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**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



**Women's Basketball**

Division I

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## Division I Women's Basketball

### I. SITE AND DATE

#### A. Date

The championship shall be held the third weekend in March. Regional championships shall be completed by the Saturday prior to the National Championship.

#### B. Site Requirements

Determined by the standards set in the bid contracts found in the [Forms and Procedures Section](#).

### II. TEAM SELECTION

A. The seven regions must determine how teams in their respective region should qualify in order to participate in the National Championship. Teams included for the National Championship shall be the champion of each region (a qualifying regional tournament could be held, or best record through regular season competition, or any other system the region mandates), the host school and any number of at-large berths needed to make up an eight-team National Championship. All teams must have completed the following:

1. A team must pay dues and statistical fees to the National Office by August 15 to be considered for participation in the National Championship.
2. All NCCAA member institutions must send to the National Office a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by September 15 for all varsity sports. Amendments for Winter sports must be submitted by January 15. (See Forms & Procedures section.)

#### B. Selection of At-Large Berths

1. The at-large selection shall be determined by the Burbridge ratings. The team with the highest Burbridge rating shall be selected first. Selection shall continue to follow the Burbridge ratings until the at-large berths are filled (see [Appendix A](#)).
2. If two teams have equal Burbridge ratings, then the strength of the region, which is based on final national rankings of the teams involved, previous National Championship play, and the number of teams in the regional championship shall be considered.

C. The Regional Chair is responsible for reporting the season records of the number one and two teams in the region to the National Basketball Chair immediately following the Regional Championship. Any possible at-large coaches should contact the National Basketball Chair with their intent (see Forms & Procedure section) to be considered an at-large team. This must be done before the final seeding is completed on the Sunday prior to the National Championship.

D. The Director of Member Relations, the Championship Director, the National Basketball Chair, and the National Statistician shall communicate prior to or on the Sunday after the regional cutoff date prior to the National Championship **by conference call in** order to decide the at-large berths and the seeding of the National Championship.

### III. CONDUCT OF CHAMPIONSHIP

A. The championship shall be a single elimination championship played through the eight places. (See [Appendix B](#) for draw, seeding and time schedule). Times will be announced and set by the National Chair and the Championship Director.

B. Times from [Appendix B](#) **(to be determined by the host)** may be adjusted so that the host team plays during a time that shall bring the greatest gate. Should the host team need a time different from a bracket to accommodate this, bracket times will simply be set by the National Chair and by the Championship Director.

#### C. Championship Seeding

1. Seeding shall be the responsibility of the National Basketball Chair and National Basketball Committee, using the revised Burbridge Rating System.
2. Seeding shall be according to the final national **regular season rating** (using the revised Burbridge Rating System). No consideration is to be given, for seeding purposes, to the Regional Champions over at-large teams from the same region.

3. All teams shall be seeded with one and four being in the top bracket and two and three being in the bottom. One shall play eight, two shall play seven, three shall play six, and four shall play five.
4. Teams from the same region shall not play each other in the first round of the championship.

D. Restrictions

1. The championship shall not exceed four days.
2. The championship shall begin on Wednesday.

E. National Basketball Chair Expenses

See bid contract found in [Forms and Procedures Section](#).

#### IV. CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

- A. The Championship Director plans the National Championship with the approval of the National Basketball Chair.
- B. A discussion of items shall take place between the Championship Director and the National Basketball Chair. These items are listed in the bid contract section (see [Forms and Procedures Section](#)).

#### V. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

A. Membership

1. The Championship Committee shall be composed of the Director of Member Relations, the National Basketball Chair, the Championship Director and the Sports Committee.
2. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, the individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the Committee Chair (i.e. the member may be affiliated with one of the teams involved in the protest or misconduct of an official of the protested game).
3. Three members must be present for action to be taken.

