwood-Murdock 39
Hartington Cedar Catholic 50, West Point Central Catholic 45 OT
Third Place
West Point Central Catholic (24-3) 61, Elmwood-Murdock (24-2) 39
Championship Final
Sandy Creek (23-3) 49, Hartington Cedar Catholic (21-5) 44

Class D1
First Round
Humphrey 49, Kenesaw 46 OT
East Butler 55, Howells 44
Silver Lake 59, Brady 30
Elkhorn Valley 44, SMC 20
Semifinals
East Butler 53, Humphrey 47
Elkhorn Valley 62, Silver Lake 51
Third Place
Silver Lake (25-1) 47, Humphrey (23-3) 38
Championship Final
Elkhorn Valley (18-7) 57, East Butler (22-4) 52

Class D2
First Round
Lawrence-Nelson 34, Falls City Sacred Heart 21
Lindsay Holy Family 59, Hay Springs 27
Chambers 68, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 51
Wynot 50, Hitchcock County 40
Semifinals
Lindsay Holy Family 38, Lawrence-Nelson 34
Wynot 43, Chambers 38
Third Place
Chambers (25-2) 43, Lawrence-Nelson (18-8) 40

Championship Final
Lindsay Holy Family (22-2) 40, Wynot (25-1) 37

Championship Coaches
Class A – Matt Fritsche, Bellevue West
Class B – Tom Tvrdy, Seward
Class C1 – Rick Ahrens, Bishop Neumann
Class C2 – Russ Ninemire, Sandy Creek
Class D1 – Brendan Dittmer, Elkhorn Valley
Class D2 – Travis Friesen, Lindsay Holy Family

BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball had six classes in 2009-10. Each class qualified eight teams for the NSAA Boys State Basketball Championships held on March 11, 12, and 13, 2010, 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 High 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. Omaha Skutt Catholic and Beatrice were the Class B wild-card teams.

For the seventh 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 Wilber-Clatonia and Minden. Ravenna and Hartington Cedar Catholic were the C2 wild cards. In D1, Humphrey and Humphrey St. Francis received the wild cards. Giltner and Hampton were the D2 wild-card winners.

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

2010 State Championship Results

Class A
First Round
Norfolk 69, Grand Island 44
Creighton Preparatory 62, Omaha Bryan 50
Lincoln Southeast 67, Millard South 47
Omaha Central 71, Lincoln High 44
Semifinals
Norfolk 53, Creighton Preparatory 51
Omaha Central 53, Lincoln Southeast 52
Third Place
Creighton Preparatory (21-5) 71, Lincoln Southeast (20-5) 56
Championship Final
Omaha Central (23-4) 71, Norfolk (22-3) 58

Class B
First Round
South Sioux City 67, Sidney 55
Ralston 54, Adams Central 42
Omaha Skutt Catholic 78, Crete 34
Beatrice 55, Lincoln Pius X 54
Semifinals
South Sioux City 65, Ralston 55
Omaha Skutt Catholic 46, Beatrice 43
Third Place
Beatrice (19-6) 51, Ralston (18-10) 49
Championship Final
South Sioux City (19-5) 60, Omaha Skutt Catholic (21-7) 56 OT

Class C1
First Round
Chadron 41, Wilber-Clatonia 32
Minden 46, Falls City 41
Hastings St. Cecilia 80, Tekamah-Herman 44
Norfolk Catholic 50, Grand Island Central Catholic 48
Semifinals
Chadron 55, Minden 47
Hastings St. Cecilia 55, Norfolk Catholic 52
Third Place
Minden (20-5) 65, Norfolk Catholic (23-4) 59
Championship Final
Hastings St. Cecilia (25-1) 46, Chadron (23-2) 40

Class C2
First Round
Axtell 73, Dundy County-Stratton 45
Archbishop Bergan 62, Hartington Cedar Catholic 59
Ravenna 73, Sutton 34
Johnson County Central 49, Burwell 44
Semifinals
Archbishop Bergan 52, Axtell 43
Ravenna 60, Johnson County Central 57
Third Place
Axtell (24-2) 75, Johnson County Central (23-5) 71
Championship Final
Ravenna (25-3) 57, Archbishop Bergan (22-4) 51

Class D1
First Round
Freeman 54, Sandhills/Thedford 43
Emerson-Hubbard 56, Humphrey 39
Overton 55, Randolph 45
Humphrey St. Francis 53, Exeter-Milligan 32
Semifinals
Freeman 43, Emerson-Hubbard 36
Overton 54, Humphrey St. Francis 46
Third Place
Emerson-Hubbard (22-7) 44, Humphrey St. Francis (17-8) 39
Championship Final
Freeman (26-2) 52, Overton (21-4) 38

Class D2
First Round
Ewing 58, Heartland Lutheran 43
Hay Springs 69, Giltner 66 OT
Hampton 63, Lynch 38
Hayes Center 53, Sterling 48
Semifinals
Ewing 61, Hay Springs 48
Hampton 74, Hayes Center 66 OT
Third Place
Hayes Center (23-3) 71, Hay Springs (24-3) 66
Championship Final
Ewing (26-1) 41, Hampton (23-2) 33

Championship Coaches
Class A – Eric Behrens, Omaha Central
Class B – Terry Comstock, South Sioux City
Class C1 – Kevin Asher, Hastings St. Cecilia
Class C2 – Paul Beranek, Ravenna
Class D1 – Jim McLaughlin, Freeman
Class D2 – Greg Appleby, Ewing