

2020-21 MHSAA MPR/SEED DRAW PROCESS

Starting in 2020-21, the #1 seed is awarded the first available bye and the #2 seed receives the next available bye. Home games (placement on the top line of a bracket) are not guaranteed for seeded teams.

NEW DRAW EVERY SEASON

A new draw is conducted for every bracket, for every sport and for every season. For example, the 2021 Boys Basketball draw will be different than the 2021 Girls Basketball draw; it will also be different than the 2022 Boys Basketball draw.

BRACKET

Start with a standard 8-team bracket, with lines numbered 1-8 from top-to-bottom. If there are only 3 or 4 teams, use a 4-team bracket.

BYES

In an 8-team bracket there are no byes for seeded teams. In a 7-team bracket the #1 seed receives the only bye, and in a 6-team bracket both seeded teams get a bye. In a 5-team bracket one additional random team receives a bye.

DRAW PROCESS / RANDOM FORMULA

- Place the numbers 1-8 in a hat.
- The first number drawn is the line for the #1 seed. If the #1 seed is to receive a bye, place the bye on its partner line (line 1 partners with line 2, 3 with 4, 5 with 6, and 7 with 8). When the partner line number is eventually drawn, set it aside.
- Next, draw the line for the #2 seed – the line must be on the opposite side of the bracket as the #1 seed. If #2 is to receive a bye, place the bye on its partner line.
- The third number drawn is the line for Team A (the first team alphabetically), the fourth is for Team B, and so forth until all teams are placed on a line. In a 5-team draw, after lines for A, B and C have been drawn, the last number in the hat becomes the third bye line.

REPEAT

Conduct the draw for an 8-team bracket, then repeat the steps for the 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3-team brackets. The placement of the byes, seeded teams and non-seeded teams will be different on each type of bracket.

2020-21 SAMPLE: District Draw Formula & Brackets

These are sample formulas. A new PDF with each sport's actual formula will be posted later in the season.

- 1. LIST:** At the beginning of the season, the MHSAA provides an alphabetical LIST of teams in each District.

- 2. FORMULA:** The MHSAA determines the random FORMULA for each of the five bracket types: 4-team, 5-team, 6-team, 7-team and 8-team. The formula is listed on this page for each bracket type. The first number is the line number for the #1 seed, while the second number is on the opposite side of the bracket and is the line number for the #2 seed. The rest of the numbers in the formula are listed after the "/" and are applied to the other schools in alphabetical order. The numbers in "(")" are the bye lines.

- 3. SEEDS:** On the Sunday 10-15 days before Districts start, SEEDS are determined.

- 4. DRAW:** The number of District teams on the draw date determine the bracket type. SEEDS, random FORMULA and alphabetical LIST are then used to determine the DRAW for the District.

#1 Seed

Line 1

B

Line 2

A

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

4 TEAMS

Formula: 1-4 / 3-2

#2 Seed

Line 1

Bye

Line 2

C

Line 3

A

Line 4

Bye

Line 5

#1 Seed

Line 6

Bye

Line 7

B

Line 8

#2 Seed

5 TEAMS

Formula: 6-1 / 4-8-3 (5-2-7)

#1 Seed

B

B

Line 1

C

Line 2

#1 Seed

Line 3

Bye

Line 4

#2 Seed

Line 5

Bye

Line 6

D

Line 7

A

Line 8

#1 Seed

#2 Seed

6 TEAMS

Formula: 3-5 / 8-1-2-7 (4-6)

A

Line 1

D

Line 2

C

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

E

Line 5

B

Line 6

#1 Seed

Line 7

Bye

Line 8

#1 Seed

7 TEAMS

Formula: 7-4 / 1-6-3-2-5 (8)

D

Line 1

C

Line 2

F

Line 3

#2 Seed

Line 4

#1 Seed

Line 5

E

Line 6

B

Line 7

A

Line 8

#2 Seed

#1 Seed

8 TEAMS

Formula: 5-4 / 8-7-2-1-6-3