B. Responsibilities

1. Ethical Behavior
  - a. Observe the behavior of the student-athletes, coaches and other team personnel during competitive events.
  - b. Promote standards of ethical behavior during competitive events and throughout the championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individual(s) and team(s) during the championship, and reinforced by more specific communication. If unacceptable behavior occurs, this committee has the right and obligation to act on the issue. This may include a reprimand with official notice to the institution.
2. Write a report of all cases on which the committee acts. A duplicate report shall be filed with the Championship Director for inclusion with the championship report.
3. Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that effect the conduct of the National Championship (i.e. extreme weather conditions).

C. Protests

1. Assure that protest procedures, as indicated in the NCCAA rulebook, have been followed.
2. Act on all appropriate protests.

#### VI. SPORTS COMMITTEE

A. Composition and Term of Office

1. The National Basketball Committee shall consist of a coach from each region.
2. The term of office shall terminate after the championship of that year.
3. Each region shall have its own representative on the National Basketball Committee by the fact that the coach at the National Championship representing that region is the representative.

B. Duties of Committee Members

1. Represent the interest of coaches and student-athletes.
2. Perform duties as specified by the National Basketball Chair.
3. Propose revisions of National Championship operating policies and procedures.
4. Assist in solicitation of bids for future National Championship sites.
5. Attend the National Championship event.

C. Duties of the National Basketball Chair

The National Basketball Chair shall perform duties as described in the [Forms and Procedures Section](#).

## VII. OFFICIALS

A. Selection and rotation of officials

The officials shall be rotated between game times and brackets throughout the first three days of the championship.

B. The selection and assignment of officials shall be made by the Championship Director in consultation with the National Basketball Committee.

C. Officials' expenses shall be paid as per contract using the going rate of the National Championship area.

## VIII. ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

A. An All-Tournament Team shall be honored at the National Championship.

B. Players shall be selected by the coaches. Each coach shall nominate players from his/her own team for automatic selection to the All-Tournament Team.

1. The All-Tournament Team shall consist of five players and one Most Outstanding Player (for a total of six on the team).

2. The team breakdown shall be as follows:

a. Championship team - 1 player and 1 Most Outstanding Player (plaque ordered and paid for by the NCCAA)

b. Second through fifth place teams - 1 player each.

C. The All-Tournament Team shall be announced prior to the championship awards.

D. Each selected player shall receive a commemorative plaque and a certificate of recognition (paid for by the host).

## IX. MEETINGS

A. The Championship Director or National Basketball Chair shall schedule a meeting for the coaches of the participating schools at the National Championship.

B. There shall be a meeting held at a convenient time for all coaches and Athletics Directors attending the National Championship for the purpose of input to the National Basketball Committee on any aspect of the championship procedures. If votes are taken on any topic, only one vote per institution shall be counted. Since the primary purpose of this meeting is solicitation of coaches' suggestions, the head coach's vote shall be counted if more than one representative from any institution is attending. **The National Basketball Chair must send any desired changes by email to all DI women's basketball coaches and Athletics Directors (each school gets one vote). The results of this vote will be sent to the Director of Member Relations who will then take the coaches' recommendations to the Administration Committee of the Board of Directors.**

C. A coaches' meeting shall be held at the NCCAA Annual Convention.

## X. AWARDS

A. Team awards standard with NCCAA championships shall be presented to each member on the championship team (see [Awards Section](#)).

**B. Coach of the Year**

1. Each Regional Coach of the Year is eligible for National Coach of the Year

2. The Regional Basketball Chair should complete a nomination form (see Forms and Procedures) and forward it to the National Women's Basketball Chair prior to the National Championship.

3. No coach is eligible for this honor if his institution is on NCCAA probation.

4. Selection of the Coach of the Year shall be made at the coaches' meeting at the National Championship.

5. A plaque and certificate shall be presented from the National Office.

6. The purpose of the selection of an NCCAA Coach of the Year in women's basketball:

- a. To recognize outstanding effort and/or achievement by a Christian coach in intercollegiate basketball.
- b. To publicize and promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate coaching.
- c. To promote and publicize NCCAA women's basketball and the organization as a whole.

