



Fall 2024 Tournament Seeding Guidelines

As we enter Year 4 of the Statewide Tournament format, the MIAA – including tournament directors and seeding committees – will continue to follow the guidelines developed in Fall 2022 in an effort to streamline the process of producing the final power rankings, and create a smoother process of building and releasing the tournament brackets.

Here is the schedule for each of the five Fall 2024 power ranked sports, as published in the tournament formats:

	CUTOFF DATE	WORKING DAY	BRACKET RELEASE *
FIELD HOCKEY	Sunday, Oct. 27	Monday, Oct. 28	Tuesday, Oct. 29 (11 a.m. release)
FOOTBALL	Saturday, Nov. 2	Sunday, Nov. 3	Sunday, Nov. 3
BOYS SOCCER	Wednesday, Oct. 30	Thursday, Oct. 31	Friday, Nov. 1
GIRLS SOCCER	Wednesday, Oct. 30	Thursday, Oct. 31	Friday, Nov. 1
VOLLEYBALL	Friday, Oct. 25	Monday, Oct. 28	Tuesday, Oct. 29

* - brackets will be released at 1 p.m. on each designated date, unless otherwise noted

WORKING DAY: 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 scores 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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VOLLEYBALL	Sherry Bryant	sbryant@miaa.net
TOURNAMENT LIAISON	Jim Clark	jclark@miaa.net

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 (** except football, see above). **Any changes to the data must be confirmed by both schools.**

BRACKET/SEEDING DAY: At 9 a.m. on the day of each sport's seeding/bracket release (** 12 p.m. for football), 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 scheduled release time. The initial bracket release will include only matchup information, and brackets subsequently will be updated by tournament directors and MIAA staff with dates, times and sites for individual matchups.

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