

To: Central NCCAA Women's Basketball Coaches; Jerry Malone, Chris Williams and Jerry Boone,
Women's Basketball- Play-Offs 2010

As you may know we had a long discussion at the NCCAA convention in St. Louis concerning our play-off situation. Chris Williams, national basketball chairman, and athletic directors from all over the nation agree something must be done. The athletic directors voted during the summer to move the national tournament back to the same dates as the men's, starting in 2010-2011. This will provide teams the opportunity to play in regional championships. That is the good news; the bad news is that we will have to play our play-offs in 2009-2010 as we have the past 3-4 years. Below is the play-off system for 2010.

Because of the scheduling problems we have with our 4/5 conference tournaments; here is the proposal we will use for the play-offs of the NCCAA Central Region Women's Basketball Team play-offs 2010.

Games Breakdown for Number of Teams Participating: All games will be played at the site of the highest seed. It is the responsibilities of the two teams playing to set a date, then inform the sports chair of the date and final score.

4 Teams- 1st round between Feb. 2-24
Championship Game between Feb.26-Mar. 7

(If we had more than 4 teams participating it could go like this.)

5 Teams- 1st round games (4 seed v. 5 seed and 2 seed v. 3 seed) Feb 2-14
Semifinal (4 v. 5 winner VS. 1 seed) Feb 14-26
Final-Feb 26-March 7

6 Teams- 1st Round (4 v. 6 and 3v. 5) Feb 2-14
Semifinal (1v. 4 & 6 winner and 2 v. 3 & 5 winner) Feb 14-21
Final- Feb 23-March 4

February 2nd will be the declaration date. The Burbidge rating of the week of January 26 will be used to seed the teams. If a team is involved in a NAIA or NCAA II play-off at a later date they would not be penalized for breaking the declaration. We could have a situation, where a team wins the first round of the NCCAA (central) and later advance to the NAIA or NCAA national tournament. The team they beat would have the option to move to the next round of the central NCCAA to continue the play-offs if they want to. If not the other Bracket winner would be the champion. Overall I think this is the best situation we can develop at this time. I trust all of you will have a great season. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Best wishes,
In Christ service,

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P.S.

The NAIA and NCAA II do not count tournament games against the 30 game rule. I suggest that teams who do the 40-50 % rule do that of as February 1, 2010.

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