C. National Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the top player for that year. She shall be chosen by the committee that selects the All-American awards. This will be in addition to the 10 All-Americans. (10 All-Americans plus one National Player of the Year.)

D. The Kathy Freese Award shall have the following criteria (see [Appendix C](#) & [Appendix D](#)):

1. Purpose: To enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian institutions across our nation.
2. The Recipient: The outstanding Christian women's basketball player.
3. The Nominee must: (include a digital picture)
  - a. Be in good academic standing
  - b. Possess a vital Christian testimony both on and off the court.
  - c. Be highly skilled
  - d. Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities
  - e. Be a team member of an NCCAA institution.
4. Procedures:
  - a. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach.
  - b. The nomination form (see [Appendix D](#)) must be used and submitted by each coach, and received by the National Basketball Chair one week prior to the National Championship.
  - c. The final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee, comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, former National Chair and a representative from the National Office.
  - d. The award shall be presented each year at the National Championship.
  - e. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the closing ceremony; therefore, coaches should keep this in mind when making their nominations.
  - f. The National Office orders and pays for the award.
5. Nature of the Award: An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion.
6. Award Sponsor: This award is sponsored by Mr. Gary Beck, manager of the Gary Beck Foundation and a former NCCAA All-American student-athlete from Greenville College, IL.

## XI. NATIONAL RANKINGS

- A. A statistical fee shall be assessed to any school wishing to have their team be a part of the national ranking during the season. Fees must be paid to the National Office by August 15 with membership dues.
- B. The revised Burbridge Ranking System shall be used (see [Appendix A](#)).
- C. In order for a member of a team to be included in the All-American selection procedure, the member institution must participate in the national ranking system.
- D. Weekly statistics must be reported to the National Statistician (stats@thenccaa.org). The penalty for not reporting statistics or for being late: 1<sup>st</sup> offense=warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense=\$100 fine paid before regional playoffs; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense=team is not allowed post season play.

## XII. ALL-AMERICAN SELECTION PROCEDURE

- A. All-American Teams shall be determined by the final outcome of the regional balloting instead of at the National Championship coaches' meeting.
- B. The top vote recipients in each region shall be placed on the All-American First Team plus three at-large from the number two vote recipients (10 members). The Player of the Year will be an eleventh player.
- C. The remainder of the number two vote recipients in each region shall be placed on the All-American Second Team plus the remainder of the third place vote recipients except for one. (10 members)

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- D. The number four and five vote recipients in each region shall be placed on the All-American Honorable Mention Team. (Limit 10 members)
  - E. Coaches at the National Championship coaches' meeting may nominate and vote upon no more than two players who may be added to the All-American First, Second and Honorable Mention Teams. The criteria used in determining additions to any of the three All-American Teams are based on the strength of a region. The strength of a region shall be assessed according to the number of teams from a region ranked in the top ten nationally at the time of the National Championship. Coaches must abide by the region's ranking order of the players and cannot override the region votes.
  - F. The All-American Team shall be announced at the National Championship.
  - G. Scholar-Athletes
    - 1. The Scholar-Athlete Nomination Ballot (see [Forms and Procedures Section](#)) must be submitted to the National Basketball Chair one week prior to the National Championship. Coaches must submit the form found in the Forms and Procedures section of the Handbook.
    - 2. The Registrar from each institution must sign the form to verify the GPA. Transcripts no longer have to be sent with the nomination form.
    - 3. The nominee must have a 3.4 GPA, or above, through five semesters or seven quarters of attendance.
    - 4. National statistics shall be on the NCCAA website.

### **XIII. EXPENSES**

- A. No entry fee shall be charged.
- B. Expenses, including lodging, meals and transportation shall be absorbed by competing institutions.
- C. Profits shall be used for housing, meals and transportation, in that order.

