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WORKING DAY – Friday, February, 21: The season data from Arbiter will be collected by MIAA staff as of the 4 a.m. report.

By 9 a.m., staff will produce and publish a report on MIAA.net with each team’s record (*broken down by division, listed alphabetically by school*), and all schedules and score data as reported to Arbiter throughout the season. ***No power rankings data will be published at this time.***

If there are any changes that need to be made from that point, they must be communicated **BY EMAIL** to either the MIAA sport-specific liaison or tournament liaison.

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Information entered directly into Arbiter will not be valid after 4 a.m. on the Working Day.

Schools will have 24 hours to report any corrections, and tournament officials/MIAA staff will also have the same 24 hours to track down any missing scores, and make any corrections to the data. Any changes or corrections to existing score data must be verified **IN WRITING** by both schools.

BRACKET/SEEDING DAY – Saturday, February 22: At 9 a.m., the data will be considered **FINAL** and no more changes will be made. The final data will be used to create the final power rankings, which will be published along with the brackets on the following scheduled release times:

BOYS, GIRLS HOCKEY: 10 a.m.	BOYS, GIRLS BASKETBALL: 1 p.m.
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