### **XIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

Current NCAA basketball rules shall be used throughout the National Championship.

### **XV. OFFICIAL RULEBOOK**

Official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Basketball Rules. To obtain rules, contact: NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

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## Appendix A

### Revised Burbridge Ranking System Method NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball

#### I. FORMULA

For each game played, a team earns power points based on the following formula:

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| 1. If a win                            | 4.5 points |
| 2. If a loss                           | 0 points   |
| 3. If an away or neutral court contest | 1 point    |
| 4. If a home contest                   | 0 points   |
| 5. If against a winning opponent       | 3 points   |
| 6. If against a losing opponent        | 0 points   |
| 7. If the opponent's affiliation is:   |            |
| a. NCAA I                              | 4 points   |
| b. NCAA II & NAIA I                    | 2.5 points |
| c. NCCAA I, NAIA II, NCAA III          | 2.0 points |
| d. NCCAA II, USCAA, other              | 1 point    |

#### II. POWER POINTS

- A. The sum of those criteria determines the power points for a game. The maximum points for a game is 12.5 (win on the road vs. a winning NCAA I team). The minimum points for a game is 1 (loss at home vs. a losing NCCAA II team).
- B. The rating is determined by adding the power points for the season, divide by the number of games, and carry the result to the third decimal place.

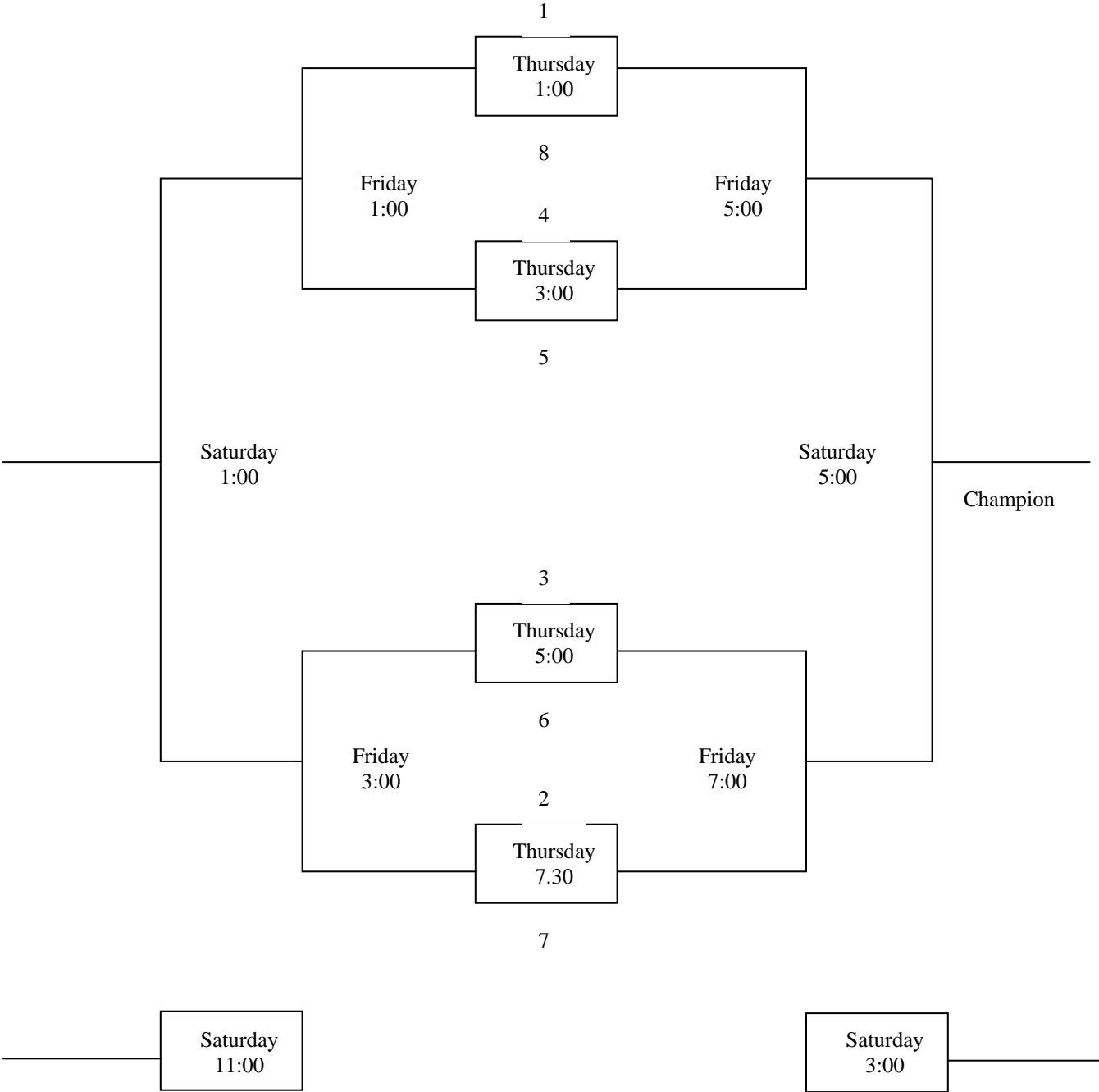
#### III. RANKINGS BASED ON POWER POINTS

Teams shall be ranked each week throughout the season using this rating system. The rating system is only as accurate as the information supplied on the game results form. Each institution shall report the most accurate data possible. The seeding and any at-large selections for the National Championship shall be determined by the ranking through the end of the regular season and include NCCAA regional championship play.

#### IV. OPPONENT'S RATING

The opponent's win-loss record for games played in November and December shall be based on their record as of December 14, which is prior to the first report date. **Each institution shall contact the opposing team by the December 14 date to determine if the opponent is a winning or losing team.**

**Appendix B**  
**NCAA Division I Women's Basketball**  
**National Basketball Playoffs**



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**Appendix C**  
**NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball**  
**Kathy Freese Award**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the award is to enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian institutions across our nation.

**II. RECIPIENT**

The outstanding Christian women's basketball player from the NCCAA for each of Divisions I and II.

**III. NOMINEE**

The nominee must:

- A. Be a senior in good academic standing and in her final year of eligibility.
- B. Possess a vital Christian testimony both on and off the court.
- C. Be highly skilled.
- D. Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities.
- E. Be a team member of an NCCAA institution.

**IV. PROCEDURES**

The following procedures shall be used when selecting the recipient:

- A. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach.
- B. The nomination form must be used and received by the National Basketball Chair one week prior to the National Championship.
- C. Final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee, comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, former national chair, and a representative from the National Office.
- D. The award shall be presented each year at the National Championship.
- E. The recipient shall be expected to be present at the ceremony; therefore, coaches should keep this in mind when making their nominations.
- F. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.
- G. Include a digital picture.

**V. AWARD SPONSOR**

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**Appendix D**  
**NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball**  
**Kathy Freese Award Nomination Form**

Mail to: The NCCAA Division I National Women's Basketball Chair

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoring**

Points Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Points \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*Opposing team*

Individual Field Goal Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Free Throw Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

Team Field Goal Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ Team Free Throw Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assists Per Game \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Assists \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebounding**

Rebounds Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Rebounds \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*Opposing team*

Team Rebound Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Team Rebounding Margin \_\_\_\_\_

**Defense**

(Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success)

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**Appendix D – Kathy Freese Award Nomination Form, page 2**

**Leadership**

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**Scholarship (Academic)**

Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Honors \_\_\_\_\_

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**Christian Character**

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**Honors Received (Athletic)**

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

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Team \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comments and/or Recommendations**

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*Include a recent digital photo and a varsity schedule with results and player's current stats.*